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**Minutes of the Washington County Commissioners
Unorganized Territories Regular Meeting
held July 8, 2010
in the District Court 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 Hinerman, EMA
Jill Holmes, Treasurer
Judy Alexander, Financial Accountant
Sharon Strout, Registrar of Deeds
Carlene Holmes, Probate
Jim Lucas, Buildings & Grounds
Mary Zidalis, Jail
Mary Lou Huntley, Jail
Greg Schorrs, Jail
Valdine Atwood, Archives
Harold Clossey, SCEC
Diane Smith-Halkett, SCEC
Sara McConnell, WC:OC
Nancy Oden, CEF & MVNO
Sharon Mack, Bangor Daily News
Albert Alley, Jonesboro
Terry, Susan and Muriel Grant, Addison
Paula and Raelea Merchant, Jonesport
Branden and Irma Lovejoy, Columbia
Dylan and Brandi Lovejoy, Columbia
Trisha Redimaker, Columbia
Nick Graham, Columbia
Gardiner Crabtree, Hancock

AGENDA ITEM: Awards Presentation

Commissioner Shorey opened the meeting and turned the floor over to Sheriff Smith. Sheriff Smith awarded five people who came to the aid

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of Gardiner Crabtree on June 7 when he suffered a medical emergency while driving a medical supply delivery truck at the Circle K in Harrington. The truck shot forward, crashed into a gas pump and set off several explosions that set fire to the vehicle and the pump. The four men honored, Mark Schoppee, Nick Graham, Terry Grant and Branden Lovejoy, worked together to free Crabtree from the burning truck. Raelea Merchant turned off the power to the pump and rushed outside with a fire extinguisher to assist. They all received letters of commendation and plaques. Mr. Crabtree thanked them and told them that in another minute or two he wouldn't have been here to speak to them and that he owed them his life. Sheriff Smith said for everyday citizens to put their life on the line to save another human being gives us great faith. Everybody gave them a standing ovation and they went into the hall for pictures. The meeting continued.

AGENDA ITEM: Approval of the June Regular UT minutes (June 3, 2010)

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

AGENDA ITEM: Monthly Report

UT Supervisor Dean Preston was unable to attend the meeting but his report was in the Commissioners' packets.

AGENDA ITEM: TIF Grant Committee update

(See attached) Diane Smith-Halkett of SCEC outlined the two applications that the Grant Committee recommended awarding.

They are:

1. \$9,760.00 to Soni Biehl d/b/a Sunrise County Solar.
2. \$33,333.33 per year for three years towards the construction of a lodging and educational facility at the Cobscook Community Learning Center.

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

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

