

STATE OF MAINE

At a meeting of the County Commissioners, begun and holden in Wiscasset, within and for the County of Lincoln, on the twentieth day of May 2025 by adjournment from the sixth day of May 2025.

Present:

William B. Blodgett
David Levesque
Evan Goodkowsky

Public Comment

Carole Florman of Damariscotta addressed the Board with her concerns about the involvement of local law enforcement related to Immigration Customs Enforcement. As the host parent of two foreign exchange students, she has concerns about the possibility of their interaction with local law enforcement. In other areas of the country, individuals are being detained on Administrative Holds, without any underlying criminal activity. Ms. Florman shares her unease that those activities could be coming to Lincoln County and could start affecting our community members. The Commissioners heard her concerns and responded with assurance that Lincoln County supports the rights of the citizens in this county. They offered their recommendation that Ms. Florman speak with the Sheriff's Office to hear what their protocols and expectations are for their staff related to these activities.

Minutes

May 6, 2025- Commissioner Levesque moved to approve, second by Commissioner Goodkowsky; 3-0 vote approved.

LCRPC

Payment Authorization – Community Resilience Planner Laura Graziano presented a payment authorization for the Town of Alna for an *ASK Grant* in the amount of \$5,000 to be used to hire a consultant to complete a site-specific analysis for solid waste and recycling systems. A second payment authorization was presented to award the Towns of Damariscotta and Newcastle an *ASK Grant* in the amount of \$5,000 to be used to hire a consultant to explore creating/expanding public works. A third payment authorization was presented to award the Town of Westport Island an *ASK Grant* in the amount of \$3,200 to be used to engage a structural engineer to evaluate two town-owned buildings. Commissioner Levesque moved to approve all three requests, second by Commissioner Goodkowsky; 3-0 vote approved.

Finance Department

Warrants – Finance Director Michelle Richardson presented for approval accounts payable warrant #54 for \$322,428.65. Commissioner Levesque moved to approve, second by Commissioner Goodkowsky; 3-0 vote approved.

Presented for approval, accounts payable warrant #56 for \$318,246.80. Commissioner Levesque moved to approve, second by Commissioner Goodkowsky; 3-0 vote approved.

Payroll warrant #2025-10 for \$286,452.88 was presented for approval. Commissioner Goodkowsky moved to approve, second by Commissioner Levesque; 3-0 vote approved.

Director Richardson discussed the FY2024 audit process. Our audit has been completed and is awaiting quality review. A draft copy should be available to us by mid-June. We have also been notified that new audit requirements will be in place at the end of 2025 that will require more verification steps for electronically submitted documentation, but that our current audit engagement will be able to meet these requirements.

Sheriff's Office

Chief Deputy Rand Maker addressed the concerns of the speaker during the Public Comment. He discussed the direction the Sheriff's Office staff has been given regarding Administrative Warrants, Judicial Warrants and their work supporting Border Patrol Officers. LCSO will only take an individual into custody for criminal matters that are related to Maine law or warrants from other states. They have supported the efforts of Border Patrol Officers to the extent that their own protocols will allow.

Jail Count – Chief Deputy Maker reported the jail count as follows: Lincoln 24, Sagadahoc 31, Knox 20, Penobscot 52, Waldo 27, Federal 04, Border Patrol 03, and Immigration Customs Enforcement 20 for a total of 181.

Purchase Authorization – Chief Deputy Maker presented a purchase authorization for (3) In-Car Video Systems to be installed in the newly ordered fleet vehicles. The systems will be purchased from our current vendor, Motorola Solutions, for an annual cost of \$6,120.00. This will be a five-year contract for a total cost of \$30,600. Commissioner Levesque moved to approve, second by Commissioner Goodkowsky; 3-0 vote approved.

Purchase Authorization – Chief Deputy Maker presented a purchase authorization for (2) Vehicle Radio Repeaters from Radio Communications Management at a cost of \$5,383.69. Commissioner Levesque moved to approve, second by Commissioner Goodkowsky; 3-0 vote approved.

Payment Authorization – Chief Deputy Maker presented a payment authorization for the new 2025 Ford SUV purchase from Quirk Ford that was approved at the last meeting. The total cost of \$45,670 is \$150 higher than the approved amount because of an additional option on the vehicle we selected that was not included in the quote that was reviewed. Commissioner Goodkowsky moved to approve, second by Commissioner Levesque; 3-0 vote approved.

Employee Retire/Rehire – Chief Deputy Maker presented a request from Sgt. Aaron Mortensen to retire and rehire in place effective December 31, 2025. The new Retire/Rehire Policy has provisions for employees in Sgt. Mortensen's situation. Commissioner Levesque moved to approve Chief Deputy Maker's request, second by Commissioner Goodkowsky; 3-0 vote approved.

Alternative Sentencing Program Review – Chief Deputy Maker presented summary of the participation, programming, and activities of the recent Alternative Sentencing Program completed at Wavus Camps in Jefferson. Commissioner Goodkowsky moved to recognize the value of the program, second by Commissioner Levesque; 3-0 vote approved.

Boothbay Harbor Police Services –An update to the existing law enforcement services MOU with Boothbay Harbor Police was reviewed. The effective dates are 5/23/25-9/30/25 and are for up to 40 hours per week, when available. The wage and mileage rates were reviewed and updated to reflect current costs. Commissioner Goodkowsky moved to approve updating the agreement, second by Commissioner Levesque; 3-0 vote approved.

Administrator

Payment Authorization – Probate Register Catherine Moore presented a payment request for court-appointed attorney fees for a recent case in the amount of \$2,850.00. Commissioner Goodkowsky moved to approve, second by Commissioner Levesque; 3-0 vote approved.

Payment Authorization – County Administrator Carrie Kipfer presented a payment request to New England Kenworth for repairs to the 2018 Kenworth Recycling truck in the amount of \$2,668.74. Commissioner Goodkowsky moved to approve, second by Commissioner Levesque; 3-0 vote approved.

Payment Authorization – Administrator Kipfer presented a payment request to Burgess Technology Services for (67) Microsoft 365 annual software licenses, plus the associated active directory in the amount of \$10,122.00. Commissioner Goodkowsky moved to approve, second by Commissioner Levesque; 3-0 vote approved.

A second payment request to Burgess Technology Services for (26) Microsoft 365 annual software licenses, plus the associated active directory, Artic Wolf Managed Detection Services and accessories in the amount of \$38,154.75 was presented. Commissioner Goodkowsky moved to approve, second by Commissioner Levesque; 3-0 vote approved.

Commissioner Updates

Coastal Counties Workforce Initiative – Commissioner Goodkowsky reports that the local workforce plan has been approved.

LCRPC - Commissioner Goodkowsky advised that one of the vacancies representing the Town of Edgecomb has been filled by George Chase.

MCCA - Commissioner Levesque discussed the cybersecurity concerns being addressed by the MCCA Risk Pool.

Broadband Project – Commissioner Goodkowsky informed the Board that the Fidium Government Affairs Representative, Simon Thorne, has been attending monthly meetings with interested community members and updating them on the fiber rollout in progress. The anticipated completion date is still on schedule for the end of August.

Old Business

Outstanding Restitution – No updates provided

LCTV Proposal – No action was taken by the Board regarding the proposal received.

Public Safety Building Project – The project team has met with the consultants to review possible locations and will meet again in the next two weeks. Three members of the team are in Arizona this week attending a conference focusing on projects of this nature.

Tax Abatement Hearings – Hearings have been scheduled for June 3rd at 11am and June 10th at 9am. Hearing Notices are being sent to all of the affected parties.

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

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

Executive Session: Discussion of Personnel-1 MRSA 405 (6) (A)

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

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:40 AM to the 3rd day of June 2025 A.D.

ATTEST:


County Administrator