

December 8, 2011

**Minutes of the Washington County Commissioners
Public Hearing on the F/Y 2012/2013 UT Budget
held December 8, 2011
in the Commissioners Conference Room
Machias, Maine**

Attending the meeting were:
Commissioner Christopher M. Gardner
Commissioner Kevin L. Shorey
Commissioner John B. Crowley, Sr.
Betsy Fitzgerald, County Manager
Dean Preston, UT Supervisor
Gail Popham, Administration
Mike Hinerman, EMA
Josh Rolfe, RCC
Mary Zidalis, Jail
Carlene Holmes, Register of Probate
Sharon Strout, Registrar of Deeds
Darlene Wallace, Deeds
Lewis Pinkham, Milbridge, BAC
Kenny Daye, SCEC
Judy East, WCCOG
Bob Tyler, Indian Twp.
Deb Eckart, Extension Service
Val Atwood, Archives Committee
Michael F. Prenier, Pembroke
Nancy Oden, CEF
Lora Whalen, Quoddy Tides
Phil Duggan, DECP

Commissioner Gardner called the hearing to order at 4:03 p.m. and noted the this was a Public Hearing on the proposed F/Y 2012/2013 UT Budget.

UT Supervisor Dean Preston expressed that since the Commissioners had a chance to review the budget, he was there to answer any questions. Commissioner Gardner noted that the UT budget was up and therefore the UT tax assessment was up.

Dean explained that like the economy everywhere, prices have gone up. One explanation regarding the higher UT Budget is that many of his road contracts have been in place for four (4) years and have now

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expired and he had to renegotiate them. Dean noted percentages of increases in many of his accounts, including solid waste service, highway maintenance, ambulance service and animal control.

Commissioner Gardner noted that the LURC Reform Commission had ended with a report to the Legislature stating that the recommendation was for the agency to stay the same but to make changes to the make-up of the Board members. With that,

***MOTION* Commissioner Shorey moved to accept the F/Y 2012/2013 UT Budget in the amount of \$1,287,284.00 with the amount of \$835,934.00 to be raised through taxation. Commissioner Crowley seconded the motion which passed unanimously.**

The hearing was closed at 4:17 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

4:17 p.m.

ATTEST:

Gail Popham, Administrative Asst.