

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 March 2023 by adjournment from the seventh day of March 2023.

Present: Hamilton W. Meserve
William Blodgett
Absent: Mary Trescot (medical leave)

Minutes

March 7, 2023 - Commissioner Meserve moved to approve, second by Commissioner Blodgett; 2-0 vote approved.

Finance Department

Warrants

Michelle Richardson, Finance Director presented for approval accounts payable warrant #44 for \$651,374.77 Commissioner Meserve moved to approve, second by Commissioner Blodgett; 2-0 vote approved.

Payroll warrant #2023-5 for \$226,044.04 was presented for approval. Commissioner Meserve moved to approve, second by Commissioner Blodgett; 2-0 vote approved.

Approval was requested for payment of \$5,000.00 to RHR Smith for the preparation of the Lincoln County "Single Audit" for FY 2022. Commissioner Meserve moved to approve, second by Commissioner Blodgett; 2-0 vote approved.

Approval was requested for payment of \$8,000.00 to RHR Smith for the preparation of the Lincoln County financial statement audit for FY 2022. Commissioner Meserve moved to approve, second by Commissioner Blodgett; 2-0 vote approved. Both audits are underway and should be completed soon.

Sheriff's Department

Jail Count – Sheriff Todd Brackett reported the jail count as follows: Lincoln 15, Sagadahoc 27, Knox/Waldo 37, Penobscot 61, Waldo 03, Cumberland 01, and Federal 08 for a total of 152.

Kieve Wavus Facility Use Contract – Chief Deputy Rand Maker presented an agreement to use the Kieve Wavus facility in Jefferson for the Alternative Sentencing Program in April 2023. The total cost is \$2,090.00. Commissioner Meserve moved to approve, second by Commissioner Blodgett; 2-0 vote approved.

Payment Authorization - Payment to TTI for \$3,875.00 for the purchase of a remote listening device was presented for approval. Funding will be received from a Dept. of Justice Byrne grant. Commissioner Meserve moved to approve, second by Commissioner Blodgett; 2-0 vote approved.

Hiring Recommendation – Sheriff Brackett submitted a recommendation to the Board to rehire Julie Groleau as a part-time Animal Control Officer. Ms. Groleau previously served as

an Animal Control Officer as well as a Special Services Deputy for the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office. She has relocated back to Maine and Sheriff Brackett recommends March 21, 2023 as her start date. The Board supports this effort and Chief Deputy Maker will bring the bids to be opened at a future Commissioners' meeting. Commissioner Meserve moved to approve, second by Commissioner Blodgett; 2-0 vote approved.

EMA

Central Maine Power Representative –EMA Director, Casey Stevens, invited CMP Account Manager Patrick Voit to discuss the CMP response to storm events leading to power outages. The use of software program D4H has greatly streamline the response to closed roads and power outages, as witnessed in this month's winter storm. The Board thanked Mr. Voit for his attendance and assistance with the EMA efforts.

EMA Preparedness Fair – On April 29 from 9am-12pm, the EMA team will be hosting a Preparedness Fair at CLC YMCA in Damariscotta. This coincides with the Healthy Kids Day and will provide families with emergency preparedness resources and education.

Employee Resignation - EMA Director Casey Stevens has submitted his employment resignation effective March 28, 2023. Commissioner Meserve commended Director Stevens on his accomplishments over the past few years as he achieved the goals set by the Board and thanked him for his service to Lincoln County. Commissioner Meserve moved to accept with regrets, second by Commissioner Blodgett; 2-0 vote approved.

County Buildings

Fire Alarm System Replacement – Maintenance Supervisor Matthew Huntley presented three quotes to replace the fire alarm system at the Courthouse: Guardian Systems of Maine \$29,729.00; Cunningham Security \$31,017.55; Seacoast Systems \$59,989.00. All quotes were for similar systems and Supervisor Huntley recommends accepting the Guardian Systems quote. Commissioner Meserve moved to approve, second by Commissioner Blodgett; 2-0 vote approved.

Administrator

Hibberts Gore Road Repairs – The Town of Palermo Road Commissioner contacted us regarding repairs needed to the Gore Road in Hibberts Gore. An estimate of \$12,560 was offered, with additional repairs preferable. County Administrator Carrie Kipfer suggests making the FY 2023 UT maintenance budget of \$13,000 available for these repairs. Further consideration of future repairs will be made once these funds are exhausted. The Commissioners are supportive of waiting until after the spring thaw to perform this maintenance. Commissioner Meserve moved to approve, second by Commissioner Blodgett; 2-0 vote approved.

Wiscasset Wastewater Letter of Support- Administrator Kipfer informed the Board that a letter of support for the Town of Wiscasset's request for Congressionally Directed Spending to upgrade the Wastewater Treatment Plant was provided. The application and letters of support will be forwarded to Senator Susan Collins and Senator Angus King for consideration.

Grant Agreement BRCDWI AARP funds – An executed Grant Agreement from the Boothbay Region Clean Drinking Water Initiative was received. A total of \$195,000 of ARPA funding was made available to support their application. Payment will be split into three equal payments of \$65,000, with the first payment to be issued immediately. Commissioner Meserve moved to approve issuing the first payment, second by Commissioner Blodgett; 2-0 vote approved.

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.

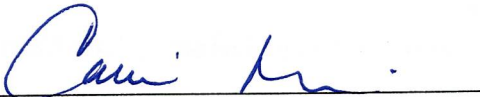
Commissioner Blodgett moved to approve authorizing Administrator Kipfer to sign a legal agreement for additional Opioid Settlement funds, on the county's behalf, second by Commissioner Meserve; 2-0 vote approved.

Executive Session: Discussion of Personnel-1MRSA 405 (6) (A)

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

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned to the 4th day of April, 2023 A.D.

ATTEST:



County Administrator