

State of Maine

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

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

Minutes

Commissioner Blodgett moved to approve the minutes from February 1, 2022, second by Commissioner Meserve; 3-0 vote approved.

Finance Department

Administrator Carrie Kipfer on behalf of Finance Director Michelle Richardson presented for approval the following warrants:

#80 (2021) \$106,834.23

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

#30 (2022) \$ 33,536.95

Commissioner Blodgett moved to approve, second by Commissioner Meserve: 3-0 vote approved.

#33 (2022) \$446,481.21

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

Payroll Warrant #2022-3 \$189,760.40.

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

Sheriff's Department

Jail Count – On behalf of the Sheriff's department, Administrator Kipfer reported the Count as follows: Lincoln County 09, Sagadahoc 22, Federal 03, Knox 47, Penobscot 21, Oxford 02 and DOC 01 for a total of 105.

Employee Resignation- Animal Control Officer- Administrator Kipfer presents to the Board the resignation of Ben Cook effective February 2, 2022. Commissioner Blodgett moved to accept the resignation, second by Commissioner Meserve; 3-0 vote approved.

Administrator

Employee Resignations- Emergency Communications Officer-Derek Cole Dispatcher. The ECO position's hours do not meet the needs of Mr. Cole. Commissioner Blodgett moved to accept Mr. Cole's resignation; second by Commissioner Trescot; 3-0 vote approved.

Administrator Kipfer informs the board of the open position at the recycling plant and Mr. Cole is interest in transferring from the Communication Center to the Recycling Center effective February 22, 2022. Commissioner Blodgett moves to accept the transfer between departments, second by Commissioner Meserve; 3-0 vote approved.

Employees Resignation- Bookkeeper Edythe Dersham. Mrs. Dersham is retiring as of March 2, 2022 and Administrator Kipfer is requesting the board accept her resignation and also approve advertising for the Bookkeeper position. Commissioner Blodgett moved to accept Mrs. Dersham's resignation, second by Commissioner Meserve; 3-0 vote approved. Commissioner Blodgett moved to approve advertising the Bookkeeper position, second by Commissioner Meserve; 3-0 vote approved.

Employee Resignation- Strategic Project Manager- Sandy Gilbreath, Administrator Kipfer is requesting the board accept her resignation affected March 11, 2022 and also approve advertising to fill the Strategic Project Managers position. Commissioner Blodgett moved to accept the resignation, second by Commissioner Meserve; 3-0 approved vote. Commissioner Blodgett also moved to approve advertising to the fill the Strategic Projects Manager position, second by Commissioner Meserve; 3-0 vote approved.

MCCA Convention- Commissioners discuss having the convention and attending. All 3 commissioners would like to attend, if held in person, MCCA to be notified of decision. No vote needed.

Maine Arts Commission ARPA funding request- Commissioner Blodgett moved to table, requested a list of recipients that applied and received funds, second by Commissioner Meserve; 3-0 vote approved.

Recycling Contract Renewals- Administrator Kipfer request approval to increase Contracts with Windsor Pittston, Warren, Georgetown and Tri-County for 2022 renewals by 6%, when sending out new contracts. Commissioner Meserve moved to apply increase and send out contracts, second by Commissioner Blodgett; 2-0 vote approved. Commissioner Trescot has left the meeting.

Payment Authorization- Ransom Consulting (Brownfield Assessment) Administrator Kipfer request payment authorization for Ransom Consulting for \$5,366.25. Commissioner Blodgett moved to authorize payment, second by Commissioner Meserve; 2-0 vote approved.

District Court Lease Renewal – District Court has not been increased since April of 2018. A proposal of increase has been sent to include increased cost of maintenance, heat and electricity. Further discussion will ensue when an agreement or counter offer with Lessee is reached.

Executive Session- Discussion of Labor contracts-1MRSA 405 (6) (D)

Commissioner Meserve moved to enter into executive session, second by Commissioner Blodgett; 2-0 vote approved.

Out of Executive session, Commissioners accepted FOP labor contract proposal as presented. Authorized draft contract with updates to forward to union representatives for review and vote to implement. Commissioner Meserve moved to accept, second by Commissioner Blodgett; 2-0 vote approved.

With there being no further business, the Commissioners adjourned to meet on March 1, 2022
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ATTEST:


Administrative Assistant