

April 8, 2010

Minutes of the Washington County Commissioners  
Unorganized Territories Regular Meeting  
held April 8, 2010  
in the Commissioners Conference Room  
Machias, Maine

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Attending the meeting were:  
Commissioner Christopher M. Gardner  
Commissioner Kevin L. Shorey  
Commissioner John B. Crowley, Sr.  
Betsy Fitzterald, County Manager  
Gail Popham, Administration  
Donnie Smith, Sheriff  
Mike St. Louis, Chief Deputy  
Mike Hinerman, EMA  
Jill Holmes, Treasurer  
Judy Alexander, Fiancial Accountant  
Jim Lucas, Buildings & Grounds  
Dean Preston, UT Supervisor  
Judy East, WCCOG  
Eleody Libby, WC: OC  
Diane Smith-Halkett, SCEC  
Alan Furth, CCLC  
Dan Sprangers, CCLC  
Penny Guisinger, CCLC  
Becky McKenna, CCLC  
Kara McCrimmon, CCLC  
Ronald Jenkins, Maine Indian Education  
Pam Allen, School Union 106, Calais  
Barry Raymond, School Union 106, Calais  
Rebecca Baxter Bard, East Machias  
Katherine Cassidy, Machias  
John Ferland, ORPC  
Dennis Perry, RCC  
Joshua Rolfe, RCC  
Larry Hayward, RCC  
Travis Oakes, RCC  
Adam Davis, RCC  
Nancy Oden, CEF & MVNO  
Mike Cantin, National Weather Service  
Enrique Zalas, National Weather Service

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Commissioner Gardner called the meeting to order and turned the floor over to Mike Cantin of the National Weather Service.

Mr. Cantin stated that he was here to present an award to Washington County from the National Weather Service recognizing Washington County as the first Storm Ready county in New England. (See attached press release) Two signs were presented to the County to be placed on the roadway at either end of the County. Commissioner Gardner thanked Mike Hinerman and Betsy Fitzgerald for their hard work in obtaining this designation and stated that the County was pleased and honored to receive the award.

Next, a public hearing was held regarding a CDBG application by the Cobscook Community Learning Center for a Public Services grant.

The UT meeting began at 4:26 p.m.

**AGENDA ITEM: Approval of March Regular UT Meeting Minutes (March 4, 2010)**

**\*MOTION\* Commissioner Crowley moved to approve the March UT Meeting Minutes as presented. Commissioner Gardner seconded the motion. Commissioner Shorey abstained. The motion passed.**

**AGENDA ITEM: Monthly Report**

UT Supervisor Dean Preston submitted his monthly report to the Commissioners. Some of the highlights of his report were: the Marion septic site is open for business; development of a highway maintenance plan for the season; the new season shellfish ordinance is being reviewed; and reviewing fire protection contracts with several townships.

**AGENDA ITEM: Reappoint Supervisor Dean Preston as addressing Officer of the UT**

**\*MOTION\* Commissioner Gardner moved to reappoint Supervisor Dean Preston as the addressing officer for the UT. Commissioner Crowley seconded the motion which passed unanimously.**

**AGENDA ITEM: Consideration of ATV use of County Trail System Connector in Edmunds Twp.**

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Mr. Preston told the Commissioners that he had received a general request for access routes for ATVs. Discussion followed regarding which roads, distances, signage, speed limits and enforcement. His recommendation was to request the club to submit a map highlighting the roads, etc. and then he would hold a public hearing to hear support or concerns for the proposal. Then he would be able to gather all the facts so the Commissioners would be able to make an educated decision.

**\*MOTION\* Commissioner Crowley moved to table consideration of this request until more information is known. Commissioner Shorey seconded the motion which passed unanimously.**

**AGENDA ITEM: Consideration of letter of support for Mr. Chris Sherrard to re-zone a lot of land in Baring (for solid waste)**

Mr. Preston told the Commissioners this was a standard requirement of the application process through LURC. Discussion was had regarding this proposal and whether or not the site would be a transfer station, possibly a temporary holding site or both. Commissioner Gardner stated that the Commissioners needed to understand the impact of this proposal. Mr. Preston stated that he would be attending a meeting at the Marion Transfer Station on April 13 and would hopefully learn more and would be able to come back next month with more information. Commissioner Gardner noted that this is a private industry and it was agreed by consensus to table this matter.

Other items noted by Mr. Preston were that he had submitted a letter of support for the Lost Fishermans Memorial in Lubec. He also told the Commissioners that he had been requested by WCCOG to write a letter of support regarding an application to the Maine Emergency Management Agency for a Border Interoperability Demonstration Project grant from the Department of Homeland Security.

**\*MOTION\* Commissioner Shorey moved to have UT Supervisor Preston write a letter of support for a Border Interoperability Demonstration Project grant. Commissioner Crowley seconded the motion which passed unanimously.**

**AGENDA ITEM: Public Comment**

Nancy Oden stated to the Commissioners that she did not think Washington County should be letting any out of state solid waste to be brought into the County even if it was destined for Canada.

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With nothing further, the meeting adjourned and moved on to the Regular Commissioners meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**4:50 p.m.**

**ATTEST:**

**Gail Popham, Administrative Asst.**