Minutes

PRESENT: Clyde Barker, Gary McGrane and Fred Hardy

Franklin County Commissioners

September 24, 2013

Meeting was called to order by Commissioner Barker at 9:00 am and began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Audience: Mary Frank, Vickie Braley, Julie Magoon, Alison Hagerstrom, Donna Perry, Ben Hanstein, Kaitlyn Schroder, Pam Harnden, Sheriff Nichols, Chief Deputy Lowell, Doug Blauvelt, Tom Saviello, Ryan Morgan and John Callaway.
Appointments:

9:00 A.M. Sheriff Nichols, Franklin County Detention Center Mission Change: The BOC has voted down the option to have a full time jail. Sheriff Nichols stated "What if we take the prisoners to Somerset and pay them to house the prisoners". A discussion of holding the funds from BOC and which would be a less liability. Sheriff Nichols would like to do what is best for Franklin County. Currently Somerset County and Androscoggin County will not take Franklin County prisoners. Kennebec is willing to take prisoners but they are full most of the time. The jail had to house a prisoner for 11 days as no other jail was willing to take the prisoner. Commissioner Hardy understands how Sheriff Nichols feels on the situation. Commissioner McGrane is worried about the legality of doing the process with Somerset. Tom Saviello agrees with Gary. He thinks that is a good solution in what the Sheriff is stating. Tom stated that we need to be prepared. Ryan Morgan says it's time we tell the BOC that Franklin County will take care of its own. He is urging Commissioners to take charge and that there might be legality issues. Commissioner Hardy has a hope to see the BOC collapse on their own and he doesn't see how they won't collapse under its own weight. Tom Saviello agrees with Commissioner Hardy and recommends not paying the BOC until the December 6 meeting.
A motion and second to withhold the November payment to the BOC till they receive report from Task Force and support the Sheriff in negotiating with Somerset County Jail. (3/0)

The Sheriff Department will be holding an open house on October 2, 2013 at 4:30 pm. The rain date will be October 5, 2013 at 1 pm.

9:35 A.M. Mark Hewes, Threshold to Maine, RC & D Update: Franklin County has been a sponsor since 1989 to the RC & D which is part of the Department of Agriculture. They focus on natural resources and do receive some effort at the Federal level. They would like to stay with the current structure with Franklin County. Mark is asking if Franklin County is still interested in continuing sponsoring Threshold to Maine. Commissioner Hardy stated that where it was zero funded it would be very hard to ask to be funded again. Commissioner McGrane would like to see a cooperative effort and possibly merge with another organization. Commissioner McGrane says he can't say yay or nay if they don't know what their mission statement is. Commissioner Barker feels it would be difficult to have budget committee change their minds on funding again as it was zero funded for FY 14.

10:00 A.M. Jerry Haines, Road Bids for Viles Road: There were three bids submitted, they are Melvin Webber Construction at $18,900.00, E.L. Vining at $ 57,330.00 and Thorndike & Sons at $ 43,335.00.

A motion and second to approve the Viles Road project to be completed by Webber Construction in the amount of $18,900.00. (3/0) Jerry Haines feels comfortable with the work to be done by Melvin Webber Construction.

10:12 A.M. Cecil Merry, Courthouse Parking Lot Paving: Mr. Merry stated that there are three different grades of mix that is used in paving parking lots. He used the 12.5, ¼ inch thick grade which has more stone in it. His foremen took pictures of the completed project and noticed that there are issues in certain spots that need to be redone. Mr. Merry will try to correct the issues on Friday or Saturday of this week.

10:30 A.M. Alison Hagerstrom, GFDC, TIF Application Recommendations: Alison submitted the five remaining applicants to the Commissioners for their approval. The applicants are:
Arnold Trail Snowmobile- Trail Updates-$15,000.00
Carrabassett Valley ATV Club-Trail project- $ 12,000.00. Recommend holding funds until permits and easements are completed.
Flagstaff Area Business Association- Outdoor Adventures Marketing- $ 22,000.00. Contingent on returning funds and completed paperwork on previous projects.
Maine Huts and Trails- Connector Trail/Bridge- $ 23,000.00
SnoWanders Snowmobile Club- Bridge Repair, Grooming & Excavation- $ 15,000.00. They were asking $ 30,000.00 and are first time applicants. Contingent on need to show trail map where work is being completed.
A motion and second to authorize the expenditures with contingent on stipulations. (3/0)
Alison updated the Commissioners on previous applicants. The Carrabassett Valley ATV Club- They need to return $8,900.00 until easements are finished. Gateway project in Madrid- They returned $10,428.00 as they did not use all the funds. FABA- $23,000.00- They are asking to transfer funds to the High Peaks Alliance.
A motion and second to have FABA return the funds to County with recommendation from GFDC. (3/0)
11:00 A.M. Executive Session, 1 MRSA 405 (6) (A) Personnel Matter- A motion and second to enter into Executive Session. (3/0) Entered at 11:29 AM and exited at 11:50 AM.
A motion and second to pay $135.00 to McAllister for professional services for Albert and Shannon Smith. (3/0)

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Clerk's Report: A motion and second to accept the minutes for September 3, 2013. (3/0)**

2. **Treasurer's Report:** Mary submitted the August bank reconciliation for Commissioners to review. The Convention was discussed and Commissioner McGrane felt that the vendors should have had more recognition. A discussion of the Municipal surveys and that the County has received only a few surveys. Julie will keep on file.

OLD BUSINESS:

MISCELLANEOUS:

1. **EMA Copier Lease: A motion and second to authorize the Chairman to sign the EMA Copier lease. (3/0)**

Meeting adjourned at 11:58 a.m.

Clyde Barker

Mary T. McGrath

Fred W. Hardy

FRANKLIN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

ATTEST: Vicki Braley, CLERK