

STATE OF MAINE

At a meeting of the County Commissioners, begun and holden in Wiscasset, within and for the County of Lincoln, on the seventeenth day of August 2021, by adjournment from the third day of August 2021.

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

Commissioner Trescot moved to approve minutes from the August 3, 2021 meeting; second by Commissioner Meserve; 3 – 0 vote approved.

Finance Director Michelle Richardson presented for approval:

Warrant #42 \$59,975.93

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

Warrant #44 \$342,704.46

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

Payroll Warrant #2021-17 \$206,238.92

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

The first county tax assessment was received by the Town of Dresden.

Sheriff Todd Brackett reported a current Jail count at Two Bridges Regional Jail (TBRJ): 28 Lincoln County inmates; Sagadahoc County holds 31 inmates at TBRJ; Federal 1; Oxford 27; Cumberland 2; Penobscot 31; Knox 39; for a total of 159.

Contract renewals for Animal Control Officer Services were presented for the Towns of Boothbay and Boothbay Harbor. Motion to approve by Commissioner Trescot; second by Commissioner Meserve; 3-0 vote approved.

An authorization for payment for the annual service with NetMotion software was presented in the amount of \$2,917.22. Motion to approve by Commissioner Meserve, seconded by Commissioner Trescot; 3-0 vote approved.

An authorization for payment for the purchase of training and standard cartridges for Electronic Control Weapons was presented in the amount of \$2,568.00. Motion to approve by Commissioner Meserve, seconded by Commissioner Trescot; 3-0 vote approved.

A proposal to apply for a Federal "Crisis Intervention Training" grant was presented. The 3-year, \$150,000 grant would be for Lincoln, Sagadahoc, Knox and Waldo counties. If awarded, Lincoln County would be the fiscal agent. The grant would provide funding for 40 hours of training for each officer accepted into the program. Motion to approve applying for the grant by Commissioner Trescot; second by Commissioner Meserve; 3-0 vote approved.

Authorization to finalize the sale of a surplus vehicle that was put out to bid. A 2015 Ford Explorer, 1FM5K8AR1FGA04145 was sold for the highest bid of \$3,525.00 Perley Day, Wiscasset, Maine. Motion to approve by Commissioner Meserve; second by Commissioner Trescot; 3-0 vote approved.

A Memorandum of Agreement was presented for the Board's consideration. Sheriff Brackett proposes a one-time payment of \$250 to all Deputy Sheriffs who have served in an on-call capacity since June 1, 2021. The Collective Bargaining Agreement does not provide for an on-call incentive for these employees who have been tasked with this duty, due to a staffing shortage. Motion to approve by Commissioner Meserve; second by Commissioner Trescot; 3-0 vote approved.

A Memorandum of Agreement was presented for the Board's consideration. Sheriff Brackett proposes an allowance when hiring new deputies that have significant law enforcement experience. The current Collective Bargaining Agreement will only allow hiring up to step six on the salary scale. Until December 31, 2021, Sheriff Brackett would like the ability to start a new employee at a higher step, with the conditions outlined in the MOU. Motion to approve by Commissioner Meserve; second by Commissioner Trescot; 3-0 vote approved.

EMA Director Casey Stevens presented a purchase authorization request to contract with Maine Solar Solutions for the installation of solar power system on Hunt Hill Road at the AM Radio Project location. The cost of the Homeland Security Grant funded installation is \$17,954.00 and replaces a previously approved authorization. The previous vendor is no longer able to provide the services. Motion to approve by Commissioner Meserve; second by Commissioner Trescot; 3-0 vote approved.

A purchase authorization was presented on behalf of Communications Director, Tara Doe, for the purchase of 64 replacement batteries for the UPS system that powers the Communications Center computers in the event of a power outage. The total amount is \$3,416.00 and the batteries were purchased from Eaton Power. Motion to approve by Commissioner Trescot; second by Commissioner Meserve; 3-0 vote approved.

An update to the Maine EMS requirement that mandates all EMD trained dispatchers to be COVID-19 vaccinated by September 17, 2021 was discussed. An informational meeting is scheduled at 1pm on August 17, 2021 and we hope to gather more information on the impact this will have on our staff.

A purchase authorization in the amount of \$3,645.00 for emergency on-site welding services provided by Larry's Welding Service of Rockland was presented on behalf of Lincoln County Recycling. The baler ram push plate broke away from the baler and required repairs before it could be used safely. Motion to approve by Commissioner Meserve; second by Commissioner Trescot; 3-0 vote approved.

For FY22, Lincoln County will receive \$244,135 from the State County Jail Operations fund. This represents half of the 2.7% allocated to Two Bridges Regional Jail out of the \$18.2M statewide. The allocation differs from previous years, as there is no separation of Community Corrections funds from the total allocation. The total allocation decreased from FY21 because the TBRJ census decreased when compared to the total system bed days.

Commissioner Blodgett made a motion to enter executive session with Administrator Kipfer according to 1 MRSA 405 (6) (F) to discuss communication received from legal counsel; second by Commissioner Meserve; 3-0 vote approved.

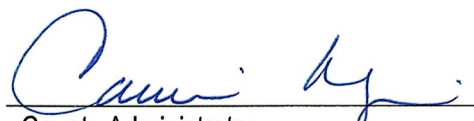
Out of executive session; no votes were taken.

Commissioner Meserve made a motion to enter executive session with Administrator Kipfer according to 1 MRSA 405 (6) (A) to discuss a personnel issue; second by Commissioner Trescot; 3-0 vote approved.

Out of executive session; the Board voted to approve paying a stipend of \$2,000 to Lincoln County employees who meet a certain criteria, using some of the American Rescue Plan funds received. A payment will be made to Two Bridges Regional Jail to allow them to pay the same stipend to Jail employees. A second payment will be considered for Lincoln County employees in January 2022. Motion to approve by Commissioner Meserve; second by Commissioner Trescot; 3-0 vote approved.

There being no further business, the Commissioners adjourned to meet on the seventh of September A.D. 2021.

ATTEST:


County Administrator