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Citizen's Denied Access to County Commission Meeting

Nine Aroostook County citizens were denied entry to the September 15, 2021 Aroostook County Commissioners meeting held in Caribou. The reason: their refusal to wear a mask. The County administration posted a notice on their county website stating effective September 3 masks will be required in all county public facilities.

When arriving at the facility, the individuals were informed of the requirement for them to wear masks to attend the meeting. Colonel (R) Kevin Bushey, the group's spokesman, asked the county administrator under what law or authority were masks mandated, and all administrator Mr. Ryan Pelletier offered up was the Maine court system required masks in their facility and the county administration was complying with that mandate. It's not clear whether the Maine Court System owns all the county facilities, yet apparently, their mask mandate is being used to force all county facilities to be subject to the illegal mandate.

Pelletier refused to answer any other questions, and asked the County sheriff, Sean Gillen, to confront the group and enforce the group's removal. Pelletier told the Sheriff on two occasions he could call the Caribou Police Department to remove the group.

Pertinent questions that were unanswered by the Sheriff and administrator include, what is the emergency requiring masks? If there is a Pandemic, what phase from the County's Pandemic Plan are we in? Why is the county not even following its own Pandemic Plan that states on page 11 no masks are required in public places? When asked what Aroostook county medical professional approved masks, no reply was made. Bushey then asked why county administration is practicing medicine without a license, a federal crime. Again, no reply from Gillen or Pelletier.

Bushey commented about the incident, "the constitutional republic in this county is gone when our rights guaranteed by the US and Maine Constitutions are being violated on a daily basis. We've now seen for two straight months how these commissioners are operating." Bushey is referring to the August 2021 commissioner meeting where a proposed resolution submitted by 10 citizens were denied a public hearing for debate, discussion and a vote.

The incident is another example of how tyranny, if not checked, will never stop eroding the rights of citizens if nothing is done to reign in illegal mandates or anything else forced on the public that is repugnant to our Constitutions.

Bushey believes the Commissioners and the administrator should resign now so the county can return to Constitutional government. He further stated the eight state representatives from the county have

been alerted to the illegal actions of the commissioners and all have refused to comment or discuss the situation.

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