

March 10, 2011

Minutes of the Washington County Commissioners
Regular Meeting
held March 10, 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.
Dean Preston, UT Supervisor
Gail Popham, Administration
Donnie Smith, Sheriff
Mike St. Louis, Chief Deputy
Robert Gross, Jail Administrator
Mary Zidalis, Jail
Judy Alexander, Financial Accountant
Sharon Strout, Registrar of Deeds
Darlene Wallace, Deeds
Mike Hinerman, EMA
Jim Lucas, Buildings & Grounds
Joshua Rolfe, RCC
Diane Smith-Halkett, SCEC - TIF Administrator
Eleody Libby, WC:OC
Susan Corbett, Axiom Technologies
Mark Berry, Down East Lakes Land Trust
Susan Aygar, Twp. 19 ED
Kathleen Caso, Calais
Richard Clock, Calais
Trevor Hold, Wesley
Phil Duggan, DECP
Sharon Mack, BDN

AGENDA ITEM: Approval of the February Regular Commissioners Meeting
Minutes (February 3, 2011)

MOTION Commissioner Crowley moved to approve the February
Commissioners Meeting Minutes as presented. Commissioner
Shorey 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 Certificates

Six-Month Certificates were signed for Shelbie Ross, Jennie Stoddard and Ryan Allen.

AGENDA ITEM: Payroll Status Change Notices

It was agreed by consensus to sign the payroll change notice for John Lingley who is being promoted from Corrections Officer to Corporal Corrections Officer, and for James Irving who is being promoted from Corporal to Sergeant Corrections Officer.

MOTION Commissioner Crowley moved to grant an Unpaid Leave of Absence to Michael Anderson for when his Family Medical Leave runs out (approximately March 12, 2011) until May 1, 2011. Commissioner Shorey seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM: Consideration of elimination of 2% discount for Municipalities paying their tax bills by an early Deadline

Commissioner Gardner stated that he thought this issue had already been addressed by the Budget Advisory Committee when they turned over the Budget to the Commissioners in December of 2010. The Commissioners agreed by consensus to reconfirm that the 2% discount for Municipalities paying their tax bills by an early deadline has been eliminated.

AGENDA ITEM: Update from Axiom Technologies on broadband progress in the County

(See attached narrative) Susan Corbett from Axiom Technologies told the Commissioners about the Public Safety Mobile Broadband Project. She noted that it is a pilot project with many applications including real time utilization of having a virtual doctor in an ambulance in transit, and transmission of diagnostic techniques. It will also help firefighters noting building plans, wind conditions or schematics for a crashed car. Police cruisers would also be able to have cameras that could be activated at traffic stops so they can be monitored by dispatchers.

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Commissioner Gardner praised Susan and Axiom for their efforts in bringing this technology to Washington County. In turn, Susan commended the Commissioners for their continued support.

AGENDA ITEM: Award cruiser bid

2 bids were received for a 2005 Ford Crown Victoria, one from Ronnie Strout for \$1,500.00 and one from A & Silver Auto Sales for \$1,812.00.

MOTION Commissioner Shorey moved to award the bid for the 2005 Ford Crown Victoria to A & Silver Auto Sales in the amount of \$1,812.00. Commissioner Crowley seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM: Approval of Memo of Understanding (MOU) with Washington County: One Community to apply for a grant from the federal Substance Abuse and Mental Health Administration

MOTION Commissioner Shorey moved to approve the MOU with Washington County: One Community to apply for the above said grant. Commissioner Crowley seconded the motion. Commissioner Gardner abstained as he was co-signing it and he or his designee would be responsible for implementing many of its provisions. The motion passed.

MOTION Commissioner Crowley moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Shorey seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Adjournment
6:40 p.m.

Attest:

Gail Popham, Administrative Asst.