

Maine
Cumberland County

CUMBERLAND COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING

MINUTES

June 11, 2019

CALL TO ORDER – 5:30 pm

Commissioners in Attendance:

James Cloutier, Chair
Thomas Coward
Stephen Gorden
Neil D. Jamieson, Jr.
Susan Witonis

Staff in Attendance:

James Gailey, Cumberland County Manager
Don Brewer, Human Resources Director
Joseph Chappell, Director of Emergency Management Agency
Emily Kaster, Deputy Director of Emergency Management Agency
Travis Kennedy, Director of Public Affairs
Barbara Owens, Executive Assistant/Deputy Clerk
Donald Goulet, Captain CID, Cumberland County Sheriff's Office

The meeting was held at 5:30 PM at the Cumberland County Courthouse, Peter Feeney Room, 142 Federal Street, Portland, ME 04101.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

County Commission Chair James Cloutier asked for a motion for approval of the Regular Meeting Minutes for Monday, May 13, 2019. Commissioner Neil D. Jamieson, Jr., so moved, Commissioner Stephen Gorden seconded the motion. All Commissioners voted unanimously in favor, 5-0.

INFORMATIONAL REPORTS/PRESENTATIONS

There were no informational reports or presentations this month. Commission Chair James Cloutier shared that it was worth noting that a couple of weeks ago there were budget presentations in detail from the County Manager and other executive staff members related to two budgets that they will be considering later tonight -- the Cross Insurance Arena Budget which is on a fiscal year and also the Cumberland County Jail Budget which is on a fiscal year. Those are the two budgets that begin July 1st. Everything else in the County is on the calendar year beginning January 1st. Also, there was kind of a robust informational set of presentations related to the Central Maine Power associated proposal having to do with electrical power transmission to Massachusetts. That is being broadcast across the county at various times on public cable so people may see that. There are no presentations like that tonight.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

There were no comments from the public this month.

CONSENT AGENDA APPROVALS

- 19-036** Approval of Sheriff's Office Commissions for May/June 2019
- 19-037** Approval of recommendation of the participant fee for the Alternative Sentencing Program be increased from \$225 per participant to \$300 per participant beginning with the fall 2019 Program
- 19-038** Approval of Sheriff's Office Agreement for Law Enforcement Services with Long Island for Summer Patrol – May 24, 2019 – September 3, 2019.

Commissioner Chair James Cloutier asked for a motion to approve Consent Agenda Item 19-036 approving the Sheriff's Office Commissions for May/June 2019; Item 19-037 approving the recommendation of the participant fee for the Alternative Sentencing Program be increased from \$225 per participant to \$300 per participant beginning with the fall 2019 Program; and Item 9-038 approving of the Sheriff's Office Agreement for Law Enforcement Services with Long Island for Summer Patrol – May 24, 2019 – September 3, 2019. Agenda Item 19-039 was requested to be pulled for further discussion. Commissioner Thomas Coward so moved, Commissioner Neil D. Jamieson, Jr., seconded. All Commissioners voted unanimously in favor, 5-0.

- 19-039** Approval of Sheriff Office's request of Autotronics, LLC to work on the retrofit of the 2005 Pierce Lance Command Vehicle.

Commissioner Chair James Cloutier asked for a motion to approve Consent Agenda Item 19-039, approving of the Sheriff's Office's request of Autotronics, LLC to work on the retrofit of the 2005 Pierce Lance Command Vehicle. Commissioner Stephen Gorden so moved, Commissioner Thomas Coward seconded. All Commissioners voted unanimously in favor, 5-0.

Commissioner Susan Witonis had some questions on this. If she understood right, this is a vehicle we have had for a couple of years and now we just want to spend the money to retrofit it. Her concern was at what point and how do we get a control on with the items that we receive that are so called "free" items. And then when we get this item it becomes a discussion with how we are going to pay to retro to fit this. Her concern is, is there a policy or is there anything in place that before we accept something for free that we have thought it through with how we are going to pay for this and how we are going to pay or are we going to use taxpayers' money. And to tie in with that, it kind of concerns me that when a department, and I am just not just saying the Sheriff's always office on with the grants, go out for a grant should that discussion become a level of a discussion with the County Manager before they are allowed to accept a grant or to apply for a grant. And then does he bump it up to the Commissioners. It just concerns me that we are getting all this stuff and then we are trying to find the money always afterwards. And she does not believe that there is a policy in place to say about "free" items or about going after a grant. So that is where she would like to have some discussion and well maybe it's time that we put a policy or we ask the staff to come back with a policy on free items and also a policy with applying for a grant. She asked if County Manager Jim Gailey wanted to comment on this.

Jim stated well, there are two questions there. The first is the free items and the first thing that comes to mind, and in this particular case I think you are referring to the Command vehicle that was pulled off the consent calendar, this was an item that was received from the federal government off the federal government's surplus list. He believed we received that maybe 18 to 24 months ago and the Sheriff's office has been looking to enhance this vehicle. Hence the staff report and request to move towards Autotronics LLC for kind of like phase one of the enhancement. So if is he going to create this model we do not have a written policy on process on obtaining equipment off from the federal surplus or any other surplus list that might be floating around there. So the answer to question one is we do not have a policy or a process that staff needs to follow or go through for authorization to seek or obtain or capture the surplus equipment.

The second item, the grants, there is a policy. Travis worked on the policy about a year ago and it is in the hopes of gathering up all the grant data that we have so that we have one central clearing house and depository for all the information pertaining to grants that we have received. He is going to kick it over to Travis as he is not remembering right off hand and put him on the spot is there anything in that policy that requires commissioner approval or county manager approval on the front end before that grant is applied for?

Director of Public Affairs, Travis Kennedy, shared not on the application side. No. What we wanted to develop was basically an aggregation of everything that we either held or were applying for so we understood deadlines when they came, whatever commitments that the county was making, matching or permanent employees paid for with temporary funds. It was an understanding of what our commitments were and it sort of back stopped so that we did not miss deadlines. It did not include in it a policy about sort of a strategic or philosophical approach to how we decide what grants we are and are not going to apply for and the conversation that we had was that we did not feel at the time we were developing it like that was something that we had to put on to the departments. The one thing that we did put into that policy is that the manager would not sign off on accepting an application until all of that data had been imported into the system so if you wanted to apply for a grant we at least had to have all that information but we did not take it to the point of saying before we apply for this what is the change of command that we have to go through before we decide if we want to chase it. Ultimately, our goal was purely to have aggregated data of what we had and who we owed for what.

Commissioner Witonis asked what is the policy when the grant comes in is who has the authority to accept that grant?

Jim Gailey shared that typically at this point he did not think that it has gone before the Commissioners and it is his belief that it probably should. That grants should be accepted by the commissioners as it is new revenue into the coffers of the County and the commissioners are the overseers of the financial side of the county and so it should be a process there that grants are accepted on a formal basis at a commissioner meeting.

Sue – Then how about do you think there is on with the grants once it goes through Travis and it goes through all that and is that it either is accepted and signed off by the county manager or do you bump it up to the commissioners? It would say not to bump it up to the commissioners because if there is a deadline you know within like a week and a half it might be on an off week so I would say maybe that we could put something in place once that grant has been filled out and before it is applied for it should be signed off by the county manager and then he would inform the commissioners of x, y and z our grants and then the same thing is on the other end where they come back and the county manager would get it but he would bump it up to the commissioners to accept it because like you said it's with the revenue how it is coming in, its new revenue. She would like to see a policy or maybe have staff work on a policy for this free material that we receive. And come up with a policy of how we are going to accept this free stuff. Because it is her understanding that we have enough money to retrofit this now with some money left over but with the money down the road where is that going to come from? Will that be something that will have to be put in the budget next year?

Jim stated that that will be a request from the Sheriff's Office to him through the budget process starting up late July. Sue shared she would like to see some kind of a policy before we accept all this stuff as free with how it is going to be paid for.

Commission Chair Cloutier stated that is, that should be separate item in consideration of this particular matter because it has some complications that probably need to be thought through. Chair would be glad to see whatever the work product ends up being on that. He does remember that commissioners have accepted numerous grants by vote over the years that he is aware of and it is kind of complicated. This particular vehicle he thinks he remembers when they accepted it if it was the same on he was thinking of it really is critical to both hazardous waste issues and it is also a command center or intended to be a command center in the case of a kind of thing you hope never happens the kind of the active shooter kind of issues that Portland has capacity related to that and this is not secondary but it is supplemental to that and in order to implement it, it looks there is at least three grants that are involved in just the renovation of the vehicle and a backup of the seizure money which is dedicated revenue for law enforcement only and can be used for equipment and that kind of

thing. Commission Chair asked Commissioner Sue Witonis, if it was it satisfactory to have this come back around at a future date on a more general basis?

Commissioner Witonis shared that she was just concerned that we get it partly taken care of because she was assuming that they are going to replace with the one we have now. She asked if that what this is for because we have a command one now that we use. And what is the matter with that one that we are spending all this money on? And what are we going to do with the old one? County Manager suggested that she ask Captain Don Goulet, who is in the crowd, to answer that question for her.

Sheriff's Caption Don Goulet shared in response to Commissioner Witonis' question specifically about the current Command van, yes when this became available the discussion was the current one is aging out both with the equipment that is in it. So for examples I think have been involved in the some of the conversations recently about the potential radio upgrade that is forthcoming within the county so and the discussions with our radio vendor. Those radios that are currently in the command van would become obsolete so those would all have to be replaced. In addition to that, the age of the obviously the command van currently in place is smaller and they struggle sometimes during major events for space so the proposed one that is in front of you is a much larger command van, has an additional capabilities that we just spaced out in the sense of size in the current one. So it was a combination of looking at technology upgrades as well as the current van is still operational, it has low mileage but it's older. They have had to replace the rear bumper once, we have had to replace the front bumper, just from rust, and wear and tear. So the idea is to yes, we would phase out, once this one went operational, we would phase out the old one.

Commissioner Witonis asked the question – how much money more over, beyond these three grants are we going to need to outfit this?

Captain Goulet stated that the proposal that was given to the commissioners, or his task that he was given for a task, is how do we get this piece of equipment operational at a communications level. So what you have in front of you for the proposal would put it operational with radios, not all the radios that they would need, but it would get it operational so a dispatcher or two could sit in there and talk on the radio, would have computer set ups, again because they all use the computers now to be able to relay that information so and some of the other basic set up we have to replace blue lights, there were red lights on it so they had to replace them with blue lights, those type of things so he guessed it would depend on what additional things we would like to have on that operationally. It would depend on what we could add so the challenge that he gave the people that were putting in for what things would cost, this is pie in the sky, what is the cost of that and then what can you get me, what is the bare minimum that you can get me in operational? So what you have in front of you is to the retrofit, with the idea, part of that discussion, he is not a contractor but I know that it costs you more if you are going to build and then in a couple years later re-build, so the challenge that I asked them to put together is if this is pie in the sky what can you pre-wire so that it is ready for if next year or the year after we want to put something additional in, then they can just hook in a new computer without having to re-wire everything. If that makes sense.

Susan Witonis shared yes, and so she thinks, if she did her math right, when it's all said and done and is after this is going to cost \$40,000 and then there is going to be like extra \$5,000 that will carry over? Caption Goulet answered Commissioner Witonis' question as maybe, as he always goes to the conservative side.

Then Commissioner stated that when that money is gone, and they are still not completely always outfitted well that is her concern, where is this money going to come and how many times are we going to have to go to the well to get more money and more money?

Commissioner Neil Jamieson asked the question of Captain Goulet – if we had to purchase this vehicle new what would it cost or even, you know, newer than the one we have?? Captain Goulet shared, sure the Farber, one of the company's they use, they specialize in these. Again vehicle with equipment just starting at the low end, and some of the ones that he

has visited at trade shows are into the millions and a lot of that is all because of the electronics. Commissioner Jamieson asked - and the vehicle was granted to us by the federal government free of charge. Capt. Goulet said correct. He does not know the acronym but its LESO.

Commissioner Jamieson shared and we have grants this year and it's not going to cost us any money under the budget for the low-end equipment? Captain Goulet said that is correct. Commissioner Jamieson said so at least now we are ahead of the game and if we did not get additional funding from our budget last year you could still operate it on the low operational end. Not ideally but. Capt. Goulet said that is correct. Commissioner Jamieson said very good, thank you.

Commission Chair Cloutier just wanted to ask a clarifying question. He just wanted to be sure that he understood and he appreciated the detail in the memo about all this that the Sheriff and Manager signed. There is \$19,000 in the memo mentioned which is available monies he assumed is from seizures and that is restricted to law enforcement purposes, right? Captain Goulet said that is correct. And none of that money is being accessed at least as part of the plan at the moment, right? Captain Goulet said that is correct, it's on the table to. Chair Cloutier shared cost overruns, better computers, something or other maybe or maybe nothing, right?

Commissioner Stephen Gorden shared that Commission Chair kind of hit on what he was going to ask and then the asset forfeiture monies they come in to the County, how? What is that process?

Commission Chair stated they are seized from drug dealers and put in the bank. County Manager Jim Gailey shared a lot of times it is through property seizures during arrests and it is divvied up through the District Attorney's Office to the law enforcement agencies that participated in the arrest plus he believes the State or the DA's office takes a percentage of it. Commissioner Gorden then asked, and then we have to approve the accepting of it? Jim Gailey said that is correct. Commissioner Gorden stated that in this particular case, staying on the conservative side here, so does that mean that we should be having some indication as how those funds are used?

County Manager Gailey said that is part of the process here that Captain Goulet in his memo has outlined where he is proposing to draw the funds to cover the cost for this work to be done and he has listed four locations where that funding would come and one of them being asset forfeiture. Jim did make mention that there was greater review and involvement of the County Commissioners in years past around there was an asset forfeiture Admin Reg and working through with staff and developing the new admin regulation book that we have, everything that was in that admin reg was really not applicable and it was based on very old federal statute that really dictated what was in our admin reg and it was not applicable in today's world so we got rid of that admin reg when we redid the admin regulations within the last six months. And that allowed the commissioners to have more hands on in the asset forfeiture which is no longer a federal requirement other than the commissioners accepting the money.

Commissioner Gorden shared, the last comment he was to make and it really does not, it's just something that the captain made mention of, and he would like in the future to hear something about it, he said he is going to upgrade the radio system and he thought that our radio system intergraded with our emergency system. That was the last time we upgraded that whole system?

Jim Gailey shared that staff is in conversations right now about upgrading the entire system because we are coming to the end of the lifespan of the current system and that not only brings in the regional communications department but also the Sheriff's Office and the Jail and then we will also bubble it out maybe as phase II to local law enforcement agencies that are on the system. But right now we are taking care of ourselves and kind of the backbone of the system but that might be something that will be coming before you sooner than later as we are refining our approach and cost estimates around that.

Steve Gorden asked if there was any chance that during one our workshops we could have some explanation of it? Jim Gailey stated he would be hesitant to bring it forward within he would say the next 30 days because there is a lot of work

that is still being worked on but absolutely. He thinks it is more of a good topic maybe September, October to do a check in, sure.

Commission Chair Cloutier stated and just to be clear, regardless of the source of grants, the approval of any expended monies is a budgetary item that would be passed on by the Commissioners at some point, right?

County manager Gailey stated, right. The phase II portion of the improvements to this truck/van/unit, whatever the thing is, will be a capital request and that will go through the 2020 budget and you will see that request when he presents the budget to you the first meeting in September. Commission Chair Cloutier thanked Captain Don Goulet for coming. He asked if there were any final questions for the Captain.

Commissioner Witonis had one final comment that should could support this but what she would like to see is for the staff to develop some kind of policy in regarding accepting of free items and also a policy on grants that either the county manager is signing off on them before they are sent and then they come to back to the county manager and then he brings it back to the commissioners. She shared because if the commissioners are going to be responsible for grants and the new monies coming in, it would be nice to know what is coming down the line, because she guesses there is, for lack of a better word, where there is not a clearing house you know kind of here at their level.

Commission Chair Cloutier shared that it was not a motion at this point. Commissioner Jamieson asked what was the question. If you will indulge him, maybe we could have that, he certainly would want to know the order of magnitude of what we are talking about, you know whether this is an occasional thing or you know whether there is tens of thousands of dollars annually effected by this so, you know, with that in mind when...County Manager Jim Gailey asked, are you talking grants or surplus property? Chair Cloutier said he thinks where Commissioner Witonis is driving us is kind of the hidden embedded future budgetary impact kind of issue and it seems like she is talking prophylactic rule related to that of some kind and if that is a good idea then they should certainly consider it but would like to know the details before we get to far into it. Do we have a motion on the question? Is there any objection? Say none. All of those in favor of the main motion which is 19-039 the approval of the proposed contract say I. All Commissioners voted unanimously in favor, 5-0.

ACTION ITEMS

19-040 Approval of Cumberland County Emergency Operations Plan (EOP)

Emergency Management Agency Director Joseph Chappell and Deputy Director Emily Kaster brought forth information on the updated Emergency Operations Plan (EOP) as well as answered any questions of the Cumberland County Commissioners. Joe shared that this document is there cornerstone document and everything else that they plan is built around this EOP. County Manager did note that this EOP needs signatures from each of the county commissioners.

Commissioner Chair James Cloutier asked for a motion to approve Action Agenda Item 19-040 approving of the Cumberland County Emergency Operations Plan (EOP). Commissioner Neil D. Jamieson, Jr., so moved, Commissioner Stephen Gorden seconded. All Commissioners voted unanimously in favor, 5-0.

19-041 Award of Bid to KRT Appraisal, LLC for the revaluation of the Town of Baldwin

Commissioner Chair James Cloutier asked for a motion to approve Action Agenda Item 19-041 approving of the Award of Bid to KRT Appraisal, LLC for revaluation of the Town of Baldwin. Commissioner Stephen Gorden so moved, Commissioner Neil D. Jamieson, Jr., seconded. All Commissioners voted unanimously in favor, 5-0.

County Manager James Gailey discussed this item and shared that KRT Appraisal, LLC did the revaluation for the Town of Yarmouth the past couple of years and did a very good job and that he felt good about their company. The Town of Baldwin Selectman felt the revaluation was necessary and felt good about awarding the bid to KRT Appraisal, LLC.

19-042 Approve the FY 2019-2020 Cumberland County Jail Budget

Commissioner Chair James Cloutier asked for a motion to approve Action Agenda Item 19-042 approving of the FY 2019-2020 Cumberland County Jail Budget. Commissioner Neil D. Jamieson, Jr., so moved, Commissioner Stephen Gorden seconded. All Commissioners voted unanimously in favor, 5-0. County Manager shared that on Tuesday, May 28th, 2019 the County Commissioners heard a full explanation of the 2019/2020 Jail Budget and he summarized the budget for them.

19-043 Approve the FY 2019-2020 Cross Insurance Arena Operations & Capital Budgets and the Cumberland County Recreation District Board of Trustees Budget

Commissioner Chair James Cloutier asked for a motion to approve Action Agenda Item 19-043 approving of the FY 2019-2020 Cross Insurance Arena Operations & Capital Budgets and the Cumberland County Recreation District Board of Trustees Budget. Commissioner Thomas Coward so moved, Commissioner Neil Jamieson, Jr., seconded. All Commissioners voted unanimously in favor, 5-0.

NEW BUSINESS

19-044 Approval of a Successor Collective Bargaining Agreement with NCEU Local #134, Cook Unit from July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2021.

The County Commissioners may enter Executive Session pursuant 1 M.R.S.A §405 (6) (A) to review and to discuss the terms of a Successor Collective Bargaining Agreement with NCEU Local #134, Cook Unit on a new two-year contract.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commission Chair Cloutier asked for a motion to go into Executive Session pursuant to Title 1 MRSA § 405 (6)(A) to review and discuss the terms of a Successor Collective Bargaining Agreement with NCEU Local #134, Cook Unit on a new two-year contract. Commissioner Coward so moved, Commissioner Gorden seconded. All Commissioners voted unanimously in favor, 5-0.

Commissioner Thomas Coward moved to come out of Executive Session pursuant to Title 1 MRSA § 405 (6) (A) and Commissioner Neil Jamieson, Jr. seconded. All Commissioners voted unanimously in favor, 5-0. Session adjourned at 6:37 pm.

COMMENTS FROM THE COUNTY MANAGER

County Manager Jim Gailey shared that on Monday, June 10, 2019 was the 25th anniversary of the Peter J. Feeney Golf Scramble and it was a well-attended event. They had 22 foursomes out at the course in Gray at Spring Meadows. Could not have asked for better weather it was between 75°-80°. It was a really good event. Thanks to the facilities department for all the work that they did in sponsorships and getting that golf scramble put together. They do a tremendous job and it's a really good feeling/scramble event for all who participate. This year's non-profit that will benefit from the net proceeds, which are still being tabulated at this point, is the Animal Refuge League of Greater Portland in Westbrook and it is our hopes that within the next couple of weeks we will take a visit to the League and present them a check. We understand from their representative that addressed the crowd yesterday that they are receiving upwards of about 50 dogs from Oklahoma that were impacted by the floods that took place in Oklahoma. So the added funds will help offset the costs of bringing them on board. So, a great event took place.

As Commissioner Jamieson mentioned, the Cross Insurance Arena has been hopping since the first of May where we had upwards of between four and six college graduations from local institutions in our area and about nine or ten high schools from the area that held their ceremonies at the Cross Insurance Arena. So it is a well thought out process at the CIA and he thinks it provides a great venue for those who want to attend each graduation.

Jim wanted to report to the Commissioners that the July 8th meeting will be held at the North Yarmouth Town Hall in their meeting room. We had talked about going out to Long Island but things were not jiving on our end. Long Island was very happy to have us, yet unfortunately we could just not commit due to some uncertainties on our side of the date. So July 8th is the Monday and the meeting will be at North Yarmouth Town Hall starting at 5:30 pm.

Lastly, next week he has the honor of handing out 33 acrylic in a sense trophies or recognitions to those who participated in the 2019 Leadership Academy. Of the 33, we had 11 employees go through the Leadership Academy, the remaining 22 employees came from Windham, Cape Elizabeth, Scarborough, Yarmouth, GPCOG and South Portland. It is a great seven-week course that brings not only county employees from different departments together to get to know one another but it also brings our peers from our surrounding towns from all different types of departments together and so there is quite a comradery that takes place at these Leadership Academy sessions. This year because of their being 33 participants, we held two classes in seven weeks in concurrent and from all accounts it was a very well-attended and very thought out Leadership Academy that everyone came back from the classes thinking that they were taking real value out of each class. So when he hear that they are real value that means that we are doing something right. It's a successful program. So next week we will have what we call the Leadership Academy graduation over at SMCC and we will induct the next 33 members of the class into our alumni association, which he just coined this year.

COMMENTS FROM THE EXECUTIVE STAFF

Human Resource Director Don Brewer shared that he had a couple of things to report – again, he is in active negotiations currently with the NCEU Corrections officers and also the Teamsters Jail Supervisors. Both of those contracts expire the end of this month and we have had several negotiation sessions so they are making good progress, they are getting down to the where they are separating some of the wheat from the chaff proposals so he hopes to be bringing that forth sometime if not this summer he will get it to the commissioners by the fall if not sooner. Both of those contracts and the Law Enforcement Teamsters Law Enforcement Contract expires the end of December so we will be going into negotiations with that unit some time in probably late summer early fall. Again, he is very pleased to report our Finance and Human Resource Departments, our teams – we work very close together, we are fully staffed which has been great. Don shared that they just hired a young lady who recently graduated from St. Joseph's College, right out of college, to work in the Finance Department as a Finance/HR Clerk. We were aggressive we actually offered her a job before she graduated. She is a fine young talent, was an intern with us last summer but what that enables us to do is to take a much more pro-active approach to problem-solving, organizational development, working with the departments for efficiency and cost effectiveness. That is the approach that he likes to take versus being reactive. So they are going in a good direction in those terms.

COMMENTS FROM THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Susan Witonis did not have anything to report this month.

Commissioner Stephen Gorden wanted to inform the other commissioners that at the MCCA, which Commissioner Tom Coward is the president of, is in the throes of looking at its dues structure. The cost of doing business at the State legislature is getting out of hand and they need more assets to be able to do what they do. So he just put that out there to let them know we will probably be coming back with a request for an increase in dues.

Commissioner Neil Jamieson, Jr., did not have anything to report this month.

Commissioner Thomas Coward simply reported that the monthly MCCA meeting is in Augusta tomorrow, June 12, 2019 and he will be up there and will report back on that meeting at their next meeting in July.

Commission Chair Cloutier simply wanted to say that this also is the time of year for Special Olympics statewide and that is a big event. A lot of people from Southern Maine participate in that. The second thing is in approving the jail budget you did not hear any wailing or gnashing of teeth this year which is the first year in at least eight or ten that he remembers because he has at least, as far as we know, stabilized the state participation in the funding of jail operations in the way that made it a little more workable for our property tax assessments.

It was discussed that there will not be an August meeting.

ADJOURN

Commission Chair James Cloutier asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Tom Coward moved to adjourn the meeting, Commissioner Susan Witonis, seconded. All Commissioners voted unanimously in favor, 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 6:49 pm.

Next Commissioners' meeting: Monday, July 8, 2019 – will be held at the Town Office Conference Room in the Town of North Yarmouth, 10 Village Square Road, North Yarmouth, ME 04097 at 5:30 PM.