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**Minutes of the Washington County Commissioners
Regular Meeting
held September 2, 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.
Betsy Fitzgerald, County Manager
Gail Popham, Administration
Dean Preston, UT Supervisor
Donnie Smith, Sheriff
Mike St. Louis, Chief Deputy
Robert Gross, Jail Administrator
Jill Holmes, Treasurer
Judy Alexander, Financial Accountant
Sharon Strout, Registrar of Deeds
Jim Lucas, Buildings & Grounds
Carlene Holmes, Probate
Diane Smith-Halkett, SCEC - TIF Administrator
Sharon Mack, Bangor Daily News
Fred Hastings, Down East Coastal Press
Katherine Cassidy, Quoddy Tides
Darren Prout, Jonesboro
Jennie Stoddard, East Machias
Ryan Allen, Machiasport

Commissioner Gardner opened the meeting and moved to Agenda Item f.

AGENDA ITEM: Award Sand/Salt bid

(See attached) Mr. Darren Prout of the "By Us" Company came to the meeting to urge the Commissioners to award the bid to Cargill Inc. Deicing Technologies, even though they were not the lowest bidder. He said Washington County would lose trucking jobs and probably would not continue to get the quality of product delivered in the past. Commissioner Gardner asked UT Supervisor Dean Preston his opinion on the matter. Dean stated that historically, Washington County already has a relationship with Cargill and there have been no problems and

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that salt is always delivered. Commissioner Gardner recused himself from voting on the bid award.

MOTION Commissioner Shorey moved to award the sand/salt bid to Cargill Inc. Deicing Technologies at \$66.08 per ton. Commissioner Crowley seconded the motion. Commissioner Gardner abstained. The motion passed.

AGENDA ITEM: Approval of August Public Hearing minutes regarding the Washington County fiscal year 2011 Budget

MOTION Commissioner Shorey moved to approve the August Public Hearing minutes regarding the Washington County fiscal year 2011 Budget as presented. Commissioner Crowley seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM: Approval of the August Regular Commissioners Meeting Minutes (August 5, 2010)

MOTION Commissioner Crowley moved to approve the August Regular Commissioners Meeting Minutes as presented. Commissioner Shorey seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM: Monthly and Quarterly Reports

The Commissioners were provided monthly reports in their meeting packets. (See attached) Jail Administrator Bob Gross stated to the Commissioners that a Request for Proposals (RFP) had been sent out for a new copier machine for the jail. He reported that the low bidder was Bangor Business Machines at a price of \$3,559.00. (See attached).

MOTION Commissioner Gardner moved to award the copier bid for the Jail to Bangor Business Machines at \$3,559.00. Commissioner Crowley seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM: Payroll status change notices

MOTION Commissioner Gardner moved to hire Jennie Stoddard as a part-time cook. Commissioner Shorey seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

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

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***MOTION* Commissioner Crowley moved to hire Ryan Allen as a full-time Patrol Deputy. Commissioner Shorey seconded the motion which passed unanimously.**

It was noted that there had been five applicants. Ryan is to begin work the week of September 19, 2010.

AGENDA ITEM: Registry of Deeds Update

Registrar Sharon Strout reported that Attorney Anthony Pelligrini had inquired whether or not the Commissioners would be agreeable to have the County dismissed from the ongoing lawsuit. The Commissioners agreed by consensus that yes, the County would like to be dismissed.

***MOTION* Commissioner Gardner made a motion to authorize County Manager Betsy Fitzgerald to instruct legal counsel to take the necessary steps to have Washington County dismissed from the lawsuit. Commissioner Shorey seconded the motion which passed unanimously**

AGENDA ITEM: Consideration of Intergovernmental Contract to Establish the Maine County Corrections Trust Account Agreement

(See Attached) A discussion was had about this contract and whether or not it was beneficial to Washington County. The contract basically establishes a trust account wherein any monies in excess of jail expenditures resulting from efficiencies generated by the independent actions of those counties or regional jail authorities will be deposited for future use as the Contract Authority sees fit. Sheriff Smith stated that Washington County should be able to keep all of its savings. Current practice is that the DOC requires savings above \$10,000.00 be returned to the DOC; this Trust Account was the only way to get any savings back. All agreed that a member of Washington County Government needs to be on the Contract Authority Board, if Washington County does participate. It was agreed by consensus to table this item until such time as further information was available and further discussion was had.

AGENDA ITEM: Consideration of Dr. Mark Kaplan as the County's Primary Contact for Worker's Comp. injuries

***MOTION* Commissioner Shorey moved to appoint Dr. Mark Kaplan as the County's primary (1st) contact for Worker's Comp.**

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injuries. Commissioner Crowley seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM: Award New Cruiser bid

Sheriff Smith reported that there were 6 bids for a new cruiser. They were:

1. Pratt Chevrolet, a 2011 Impala at \$21,499.00
2. Quirk Ford - Augusta, a 2010 Impala at \$21,590.00
3. Darling's - Bangor, a 2011 Ford Police Interceptor at \$22,231.00
4. Darling's - Augusta, NOT INDICATED at \$22,345.00
5. Quirk Ford - Augusta, a 2011 Ford Police Interceptor at \$22,494.00
6. Blueberry Ford/Cranberry Motors, NOT INDICATED at \$23,604.00

Sheriff Smith recommended Pratt Chevrolet be awarded the bid for a 2011 Chevrolet Impala at \$21,499.00.

***MOTION* Commissioner Shorey moved to award the cruiser bid to Pratt Chevrolet for a 2011 Chevrolet Impala at \$21,499.00. Commissioner Crowley seconded the motion which passed unanimously.**

Commissioner Gardner asked how the Impalas were holding up to which Chief Deputy St. Louis responded: "very well" adding that Pratt Chevrolet goes above and beyond to accommodate the County.

On a note about the Budget process, Commissioner Gardner stated that the numbers presented to the BAC seemed to be fair and equitable. Commissioner Shorey noted that the Commissioners have great confidence in the Treasurer's office.

With nothing further,

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

ADJOURNMENT

5:33 p.m.

ATTEST:

Gail Popham, Administrative Asst.