

November 4, 2010

Minutes of the Washington County Commissioners
Regular Meeting
held November 4, 2010
in the Commissioners' Conference Room
Machias, Maine

Attending the meeting were:
Commissioner Christopher M. Gardner
Commissioner Kevin L. Shorey
Betsy Fitzgerald, County Manager
Gail Popham, Administration
Mary Zidalis, Jail
John Lingley, Jail
Jill Holmes, Treasurer
Judy Alexander, Financial Accountant
Sharon Strout, Registrar of Deeds
Heather Gibson, Deeds
Darlene Wallace, Deeds
Carlene Holmes, Probate
Mike Hinerman, EMA
Jim Lucas, Buildings & Grounds
Jim Prenier, Buildings & Grounds
Diane Smith-Halkett, SCEC - TIF Administrator
Eleody Libby, WC:OC
Nancy Oden, CEF, MVNO
Sharon Kiley Mack, BDN
Trevor Hold, Wesley
Kathleen Caso, Calais
Richard Clock, Calais
Charles Pollard, Jonesport
Michele Pollard, Jonesport
April Fuller, Lubec

Commissioner Crowley was unable to attend.

AGENDA ITEM: Approval of the October Regular Commissioners Meeting Minutes (October 7, 2010)

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

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AGENDA ITEM: Monthly and Quarterly Reports

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

AGENDA ITEM: Sign Six-Month Certificate for Gregory Schors

A Six-Month Certificate for Gregory Schors was signed.

AGENDA ITEM: Payroll status change notices

The Commissioners agreed by consensus to accept the resignation of Thomas Bonner as a full-time Corrections Officer.

MOTION Commissioner Gardner moved to hire John Lingley from part-time to full-time Corrections Officer. Commissioner Shorey seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

MOTION Commissioner Shorey moved to hire James Preiner from part-time Maintenance Worker to full-time Maintenance Worker for the Jail. Commissioner Gardner seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

MOTION Commissioner Gardner moved to hire Jennifer Grant as a part-time Emergency Communications Specialist. Commissioner Shorey seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

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

The Commissioners agreed by consensus to reclassify Alicia Jonah from a 15 hour-a-week to a 30 hour-a-week Maintenance Worker.

The Commissioners agreed by consensus to reclassify Ralph Pineo from a DEA Agent to a full-time Patrol Deputy.

AGENDA ITEM: Sign Tax Abatement Decision

In the matter of Doherty vs. Milbridge, the Tax Abatement was granted and signed.

AGENDA ITEM: Schedule Tax Abatement Hearing

A Tax Abatement Hearing was scheduled in the matter of Arey vs. Milbridge for December 2, 2010 at 3:00 p.m.

AGENDA ITEM: Award Heating Oil and Propane bids for 2010/2011

Two bids were received, one from R. H. Foster and the other from Dead River Company. After some discussion,

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MOTION Commissioner Shorey moved to award the Heating Oil bid to R. H. Foster, Option 1 at \$2.599 per gallon. Commissioner Gardner seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

MOTION Commissioner Shorey moved to award the Propane bid to Dead River Company, Option 1 at \$1.85 per gallon, Commissioner Gardner seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM: Approval of CDBG JMG Special Project

MOTION Commissioner Gardner moved to approve the CDBG JMG Special Project. Commissioner Shorey seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Nancy Oden requested an explanation of what the JMG Special Project was. Commissioner Shorey explained to her that Jobs for Maine Graduates helps prepare students for the real world. It teaches how to fill out college applications, job applications, how to dress, and prepares them to complete a college program.

AGENDA ITEM: Public comment (not really on the agenda)

Katherine Caso of Calais told the Commissioners that she had requested, under the Freedom of Information Act, all County employees' wages and benefits and was told that it would take 12 to 16 hours to prepare such information and that there would be a cost involved. There was a discussion about the general budget and the services that the County provides to municipalities; as well as employees and their benefits. In the end, Ms. Caso asked if she could resubmit her request again to which Commissioner Gardner replied yes.

With nothing further:

MOTION Commissioner Gardner moved to go into Executive Session pursuant to MRSA Title 1, § 405-A 6 A(3) to discuss a personnel issue and MRSA Title 1, § 405-A 6 E to discuss a legal issue. Commissioner Shorey seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

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

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After Executive Session, no motions or decisions were made.

Adjournment
5:36 p.m.

Attest:

Gail Popham, Administrative Asst.