

January 6, 2011

**Minutes of the Washington County Commissioners
Unorganized Territories Regular Meeting
held January 6, 2011
in the Commissioners' Conference Room
Machias, Maine**

Attending the meeting were:
Commissioner Christopher M. Gardner
Commissioner Kevin L. Shorey
Commissioner John B. Crowley, Sr.
Betsy Fitzgerald, County Manager
Gail Popham, Administration
Donnie Smith, Sheriff
Mike St. Louis, Chief Deputy
Robert Gross, Jail Administrator
David Brown, Jail
Mary Zidalis, Jail
Mike Hinerman, EMA
Judy Alexander, Financial Accountant
Sharon Strout, Registrar of Deeds
Darlene Wallace, Deeds
Carlene Holmes, Probate
Joshua Rolfe, RCC
Karen Redman, RCC
Diane Smith-Halkett, SCEC - TIF Administrator
Eleody Libby, WC:OC
Trevor Hold, Wesley
Phil Duggan, DECP
Nancy Oden, MVNO and CEF
Sharon Mack, BDN
Wayne & Sandra Jones, Trescott Twp.

County Manager Betsy Fitzgerald opened the meeting at 4:00 and stated that the Commissioners needed to elect a Chair.

MOTION Commissioner Shorey moved to elect Commissioner Gardner as Chair for 2011. Commissioner Crowley seconded the motion. Commissioner Gardner abstained and the motion passed.

Commissioner Gardner then took over the gavel and conducted the meeting.

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AGENDA ITEM: Approval of the November Regular UT minutes (November 4, 2010)

MOTION Commissioner Shorey move to approved the November Regular UT Minutes as presented. Commissioner Gardner seconded the motion. Commissioner Crowley abstained and the motion passed.

AGENDA ITEM: Approval of the December 2, 2010 Public Hearing Minutes on the FY 2011/2012 UT Budget

MOTION Commissioner Crowley moved to approve the December Public Hearing Minutes as presented. Commissioner Shorey seconded the motion. Commissioner Gardner abstained and the motion passed.

AGENDA ITEM: Approval of the December 2, 2010 Regular UT Meeting Minutes

MOTION Commissioner Crowley moved to approve the December Regular UT Meeting Minutes as presented. Commissioner Shorey seconded the motion. Commissioner Gardner abstained and the motion passed.

AGENDA ITEM: Monthly Report

(See attached) UT Supervisor Dean Preston was unable to attend. County Manager Betsy Fitzgerald explained to the Commissioners that Dean had two action items, a Shellfish Warden contract with the Town of Perry and a Solid Waste contract for Twps. 19, 29, 30 and 31 with the Town of Machias.

AGENDA ITEM: Action Items - Solid Waste and Shellfish Warden Services Contracts

MOTION Commissioner Shorey moved to accept and sign the Shellfish Warden Services Contract with the Town of Perry as presented. Commissioner Crowley seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

MOTION Commissioner Crowley moved to accept and sign the Solid Waste Contract for Twps. 19, 29, 30 and 31 with the Town of Machias. Commissioner Shorey seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

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AGENDA ITEM: TIF Loan Committee update

(See attached) Diane Smith-Halkett of SCEC told the Commissioners that an economic planning grant application had been submitted by the Marion Transfer Station to expand their recycling program.

***MOTION* Commissioner Crowley moved to approve a \$10,000.00 economic planning grant to the Marion Transfer Station to expand their recycling facility. Commissioner Shorey seconded the motion which passed unanimously.**

**Note: The amount stated above was supposed to be \$15,000.00 and will be adjusted at the Commissioners' next meeting.

Diane noted that there was an update on the Eagle Mountain Lodge and the Downeast Land Lakes Trust project also included in the TIF update. It was also noted that the cell towers were still being researched.

AGENDA ITEM: Public Comment

Nancy Oden told the Commissioners that Axiom now has DSL.

ADJOURNMENT

4:17 p.m.

ATTEST:

Gail Popham, Administrative Asst.