

## STATE OF MAINE

At a meeting of the County Commissioners, begun and holden in Wiscasset, within and for the County of Lincoln, on the eighteenth day of July 2023 by adjournment from the fifth day of July 2023.

Present: Hamilton W. Meserve

William Blodgett

Absent: Mary Trescot (medical leave)

### Minutes

**July 5, 2023** - Commissioner Meserve moved to approve, second by Commissioner Blodgett; 2-0 vote approved.

### Finance Department

#### Warrants

Finance Director Michelle Richardson presented for approval accounts payable warrant #64 for \$442,621.31. Commissioner Meserve moved to approve, second by Commissioner Blodgett; 2-0 vote approved.

Accounts payable warrant #66 for \$131,420.23. Commissioner Meserve moved to approve, second by Commissioner Blodgett; 2-0 vote approved.

Payroll warrant #2023-14 for \$264,028.98 was presented for approval. Commissioner Meserve moved to approve, second by Commissioner Blodgett; 2-0 vote approved.

**2024 Budget Calendar** – A draft budget calendar was presented for consideration. Commissioner Meserve moved to accept as presented; second by Commissioner Blodgett; 2-0 vote approved.

### Sheriff's Department

**Jail Count** – Sheriff Todd Brackett reported the jail count as follows: Lincoln 18, Sagadahoc 29, Knox 19, Penobscot 62, Waldo 37, Hancock 01, and Federal 05 for a total of 176.

**Purchase Authorization** – A purchase of two vehicle repeaters from Radio Communications Management was presented by Sheriff Brackett. The units are being added to new cruisers as they are outfitted with equipment. The total cost is \$4,316.66. Commissioner Meserve moved to approve the purchase, second by Commissioner Blodgett; 2-0 vote approved.

**Grant Application** – Chief Deputy Rand Maker requests permission to apply for a Department of Justice Byrne Grant in the amount of \$11,690 to purchase Knox key boxes that would be installed on area schools to be used in the event of an emergency. Agreements with the schools are still pending. Commissioner Meserve moved to authorize applying for the grant; second by Commissioner Blodgett; 2-0 vote approved.

**Administrator**

**Louds Island Addressing Officer** – Frank Plimpton, a seasonal resident on Louds Island, was in attendance at the meeting. He was invited to share the written request received from the Louds Island Association to appoint Deidre Dixon as the Volunteer Addressing Officer for the Unorganized Territory of Louds Island. As such, Ms. Dixon would be authorized to approve and provide addressing information to the Emergency Services Communication Bureau (ESCB) for Enhanced 9-1-1 purposes. The changes and impact to the residents of Louds Island were discussed and then Commissioner Meserve moved to approve the request; second by Commissioner Blodgett; 2-0 vote approved. County Administrator Carrie Kipfer will notify the ESCB of the appointment.

**Mason Station Proposed Development** – Ryan Gahagan and Aaron Svedlow joined the meeting to share with the County their recent activities aimed at redevelopment of the Mason Station site in Wiscasset. They are working to develop a clean energy business model for the site, as well as complimentary uses, such as a marina and other marine-based businesses. They have secured an agreement with the current owner to work towards an acquisition plan, if so desired. Wiscasset Town Manager Dennis Simmons and Lincoln County Regional Planning Commission Executive Director Mary Ellen Barnes were also in attendance to learn more about the exploration. The Commissioners thanked the two guests for their discussion and wished them well in their business ventures.

**Executive Session: Discussion of Legal-1MRSA 405 (6) (E)**

Commissioner Meserve moved to enter into Executive Session, second by Commissioner Blodgett; 2-0 vote approved. Out of Executive Session, no votes were taken.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned to the 1st day of August, 2023 A.D.

ATTEST:   
County Administrator