

STATE OF MAINE

Lincoln, ss.

May Term, 2014

At a meeting of the County Commissioners, begun and holden in Wiscasset, within and for the County of Lincoln, on the third day of June, by adjournment from the twentieth day of May

Present: William B. Blodgett, Chairman  
Hamilton W. Meserve  
Mary R. Trescot

Commissioner Blodgett opened the meeting by leading in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner Meserve made a motion to approve minutes from the May 20, 2014 meeting; second by Commissioner Trescot; 3 – 0 vote approved.

County Treasurer, Richard Newell, presented for approval and signatures:

Warrant 5C     \$ 13,467.45  
Warrant 5D     \$220,251.61.

Commissioner Trescot made a motion to approve; second by Commissioner Meserve; 3 – 0 vote approved. All Commissioners signed.

County Administrator, John O'Connell, updated the Board about the status of the Two Bridges Regional Jail/Jail Authority Bond Refunding.

Sheriff Todd Brackett and Chief Deputy, Major Ken Mason, reported a current Jail count of 37 inmates being held at Two Bridges Regional Jail (TBRJ); Sagadahoc County currently holds 40 at TBRJ. Total prisoners at TBRJ is approximately 160.

Sheriff Brackett offered an Animal Control Officer (ACO) status update. Commissioner Blodgett stated that the Town of Waldoboro will also be signing on. Participation now includes Waldoboro, Jefferson, Whitefield, Bristol, Bremen and Damariscotta. Sheriff Brackett currently has three individuals who will be acting in the capacity of ACO on a per diem basis. There may be a need for a fourth individual.

Sheriff Brackett is working on contract renewals for Addiction Resource Center; Volunteers of America; and Maine Drug Enforcement Agency. A discussion continued about pre-trial options for the prosecutorial district of Lincoln, Knox, Sagadahoc and Waldo counties and the consideration of combining efforts to reduce costs. A meeting will be held in the near future for Sheriffs, Commissioners and Managers/Administrators.

A purchase order request was made for body armor replacement vests, in the amount of \$3,435.00, with one-half that cost, \$1,770.50, to be reimbursed by grant monies. Commissioner Trescot made a motion to approve; second by Commissioner Meserve; 3 – 0 vote approved. All Commissioners signed.

Emergency Management Agency (EMA)/Communications Assistant to the Director, Casey Stevens, met with the Board.

A County Director's meeting was held on May 21; a Local EMA Director's meeting on May 22; and a Homeland Security Grant Program meeting on May 26. The Command Trailer was available at the Wiscasset Ambulance Open House on May 29.

An Incident Management Assistance Team meeting will be held on June 5; a Maine Association of Search & Rescue meeting will be held on June 6, with Jim Briggs; a Local Emergency Planning Committee meeting will be held on June 12, with a briefing about Compressed Natural Gas; an Incident Command System 100/700 Class will be held on June 16 in Somerville; a Homeland Security Grant Program meeting will be held on June 16.

A Homeland Security Grant Program Funding Notification was received on May 29, in the amount of \$75,000.00, \$21,000.00 of which must be used for Law Enforcement and special teams' needs.

In Communications, Radio Committee meetings were held on May 12 and 19; a FairPoint/Next Generation 911 meeting will be held on June 3 to discuss replacing all 911 Equipment on July 16, a State project which is also funded by the State of Maine. An E911 Council meeting will be held on June 3; a Radio Committee meeting will be held on June 9; a Homeland Security Grant Program meeting will be held on June 16.

Renewal Contracts for Dispatching services for the four Kennebec towns of Randolph (\$7,123); Farmingdale (\$11,883); Pittston (\$10,717); West Gardiner (\$13,965). Commissioner Trescot made a motion to approve the contracts and authorize the Chairman to sign; second by Commissioner Meserve; 3 – 0 vote approved. Chairman Blodgett signed.

Calls for service have decreased by 352 for the same period as last year, January 1 to June 3, or from 17,500 calls to 17,148.

County Buildings Maintenance Supervisor, Jim Hopley, discussed a concern made by a member of the County Safety Committee, who felt there should be a railing from the Courthouse parking lot first step to the patio steps. Supervisor Hopley spoke to someone in the Americans with Disabilities Act office and discussed requirements which must be ADA compliant. There are concerns about the railing placement being too close to the curbing where cars pull in. Commissioner Trescot asked if a sign could be placed by the patio directing handicapped individuals to the handicap entrance on the other side. Commissioners felt that it would be the best solution at this time.

Supervisor Hopley has been calling three different heating oil providers, Dead River; M.W. Sewall; and C.N. Brown, to obtain fuel prices. When he believes he has found a good price, he will notify the County Administrator, John O'Connell, who will in turn contact the Commissioners for approval to lock in a price.

The annual MCEDD (Midcoast Economic Development District) General Assembly will be held on Thursday, June 12, 2014 from 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at Skidompha Library in Damariscotta. Lincoln County must appoint two individuals to represent them at the Assembly. Commissioner Blodgett recommends himself and John Delvecchio of Whitefield. Commissioner Trescot made a motion to approve the recommendation; second by Commissioner Meserve; 3 – 0 vote approved.

Four presentations will be given by Maine Municipal Employee's Health Trust (MMEHT), Field Services Representative, Debbie Bridges, on Thursday, June 5, 2014 for the new POS 200 Health Plan being offered to employees. A letter addressed to the MMEHT informing them of the requested change had been prepared. Commissioner Meserve made a motion to approve and to authorize the Chairman to sign; second by Commissioner Trescot; 3 – 0 vote approved.

For the benefit of the press who was absent when the information was presented, County Administrator, John O'Connell, stated that the final 2014 Budget had a 1.64% increase from the 2013 Budget after surplus and adjustments. Commissioner Blodgett noted that \$150,000.00 was quite a reduction from what the Budget Committee approved.

Payroll Warrant #11, in the amount of \$143,038.70, was presented by the Administrator for approval and signatures. Commissioner Meserve made a motion to approve; second by Commissioner Trescot; 3 – 0 vote approved. All Commissioners signed.

Administrator O'Connell distributed the monthly Recycling report to the Board for review. Recycling number of loads is ahead of last year, but prices are lower than last year. All considered, income is about \$2,000.00 less. However, rigid plastics prices have risen from \$45.00 per ton to \$100.00 per ton; mixed plastic has risen from \$20.00 to \$52.00 per ton. Total cost savings to towns year-to-date is \$75,104.48. Under the Organic Composting/Food Recycling program, 779.4 lbs. was collected in May.

Due to the resignation of Recycling Supervisor, Mike Thompson, on June 13, 2014, and as a result of advertising the position in-house, Administrator O'Connell recommends Timmy Richardson to replace Mr. Thompson, effective immediately. He would also request a six (6) month probationary period in this position and an increase in wages to \$17.00 per hour for Mr. Richardson. Commissioner Trescot made a motion to approve; second by Commissioner Meserve; 3 – 0 vote approved.

To fill the vacant position of Quentin Brooks, two candidates were interviewed. Administrator O'Connell recommends Robert Gryspeerd. Mr. Gryspeerd is an experienced truck driver, welder and mechanic. The Administrator asks for a six (6) month probationary period and a starting pay of \$13.18 per hour. Commissioner Trescot made a motion to approve; second by Commissioner Meserve; 3 – 0 vote approved.

The Administrator would now like to look at the other candidates who applied and see if one of them would accept Timmy Richardson's Driver position or failing that, he would like permission to advertise. Commissioners agreed.

Additionally, the Administrator seeks permission for Mike Thompson to leave a week early, if he feels uncomfortable working under Timmy Richardson. Board agreed. Consultant, Larry Stevenson, will review Recycling operations with Mike Thompson before he leaves.

A purchase order request was submitted by Administrator O'Connell for a new Waste Oil Furnace from Dirigo Waste, in the amount of \$5,575.37. This furnace will replace the unrepairable furnace in the back of the Recycling building. Commissioner Trescot made a motion to approve the purchase; second by Commissioner Meserve; 3 – 0 vote approved. Monies will be taken from the Recycling Reserve Account. All Commissioners signed.

A property owner with land abutting the Lincoln County Recycling property, would like access to his convenience store property via Lincoln County's land. Administrator O'Connell will review the Recycling site plan and bring back additional information to the Board.

Administrator O'Connell informed the Board that the County has been having numerous problems with our Internet connection and Email service for several months. The Administrator has met with Burgess Computer of Bath and plans to hold a meeting with the current provider, Midcoast Internet Solutions/GWI, to discuss options for better service. Sheriff Brackett and a few other department heads or interested employees, plus Commissioners will be invited to attend.

Rick Dumas of Ewaste Recycling Solutions, LLC, Auburn, is scheduled to meet with the Board of Commissioners on June 17 at 10:00 a.m.

Commissioner Trescot will attend a Maine County Commissioners Association Risk Pool and regular meeting on June 11 at 9:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m., respectively.

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There being no further business, the Commissioners adjourned to meet on the seventeenth day of June A.D. 2014.

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy Administrator