

STATE OF MAINE

At a meeting of the County Commissioners, begun and holden in Wiscasset, within and for the County of Lincoln, on the first day of April 2025 by adjournment from the eighteenth day of March 2025.

Present: William B. Blodgett
David Levesque
Evan Goodkowsky

Public Comment

Lincoln County Television Executive Director Larry Sidelinger, LCTV Board President Seth Hagar and Vice President Marva Nesbit attended the meeting. They presented a proposal to incorporate LCTV into the services provided by Lincoln County Government. The Commissioners learned about the challenges LCTV faces with their current funding model and reviewed the coverage area served by LCTV. They discussed the franchise fees that towns contract with cable providers to receive and the future impact of fiber optic internet service on the cable subscription market.

One of the challenges discussed is the requirement in 30A MRSA §107 that would limit the Commissioners ability to tax municipalities for a new service without their consent to “subscribe” to the service. Another option would be to request funding in the county budget process as a community service provider. The LCTV representatives agreed to reach out to the municipalities that LCTV serves to gauge interest in this proposal. The Commissioners agreed to consider the proposal and make a decision at a later date.

Commissioner Levesque asked Mr. Sidelinger to develop a proposal for the cost of installing cameras and microphones in the meeting room to begin televising future meetings.

Minutes

March 18, 2025- Commissioner Goodkowsky moved to approve, second by Commissioner Levesque (with a language amendment); 3-0 vote approved.

Finance Department

Warrants – Finance Director Michelle Richardson presented for approval accounts payable warrant #45 for \$191,970.30. Commissioner Goodkowsky moved to approve, second by Commissioner Levesque; 3-0 vote approved.

Accounts payable warrant #46 for \$483,173.56 was presented for approval. Commissioner Goodkowsky moved to approve, second by Commissioner Levesque; 3-0 vote approved.

Payroll warrant #2025-06 for \$249,846.28 was presented for approval. Commissioner Levesque moved to approve, second by Commissioner Goodkowsky; 3-0 vote approved.

A review of the Q1 FY2025 Fund 1 Financial Statement was presented. Expenses of 27.29% of YTD budget reflect the annual contract renewals and is not an indicator of overages in spending. Revenues are at the anticipated balances.

Sheriff's Department

Jail Count – Chief Deputy Rand Maker reported the jail count as follows: Lincoln 21, Sagadahoc 30, Knox 26, Penobscot 48, Waldo 24, Federal 03, and Immigration Control 23 for a total of 175.

Payment Authorization – A purchase of two Traffic Radar Units for patrol cruisers from TMDE Calibration Labs was presented. The total cost of \$4,900 will be reimbursed through a Highway Safety Grant. Commissioner Levesque moved to approve, second by Commissioner Goodkowsky; 3-0 vote approved.

Sale of Surplus Property – Chief Deputy Maker requests permission to offer for bid a 2018 Ford SUV with 148,000 miles. Commissioner Levesque moved to accept bids, second by Commissioner Goodkowsky; 3-0 vote approved.

Administrator

Purchase Authorization – Artic Wolf Managed Detection Service- County Administrator Carrie Kipfer presented a purchase authorization in the amount of \$34,302.75 to Burgess Technology Services for the annual Managed Detection suite of services. This includes 122 licenses for all of the servers and computers used across all of our networks. Commissioner Goodkowsky moved to approve renewal, second by Commissioner Levesque; 3-0 vote approved.

Purchase Authorization – Firewall & Network Switch Replacement- Administrator Kipfer presented a purchase authorization in the amount of \$16,551.55 to Burgess Technology Services for the replacement of network switches and firewalls. Commissioner Goodkowsky moved to approve renewal, second by Commissioner Levesque; 3-0 vote approved.

Boothbay Region Clean Drinking Water Initiative – The annual report from BBRCDWI was presented to the Board for the previous year. Commissioner Levesque moved to accept the report, second by Commissioner Goodkowsky; 3-0 vote approved. Additionally, a payment request in the amount of \$65,000 for the third year of ARPA grant funding was presented. Commissioner Levesque moved to approve the payment, second by Commissioner Goodkowsky; 3-0 vote approved.

Notice of Layout and Taking – The Department of Transportation provided a Notice of Layout and Taking for a parcel in the Town of Waldoboro owned by Richard Rizza, et al. Commissioner Goodkowsky moved to accept the Notice and place it on record with the Registry of Deeds, second by Commissioner Levesque; 3-0 vote approved.

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

Commissioner Levesque moved to enter Executive Session, second by Commissioner Goodkowsky; 3-0 vote approved. Out of Executive Session, Commissioner Levesque moved to approve an invoice for legal services in the amount of \$5,180.00, second by Commissioner Goodkowsky; 3-0 vote approved.

Commissioner Levesque moved to send a letter to the Town of Wiscasset notifying them of their decision on a pending grant issue, second by Commissioner Goodkowsky; 3-0 vote approved.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:14 PM to the 15th day of April 2025 A.D.

ATTEST: 
County Administrator