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Fournier named Deputy County Administrator of Finance

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CARIBOU — County Administrator Ryan D. Pelletier is pleased to announce the selection and appointment of

Sandra L. Fournier as the Deputy County Administrator of Finance for the County of Aroostook. Her appointment was confirmed by the Board of County Commissioners at a special meeting held Tuesday, June 5.

Fournier, who is the current town manager of Eagle Lake, will be stepping down from her current post and assume the new position with The County on July 1.

Fournier was selected from a field of 16 applicants for the position. Her appointment comes after a two-monthlong search process that involved initial phone interviews with candidates, an in-person meeting with county personnel and a final interview with County leadership including appointed and elected department heads.

"Sandra really stood out to us throughout the process. She comes to the County with a solid background in government finance and management and she possesses the skill set that we were looking for," Pelletier said.

The County Administrator explained that the Deputy County Administrator of Finance position is a new position created based on recommendations from a special advisory committee formed last fall to analyze the current structure of the County administration office including finance and treasury as well as support staff.

"The committee took the time to review the various positions within County government both here in Aroostook as well as throughout Maine. As part of this restructuring, an existing position was eliminated and a recommendation to move the County to an appointed County Treasurer position was also made," Pelletier stated.

To effectuate the change from an elected to an appointed County Treasurer position will require voter approval, and Pelletier said he hopes to have a referendum vote ready in time for the November general election to make that happen.

"We are well into the 21st Century now, and we want to position County government to be as efficient and responsive as possible. The restructuring results in an annual savings within the County budget as well as a more professional management of County funds," Pelletier said.

Prior to her appointment in Eagle Lake, Fournier worked in administration at the City of Presque Isle's Department of Public Services and was a former accounting clerk at Northern Maine Community College. She holds a Bachelors' Degree in Business Administration from Southern New Hampshire University and an Associate Degree in Business from Northern Maine Community College.

She and her husband, Jason reside in Winterville and they have two children.

