

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 April 2026 by adjournment from the seventh day of April 2026.

Present: Evan Goodkowsky, Acting Chair
William B. Blodgett
Excused: David Levesque, Chair

Meeting was called to order at 9:00 AM by Commissioner Goodkowsky in the absence of Commissioner Levesque, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Forum

None present.

Minutes

April 7, 2026 – Commissioner Blodgett moved to accept the minutes as written, seconded by Commissioner Goodkowsky; 2-0 vote approved.

Finances

Warrants – Finance Director, Michelle Kane presented Warrant #50 in the amount of \$181,474.59 for approval. Commissioner Blodgett moved to approve the warrant as presented, seconded by Commissioner Goodkowsky; 2-0 vote approved.

Payroll Warrant – Director Kane presented Payroll Warrant #2026-8 paid on April 17, 2026, in the amount of \$314,288.42 for approval which includes \$43,577.33 for a retirement payout. Commissioner Blodgett moved to approve the warrant as presented, seconded by Commissioner Goodkowsky; 2-0 vote approved.

Sheriff's Department

Jail Count - Chief Deputy Rand Maker presented the jail count from 9 AM this morning as follows: Lincoln 30, Sagadahoc 13, Knox 53, Penobscot 45, Cumberland 1 and Federal 2 for a total of 144.

Alternate Sentencing Program (ASP) Agreement with Wavus -Chief Deputy Maker presented for approval an Agreement for the Alternate Sentencing Program with Camp Wavus, Jefferson, ME, for a week-long program from May 1-8, 2026. The cost of room and board for the week for 40-50 people is \$2,200. In exchange, the attendees will provide camp upkeep in preparation for the coming camp summer programs. Commissioner Blodgett moved to approve the ASP Agreement with Camp Wavus as presented, seconded by Commissioner Goodkowsky; 2-0 vote approved.

Purchase Authorization – Motorola Solutions – three in car and one body camera – Chief Deputy Maker presented a Purchase Authorization to Motorola Solutions in the amount of \$31,074 for a five-year subscription with \$9,600 due for the first year to upgrade three new

vehicles and one new body camera. Commissioner Blodgett moved to approve the purchase authorization as presented, seconded by Commissioner Goodkowsky; 2-0 vote approved.

LCRPC

Payment Authorization – ARPA Affordable Housing – Town of Waldoboro \$68,508.09 – Executive Director Emily Rabbe presented a Payment Authorization in the amount of \$68,508.09 to Central Maine Power for the three-phase extension for Volunteers of America and the Town of Waldoboro’s booster station. This was previously approved for use of ARPA funds, and this is the first invoice for the project. There may be a few small additional invoices, but this is the majority allowing them to start work on the project. Commissioner Blodgett moved to approve the Payment Authorization as presented, seconded by Commissioner Goodkowsky; 2-0 vote approved.

Approval of the Assistance with Specific Know-how (ASK) Grants – Director Rabbe presented Assistance with Specific Know-How Grants which were approved by the LCRPC Board at their annual meeting on April 15, 2026. There were seven grants received and six of them were approved.

- **Town of Alna: \$5,000 for beaver baffle engineering and installation –** The Town of Alna will partner with a nationally recognized expert in non-lethal beaver management to design and install a custom beaver baffle to help the town proactively address the issue while maintaining wetland system ecology. Commissioner Blodgett moved to approve the ASK Grant as presented for the Town of Alna, seconded by Commissioner Goodkowsky; 2-0 vote approved.
- **Town of Damariscotta: \$4,000 for the creation and implementation of a town GIS platform –** The Town of Damariscotta will use this grant to purchase geographic information system (GIS) software to create a public parcel viewer, road and drainage assessment inventory, visualize construction and permit activity to aid annual planning and capital planning maps as well as other relevant mapping needs allowing the town to improve services, strategic planning and capital investments. Commissioner Blodgett moved to approve the ASK Grant as presented for the Town of Damariscotta, seconded by Commissioner Goodkowsky; 2-0 vote approved.
- **Kings Mills Union Hall Association (Whitefield): \$3,500 to engage professional services to assess needs to bring the building, especially the second-floor space, into ADA and Fire Marshal compliance –** This project will support the building restoration plans and aid in the goal of reopening the second story of the building to the public. Commissioner Blodgett moved to approve the ASK Grant as presented for Kings Mills Union Hall Association, seconded by Commissioner Goodkowsky; 2-0 vote approved.
- **Town of Nobleboro: \$5,000 for a drainage survey and engineering study resulting in a moisture mitigation design and plan for the Nobleboro Central School –** This project will help address the school’s current mold situation which has resulted in the closing of an entire wing of the school. Commissioner Blodgett moved to approve the ASK Grant as presented for the Town of Nobleboro, seconded by Commissioner Goodkowsky; 2-0 vote approved.

- **Town of Southport: \$3,000 to update the emergency notification district map and install it at key locations around Southport for emergency evacuation, storm preparedness, and community notification** – This project will improve the Town of Southport’s emergency communication and evacuation readiness. Commissioner Blodgett moved to approve the ASK Grant for the Town of Southport as presented, seconded by Commissioner Goodkowsky; 2-0 vote approved.
- **Town of Westport: \$3,500 to engage a historic preservation architect to evaluate and develop architectural drawings and specifications for the historic Town Hall** – This project will help the Town of Westport return public access to the island’s largest indoor space which is also on the National Register of Historic Places which means the plans need to be done in alignment with the State Historic Preservation Office in order to leverage more grant funding for the project. Commissioner Blodgett moved to approve the ASK Grant as presented for the Town of Westport, seconded by Commissioner Goodkowsky; 2-0 vote approved.

LCRPC 2026 Q1 Snapshot – Director Rabbe presented a copy of the 2026 Quarter 1 Snapshot for activities from January to March 2026. The LCRPC staff provided 465 hours of technical assistance to municipalities, businesses and non-profit organizations. They wrote or supported 16 grant applications as well as helped 16 communities with technical support. They hosted eight events and workshops as well as hosting two CASH Maine tax prep days this winter with record attendance. The LCRPC staff attended 51 hours of professional training/development and published six newsletters to Lincoln County Residents.

Approval of the LCRPC 2026-2031 Strategic Plan Update – Director Rabbe presented the LCRPC 2026-2031 Strategic Plan Update for approval. The LCRPC Board gave their approval at the Annual Meeting on April 15, 2026. This is an update to the original Strategic Plan for April 2021 – April 2026. The strategies themselves, housing, transportation, broadband, economic and community development, environmental sustainability and intergenerational community building, all stay the same as the work continues. The updates to the plan build on the momentum of the last five years and the accomplishments that have been made and refines the action areas and desired outcomes for each of the priorities. Commissioner Blodgett moved to approve the LCRPC 2026-2031 Strategic Plan Updates as presented, seconded by Commissioner Goodkowsky; 2-0 vote approved.

2026 Annual Meeting – The annual meeting on April 15, 2026, was held at Bigelow Labs in East Boothbay and was very well attended with over 60 guests, including three members of the legislative delegation. Brian Ambrette, Director of the State Resilience Office spoke about Lincoln County and the work LCRPC has done in coordination with the State of Maine. Local leaders and communities were recognized for their community planning initiatives.

Administrator

Payment Authorization – Burgess Technology – MS 365 licenses and Arctic Wolf Platform \$34,182.75 – County Administrator Carrie Kipfer presented a Payment Authorization in the amount of \$34,182.75 to Burgess Technology for the annual subscription to cover Microsoft 365 licenses for the County Staff and all of the computers we operate as well as the Arctic Wolf platform which is used for Cybersecurity. It is a very robust system which monitors our network traffic and our internet traffic to weed out any threats that come through from a variety of sources. Commissioner Blodgett moved to approve Purchase Authorization as presented, seconded by Commissioner Goodkowsky; 2-0 vote approved.

Payment Authorization – Recycling Roll-off Truck Repairs \$5,263.54 – Administrator Kipfer presented a Purchase Authorization in the amount of \$5,263.54 to New England Kenworth to cover repairs to our 2018 Kenworth Roll-off Truck which has been having some different mechanical issues. This repair is for the diesel particulate filter system, gaskets and clamps which all need to be replaced. This will come out of the operations repairs budget line. Commissioner Blodgett moved to approve Purchase Authorization as presented, seconded by Commissioner Goodkowsky; 2-0 vote approved.

Tax Abatement Appeal – JLLD Trust v. Town of Bremen – Administrator Kipfer reminded the Commissioners of the prior Tax Abatement appeal hearing in August 2025 which the Commissioners denied. It was contested to the Superior Court and was remanded back to the Lincoln County Commissioners. The applicant also submitted an additional Tax Abatement Appeal for the current tax year. They are asking us to wait until later in the summer so more information can be collected from the town. We are working on scheduling a date for the Hearing. Commissioner Blodgett moved to accept the second appeal, seconded by Commissioner Goodkowsky; 2-0 vote approved.

Old Business

Public Safety Building Project - Administrator Kipfer let the Commissioners know that a meeting is scheduled for this week with legal counsel to draft an option to purchase property. When the draft is prepared, it will be shared with the Commissioners for review prior to voting on it at the next meeting in May.

Commissioners' Updates

Lincoln County Recycling Open House – On Earth Day, April 22nd, there will be an Open House at the Recycling Center from 4-6 PM. This is a kid-friendly event and a chance to show off all the equipment.

CCWI – Commissioner Goodkowsky let the Commissioners know that there will be a public meeting on April 23rd at 8:45 AM regarding the future of the organization as the current director will be retiring and a replacement needs to be found.

Legislative Update – Administrator Kipfer informed the Commissioners that the MCCA Legislative Policy Committee worked through the state legislative session and appropriations

process to secure \$4 million in one-time funding that was not in the governor's budget. Legislators ultimately approved funding using interest earned on the rainy-day fund. Although the money isn't directly tied to MAT as in past years, it will be distributed using the same formula as the state's \$20.4 million allocation, and Administrator Kipfer expects the funds to flow through accordingly. The County will pass the funds on to the jail to help cover MAT-related costs. Administrator Kipfer also noted that Lincoln County's legislative delegates were supportive and thanked them for their work. The Counties plan to return next session to seek an ongoing funding increase.

Executive Session – Discussion of Real Property – 1 MRSA 405 (6) (C) – Commissioner Blodgett moved to enter Executive Session for Discussion of Real Property per 1 MSRA 405 (6) (C); seconded by Commissioner Goodkowsky; 2-0 vote approved.

Commissioner Blodgett moved to come out of Executive Session, seconded by Commissioner Goodkowsky; 2-0 vote approved. No votes taken.

Commissioner Blodgett moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Goodkowsky; 2-0 vote approved.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:30 AM to the fifth day of May 2026 A.D.

ATTEST:


Executive Assistant