

STATE OF MAINE

At a meeting of the County Commissioners, begun and holden in Wiscasset, within and for the County of Lincoln, on the sixteenth day of July 2024 by adjournment from the second day of July 2024.

Present: William B. Blodgett
Hamilton Meserve
Mary Trescot

Minutes

July 2, 2024- Commissioner Trescot moved to approve, second by Commissioner Blodgett; 3-0 vote approved.

Finance Department

Warrants - Finance Director Michelle Richardson presented for approval accounts payable warrant #65 for \$253,400.99. Commissioner Trescot moved to approve, second by Commissioner Blodgett; 3-0 vote approved.

Presented for approval accounts payable warrant #67 for \$429,620.32. Commissioner Trescot moved to approve, second by Commissioner Blodgett; 3-0 vote approved.

Payroll warrant #2024-14 for \$255,665.52 was presented for approval. Commissioner Trescot moved to approve, second by Commissioner Blodgett; 3-0 vote approved.

Payment Authorization – A payment request to RHR Smith for \$3,000.00 for the progress billing on the Unorganized Territory audit was presented for approval. Commissioner Blodgett moved to approve, second by Commissioner Trescot; 3-0 vote approved.

FY25 Budget Calendar – Director Richardson presented a draft of the FY25 Budget Calendar for approval. A recommended change to this year’s process is to hold the September Caucus by mail instead of in person, in hopes that an increase in participation can be generated. The Commissioners approved the change and the budget dates as presented. Commissioner Trescot moved to approve, second by Commissioner Blodgett; 3-0 vote approved.

Sheriff’s Department

Jail Count –Sheriff Todd Brackett reported the jail count as follows: Lincoln 18, Sagadahoc 30, Knox 34, Penobscot 63, Waldo 23, Androscoggin 19, and Federal 08 for a total of 195.

Payment Authorization – A payment request to Island Tech Services for \$4,835.17 for the purchase of new cruiser equipment and installation for the K-9 unit was presented for approval. Commissioner Blodgett moved to approve, second by Commissioner Trescot; 3-0 vote approved.

Sheriff Brackett updated the Board on the status of the new K-9 purchase. A 9-month-old black labrador retriever has been located and a purchase has been made. “Zeke” has started his training with Deputy Alexander and will make a visit to a future meeting for introduction.

Purchase Authorization –Chief Deputy Rand Maker requests permission to purchase duty ammunition from AAA Police Supply for \$3,822.00. Three other vendors were contacted

for prices and AAA offered the lowest price. Commissioner Blodgett moved to approve, second by Commissioner Trescot; 3-0 vote approved.

A purchase request was presented for training ammunition from TJ Morris in the amount of \$7,917.00. Three other vendors were also contacted, and TJ Morris offered the lowest price. Both purchases are budgeted annually. Commissioner Blodgett moved to approve, second by Commissioner Trescot; 3-0 vote approved.

Renewal of MDEA Contract – The annual Maine Drug Enforcement Agency contract was presented for renewal, starting July 1, 2024, for a total of \$177,366.69. This reimbursement covers the wages, benefits, and other expenses related to providing a member of the Sheriff's Office to MDEA for their enforcement efforts. Commissioner Blodgett moved to approve, second by Commissioner Trescot; 3-0 vote approved.

Communications

Maine EMS Presentation – Communications Director Tara Doe made a presentation to the Board from Maine EMS. Two of our 9-1-1 Dispatchers are being recognized by Maine EMS for their role in lifesaving actions during 9-1-1 calls in 2023. Anita Sprague and Michael Johnson used the EMD protocols for CPR instruction to callers and the "Phoenix Award" is presented to recognize that these instructions aided in saving the life of the patient. The Board offered their thanks and appreciation.

Administrator

Purchase Authorization – Administrator Carrie Kipfer presented an estimate from Patterson & Sons Paving in the amount of \$22,500 for crack sealing, sealcoating, pothole repairs and restriping the upper and lower courthouse parking lot. This vendor has a pending contract at the Recycling Center, and they are able to complete the project before the cold season starts. Commissioner Blodgett moved to approve, second by Commissioner Trescot; 3-0 vote approved.

CLC YMCA Community Navigator – An update from the Q2 activities with the Community Navigator program was reviewed. The number of clients engaged and the towns in Lincoln County assisted were discussed, as well as opportunities for future outreach.

Executive Session: Discussion of Labor Negotiations-1MRSA 405 (6) (D)

Commissioner Blodgett moved to enter into Executive Session, second by Commissioner Meserve; 3-0 vote approved. Out of Executive Session, no votes were taken.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned to the 6th day of August 2024 A.D.

ATTEST: 
County Administrator