

State of Maine

At a meeting of the County Commissioners, begun and holden in Wiscasset, within the County of Lincoln on the seventeenth day of May 2022, by the adjournment from the third day of May ,2022.

Present: William Blodgett
Hamilton W. Meserve – Chair
Mary Trescot

Minutes

May 3, 2022

Commissioner Blodgett moved to approve the May 3, 2022 minutes, second by Commissioner Trescot; 3-0 vote approved.

Finance Department

Warrants- Finance Director Michelle Richardson presented the following warrants for approval: #46 for \$470,254.76.

Commissioner Blodgett moved to approve, second by Commissioner Trescot; 3-0 vote approved.

#2022-9 \$199,018.62

Commissioner Trescot moved to approve, second by Commissioner Blodgett; 3-0 vote approved.

Dead River Fuel Contract expiration- Finance Director Richardson is notifying the board that the Dead River Fuel Contract for the recycling center has expired and is requesting permission to do market price plus .25 until the market stabilizes. Commissioner Trescot moved to approve, second by Commissioner Blodgett; 3-0 vote approved.

Sheriff's Department

Jail Count- Chief Deputy Rand Maker reported the jail count as follows: Lincoln County 20, Sagadahoc 21, Knox 7, Penobscot 54, and Cumberland 1 for a total of 103.

Renewal of Court Security/Entry Screening Contract. Chief Deputy Maker requesting permission to renew the two year contract for \$210,980.00. State of Maine will pay retroactive from 10/1/21 thru 9/30/23. Commissioner Blodgett moved to approve, second by Commissioner Trescot; 3-0 vote approved.

Authorization to Hire- Chief Deputy Maker requested authorization to hire Scott Solorzano of Jefferson pending conditional background check. Commissioner Trescot moved to grant authorization to hire, second by Commissioner Blodgett; 3-0 vote approved.

Communications

Communications Director Tara Doe submitted the resignation of probationary employee Heather Murphy-Shipleigh to the Board effective May 4th. Commissioner Blodgett moved to accept resignation, second by Commissioner Trescot; 3-0 vote approved.

Director Doe is requesting purchase authorization for the 5th work station set-up from Radio Communications for \$20,227.02 which ARPA funds will be used for. Commissioner Blodgett moved to approve purchase, second by Commissioner Trescot; 3-0 vote approved.

LCRPC

Hiring recommendation- On behalf of Executive Director of Planning: Mary Ellen Barnes, Administrator Carrie Kipfer recommends hiring Laura Graziano as the Assistant County planner and GIS

mapping coordinator, her start date will be June 6th. Commissioner Trescot moved to approve recommendation, second by Commissioner Blodgett; 3-0 vote approved.

Administrator

LCCA Collective Bargaining Agreement- Administrator Kipfer presents to Commissioners the LCCA agreement with the Union for the years 2022-2024. Commissioner Trescot moves to accept, second by Commissioner Blodgett; 3-0 vote approved.

LRPC Deck Railing Replacement- Administrator Kipfer is requesting authorization to have the Railings at the Planning Office replaced by Krah Builders of Newcastle. The cost of the project is \$9658.00. Commissioner Trescot approved request, second by Commissioner Blodgett; 3-0 vote approved.

Executive Session: Discussion of Legal Consultation – 1MRSA 405 (6)(E)

Commissioner Blodgett moved to enter into executive session, second by Commissioner Trescot: 3-0 vote approved.

Out of Executive Session Commissioner Trescot moved to approve termination agreement with former Recycling employee as drafted by legal counsel, second by Commissioner Blodgett; 3-0 vote approved.

Commissioner Blodgett moved to enter into Executive Session for **Discussion of Labor Contracts- 1 MRSA 405 (6)(D)** second by Commissioner Meserve; 3-0 vote approved. Out of Executive session , Commissioners reviewed correspondence received from the Maine Labor Relations Board in reference to the "Request to Disclaim Interest" filed by the Teamsters Local Union NO. 340 as to related to the Communications Supervisors Bargaining Unit. Discontinuance of the Bargaining Unit recognized by the board and the affected positions will be changed to non-union status. The appropriate pay and benefit changes are authorized. Out of Executive session, Commissioner Trescot moved to approve, second by Commissioner Blodgett; 3-0 vote approved.

Commissioner Blodgett moved to enter into Executive Session for **Discussion of Real Property-1 MRSA 405 (6)(C)** , second by Commissioner Trescot; 3-0 vote approved. Out of Executive Session, Commissioner Blodgett move that the board authorize Communications Director Tara Doe to sign two agreements with the City of Gardiner to install radio equipment on the Libby Hill Road tower site. The Lincoln County Fire Channel and the Lincoln County Law Channel will each have transmission ability at the cost of \$2,000.00 annually per channel, second by Commissioner Trescot ; 3-0 vote approved.

There being no further business the meeting is adjourned to meet on the first day of June A.D. 2022

ATTEST:


Administrative Assistant