

October 7, 2010

Minutes of the Washington County Commissioners
Regular Meeting
held October 7, 2010
in the Commissioners' Conference Room
Machias, Maine

Attending the meeting were:
Commissioner Christopher M. Gardner
Commissioner John B. Crowley, Sr.
Betsy Fitzgerald, County Manager
Gail Popham, Administration
Dean Preston, UT Supervisor
Donnie Smith, Sheriff
Mike St. Louis, Chief Deputy
Robert Gross, Jail Administrator
Mary Zidalis, Jail
Jill Holmes, Treasurer
Judy Alexander, Financial Accountant
Sharon Strout, Registrar of Deeds
Jim Lucas, Buildings & Grounds
Carlene Holmes, Probate
Harold Clossey, SCEC
Diane Smith-Halkett, SCEC - TIF Administrator
Sara McConnell, WC:OC
Brian Knox, Jail
Carolann Grover, Steuben
Michael Boucher, Ellsworth
Raymond Mills, Jonesport
John W. Peterson, Baileyville
Shawn Kelley, Whitneyville
Amber Ward, Machias
Nancy Oden, CEF, MVNO

Commissioner Shorey was unable to attend.

AGENDA ITEM: Approval of September Public Hearing minutes regarding the Jobs for Maine Graduates (JMG) CDBG grant

MOTION Commissioner Crowley moved to approve the September Public Hearing minutes regarding the JMG CDBG grant as presented. Commissioner Gardner seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

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AGENDA ITEM: Approval of the September Regular Commissioners Meeting Minutes (September 2, 2010)

MOTION Commissioner Crowley moved to approve the September Regular Commissioners Meeting Minutes as presented. Commissioner Gardner seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM: Monthly and Quarterly Reports

The Commissioners were provided monthly reports in their meeting packets. (See attached)

AGENDA ITEM: Payroll status change notices

MOTION Commissioner Crowley moved to accept the resignation of Jeremy Towne without prejudice, as full-time Cook. Commissioner Gardner seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

A payroll status change notice for Patrick Spencer to seek medical treatment was tabled until executive session.

MOTION Commissioner Gardner moved to hire Gregory Schors from temporary full-time to permanent full-time Corrections Officer. Commissioner Crowley seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

MOTION Commissioner Gardner moved to hire Brian Knox from part-time Cook to full-time Cook effective 9/26/10. Commissioner Crowley seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

MOTION Commissioner Gardner moved to hire Michael Boucher, Amber Cormier (Ward), Carolan Grover, Allen Rolfe, Shawn Kelley and Raymond Mills as part-time Corrections Officers. Commissioner Crowley seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

It was noted that they are not to work more than 32 hours per week except during training or in an emergency.

MOTION Commissioner Gardner moved to hire John Peterson as a full-time Patrol Deputy. Commissioner Crowley seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

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MOTION Commissioner Crowley moved to promote Joel Holmes from Corrections Officer to Corporal. Commissioner Gardner seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM: Award Jail Camera bid

Jail Administrator Bob Gross told the Commissioners that three bids had been sent out with only one response from Simplex Grinnell. It was explained that the purchase was allowed by the BOC. The black and white TVs would be replaced with color and the black and white equipment would be moved over to the courthouse. The bid came with a three-year warranty.

MOTION Commissioner Crowley moved to award the Jail Camera bid to Simplex Grinnell in the amount of \$75,119.00. Commissioner Gardner seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM: Consideration of Renewal of SCEC Contract

Harold Clossey, Executive Director of SCEC explained that the contract was from June 1, 2010 through May 31, 2011 and had inadvertently not renewed it earlier. He also noted that the cost had decreased from \$30,000 to \$24,000. Commissioner Gardner stated the County wanted to do this type of work itself, but could not at this rate.

MOTION Commissioner Gardner moved to renew the County's contract with SCEC through May 31, 2011 in the amount of \$24,000. Commissioner Crowley seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM: Discussion on transferring a Sheriff's Office truck to EMA

Director of EMA, Mike Hinerman, told the Commissioners that a Sheriff's Office surplus vehicle would cut his transportation costs and that 11 other counties in Maine are doing the same thing. When asked if a vehicle was available, Sheriff Smith replied yes, he had a 2007 Ford Truck. Pros and cons were discussed and it was decided to go ahead on a trial basis. The Sheriff markings on the truck would be removed and an EMA emblem would be attached.

MOTION Commissioner Gardner moved to transition a Sheriff's Office truck to the EMA with the Treasurer's Office to review the numbers in six months and again in one year. Commissioner Crowley seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

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With nothing further:

MOTION Commissioner Gardner moved to go into Executive Session pursuant to MRSA Title 1, § 405-A 6 A(3) to discuss the personnel issue which was tabled earlier in the meeting. Commissioner Crowley seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

MOTION Commissioner Gardner moved to come out of Executive Session. Commissioner Crowley seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

After Executive Session, the Commissioners agreed by consensus to sign the payroll change notice for a leave of absence for Patrick Spencer to allow him to seek more medical treatment until October 17, 2010.

Adjournment
5:35 p.m.

Attest:

Gail Popham, Administrative Asst.