

KNOX COUNTY COMMISSION

Special Meeting

Wednesday – June 29, 2022 – 8:00 A.M.

The Special Meeting of the Knox County Commission was held on Wednesday, June 29, 2022, at 8:00 A.M., via ZOOM.

Commission members present were: Dorothy G. Meriwether, Commissioner District #1, Richard L. Parent, Jr., Commissioner District #2 and Sharyn L. Pohlman, Commissioner District #3.

County staff present included: County Administrator Andrew Hart, Administrative Assistant Wendy Galvin, Finance Director Kathy Robinson, Airport Manager Jeremy Shaw and Technical Support Specialist Zach Greene.

Absent: Sheriff Tim Carroll, Prosecutorial Assistant/Investigator Shane Riley, Register of Deeds Madelene Cole, Jail Administrator Bob Wood, Communications Director Robert Coombs, Chief Deputy Patrick Polky, Register of Probate Elaine Hallett and District Attorney Natasha Irving.

Other: Art Cleaves, York County EMA Director and Jim Katsiaficas, Knox County Attorney.

Special Meeting – Agenda

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Due to the prevalence of the COVID-19 Omicron variant in Knox County and the inherent risk to the health and safety of our employees and the public from it, the Chair of the Knox County Commissioners determines there is an emergency situation that requires the Knox County Commission to hold its public meetings remotely via Zoom video conference on an ongoing basis until further notice, as allowed under the Knox County Commission Remote Participation Policy and 1 M.R.S. Section 403-B.

I. 8:00 Meeting Called To Order

II. 8:02 Executive Session

1. Convene in Executive Session to Discuss a Personnel Matter Pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(A).

III. 8:15 Action Item

1. Act to Confirm the Appointment of the Emergency Management Agency (EMA) Director.

IV. 8:25 Executive Session

1. Convene in Executive Session for Discussion or Consideration of the Acquisition of Real Property Pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(C).

V. 8:35 Action Item

1. Act to Authorize the County Administrator to Sign the Purchase and Sales Agreement for the Benner Lane Hangars on Behalf of Knox County and to Hire an Engineer for a Phase 1 Environmental Site Assessment.

VI. Adjourn

I. Meeting Called to Order

Commissioner Meriwether called the special meeting of the Knox County Commission to order at 8:05 A.M.

II. Executive Session:

1. Convene in Executive Session to Discuss a Personnel Matter Pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(A).

- *A motion was made by Commissioner Pohlman to Convene in Executive Session to Discuss a Personnel Matter Pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(A). The motion was seconded by Commissioner Parent. A vote was taken with all in favor.*

The executive session convened at 8:08 A.M.
The executive session concluded at 9:01 A.M.

III. Action Item:

1. Act to Confirm the Appointment of the Emergency Management Matter (EMA) Director

- *A motion was made by Commissioner Pohlman to Act to Confirm the Appointment of Candice Richards as the Emergency Management Matter (EMA) Director. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Meriwether. A vote was taken with 2-1 in favor.*

IV. Public Comment:

Owls Head Resident, Lauren Dillard asked two (2) questions: *(These were read by Chair, Commissioner Meriwether)*

- Where did the funds come from to buy Benner Lane?
- When the APAC group voted to recommend the purchase of Benner Lane a couple of months back, Commissioner Meriwether stated at the time that she had reservations about going against years of public statements that the Airport would not expand. From the wording of the last agenda item, it appears the purchase will be approved today. Therefore, what message is the County sending about expanding the Airport?

V. Executive Session:

1. Convene in Executive Session for Discussion or Consideration of the Acquisition of Real Property Pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(C).

- *A motion was made by Commissioner Parent to Convene in Executive Session for Discussion or Consideration of the Acquisition of Real Property Pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(C). The motion was seconded by Commissioner Pohlman. A vote was taken with all in favor.*
- *The motion was withdrawn by Commissioner Parent to Convene in Executive Session for Discussion or Consideration of the Acquisition of Real Property Pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(C) to hear Public Comment. The motion was withdrawn by Commissioner Pohlman to hear Public Comment. A vote was taken with all in favor.*
- *A motion was made by Commissioner Parent to Convene in Executive Session for Discussion or Consideration of the Acquisition of Real Property Pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(C). The motion was seconded by Commissioner Pohlman. A vote was taken with all in favor.*

The executive session convened at 9:07 A.M.
The executive session concluded at 9:40 A.M.

VI. Action Item:

1. Act to Authorize the County Administrator to Sign the Purchase and Sales Agreement for the Benner Lane Hangars on Behalf of Knox County and to Hire an Engineer for a Phase 1 Environmental Site Assessment.

- *A motion was made by Commissioner Pohlman to Postpone to a Future Date the Authorizing the County Administrator to Sign the Purchase and Sales Agreement for the Benner Lane Hangars on behalf of Knox County, and to Hire and Engineer for the Phase I Environmental Site Assessment. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Parent. A vote was taken with all in favor.*

VII. Adjourn

- *A motion was made by Commissioner Parent to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Pohlman. A vote was taken with both in favor.*

The meeting adjourned at 9:44 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Wendy Galvin
Administrative Assistant

The Knox County Commission approved these minutes at their regular meeting held on July 12, 2022.