

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 December 2021, by adjournment from the seventh day of December, 2021.

Present: William Blodgett, Chair
Hamilton W. Meserve via telephone
Mary Trescot via telephone

Minutes

Commissioner Trescot moved to approve the minutes from December 7th, 2021 meeting, second by Commissioner Meserve; 3-0 vote approved.

Finance Department

- Finance Director Michelle Richardson presented for approval the following warrants:
#73 for \$178,265.02
Commissioner Trescot moved to approve; second by Commissioner Meserve; 3-0 vote approved.
- #76 for \$212,393.33
Commissioner Trescot moved to approve; second by Commissioner Meserve; 3-0 vote approved.
- Payroll Warrant #2021-26 for \$174,283.09
Commissioner Trescot moved to approve; second by Commissioner Meserve; 3-0 vote approved.
- 2022 Budget- \$13,698,787.00 – revenue of \$1,644,272.00
Commissioner Trescot moved to approve, second by Commissioner Meserve; 3-0 vote approved.

Sheriff's Department

- **Jail Count-** Sheriff Brackett reported the jail count as follows: Lincoln County 18, Sagadahoc 23, Federal 02, Knox 43, Penobscot 19, Oxford 02, Kennebec 03, and Cumberland 01 for a total of 111.
- **Purchase Authorization-WatchGuard Video Contact.** Sheriff Brackett request payment Authorization for Watchguard Video, this is for 1 unit at \$5,430.00 to upgrade in 1 cruiser. Commissioner Meserve moved to approve purchase; second by Commissioner Trescot; 3-0 vote approved.
- **Purchase Authorization – Portable Radio Earpieces /Mics.** Sheriff Brackett is requesting payment for earpieces to N-ear in the amount of \$5,294.52. Commissioner Meserve moved to approve payment; second by Commissioner Trescot; 3-0 vote approved.
- **Purchase Authorization – Portable Use of Force Training Simulator-** Sheriff Brackett is requesting approval to purchase the Training Simulator for \$14,000.00 from Dignation. Commissioner Meserve moved to approve the purchase; second by Commissioner Trescot; 3-0 vote approved.

- **Purchase Authorization – Duty Knives-** Sheriff Brackett is requesting purchase authorization for Duty Knives at \$2,400.00 from Louis Doe. Commissioner Meserve moved to approve purchase, second by Commissioner Trescot; 3-0 vote approved.
- **Hiring Recommendation** –Sheriff Brackett would like to recommend Ernest Oliver Jr. for the full time Animal Control Officer Position that is vacant and make a conditional offer to him. Commissioner Trescot moved to approve the hiring of Ernest Oliver Jr., second by Commissioner Meserve; 3-0 vote approved.
- **Alternative Sentencing Program Service Agreement Renewal-**Sheriff Brackett would like to renew the service agreement with Karen Clarke at the rate of \$20.00 per hour, from 12/1/2021 to 3/15/2022. Commissioner Trescot, second by Commissioner Meserve; 3-0 vote approved.

Communications

- **Hiring Recommendation-** Communications Director Tara Doe would like to recommend Tim McLaughlin to fill an Emergency Communications Officer vacancy. Commissioner Trescot moved to approve the hiring of Tim McLaughlin; second by Commissioner Meserve; 3-0 vote approved.

Emergency Management-

- Emergency Management Director Casey Stevens recommend the board to renew the EMPG contract for FY21, a total of \$113,777.00. Commissioner Trescot moved to renew the contract, second by Commissioner Meserve; 3-0 vote approved. EMA Director Stevens would also like to make the board aware that EMPG will have a formula change in FY22, meaning there will be less funding so the Counties portion of payment will increase. Director Stevens also introduced the new Deputy Director Maury Prentiss to the board. The board welcomed Mr. Prentiss.

Probate Hiring Recommendation-

- Register of Probate, Catherine Moore requesting the approval of hiring Tim Badgley for the open Probate Clerk position. Commissioner Trescot moved to approve the hiring of Tim Badgley, second by Commissioner Meserve; 3-0 vote approved. Register of Probate Moore introduces Mr. Badgley to the Board. The board welcomed Mr. Badgley.

LCRPC- 2021 Hazard Mitigation Plan Update

- Administrator Carrie Kipfer presents the Plan update to the Board. Commissioner Trescot moves to approve the updated plan, second by Commissioner Meserve; 3-0 vote approved.

Administrator-MCCA BOD & RISK POOL Representative & Proxy

- Administrator Kipfer request the board to appoint a representative and a proxy. Commissioner Meserve moved to appoint Commissioner Blodgett to represent, Administrator Kipfer volunteers to be proxy, second by Commissioner Trescot; 3-0 vote approved.

Executive Session

- Discussion of Personnel -1MRSA 406(6) (A)
At 9:45 am Commissioner Trescot moved to enter into executive session, second by Commissioner Meserve; 3-0 vote approved.

Out of Executive Session, Board voted to increase non-union pay scale by 10% effective 1/1/2022. All elected positions and some part-time positions will also be increased by 10%. Commissioner Meserve moved to approve, second by Commissioner Trescot; 3-0 vote approved.

A second hazard pay stipend will be paid to Lincoln County employees in 2022 per the eligibility discussed. Commissioner Trescot moved to approve, second by Commissioner Meserve; 3-0 vote approved.

The ARPA workshop summary presented at a prior meeting included suggested uses for water & sewer infrastructure projects. The Board approved funding for the water study and developing an application process for the sewer projects. LCRPC staff will continue the process. Commissioner Trescot moved to approve, second by Commissioner Meserve; 3-0 vote approved. Commissioner Trescot moved to close executive session, second by Commissioner Meserve; 3-0 vote approved.

There being no other business the Commissioners adjourned to meet the third of January 2022 A.D.

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Administrative Assistant