

Maine
Cumberland County

CUMBERLAND COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING

MINUTES

July 8, 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
Alex Kimball, Deputy Manager – Finance & Administration
Kevin Joyce, Cumberland County Sheriff
Steven Butts, Captain, Cumberland County Jail
Barbara Owens, Executive Assistant/Deputy Clerk

The meeting was to be held 5:30 pm at the Town of North Yarmouth Town Hall – Conference Room, 10 Village Square Road, North Yarmouth, Maine 04097.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

County Commission Chair James Cloutier asked for a motion to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes for June 11, 2019. Commissioner Susan Witonis so moved, Commissioner Neil D. Jamieson, Jr. seconded the motion. All Commissioners voted in favor, 5-0.

INFORMATIONAL REPORTS/PRESENTATIONS

County Manager Jim Gailey took a moment to introduce Mike Palmieri who is a graduate student from the University of Southern Maine's Muskie School of Public Service. Mike will be serving as an intern this summer with the Executive Office and is working with CIA staff on a project looking at the economic impact in having a hockey team here in Portland.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

There were no comments from the public this month.

CONSENT AGENDA APPROVALS

19-045 Approval of Sheriff's Office purchase of Spillman Security Scanners

19-046 Approval of Sheriff's Office to transfer funds to be placed into State Forfeiture Account No. 31-231-6950 in the amount of \$830.00 in the case of the *State of Maine vs. Jason Dailey*

- 19-047** Approval of Sheriff's Office to transfer funds to be placed into State Forfeiture Account No. 31-231-6950 in the amount of \$7,587.00 in the case of the *State of Maine vs. Jason Dailey*
- 19-048** Approval of Sheriff's Office Agreement for Law Enforcement Services with the Town of Chebeague Island for Summer Patrol – May 24, 2019 – September 3, 2019
- 19-049** Approval of Sheriff's Office Commissions for June & July 2019
- 19-050** Approval of Sheriff's Office Agreement for Law Enforcement Services with the Town of Standish for Patrol Services – July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2020
- 19-051** Approval of Sheriff's Office Agreement for Law Enforcement Services with the Town of Harrison for Patrol Services – July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2020
- 19-052** Approval of Town of Yarmouth's Contract with Cumberland County Regional Assessing – July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2022

Commissioner Chair James Cloutier asked for a motion to approve Consent Agenda Items 19-045, 19-046, 19-047, 19-048, 19-049, 19-050, 19-051 and 19-052. Commissioner Neil D. Jamieson, Jr., so moved, Commissioner Stephen Gorden seconded. All Commissioners voted unanimously in favor, 5-0.

ACTION ITEMS

There were no Action Items this month.

NEW BUSINESS

- 19-053** Approval for the Town of Pownal to join the CCRCC for Emergency Communications service and to appoint their Fire Chief, Jesse Peters, as the Town's representative to the CCRCC Board of Directors.

Commission Chair James Cloutier asked for a motion to approve New Business Item 19-053 Approval for the Town of Pownal to join the CCRCC for Emergency Communications service and to appoint their Fire Chief, Jesse Peters, as the Town's representative to the CCRCC Board of Directors. Commissioner Thomas Coward so moved, Commissioner Stephen Gorden seconded. All Commissioners voted unanimously in favor, 5-0.

OTHER BUSINESS

An opportunity for Commissioners to bring forth future agenda ideas.

Commissioners discussed possible aid to the Asylum Seekers who have arrived in Portland. The Commissioners also discussed homelessness in general and have asked the County Manager to report back.

COMMENTS FROM THE COUNTY MANAGER

County Manager Jim Gailey shared that the County will be submitting a proposal to North Yarmouth for Assessing Services. He shared that the annual Peter J. Feeney Memorial Golf Tournament held at Spring Meadows in Gray, ME was a great success. The tournament raised over \$5,200 for the Animal Refuge League of Greater Portland and next week he and Facilities Director Bruce Tarbox will be taking a visit to the ARLGP in Westbrook to present the Executive Director with the check.

COMMENTS FROM THE EXECUTIVE STAFF

Deputy Manager of Finance & Administration, Alex Kimball, shared that the County's audit is complete as of last week. He also shared that the Cross Insurance Arena is now fully a part of the County's budget and he discussed the jail funding breakdown.

Executive Assistant Barbara Owens shared how grateful she was to be a recent graduate of SMCC's Leadership Academy and also what a beautiful part of Maine the Yarmouth/North Yarmouth area is.

COMMENTS FROM THE CUMBERLAND COUNTY SHERIFF

Cumberland County Sheriff, Kevin Joyce, shared they have two new contract deputies with Gray and Standish. He also shared that they have filled four vacancies and still have three to fill. He discussed the correction officer vacancies.

COMMENTS FROM THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Susan Witonis wanted to thank Cumberland County Sheriff Kevin Joyce for the causeway detail provided in Casco. It was nice to feel safe with sheriff protection there.

Commissioner Neil Jamieson, Jr. had no comments this month.

Commissioner Stephen Gorden had no comments this month.

Commissioner Coward shared that he and Commissioner Witonis had the opportunity to attend the retirement honoring for former Assessing Director Renee LaChapelle held at the Lunt Auditorium in Falmouth, ME, on Tuesday, July 2, 2019. He shared that it was a wonderful event, well attended and many kind words were spoken of Renee.

Commission Chair Cloutier reminded everyone to get out there and enjoy picking their strawberries!! And also reminded everyone that there will not be a monthly meeting in the month of August.

ADJOURN

Commission Chair James Cloutier asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Stephen Gorden, moved to adjourn the meeting, Commissioner Neil D. Jamieson, Jr., seconded. All Commissioners voted unanimously in favor, 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 6:30 pm.

Next Commissioners' meeting: Monday, September 9, 2019 – location TBA. (There will be no monthly meeting in the month of August)