

STATE OF MAINE

At a meeting of the County Commissioners, begun and holden in Wiscasset, within and for the County of Lincoln, on the sixth day of January 2026 by adjournment from the sixteenth day of December 2025.

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

Meeting called to order at 9:00 AM by Commissioner County Administrator Carrie Kipfer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner Goodkowsky nominated Commissioner Levesque for 2026 Commission Chair, second by Commissioner Blodgett; 3-0 vote approved.

Public Forum

Reverend Charlene Corbett of Bremen addressed the Board with accolades for the Public Safety agencies who responded recently to a propane leak in the Town of Newcastle. She was visiting an acquaintance when they noticed the smell of propane in the home. A 9-1-1 call was made, prompting responses from many agencies. Rev. Corbett stated that she was very proud of all of the partners working in the community to make it a safer place.

Additionally, Rev. Corbett is the Executive Director of Healthy Kids! in Lincoln County, an agency who received an award of grant funding from the County Commissioners, using Opioid Settlement Funds. The work of many agencies continues to grow as a result of the grant awards and Rev. Corbett shared her gratitude for the Board's continued support.

Minutes

December 16, 2025 – Commissioner Goodkowsky moved to accept the minutes as written, seconded by Commissioner Blodgett; 3-0 vote approved.

Finances

Warrants – Bookkeeper Caitlin Tardif presented Accounts Payable Warrant #94 in the amount of \$207,417.05 for approval. Commissioner Blodgett moved to approve the Accounts Payable Warrant as presented, seconded by Commissioner Goodkowsky; 3-0 vote approved.

Accounts Payable Warrant #96 in the amount of \$36,412.88 was presented for approval. Commissioner Blodgett moved to approve the Accounts Payable Warrant as presented, seconded by Commissioner Goodkowsky; 3-0 vote approved.

Accounts Payable Warrant #97 in the amount of \$175.00 was presented for approval. Commissioner Blodgett moved to approve the Accounts Payable Warrant as presented, seconded by Commissioner Goodkowsky; 3-0 vote approved.

Payroll Warrant - Payroll Warrant #2025-26 paid on December 26, 2025, in the amount of \$295,097.90 was presented for approval. Commissioner Blodgett moved to approve the Payroll Warrant as presented, seconded by Commissioner Goodkowsky; 3-0 vote approved.

Sheriff's Office

Jail Count – Sheriff Todd Brackett presented the current jail count as follows: Lincoln 26, Sagadahoc 20, Knox 53, Penobscot 45, Federal 3, and Immigration Customs Enforcement (ICE) 6, for a total of 153.

Animal Control Contract Renewals –

Town of Wiscasset – Sheriff Brackett recommends a renewal of the annual contract with the Town of Wiscasset with the only changes being an increase in the Animal Control Officer rate and the dates of the contract. Commissioner Goodkowsky moved to approve the new contract for FY2026, seconded by Commissioner Blodgett; 3-0 vote approved.

Town of Damariscotta – Sheriff Brackett recommends a renewal of the annual contract with the Town of Damariscotta with the only changes being an increase in the Animal Control Officer rate and the dates of the contract. Commissioner Goodkowsky moved to approve the new contract for FY2026, seconded by Commissioner Blodgett; 3-0 vote approved.

Marine Law Enforcement Services Contract Renewals – Sheriff Brackett asked to table this agenda item until the next meeting.

Purchase Authorization – Idemia Maintenance & Support Agreement – Sheriff Brackett presented a Purchase Authorization in the amount of \$3,420 to renew the annual IDEMIA Maintenance & Support Agreement for a period of one year. This is the fingerprint live-scan software system used by our Sheriff's Office staff. Commissioner Blodgett moved to approve the purchase, seconded by Commissioner Goodkowsky; 3-0 vote approved.

Purchase Authorization – Coastal Electronics – Sheriff Brackett presented a Purchase Authorization in the amount of \$9,692.90 to Coastal Electronics for equipment and installation in a new 2025 Dodge Durango from cruiser #802. Commissioner Goodkowsky moved to approve the purchase, seconded by Commissioner Blodgett; 3-0 vote approved.

Purchase Authorization – Coastal Electronics – Sheriff Brackett presented a Purchase Authorization in the amount of \$8,654.71 to Coastal Electronics for equipment and installation in a new 2025 Dodge Durango from cruiser #801 to install in #833. Commissioner Goodkowsky moved to approve the purchase, seconded by Commissioner Blodgett; 3-0 vote approved.

Purchase Authorization – Motorola Watch Guard – Sheriff Brackett presented a Purchase Authorization in the amount of \$2,700 to Motorola Solutions for one annual subscription renewal for in-car camera & body camera cloud services. Commissioner Goodkowsky moved to approve the purchase, seconded by Commissioner Blodgett; 3-0 vote approved.

Purchase Authorization – Motorola Watch Guard – Sheriff Brackett presented a Purchase Authorization in the amount of \$8,100 to Motorola Solutions for three annual subscription renewal for in-car camera & body camera cloud services. Commissioner Goodkowsky moved to approve the purchase, seconded by Commissioner Blodgett; 3-0 vote approved.

Purchase Authorization – CentralSquare Records Management System – Sheriff Brackett presented a Purchase Authorization in the amount of \$41,473.89 to renew the annual CentralSquare Records Management System Agreement for a period of one year. This is the records management and CAD software system used by our Sheriff's Office and Communications Center staff. Commissioner Blodgett moved to approve the purchase, seconded by Commissioner Goodkowsky; 3-0 vote approved.

Purchase Authorization – Lexipol Police One Academy – Sheriff Brackett presented a Purchase Authorization in the amount of \$3,357.90 to renew the annual Lexipol Maine Law Enforcement Training – Police One Academy contract for a period of one year. Commissioner Goodkowsky moved to approve the purchase, seconded by Commissioner Blodgett; 3-0 vote approved.

Purchase Authorization – PowerDMS – Sheriff Brackett presented a Purchase Authorization in the amount of \$9,087.15 to renew the annual PowerDMS MLEAP training & policy subscription for a period of one year. Commissioner Blodgett moved to approve the purchase, seconded by Commissioner Goodkowsky; 3-0 vote approved.

Update on Hiring Authorization Request – Sheriff Brackett updated the Board on a recently approved new hire. Zachary Smith has passed all the required background checks and testing and will be starting at the Maine Criminal Justice Academy next month.

Emergency Management

Hazard Mitigation Plan Adoption – Director Emily Huber and LCRPC Executive Director Emily Rabbe let the Commissioners know that the 2026 Lincoln County Hazard Mitigation Plan had been approved pending adoption by FEMA and they are working towards getting adoptions approved by all the towns. The plan focuses on coastal flooding, summer and winter storms, and a simultaneous reading on drought and wildfire which has become more of a focus for the County. Director Huber presented the Resolution, reading it into the record as follows:

Whereas, natural and man-made disasters may occur at any time, we recognize that to lessen the impacts of these disasters we will save resources, property and lives in Lincoln County; And whereas the creation of a multi-jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan is necessary for the development of a risk assessment and effective mitigation strategy; And whereas, this multi-jurisdictional county of 18 towns, one plantation and a portion of Maine's Unorganized Territory is committed to the mitigation goals and measures as presented in this plan; Therefore the Boards of Selectmen of the incorporated Towns and one Plantation hereby adopt the Lincoln County Hazard Mitigation Plan – 2026 Update. Commissioner Blodgett moved to accept the proposed resolution as presented, seconded by Commissioner Goodkowsky; 3-0 vote approved. The Commissioners expressed their appreciation for all the effort from the staff of EM and LCRPC in preparing the Hazard Mitigation Plan.

Payment Authorization – D4H contract renewal – Director Huber presented a Payment authorization for \$4,160 for renewal of the contract with D4H which is the incident management and personal and training tracking system used by the County since 2018. It allows large coordination of large scale multi-jurisdictional events and helps with communication with CMP during incidents. Commissioner Goodkowsky moved to approve the D4H contract renewal in the amount of \$4,160, seconded by Commissioner Blodgett; 3-0 vote approved.

Administrator

Payment Authorization Community Resources Council Navigator ARPA funding \$35,070.05 – Administrator Kipfer presented a Payment Authorization in the amount of \$35,070.05 to the Community Resources Council (CRC) Navigator program on the Boothbay Peninsula. ARPA funds have been previously allocated toward this payment. Commissioner

Goodkowsky moved to approve the Payment Authorization to CRC Navigator in the amount of \$35,070.05, seconded by Commissioner Blodgett; 3-0 vote approved.

Draft Job Description - Human Resources – Administrator Kipfer presented a draft job description for the new Human Resources position. She is still working on finalizing the description as well as grading the position. Further discussion was tabled to the next meeting.

Tax Abatement Hearing Schedule – There is one Abatement Hearing scheduled for this morning. There are two more for the town of Nobleboro pending scheduling with a possible date of January 15th, 2026.

Opioid Settlement Grant Report – MaineHealth, CommonSpace, Healthy Lincoln County, Studio B, Collaboration Summary – Administrator Kipfer received reports from all but one of the recipients of Opioid Settlement funds for how they have used the grants and how they collaborated together to support each other's successes for a stronger community. The reports are included in the Commissioner's documents. The Collaboration Summary highlights include

- Healthy Lincoln County distributed Narcan kits and sharps disposal containers as well as holding overdose response trainings.
- Healthy Kids had 480 class hours for parents in recovery, 35 parent coaching sessions, and a multi-part TV awareness series on LCTV.
- Studio B reached 3,000 people through 7 events and four exhibitions plus individuals impacted by substance abuse did art making workshops. Executive Director Peter Brun received the Governor's Award for the work that he is doing.
- Hearty Roots instructed a thousand youth in proactive social emotional skill development, and 53 youth were provided with nature-based therapy. They also partner with 10 Lincoln County schools to provide mental health support.
- Lincoln County Recovery Community Center supported individuals through the emergency community fund and were able to assist in securing housing and avoiding evictions.

Administrator Kipfer will be summarizing all of the reports in the annual report to the Attorney General's Office which is due by the end of next week. She will also reach out to the remaining recipient for their report. Also included in the Opioid Grant funding is the behavioral health liaison through the Sheriff's Office. Rev. Char Corbett from Healthy Kids spoke in appreciation of the grant funding to her organization and the others. She let the Commissioners know that the grants helped the organizations collaborate and support each other and that working with the County and the County Administrator has been a great experience.

Risk Pool 2026 Renewal – Administrator Kipfer announced that the Risk Pool rate increase for 2026 was announced. As a group, all the counties are seeing an average increase of 8.61%. Lincoln County has a -.2% increase so our rate will go down slightly.

Old Business

Public Safety Building Project – Administrator Kipfer was contacted by an individual after the last meeting with some real estate listings in the town of Nobleboro which might be of interest as well as a new listing in Newcastle. More information needs to be gathered to determine if they are viable and to determine if the previously discussed property will be able to be developed.

Opioid Settlement Funding Grant application – Administrator Kipfer reminded the Commissioners of the application for the recovery residence application that is pending. The nonprofit status has not been formally approved yet and is pending from during the shutdown. Once the 501 (c) 3 status is approved, this application can be reviewed.

Commissioners' Updates

MCCA – The MCCA Annual Meeting will be held on January 30th, 2026, at the Somerset County Jail in Skowhegan. Commissioner Levesque has a conflict that day, but Commissioner Goodkowsky can attend in his place.

LCRPC – Commissioner Goodkowsky let the Commissioners know that the Executive Committee meeting is January 27th, 2026, at 6 PM.

CCWI – Commissioner Goodkowsky let the Commissioners know that the next meeting was on January 23rd, 2026, at 8:45 AM.

Executive Session – Discussion of Personnel – 1 MRSA 405 (6)(A) – Commissioner Goodkowsky moved to enter Executive Session for Discussion of Personnel per 1 MRSA 405 (6) (A); seconded by Commissioner Blodgett; 3-0 vote approved.

Commissioner Goodkowsky moved to come out of Executive Session, seconded by Commissioner Blodgett; 3-0 vote approved. No votes were taken.

Commissioner Goodkowsky moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Blodgett; 3-0 vote approved.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:45 AM to the twentieth day of January 2026 A.D.

ATTEST: Cam Kipfer
County Administrator