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**Minutes of the Public Hearing  
Regarding the Jobs for Maine Graduates (JMG)  
Special Projects CDBG  
held September 2, 2010  
in the Commissioners' Conference Room  
Machias, Maine**

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The hearing convened at 4:17 p.m.  
Attending the hearing 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  
Robert Gross, Jail Administrator  
Dean Preston, UT Supervisor  
Jill Holmes, Treasurer  
Judy Alexander, Financial Accountant  
Jim Lucas, Buildings & Grounds  
Sharon D. Strout, Register of Deeds  
Carlene Holmes, Probate  
Jennifer Peters, SCEC  
Jeff Moore, Marion  
Diane Smith-Halkett, SCEC - TIF Administrator  
Craig Larrabee, JMG  
Sharon Kiley Mack, Bangor Daily News  
Fred Hastings, Down East Coastal Press  
Katherine Cassidy, Quoddy Tides  
Jenny Stoddard, East Machias  
Darren Prout, Jonesboro  
Ryan Allen, Machiasport

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Commissioner Gardner opened the hearing and turned the floor over to Craig Larrabee of the State of Maine Department of Economic and Community Development. Mr. Larrabee explained that the Jobs for Maine Graduates (JMG) CDBG grant would expand the program to areas of Eastport, Calais, Machias and Baileyville and would serve 140 to 150

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students. He noted that the program helps keep kids in school and transition to higher education and/or the workplace.

Commissioner Shorey praised the program as did County Manager Betsy Fitzgerald and Probate Register Carlene Holmes. Betsy also noted that written testimony had been given to support the program.

Commissioner Gardner called for any more testimony for or against and there being none, closed the hearing.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**4:19 p.m.**

**ATTEST:**

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**Gail Popham, Administrative Asst.**