

July 14, 2011

Minutes of the Washington County Commissioners
Regular Meeting
held July 14, 2011
in the Commissioners' Conference Room
Machias, Maine

Attending the meeting were:
Commissioner Christopher M. Gardner
Commissioner John B. Crowley, Sr.
Betsy Fitzgerald, County Manager
Dean Preston, UT Supervisor
Gail Popham, Administration
Donnie Smith, Sheriff
Mike Hinerman, EMA
Josh Rolfe, RCC
Mary Zidalis, Jail
Jill Holmes, Treasurer
Judy Alexander, Financial Accountant
Sharon Strout, Registrar of Deeds
Darlene Wallace, Deeds
Carlene Holmes, Probate
Jim Lucas, Buildings & Grounds
Eleody Libby, WC:OC
Diane Smith-Halkett, SCEC
Nancy Oden, Clean Earth Farms
Phil Duggan, DECP
Sharon Mack, BDN
Will Tuell, East Machias
Roger Holst, Alexander
Linda S. Pagels-Wentworth, DEEMS
Scott Harriman, DEEMS
Ken Carter, Charlotte

AGENDA ITEM: Approval of the June Regular Commissioners Meeting
Minutes (June 9, 2011)

MOTION Commissioner Crowley moved to approve the June Regular
Meeting Minutes as presented. Commissioner Gardner seconded
the motion which passed.

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AGENDA ITEM: Monthly and Quarterly Reports

The Commissioners were provided monthly reports in their meeting packets. (See attached) EMA Director Mike Hinerman, informed the Commissioners that he had narrowed the field of candidates for a project director of the BIDP and would be making a recommendation next month.

AGENDA ITEM: Payroll Status Change Notices

The resignations of Michael Boucher, Dustin Turner and Amber Ward as part-time corrections officers were accepted by consensus. The request for an unpaid leave of absence for Ryan Murry to attend Guard duty with the Coast Guard was granted by consensus.

AGENDA ITEM: Schedule Tax Abatement Hearing

One Tax Abatement hearing was scheduled for August 11, 2011 at 2:00 p.m.

REFERENCE MATERIALS NOTED:

1. Dee Bassano will be here next month to discuss the DA computer policy.
2. The total amount the Passamaquoddy tribe owes in County taxes is \$38,510.94.

Mary Zidalis, Lt. Corrections Officer, asked if the court security issues had any resolve. County Manager Betsy Fitzgerald stated that she had learned that court security is the responsibility of the state court security but they are not responsible for building security. That is the responsibility of the Sheriff and the design of the building is a problem.

The Sheriff wanted it on the record that Mary has been doing a very good job lately, working tirelessly keeping track of 60 inmates in a jail built for 32.

***MOTION* Commissioner Crowley moved to go into Executive Session pursuant to Title 1 MRSA § 405-A 6 E to discuss a legal issue. Commissioner Gardner seconded the motion which passed. It was 4:45 p.m.**

***MOTION* Commissioner Gardner moved to come out of Executive Session. Commissioner Crowley seconded the motion which passed unanimously. It was 6:30 p.m.**

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No decisions or motions were made after Executive Session.

Adjournment 6:30 p.m.

Attest: _____
Gail Popham, Administrative Asst.