

Maine
Cumberland County

CUMBERLAND COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING

MINUTES

October 15, 2019

CALL TO ORDER – 5:30 pm

Commissioners in Attendance:

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

Staff in Attendance:

James Gailey, Cumberland County Manager
Don Brewer, Human Resource Director
Naldo Gagdon, Cumberland County Chief Deputy
Kevin Joyce, Cumberland County Sheriff
Alex Kimball, Deputy Manager – Finance & Administration
Timothy Kortez, Cumberland County Major/Jail Administrator
Barbara Owens, Executive Assistant/Deputy Clerk

The meeting was held at 5:40 PM at the Cumberland County Courthouse, First Floor, Peter Feeney Conference Room, 142 Federal Street, Portland, ME 04101

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

County Commission Chair James Cloutier asked for a motion to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes for Tuesday, September 10, 2019. Commissioner Susan Witonis so moved, Commissioner Neil D. Jamieson, Jr., seconded the motion. All Commissioners voted unanimously in favor, 5-0.

INFORMATIONAL REPORTS/PRESENTATIONS

There were no informational reports/presentations.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

There were no comments from the public.

CONSENT AGENDA APPROVALS

19-080 Approval of the renewal of the Cumberland County Regional Communications Center's Contract with the Town of Gorham from July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2022.

- 19-081** Approval of permission be granted of Patrol Deputy Andrew Ward to continue to reside at 20 Palmer Road, Buxton, Maine.
- 19-082** Approval of permission be granted of Patrol Deputy Hunter Smith to continue to reside at 49 Chicopee Road, Buxton, Maine.
- 19-083** Approval of CCEMA Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP) Award

Commissioner Chair James Cloutier asked for a motion to approve Consent Agenda Items 19-080 through 19-083 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

- 19-084** Proclamation declaring October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month

Commission Chair James Cloutier asked for a motion to approve New Business Item 19-084, a Proclamation declaring October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Commissioner Susan Witonis, so moved, Commissioner Neil D. Jamieson, Jr., seconded. All Commissioners voted unanimously in favor, 5-0.

- 19-085** Designation of the Friday after Thanksgiving, as a holiday for non-union and union employees.

Commission Chair James Cloutier asked for a motion to approve New Business Item 19-084, designation of the Friday after Thanksgiving as a holiday for non-union and union employees. There was some discussion and Commissioner Neil D. Jamieson, Jr. so moved, Commissioner Stephen Gorden, seconded. All Commissioners voted unanimously in favor, 5-0.

OLD BUSINESS

Commissioner Gorden mentioned for old business with regard from last month the plans and records. That will be discussed at the next workshop. Commission Chair Cloutier also stated that he wanted to discuss Broadband at the next workshop.

COMMENTS FROM THE COUNTY MANAGER

County Manager Jim Gailey wanted to thank all the Commissioners for their acceptance of the day after Thanksgiving as a holiday for non-union and union employees. He also made mention of the THRIVE20207 report sent to their email showing how the funds were allocated with much more accountability. He shared that from the MCCA Commissioner Thomas Coward received from U.S. Senator Angus S. King, Jr., a “Certificate of Special Recognition” which was presented to Cumberland County on the occasion of receiving the **Spirit of America’s Gold Distinction**. Last, Jim shared that they are finalizing 2019 Spirit of America Award nominees and those recipients will be recognized at the November 12, 2019 Cumberland County Commissioners’ monthly meeting.

COMMENTS FROM THE EXECUTIVE STAFF

Deputy Manager of Finance & Administration, Alex Kimball, shared of the reissuance of the 2012 CIA debt. He is starting the ball rolling for the possibility of putting it on the agenda for the November meeting.

Human Resource Director, Don Brewer shared that fall is the time for the County's Annual Employee Benefit/Open Enrollment Fairs. There are three locations for the annual Employee Benefit/Open Enrollment fairs and those dates are November 13 and 14, 2019. More information will be forthcoming.

Executive Assistant/Deputy Clerk Barbara Owens had no comments this month.

COMMENTS FROM THE CUMBERLAND COUNTY SHERIFF

Cumberland County Sheriff, Kevin Joyce, did not have any comments this month.

COMMENTS FROM THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Susan Witonis shared that she and County Manager Jim Gailey were in attendance for the season's Maine Mariner's opening game against the Adirondack Thunder on Friday, October 11, 2019. There were approximately 3,000 – 3,200 patrons in attendance. She reminded us all to get out there and support our Mariners!

Commissioner Stephen Gorden reminded us all to get our flu shots and with high potency. Reminded us the cold weather is upon us and to tighten up our homes and last to please get educated to our political issues with elections coming up.

Commissioner Neil Jamieson, Jr. commented on Commissioner Tom Coward and his presidency at the Maine County Commissioner Association and shared what a great job he has been doing. Neil shared that he was in attendance at the 2019 Maine County Commissioners' Convention in Waldo County and it was a great convention. Commissioner Jamieson also reminded us that this is high school playoff season so please support your local team and students as it is all about the kids! Last, Commissioner Jamieson reminded us to remember our local food banks and to contribute monies or food when we can.

Commissioner Tom Coward thanked Commissioner Jamieson for his kind words and shared that it was a wonderful convention one of the best he has ever attended. He also shared that Waldo County was a great setting for the event. He shared that the keynote speaker was very futuristic and spoke for four hours items that will impact our future. He shared a bit about the recent MCCA Board meeting also and statewide topics.

Commission Chair Jim Cloutier reminded everyone to be aware that before the next Cumberland County Commissioners' meeting is an election so please get out there and vote. Chair Cloutier also shared that next year will be the 200th anniversary of the creation of Maine as a state and wanted to discuss next month or possibly at a workshop if Cumberland County should participate in some event for the anniversary.

Commission Chair Cloutier asked for a motion to go into Executive Session. Commissioner Thomas Coward so moved the motion to go into Executive Session in accordance with Title 1 M.R.S.A §405 (6) **(D)** to receive bargaining guidance to negotiate a successor collective bargaining agreement between the County and Teamsters Local 340, Law Enforcement unit. The current collective bargaining agreement expires December 31, 2019. Commissioner Neil D. Jamieson, Jr., seconded the motion. All Commissioners voted unanimously in favor, 5-0.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Human Resource Director, Don Brewer will also update the Commissioners on the status of negotiations with the National Correctional Officers Association and Teamsters Local 340, Corrections Supervisors. Both correctional bargaining agreements expired June 30, 2019. There will be no motion associated with this Executive Session.

Further, Commission Chair Cloutier asked for a motion to go into Executive Session. Commissioner Thomas Coward so moved the motion to go into Executive Session in accordance with Title M.R.S.A §405 (A) to discuss the annual evaluation of the County Manager. Commission Chair Cloutier, seconded the motion. All Commissioners voted unanimously in favor, 5-0. Commission Chair stated there will be no motion associated with this Executive Session and that they will be adjourning afterward.

ADJOURN

Commission Chair Jim Cloutier asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Neil D. Jamieson, Jr., moved to adjourn the meeting, Commission Chair Cloutier seconded. All commissioners voted unanimously in favor, 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 7:28 pm.

Next Commissioners' Public Hearing meeting: Tuesday, November 12, 2019 in the Peter J. Feeney Conference Room, Cumberland County Courthouse, 142 Federal Street, Portland, ME at 5:30 PM.