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**Minutes of the Washington County Commissioners
Unorganized Territories Regular Meeting
held November 10, 2011
in the Commissioners Conference Room
Machias, Maine**

**Attending the meeting were:
Commissioner Kevin L. Shorey
Commissioner John B. Crowley, Sr.
Betsy Fitzgerald, County Manager
Dean Preston, UT Supervisor
Gail Popham, Administration
Donnie Smith, Sheriff
Mike St. Louis, Chief Deputy
Carlene Holmes, Register of Probate
Sharon Strout, Registrar of Deeds
Darlene Wallace, Deeds
Judy Alexander, Financial Accountant
Janet Robertson, WC:OC
Kenny Daye, SCEC
Phil LaMantia, UMM
Phil Duggan, DECP**

Commissioner Gardner was unable to attend. Commissioner Shorey called the meeting to order at 4:13 p.m. and noted the first item on the agenda.

AGENDA ITEM: Introduction of Paul LaMantia, UMM Director of Student Life

Mr. LaMantia introduced himself and stated that he was at the meeting to inform the Commissioners and the public of his goals in his new position. He said that there is a need to change the culture with the staff and programs and hopefully retain more students. He wants to promote a student leadership program and provide scholarships for more students to live on campus. He noted that a \$7,500 grant has already been obtained to provide alcohol education. He urged anyone with any kind of input to please call him at 255-1412.

Commissioner Shorey welcomed Mr. LaMantia and noted that the Sheriff would be willing to work with him. Commissioner Shorey also noted that unpaid internships would be a good thing for student because even

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though they are not paid, the internships are good resume builders. He also noted that County Manager Betsy Fitzgerald would be a good resource and could help in a number of ways.

With that, the UT portion of the meeting commenced.

**AGENDA ITEM: Approval of the October Regular UT Meeting Minutes
(October 13, 2011)**

***MOTION* Commissioner Crowley moved to approved the October Regular UT Meeting Minutes as presented. Commissioner Shorey seconded the motion. The motion passed.**

AGENDA ITEM: Monthly Report

(See attached) UT supervisor Dean Preston noted the highlights of his report. The #19 road is coming along good and he believes the partnership between the engineers, construction company and the Share Project for Salmon Habitat will be beneficial to all involved. Dean noted that he had voiced his concerns to the bulk sand/salt provider, Mid-Atlantic Salt, regarding the product's condition as being too wet. Regarding the recycling site at Marion Transfer Station, Dean noted he was reviewing three site options. A cost vs. savings discussion will take place at the next meeting.

Regarding the Broadband Project in Brookton and Forest City, Dean told the Commissioners that the land owner of the site most preferred for a tower was not interested in selling. Axiom has come up with a remote access plan. The idea is to use whip antennae placed strategically which would create what Dean called a leap-frog effect. Therefore, the request of the grant amount has been reduced to \$98,987.00, there being no land purchase.

Action Items:

***MOTION* Commissioner Shorey moved to accept the Danforth Transfer Station Agreement for solid waste services for the northern Unorganized Territories in the annual amount of \$16,620.00. Commissioner Crowley seconded the motion. The motion passed.**

***MOTION* Commissioner Shorey moved to approve a TIF Grant Agreement for the Broadband Project in the Brookton/Forest City area in the amount of \$98,987.00. Commissioner Crowley seconded the motion. The motion passed.**

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AGENDA ITEM: TIF Loan Committee update

Kenny Daye, TIF administrator of SCEC, stated that there had been a lull lately but that there are three strong applications in the works. Plans are also in motion to advertise the TIF Program farther and wider in that it is believed that plenty of potential clients are just not aware of it.

AGENDA ITEM: Public Comment

None.

ADJOURNMENT

4:33 p.m.

ATTEST:

Gail Popham, Administrative Asst.