

State of Maine

At a meeting of the County Commissioners, begun and holden in Wiscasset, within the County of Lincoln on the nineteenth day of July 2022, by the adjournment from the fifth day of July ,2022.

Present: William Blodgett
Hamilton W. Meserve – Chair
Mary Trescot

Minutes- July 5th 2022

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

Finance Department

Finance Director Richardson presented the following warrants for approval:

#54 for \$1,112,442.87

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

#2022-14 \$211,497.46

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

Sheriff's Department

Jail Count- Sheriff Brackett reported the jail count as follows: Lincoln County 22, Sagadahoc 22, Knox 8, Penobscot 54, Cumberland 1, York 1, and Federal 1, for a total of 109.

Hiring Authorization- Sheriff Brackett request authorization to make a conditional offer to Trevor Roche as a part time Patrol Deputy. Commissioner Trescot moved to approve request, second by Commissioner Blodgett; 3-0 vote approved.

Payment Authorization for Training Ammo- Sheriff Brackett request authorization to make payment of \$5,925.25 to TJ Morris & Sons for training ammunition. Commissioner Trescot moved to approve request, second by Commissioner Blodgett; 3-0 vote approved.

Payment Authorization for Vehicle- Sheriff Brackett request authorization to make payment of \$36,041.00 to Quirk Ford in Augusta for the purchase of a Hybrid SUV. Commissioner Trescot moved to approve request, second by Commissioner Blodgett; 3-0 vote approved.

New Vehicle Payment Process- Sheriff Brackett request permission to work with Administrator Kipfer on locating and bidding on new vehicles to buy throughout the country. With this the bidding process there may be a shorter window which may not allow time to bring to the Board of Commissioners until after process has begun. Commissioner Blodgett moved to approve this one time to see how the process goes, second by Commissioner Trescot; 3-0 vote approved.

LCRPC

ARPA Broadband Recommendation - Executive Director Mary Ellen Barnes is recommending to the Board members to allow for a portion of the ARPA funds to be used as matching funds for the installing and the improving of Broadband in unserved and under serviced homes throughout Lincoln County. Maine Connectivity will announce funding in August.

Administrator

Budget Calendar Dates- Administrator Kipfer confirms possible dates with the Commissioners. Commissioner Blodgett approves subject to availability of members, second by Commissioner Trescot; 3-0 vote approved.

Purchase Authorization-Recycling Truck Repairs-Administrator Kipfer request authorization to purchase Main Control Valve and Fittings @\$3,339.00 from Holtz Industries. Commissioner Blodgett moved to approve request, second by Commissioner Trescot; 3-0 vote approved.

Fuel Oil Contract Status-Administrator Kipfer request permission to sign with a contract with M.W. Sewall for the fuel oil (21,000 gallons) no higher than \$3.50 per gallon. Commissioner Blodgett moved to approve request, second by Commissioner Trescot; 3-0 vote approved.

MMCA Meeting & Training at Senator Inn 9/14- Information on the meeting is shared with the Commissioner from Administrator Kipfer and she is asking who would like to attend so she can RSVP for them. Commissioners, Meserve, Blodgett and Trescot will attend.

Language correction to MEPEERS resolution- Administrator Kipfer reads aloud the correction to the Board which is as follows:

Change to MainePERS Plan for Communications Association Members - Administrator Kipfer presented an amended resolution to change to the MainePERS Retirement Plan for Communications Association Members that was negotiated in the 2022-2024 Collective Bargaining Agreement. The previous resolution had ambiguous language and this resolve will override that document. The replacement Resolve has been prepared for the Board's consideration and was read aloud by Administrator Kipfer:

Lincoln County Commissioners Resolve to Change its MainePERS Plan

To see if Lincoln County will vote to change its plan for its Communications Association members (Emergency Communication Officers) effective January 1, 2023 for future service only.

The County agrees to:

- a) Provide Special Plan 2C to its Emergency Communications Officers for service rendered after December 31, 2022. Service rendered prior to January 1, 2023 remains under Regular Plan AC.
- b) Continue to provide Special Plan 3C to its law enforcement officers, including the sheriff and chief deputy, for service rendered after June 30, 2022. Service rendered prior to July 1, 2022 remains under Special Plan 2C.
- c) All other employees, including all other elected/appointed officials, are excluded from membership.
- d) 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 Trescot moved to approve the replacement Resolve as presented, second by Commissioner Blodgett; 3-0 vote approved.

Executive Session: Discussion of Legal Consultation- 1 MRSA 405 (6) (E) Commissioner Meserve moved to enter into executive session, second by Commissioner Blodgett; 3-0 vote approved.

Out of Executive Session Commissioner Meserve moved to approve legal consultation invoice as discussed, second by Commissioner Blodgett; 3-0 vote approved.

Hiring incentive Mou was presented by Finance Director Michelle Richardson in reference to hiring Deputy Sheriff Scott Solorzano. Commissioner Trescot moved to approve payment, second by Commissioner Blodgett; 3-0 vote approved.

There being no further discussion the meeting was adjourned to the second day of August 2022 A.D.

ATTEST:



Administrative Assistant