

October 7, 2010

Minutes of the Washington County Commissioners
Unorganized Territories 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.
Dean Preston, UT Supervisor
Betsy Fitzgerald, County Manager
Gail Popham, Administration
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
Carlene Holmes, Probate
Jim Lucas, Buildings & Grounds
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
Allen Rolfe, Addison
Amber Ward, Machias
Nancy Oden, CEF, MVNO

Commissioner Shorey was unable to attend. Commissioner Gardner called the meeting to order at 4:02 p.m.

AGENDA ITEM: Approval of the *We Can!* Presentation/Proclamation Minutes (September 2, 2010)

MOTION Commissioner Crowley moved to approve the *We Can!* Presentation/Proclamation minutes as presented.

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Commissioner Gardner seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM: Approval of the September Public Hearing Minutes regarding the close out of the Coast of Maine CDBG grant

MOTION Commissioner Crowley moved to approve the September Public Hearing Minutes as presented. Commissioner seconded the Motion which passed unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM: Approval of the August Regular UT minutes (September 2, 2010)

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

AGENDA ITEM: Monthly Report

(See attached) UT Supervisor Dean Preston summarized the highlights of his report. He has developed a budget timeline to publish for the 2011-2012 budget and wants to have the public hearing on December 2, 2010. He asked the Commissioners to approve the Urban-Rural Initiative Program (URIB) funds to be received in the amount of \$99,900.00 paid quarterly.

MOTION Commissioner Crowley moved to approve that the amount to be received from URIB, \$99,900.00, would be used for capital improvements of public roads. Commissioner Gardner seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Regarding 911 addresses, Dean noted that he has received re-worked maps from the State GIS and will be meeting with post offices to discuss conversion packets.

Next, he asked the Commissioners to approve 3 snow removal contracts that he had negotiated:

MOTION Commissioner Crowley moved to award a snow removal contract to County Concrete for Centerville in the amount of \$24,800.00 for the 2010-2011 season. Commissioner Gardner seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

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MOTION Commissioner Crowley moved to award a snow removal contract to Robert Bailey for Greenlaw Chopping Twp. (formerly Twp. 27) for the 2010-2011 season for \$12,600 and \$13,100.00 for the 2011-2012 season. Commissioner Gardner seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

MOTION Commissioner Crowley moved to award a snow removal contract to the Town of Princeton for Big Lake Twp. for the 2010-2011 season in the amount of \$17,031.00. Commissioner Gardner seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Dean asked the Commissioners to approve a solid waste contract with the Town of Cherryfield for Devereaux Twp. (Twp. 29).

MOTION Commissioner Crowley moved to accept the solid waste contract with Cherryfield for Devereaux Twp. in the amount of \$1,478.50 for the remainder of 2010 and the membership amount of \$1,000.00 plus per user fees (based on 5 users) for the year 2011.

Also noted was that fire protection contracts were all being reviewed for renewals in July, 2011. Dean also hopes to extend current ambulance contracts and will be providing service area maps to the Washington County RCC and Orono.

AGENDA ITEM: TIF Loan Committee update

(See attached) Diane Smith-Halkett of SCEC told the Commissioners that she expects another check to arrive in November. Discussion was had about the progress of the Baskahegan Watershed study.

Harold Clossey noted he was going to be talking with someone regarding cell phone towers and Commissioner Gardner stated that TIF funds were an economic tool, not for public infrastructure. It was noted that it was still in the early phase of whether it is possible.

AGENDA ITEM: Public Comment

Nancy Oden wanted to let the Commissioners know that LURC would be holding a meeting to hear concerns about odors coming from septage spread sites like the one in Marion.

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ADJOURNMENT

4:45 p.m.

ATTEST:

Gail Popham, Administrative Asst.