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Minutes of the Washington County Commissioners
Unorganized Territories Regular Meeting
held June 3, 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.
Dean Preston, UT Supervisor
Betsy Fitzgerald, County Manager
Gail Popham, Administration
Donnie Smith, Sheriff
Mike St. Louis, Chief Deputy
Dennis Dorsey, Sheriff's Office
Robert Gross, Jail Administrator
Mary Zidalis, Jail
Mike Hinerman, EMA
Jill Holmes, Treasurer
Judy Alexander, Financial Accountant
Sharon Strout, Registrar of Deeds
Jim Lucas, Buildings & Grounds
Carlene Holmes, Probate
Larry Hayward, RCC
Dennis Perry, RCC
Joshua Rolfe, RCC
Diane Smith Halkett, SCEC
Ryan Pelletier, Local Workforce Investment Board
Eleody Libby, WC: OC
Sara McConnell, WC: OC
Nancy Oden, CEF & MVNO
Sharon Mack, Bangor Daily News
Nathan Phelps, Baileyville
Ken Dwelley, Whiting

AGENDA ITEM: Approval of May Regular UT Meeting Minutes (May 6,
2010)

MOTION Commissioner Crowley moved to approve the May UT Meeting
Minutes as presented. Commissioner Shorey seconded the

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motion which passed unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM: Monthly Report

UT Supervisor Dean Preston presented his monthly report to the Commissioners. Highlights were: Dean followed up from a previous meeting with information regarding Chris Sherard's request for a letter in support of a zoning change in Baring Plt. He stated that Mr. Sherard's business would only be transferring solid waste at the site and not storing any.

***MOTION* Commissioner Shorey moved to have the Commissioners sign a Letter of Support for a zoning change in Baring Twp. for Mr. Chris Sherard's business. Commissioner Crowley seconded the motion which passed unanimously.**

Dean also noted that the shellfish ordinance is being reviewed by the DMR and will be resubmitted in July.

Regarding a request by an ATV club to open specific roadways for ATV access, Dean reported on the specific roadways and stated a map would be developed. Much discussion was had on the pros and cons of this action. The access would link many trails to the rails to trails and access to businesses along the way. Signage, maintenance and safety were discussed with the Sheriff noting that he was not in favor of such access because of public safety concerns. Commissioner Gardner noted that this type of access is being opened all over the state. He also stated that the opening of the roadways would be subject to strong caveats and could be revoked at any time.

***MOTION* Commissioner Crowley moved to open UT roadways for ATV access purposes as described in the UT Supervisor's report. Commissioner Shorey seconded the motion which passed unanimously.**

AGENDA ITEM: TIF Grant Committee update

(See attached) Diane Smith-Halkett of SCEC outlined the three applications that the Grant Committee is recommending awarding. They are:

1. \$10,000 to the Forest Society of Maine for a study of the Baskahegan watershed.
2. \$15,000 towards the purchase of the Wilderness Lodge by Matt & Lisa Whitegiver.

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3. \$10,00 to Dr. Normand Laberge, dba Tidewalker Engineering, for A feasibility study and regulatory/technical analysis for tidal power development in Carrying Place Cove.

***MOTION* Commissioner Shorey moved to award the TIF grant projects as recommended by the TIF Grant Committee. Commissioner Crowley seconded the motion which passed unanimously.**

Commissioner Gardner asked that the Commissioners be kept apprised of each project's progress.

It was noted that there were two more project applications that had gone before the Committee and each were asked to come back with more information at their next meeting to be held on 6/16/10.

AGENDA ITEM: Public Comment

None.

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

ADJOURNMENT

4:30 p.m.

ATTEST:

Gail Popham, Administrative Asst.