

November 4, 2010

**Minutes of the Washington County Commissioners
Unorganized Territories 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 and UT Supervisor Dean Preston were unable to attend. Commissioner Gardner called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

AGENDA ITEM: Approval of the October Regular UT minutes (October 7, 2010)

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

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AGENDA ITEM: Monthly Report

(See attached)

AGENDA ITEM: TIF Loan Committee update

(See attached) Commissioner Gardner noted that the TIF money is stockpiling and the message needs to get out to the public that it is there. Diane Smith-Halkett of SCEC told the Commissioners that the program funding amounts were being proposed to increase because of that fact. With that,

***MOTION* Commissioner Gardner moved to accept the proposed program funding amounts as follows: Nature-Based Tourism Grant Program from \$25,000 to \$40,000; Economic Development Planning Funds from \$25,000 to \$40,000; Commercial Revolving Loan Fund from \$35,000 to \$50,000; Capital Project Fund will be approximately \$520,750 after other amounts and expenses have been allotted; and the County Match for Economic Development Grant Programs from \$25,000 to \$40,000. Commissioner Shorey seconded the motion which passed unanimously.**

Some discussion followed regarding the ability to get the TIF money working in Washington County by having better access to it. Commissioner Gardner asked Diane if there were any more applications pending to which she replied yes. He also asked about the progress of possible additional cell phone towers to which she said it was progressing slowly. Commissioner Shorey noted that it would be a huge advantage to have better reception in the County for everyone who lives or visits here.

AGENDA ITEM: Public Comment

Nancy Oden wanted to let the Commissioners know that she would be giving a talk at the prison to encourage inmates to garden after they are released.

ADJOURNMENT

4:10 p.m.

ATTEST:

Gail Popham, Administrative Asst.