

May 6, 2010

Minutes of the Washington County Commissioners
Regular Meeting
held May 6, 2010
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
Gail Popham, Administration
Donnie Smith, Sheriff
Mike St. Louis, Chief Deputy
Mike Hinerman, EMA
Jill Holmes, Treasurer
Judy Alexander, Financial Accountant
Sharon Strout, Registrar of Deeds
Jim Lucas, Buildings & Grounds
Diane Smith-Halkett, SCEC
Dennis Perry, RCC
Joshua Rolfe, RCC
Nancy Oden, CEF & MVNO
Sharon Mack, Bangor Daily News
Stephanie Leavitt, St. Stephen, NB
Mark Wood, Machiasport
Susan Francis, Perry
Ryan Murry, Marshfield
Britany Carter, Marshfield

AGENDA ITEM: Approval of the April Regular Commissioners Meeting
(April 8, 2010)

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

AGENDA ITEM: Approval of the April Special Meeting Minutes (April
22, 2010)

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MOTION Commissioner Shorey moved to approve the April Special Meeting Minutes as presented. Commissioner Crowley seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM: Monthly and Quarterly Reports

The Commissioners were provided monthly reports in their meeting packets. (See attached) Sharon Strout, Registrar of Deeds stated that she had received an offer from ACS (Affiliated Computer Services) to provide copies to the public at a rate of \$.02 per copy of a document and \$.025 per electronic image of a document. She also noted that the bulk rate for in house copies of documents at \$.18 per page was working its way through the legislature and the definition of "bulk" (or amount of pages) had not been determined yet. She said three other counties in Maine had agreed to let ACS provide the above mentioned services. Commissioner Gardner stated that there would be wide spread ramifications and that Sharon and County Manager, Betsy Fitzgerald should develop a County policy regarding these charges.

MOTION Commissioner Crowley moved to allow ACS to provide the public with copies at a rate of \$.02 per document and \$.025 per electronic image for the Deeds office. Commissioner Shorey seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM: Sign Six-Month Certificate for Joshua Rolfe

A Six-Month Certificate was signed for Joshua Rolfe.

AGENDA ITEM: Payroll status change notices

MOTION Commissioner Crowley moved to hire Stephanie Leavitt and Mark Wood as part-time Corrections Officers. Commissioner Shorey seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

It was noted that they are not to work more than 32 hours a week except during training or in an emergency.

MOTION Commissioner Crowley moved to hire Susan Francis, Ryan Murry and Britany Carter as part-time Emergency Communications Specialists. Commissioner Shorey seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

It was noted that they are not to work more than 32 hours a week except during training or in an emergency.

AGENDA ITEM: Presentation of Scenic Byway Project

Jeremy Gabrielson of the WCCOG spoke to the Commissioners on the

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idea of creating a scenic byway along the coast of Washington County. He said that with such a designation, the County would qualify for funding opportunities and marketing support. He noted the nearby Acadia area already has such a designation and added that all the communities along the route would have to agree to be a part of it. Commissioner Gardner stated that the Commissioners would be very wary in that the County would not want to give up any sovereignty to the State and especially to the Federal government. Jeremy stated that after he had talked to all the communities, he hoped to get a letter of support from the Commissioners. The Commissioners agreed that they would be in support of the project with no strings attached.

AGENDA ITEM: Sign two Criminal Forfeiture Transfers of Assets

MOTION Commissioner Shorey moved to sign the Criminal Forfeiture Transfer of Assets of a 1995 Ford Mustang to the Washington County Sheriff's Office. Commissioner Crowley seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

MOTION Commissioner Crowley moved to sign the Criminal Forfeiture Transfer of Assets of a 1994 Saab 900S to the Washington County Sheriff's Office. Commissioner Shorey seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM: Confirmation of dates and times to hold caucuses for Budget Advisory Committee member elections

The Commissioners agreed by consensus that the caucuses would be held as follows:

1. Commissioner Shorey, District 1, at the Baileyville town office on June 10, 2010 at 5:30 p.m.
2. Commissioner Gardner, District 2, at the Washington County Courthouse in the Commissioners Conference Room on June 3, 2010 at 3:30 p.m.
3. Commissioner Crowley, District 3, at the Columbia Falls town office on July 15, 2010 at 6:00 p.m.

Although not on the Agenda, Josh Rolfe, Assistant Supervisor of the Washington County RCC, asked to speak about hiring two temporary full-time Emergency Communications Specialists. A time-line was discussed regarding advertising, hiring and training.

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MOTION Commissioner Crowley moved to authorize the advertising for two temporary part-time Emergency Communications Specialists to be hired as of the June 3, 2010 Commissioners meeting. They would then be hired as temporary full-time Emergency Communications Specialists at the July 8, 2010 Commissioners meeting. Commissioner Shorey seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

The Commissioners agreed by consensus that they could hold a special meeting for these hires if need be to allow for enough training time.

MOTION Commissioner Crowley moved to go into Executive Session pursuant to Title 1 MRSA § 405-A 6 E to discuss a legal issue. Commissioner Shorey seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

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

After Executive Session no decisions or motions were made.

It was agreed by consensus to adjourn.

ADJOURNMENT

5:25 p.m.

ATTEST:

Gail Popham, Administrative Asst.