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Minutes of the Washington County Commissioners  
Unorganized Territories Regular Meeting  
held September 2, 2010  
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  
Donnie Smith, Sheriff  
Mike St. Louis, Chief Deputy  
Robert Gross, Jail Administrator  
Jill Holmes, Treasurer  
Judy Alexander, Financial Accountant  
Sharon Strout, Registrar of Deeds  
Carlene Holmes, Probate  
Jim Lucas, Buildings & Grounds  
Diane Smith-Halkett, SCEC - TIF Administrator  
Dave Welby, First Wind  
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

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AGENDA ITEM: Approval of the Public Hearing minutes regarding the rehabilitation and expansion of the Indian Twp. Fire Department facility (August 5, 2010)

\*MOTION\* Commissioner Shorey moved to approve the August Public Hearing minutes as presented. Commissioner Crowley seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM: Approval of the August Regular UT minutes (August 5, 2010)

\*MOTION\* Commissioner Shorey moved to approve the August UT Meeting minutes as presented. Commissioner Crowley seconded the

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**motion which passed unanimously.**

**AGENDA ITEM: Monthly Report**

(See attached) UT Supervisor Dean Preston summarized the highlights of his report. E911 addressing is still progressing; the Marion Septage site is preparing to expand; and a paving project is planned in the fall for Trescott. He also told the Commissioners that he knows of 6 proposals that will be presented to the TIF Loan Committee in the next few weeks. They are: 1. Animal Control, 2. GIS support, 3. Shellfish/Aquaculture, 4. Solid Waste, 5. Wind Power for Edmunds School, and 6. Cell phone coverage. He also had one action item for the Commissioners - to agree to sign a Transfer Station Agreement between the Town of Danforth and Brookton Twp., Forest City Twp., Forest Twp. and Kossuth Twp. He noted that there was no change in the cost from last year.

**\*MOTION\* Commissioner Crowley move to sign the Transfer Station Agreement between the Town of Danforth and Brookton Twp., Forest City Twp., Forest Twp. and Kossuth Twp. for \$166.20 per ton for 100 tons per year for a total due \$16,620.00 per year. Commissioner Shorey seconded the motion which passed unanimously.**

**AGENDA ITEM: First Wind - Bowers Mountain project briefing**

Mr. Dave Welby of First Wind began his presentation by noting the location of the project is just south of Route 6 and the Stetson project in Carroll and Kossuth Twps. First Wind's application to add Kossuth Township to the expedited area for permitting will be heard at a public hearing on 9/22/10 at LURC. The expedited application area is adjacent to the already existing Stetson site. He said the project process is dependent on the County's participation and said a letter of support would be valuable. He noted that there is some opposition to the project but there is also support. Commissioner Gardner asked if they anticipated another TIF Agreement to which Mr. Welby replied in the positive. Commissioner Gardner noted that it would be nice if the TIF money could be used county-wide and not just in a UT.

**\*MOTION\* Commissioner Shorey moved to write a letter of support for the First Wind Bowers Mountain Project. Commissioner Crowley seconded the motion which passed unanimously.**

**AGENDA ITEM: TIF Loan Committee update**

Diane Smith-Halkett of SCEC told the Commissioners that in addition

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to the six new projects Dean mentioned, there would be others moving through the application process.

A short discussion was had regarding two of the potential projects. It was noted that cell phone towers placed in a UT would benefit the entire County. Also, further development of a trail system would benefit many areas of the County.

Diane went on to say that the proposal she was presenting today was for the Downeast Lakes Land Trust to make substantial improvements to portions of the 43-00-0 and 42-00-0 roads within the Wabassus Lake Tract of the DLLT. The amount requested is \$49,500.00. (See attached). Its mission is to improve public access.

**\*MOTION\* Commissioner Crowley moved to award the TIF Loan project of the Downeast Lakes Land Trust as recommended by the TIF Loan Committee. Commissioner Shorey seconded the motion which passed unanimously.**

**AGENDA ITEM: Public Comment**

There being none, the UT portion of the meeting closed.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**4:50 p.m.**

**ATTEST:**

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**Gail Popham, Administrative Asst.**