

June 9, 2011

**Minutes of the Washington County Commissioners  
Regular Meeting  
held June 9, 2011  
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.  
Dean Preston, UT Supervisor  
Betsy Fitzgerald, County Manager  
Gail Popham, Administration  
Mike St. Louis, Chief Deputy  
Robert Gross, Jail Administrator  
Mary Zidalis, Jail  
Jill Holmes, Treasurer  
Judy Alexander, Financial Accountant  
Sharon Strout, Registrar of Deeds  
Darlene Wallace, Deeds  
Jim Lucas, Buildings & Grounds  
Alicia Jonah, Buildings & Grounds  
Joshua Rolfe, RCC  
Jen Peters, SCEC  
Sara McConnell, WC: OC  
Jeff Johnson, Cobscook Bay Co.  
Nancy Oden, Clean Earth Farms  
Phil Duggan, DECP

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**\*MOTION\*** Commissioner Shorey moved to go into Executive Session pursuant to Title 1 MRSA § 405-a 6 A(3) to discuss a personnel issue. Commissioner Crowley seconded the motion which passed unanimously. It was 3:15 p.m.

**\*MOTION\*** Commissioner Gardner moved to come out of Executive Session. Commissioner Crowley seconded the motion which passed unanimously. It was 3:55 p.m.

No decisions or motions were made after Executive Session and then the public hearing began with the UT portion following. The UT portion ended at 4:45 p.m.

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**AGENDA ITEM: Approval of the May Regular Commissioners Meeting Minutes (May 12, 2011)**

**\*MOTION\*** Commissioner Shorey moved to approve the May Regular Meeting Minutes as presented. Commissioner Crowley seconded the motion. Commissioner Gardner abstained as he had not been there. The motion passed

**AGENDA ITEM: Monthly and Quarterly Reports**

The Commissioners were provided monthly reports in their meeting packets. (See attached) Sara McConnell of Washington County: One Community wanted to invite the Commissioners to the Lubec Bicentennial events scheduled for June 21 through July 9. A schedule will be provided.

Jeff Johnson of Cobscook Bay Company told the Commissioners that his company appreciated the TIF monies granted to his company. He said he was pleased to report that distribution of their product was widening. The Commissioners wished him the best of luck.

**AGENDA ITEM: Payroll Status Change Notices**

**\*MOTION\*** Commissioner Crowley moved to hire Amanda Eckman as a part-time secretary in the Calais DA's office. Commissioner Shorey seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

It was noted that she is not to work more than 32 hours per week except during training or in an emergency.

The resignation of Allen Rolfe as a part-time ECS in the RCC was accepted by consensus. The termination due to attrition of Ryan Maker as a part-time Deputy was accepted without prejudice.

**AGENDA ITEM: Schedule Tax Abatement Hearings**

Three Tax Abatement hearings were scheduled for July 14, 2011 at 1:00, 2:00 and 3:00 p.m.

**AGENDA ITEM: Schedule Grievance Hearing**

It was agreed to schedule said Grievance Hearing for August 11, 2011 at 2:00 p.m.

**AGENDA ITEM: Appoint Betsy Fitzgerald and Bernard Sund as Representatives of Washington Hancock Community Agency to a three year term.**

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**\*MOTION\*** Commissioner Crowley moved to appoint Betsy Fitzgerald and Bernard Sund to Washington Hancock Community Agency for a three year term. Commissioner Shorey seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

**AGENDAY ITEM:** Consideration of Sunrise County Economic Council Agreement for Special Services

**\*MOTION\*** Commissioner Shorey moved to accept and sign the Agreement for Special Services with Sunrise County Economic Council for the period of June 1, 2011 through May 31, 2012. Commissioner Crowley seconded the motion which passed unanimously. The Agreement is not to exceed \$24,000.00.

**AGENDA ITEM:** Award 2011 Patrol truck bid

There were two bids total for the 2011 Patrol truck. (see attached) The Sheriff recommended the purchase of the 2011 F150 Super Cab - 5.0 L for \$13,244.00 with trade-in.

**\*MOTION\*** Commissioner Shorey moved to award the bid for the 2011 F150 Super Cab - 5.0 L for \$13,244 with trade-in of a 2007 Ford F150 to Darlings of Bangor. Commissioner Crowley seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

**AGENDA ITEM:** Approval of Sheriff's, Chief Deputy's and Deputies' Bonds

**\*MOTION\*** Commissioner Crowley moved to approve the Sheriff's, Chief Deputy's and Deputies' Bonds as presented by District Attorney Carletta Bassano. Commissioner Shorey seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

**AGENDA ITEM:** Discussion on Jail funding options

No discussion was had on this item as LD1334 is still being debated in the State Legislature.

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

Adjournment 5:25 p.m.

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_

Gail Popham, Administrative Asst.