

STATE OF MAINE

At a meeting of the County Commissioners, begun and holden in Wiscasset, within and for the County of Lincoln, on the twenty first day of July, by adjournment from the seventh day of July.

Present: Mary R. Trescot, Chair  
William B. Blodgett  
Hamilton W. Meserve (Participated by phone)

In response to the Executive Order from the Governor's Office, the meeting was held at the Lincoln County Planning Office to maintain the social distancing requirements of the individuals participating. The meeting agenda reflects this change in protocol. Two members of the press participated, in addition, several County departments were present.

Commissioner Blodgett moved to approve minutes from the July 7, 2020 meeting; second by Commissioner Meserve; 3 – 0 vote approved.

Finance Director, Michelle Cearbaugh, presented for approval:

Warrant #41 \$139,806.36

Warrant #42 \$108,615.87

Motion to approve by Commissioner Blodgett; second by Commissioner Meserve; 3 – 0 vote approved.

Two (2) Payroll Warrant was presented for approval:

Payroll Warrant #2020-14 \$207,219.14

Payroll Warrant #2020-15 \$179,343.23

Motion to approve by Commissioner Meserve; second by Commissioner Blodgett; 3 – 0 vote approved.

Audit Service RFP bids were presented from the following companies for a five year bid from FY 2020 to FY 2024.

Berry Talbot Royer – FY 2020 \$7,500.00; FY 2021 \$7,500.00; FY 2022 \$7,750.00;  
FY 2023 \$8,000.00; FY 2024 \$8,000.00. For a 5 year total of \$38,750.00.

RHR Smith & Company – FY 2020 \$8,500.00; FY 2021 \$8,500.00; FY 2022 \$8,500.00;  
FY 2023 \$8,500.00; FY 2024 \$8,500.00. For a 5 year total of \$42,500.00.

Gibson and LeClair sent in a letter declining to submit a proposal.

Melanson – FY 2020 \$20,000, FY 2021 \$20,600.00; FY 2022 \$21,200; FY 2023 \$21,850;  
FY 2024 \$22,500. For a 5 year total of \$106,150.00.

The bids were reviewed by the Finance Director Michelle Cearbaugh and she recommended the proposal submitted by Berry Talbot Royer. Motion to approve by Commissioner Blodgett; second by Commissioner Meserve; 3 – 0 vote approved.

Sheriff Todd Brackett reported a current Jail count at Two Bridges Regional Jail (TBRJ): 8 Lincoln County inmates; Sagadahoc County holds 22 inmates at TBRJ; Federal 3; Oxford 27; Penobscot 10; Kennebec 1; York 7; Cumberland 1; Piscataquis 1; for a total of 80.

ACO contract renewal for Damariscotta, the only change is the date. Motion to approve by Commissioner Blodgett; second by Commissioner Meserve; 3 – 0 vote approved.

K-9 Retirement and transfer of ownership of Duke to Deputy Dennison effective August 1, 2020. Duke has been with Deputy Dennison for 7 years as the K-9 team for the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office. Duke is currently 8 years old. Duke and Deputy Dennison were presented with an Exceptional Duty Award during the meeting. Motion to approve by Commissioner Blodgett; second by Commissioner Meserve; 3 – 0 vote approved.

Alternative Sentencing Program service contract for Karen Clark was presented. Karen is acting advisor for the Alternative Sentencing Program, the contract will run through the next week long program scheduled for October. Motion to approve by Commissioner Blodgett; second by Commissioner Meserve; 3 – 0 vote approved.

Purchase order for variable message trailer was presented for \$22,665.00, the money will be used from the 2020 COVID-19 grant. Motion to approve by Commissioner Blodgett; second by Commissioner Meserve; 3 – 0 vote approved.

Purchase order for evidence collection equipment was presented for a variety of equipment totaling \$5,349.85, the money will come from the 2019 JAG Grant. Motion to approve by Commissioner Blodgett; second by Commissioner Meserve; 3 – 0 vote approved.

Animal Control on call compensation was proposed at a rate of \$1.00 per hour that an ACO is scheduled to be on call. This is estimated to cost \$4,200 yearly, this will be effective July 1, 2020. Motion to approve by Commissioner Blodgett; second by Commissioner Meserve; 3 – 0 vote approved.

From Emergency Management Casey Stevens presented the HSGP FY20 Grant application, the total of the grant award is \$83,419.93. \$35,919 will be spent on the Rescue Task Force. \$38,000 will be spent to purchase a drone for public safety use. The remaining \$10,000 is allocated to DeCon Strike, Search and Rescue and Amateur Radio. Motion to approve by Commissioner Blodgett; second by Commissioner Meserve; 3 – 0 vote approved.

EMPG FY20 grant application was presented, the grant totals \$113,777.00 and is used to offset approximately ½ of the Emergency Management budget. Motion to approve by Commissioner Blodgett; second by Commissioner Meserve; 3 – 0 vote approved.

County Administrator, Carrie Kipfer requested that the Midcoast Maine Community Action Board appointment be tabled for the next meeting. Motion to approve by Commissioner Blodgett; second by Commissioner Meserve; 3-0 vote approved.

LCRPC sign proposal purchase order was presented for \$20,975.00. The sign will be purchased from Northern Signs. Motion to approve by Commissioner Blodgett; second by Commissioner Meserve; 3 – 0 vote approved.

FY 2021 Budget calendar was presented. Motion to approve the dates and locations up to the Caucus on Thursday, September 17 approved by Commissioner Blodgett; second by Commissioner Meserve; 3 – 0 vote approved.

A project to convert pre 1952 Commissioner meeting records to a scan able digital format was approved to proceed with requesting cost estimates and will report back at a future meeting date. Motion to approve by Commissioner Blodgett; second by Commissioner Meserve; 3 – 0 vote approved.

Purchase order for LCRPC heat pump upgrade was presented with 2 estimates. The first estimate is from Hammond Mechanical INC for a total of \$4,995.00, this does not include electrical. The second estimate is from Mid-Coast Energy Systems for a total of \$4,832.00 and does include all electrical work. Administrator Kipfer recommends that we use Mid-Coast Energy Systems. Motion to approve by Commissioner Blodgett; second by Commissioner Meserve; 3 – 0 vote approved.

At 9:46am a.m., the Commissioners entered into executive session with the County Administrator for a discussion on Real Property according to 1 MRSA 405 (6) (C). Out of session at 10:00 a.m.

County Administrator Kipfer requested entering into discussions with Revision Energy to evaluate property owned by Lincoln County for feasibility for a solar project. The land is located at 54 Huntoon Hill Road, Wiscasset and is the property that Lincoln County Recycling is operated from. There are 15 acres in the parcel and many of the acres are unused. This is being considered because the Two Bridges Regional Jail solar project proposal is facing obstacles with connection to the Wiscasset CMP substation. We would like to determine whether or not this property could be used instead for the project. It will also need to go to the TBRJ Jail Authority. Motion to approve by Commissioner Blodgett; second by Commissioner Meserve; 3 – 0 vote approved.

Meeting adjourned at 10:05 a.m.

There being no further business, the Commissioners adjourned to meet on the fourth day of August A.D. 2020.

ATTEST: Denise Mills  
Administrative Assistant

