

STATE OF MAINE

At a meeting of the County Commissioners, begun and holden in Wiscasset, within and for the County of Lincoln, on the eighteenth day of June 2024 by adjournment from the fourth day of June 2024.

Present: William B. Blodgett (remote)
Hamilton Meserve
Mary Trescot

Minutes

June 4, 2024- Commissioner Trescot moved to approve, second by Commissioner Meserve; 3-0 vote approved.

Finance Department

Warrants

Finance Director Michelle Richardson presented for approval accounts payable warrant #60 for \$139,913.62. Commissioner Trescot moved to approve, second by Commissioner Blodgett; 3-0 vote approved.

Payroll warrant #2024-12 for \$232,869.03 was presented for approval. Commissioner Trescot moved to approve, second by Commissioner Blodgett; 3-0 vote approved.

FY2023 Financial Audit

Director Richardson presented the FY2023 Annual Financial Statements and Auditors findings related to their review. An Unmodified Opinion (clean audit) was issued and no compliance issues were identified by the Auditors. The unassigned fund balance increased by \$475,000 over the prior year. Commissioner Blodgett moved to accept the audit and place the financials on record; second by Commissioner Trescot; 3-0 vote approved.

Sheriff's Department

Jail Count –Lieutenant Michael Murphy reported the jail count as follows: Lincoln 22, Sagadahoc 22, Knox 39, Penobscot 53, Waldo 21, Androscoggin 20, Oxford 01, and Federal 09 for a total of 187.

Payment Authorization – A payment request to Coastal Electronics for \$16,806.42 for the purchase of K-9 cruiser equipment and installation was presented for approval. Commissioner Trescot moved to approve, second by Commissioner Blodgett; 3-0 vote approved.

Shellfish Enforcement Contract – An update to the Shellfish Enforcement contract with the towns of Newcastle and Damariscotta was presented for approval of a one-year extension. Commissioner Blodgett moved to approve, second by Commissioner Trescot; 3-0 vote approved.

Communications

Payment Authorization – A payment request to Radio Communications Mgmt. for \$3,250.00 for the annual Eventide Recorder maintenance agreement was presented for approval. Commissioner Trescot moved to approve, second by Commissioner Blodgett; 3-0 vote approved.

Administrator

Purchase Authorization – Administrator Carrie Kipfer presented an estimate from Dale A. Reno Construction in the amount of \$60,900.00 to excavate the existing retaining wall between the upper and lower parking lot and installation of a new solid concrete wall, with a 4-foot concrete footer. Work includes concrete, groundwork and replaced pavement. Commissioner Blodgett moved to approve the contract, second by Commissioner Trescot; 3-0 vote approved.

Purchase Authorization – On behalf of the Recycling Center, Administrator Kipfer presents a purchase request from New England Baling Wire in the amount of \$9,145.97. Commissioner Trescot moved to approve the purchase, second by Commissioner Blodgett; 3-0 vote approved.

Purchase Authorization – On behalf of the Recycling Center, Administrator Kipfer presents a purchase request from Business Communications of Maine in the amount of \$2,995.00 to install a paging speaker, wireless internet “bridge” and a second phone line to the Mechanic’s shop. Commissioner Trescot moved to approve the purchase, second by Commissioner Blodgett; 3-0 vote approved.

Payment Authorization – A payment request from S.D. Childs & Sons in the amount of \$2,760.50 for roadwork completed on Gore Road (Hibberts Gore) was presented. Commissioner Trescot moved to approve the payment, second by Commissioner Blodgett; 3-0 vote approved.

Executive Session: Discussion of Legal-1MRSA 405 (6) (E)

Commissioner Blodgett moved to enter into Executive Session, second by Commissioner Trescot; 3-0 vote approved. Out of Executive Session, Commissioner Blodgett moved to direct Administrator Kipfer to contact representatives of five Lincoln County agencies working to improve Substance Use Disorder outcomes regarding an Opioid Settlement funding arrangement. If the proposal is accepted by the agencies, a Memorandum of Understanding will be presented at a future Board meeting for approval, second by Commissioner Trescot; 3-0 vote approved.

Commissioner Blodgett moved to renew the term of Jail Authority member Todd Brackett to expire 12/31/25, Carrie Kipfer to expire 12/31/26, Alternate member William Blodgett to expire 12/31/25 and to appoint full membership to Mary Trescot with a term expiration of 12/31/24, second by Commissioner Trescot; 3-0 vote approved.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned to the 2nd day of July, 2024 A.D.

ATTEST: 
County Administrator