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Lincoln, ss.

December Term, 2019

At a meeting of the County Commissioners, begun and holden in Wiscasset, within and for the County of Lincoln, on the twenty-eighth day of January, by adjournment from the twenty-first day of January

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

At 9:30 a.m., Commissioners entered into executive session according to 1 MRSA 405 (6) (E) to meet with Attorney Stephen Langsdorf who provided legal advice to the Commissioners, along with County Administrator Carrie Kipfer.

Out of executive session at 9:59 a.m., no votes were taken.

At 10 a.m., Commissioners heard a Tax Abatement Appeal submitted by Lincoln Academy vs. the Town of Newcastle. Lincoln Academy was represented by Attorney Kevin Decker, Head of School Jeffrey Burroughs and Chief Financial Officer Wendy Corlett. The Town of Newcastle was represented by Attorney Peter Drum and Assessors Agent James Murphy Jr. Also in attendance as an observer was Damariscotta Assessor Matthew Murphy.

Lincoln Academy and the Town of Newcastle were given an opportunity to present legal briefs and arguments before the hearing and to introduce exhibits at the hearing. These exhibits were accepted into the record by the Commissioners.

The parties presented their position, introduced witnesses and cross-examined the other side's witnesses. In addition, the Commissioners asked questions of both parties related to the testimony given. The Commissioners invited both parties to submit written closing final arguments by February 5, 2020 to be considered during their deliberations. An audio recording was made of the hearing.

At the conclusion of the hearing, the Commissioners scheduled a deliberation session on February 10, 2020. A final decision will be available no later than February 17, 2020.

Meeting adjourned at 11:56 a.m.

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There being no further business, the Commissioners adjourned to meet on the fourth day of February A.D. 2020.

ATTEST: _____
County Administrator