

STATE OF MAINE

At a meeting of the County Commissioners, begun and holden in Wiscasset, within and for the County of Lincoln, on the fifteenth day of November 2022 by adjournment from the first day of November 2022.

Present: Hamilton W. Meserve, Chair
William Blodgett

Minutes

November 1, 2022 - Commissioner Blodgett moved to approve, second by Commissioner Meserve; 2-0 vote approved.

Finance Department

Payroll Warrant

Finance Director Michelle Richardson presented for approval warrant #71 for \$670,606.03. Commissioner Blodgett moved to approve, second by Commissioner Meserve; 2-0 vote approved.

Also presented for approval was warrant #73 for \$823,474.06. Commissioner Blodgett moved to approve, second by Commissioner Meserve; 2-0 vote approved.

Payroll warrant #2022-22 was presented for \$212,181.92. Commissioner Blodgett moved to approve, second by Commissioner Meserve; 2-0 vote approved.

An agreement with Constellation NewEnergy for Electricity Supply for 48 months at the rate of \$.12490 per kWh beginning November 2022 was presented. Commissioner Blodgett moved to approve, second by Commissioner Meserve; 2-0 vote approved.

A draft copy of the Audited Financial Statements for the Unorganized Territory, Hibberts Gore, was presented to the Board, as prepared by Auditors RHR Smith. Finance Director Richardson recommends accepting the unqualified opinion audit as presented. Commissioner Blodgett moved to approve, second by Commissioner Meserve; 2-0 vote approved.

Sheriff's Department

Jail Count - Sheriff Todd Brackett reported the jail count as follows: Lincoln 20, Sagadahoc 19, Knox/Waldo 31, Penobscot 65, Cumberland 01, York 1, and Federal 5 for a total of 142.

District Six Jail Collaboration – Commissioner Meserve requested an update on the collaboration project for the benefit of the Board. Administrator Carrie Kipfer and Sheriff Brackett gave a brief overview of the experience so far and that the Advisory Group has recommended contracting the services of an independent consultant to advise on how to proceed in forming a more permanent relationship.

Communications

Employee Resignations – Communications Director Tara Doe presented two employee resignations. Reserve Communications Officer, Alexander Slagle, has resigned effective November 2, 2022. His full-time employment with his other employer limits his ability to

continue to accept shifts with Lincoln County. Resignation accepted with regrets. Commissioner Blodgett moved to approve, second by Commissioner Meserve; 2-0 vote approved.

Probationary Communications Officer, Christi Krause, has resigned her position effective November 7, 2022. Commissioner Blodgett moved to approve, second by Commissioner Meserve; 2-0 vote approved.

Director Doe presented a *Radio System and Radio Dispatch Console Service Agreement* with Radio Communications Management, in the amount of \$31,520 annually. The contract begins January 1, 2023 and is included in the FY 2023 Budget. Commissioner Blodgett moved to approve, second by Commissioner Meserve; 2-0 vote approved. Administrator Kipfer authorized to sign on behalf of the Board.

Director Doe also gave the Board an update on the Tower upgrades. The Battery Plants are currently being installed at all seven tower locations and should be complete by the end of November. After complete, the Microwave replacement project should commence.

Emergency Management

Deputy Emergency Management Director, Maury Prentiss, presented an *Emergency Fuel Supply and Coordination Agreement* for the Commissioners' review. This agreement would be activated in the event of a fuel supply shortage. Partners include the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office, Damariscotta Police Department and Colby & Gale, Inc. Commissioner Blodgett moved to approve, second by Commissioner Meserve; 2-0 vote approved.

Administrator

Contract Renewal – A *Managed Services Agreement* with Burgess Technology Services was presented for renewal. This is a shared agreement with Two Bridges Regional jail. Lincoln County's portion is \$3,950.00 per month and the term is three years beginning January 1, 2023. Commissioner Blodgett moved to approve, second by Commissioner Meserve; 2-0 vote approved. Administrator Kipfer authorized to sign on behalf of the Board.

Generator Repair Update - Administrator Kipfer updated the Board on the replacement of a transfer switch on the Courthouse generator. Repairs were completed on November 11, 2022 (Veterans' Day Holiday) to limit the disruptions to the Courthouse and Court operations. Additional repairs are still needed and will be completed once the parts are available.

MEPERS Plan Change Non-Union – The Board has contacted MEPERS to change the Plan offered to General Government Employees (non-union and elected). The current Plan AC will be upgraded to Plan 2C effective January 1, 2023. The following resolve was read, with a subsequent vote:

Lincoln County Commissioners change the County's MainePERS Plan.

This vote is specific to Lincoln County employees covered by the PLD for Lincoln County (P0095) and does not apply to the employees covered by the PLD for Lincoln County Sheriff's Office (P0302).

To see if Lincoln County will vote to change its plan for its Communications Association members (Emergency Communication Officers), General Government Employees and

Elected/Appointed Officials (not covered by Plan P0302) effective January 1, 2023 for future service only.

The County agrees to:

- a) Provide Special Plan 2C to its Emergency Communications Officers and General Government Employees who work more than 20 hours per week and who are not seasonal or temporary as defined by the appendix to MainePERS Rule Chapter 802 and to its Elected/Appointed Officials (not covered by Plan P0302) for service rendered after December 31, 2022. Service rendered prior to January 1, 2023 for these employees remains under Regular Plan AC.
- b) Continue to exclude employees who work 20 hours per week or less and/or who are seasonal or temporary as defined by the appendix to MainePERS Rule Chapter 802 from membership.
- c) To authorize Hamilton Meserve, Chair, Board of County Commissioners, to sign the Amended Agreement between Lincoln County and the Maine Public Employees Retirement System.

Commissioner Blodgett moved to approve as written, second by Commissioner Meserve; 2-0 vote approved.

Executive Session: Discussion of Real Property-1MRSA 405 (6) (C)

Commissioner Blodgett moved to enter into Executive Session, second by Commissioner Meserve; 2-0 vote approved. Out of Executive Session with no votes taken.

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

Commissioner Blodgett moved to enter into Executive Session, second by Commissioner Meserve; 2-0 vote approved. Out of Executive Session, Commissioner Blodgett moved to approve an invoice for legal fees as discussed, second by Commissioner Meserve; 2-0 vote approved.

Commissioner Trescot joined the meeting.

Informational Workshop to Discuss Citizens Advisory Committee – Sheriff Brackett and Chief Deputy Rand Maker joined the meeting to discuss the activities to date on the newly formed Committee. The Commissioners were invited to attend a future meeting to meet the group and to discuss the roles and responsibilities of county government in Maine.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned to the 6th day of December, 2022 A.D.

ATTEST: 
County Administrator