

STATE OF MAINE

At a meeting of the County Commissioners, begun and holden in Wiscasset, within and for the County of Lincoln, on the sixteenth day of June, by adjournment from the second day of June

Present: Mary R. Trescot, Chair
William B. Blodgett
Hamilton W. Meserve

In response to the Executive Order from the Governor's Office, the meeting was held by Conference Call to limit the physical interaction of the individuals participating. The meeting agenda reflects this change in protocol. Two members of the press participated, in addition, several County departments were on the call.

Commissioner Meserve moved to approve minutes from the June 2, 2020 meeting; second by Commissioner Blodgett; 3 – 0 vote approved.

Finance Director, Michelle Cearbaugh, presented for approval:

Warrant #36 \$182,476.86

Motion to approve by Commissioner Blodgett; second by Commissioner Meserve; 3 – 0 vote approved. All warrants will be signed at a later date.

One (1) Payroll Warrant was presented for approval:

Payroll Warrant #2020-12 \$174,013.27

Motion to approve by Commissioner Meserve; second by Commissioner Blodgett; 3 – 0 vote approved.

Sheriff Todd Brackett reported a current Jail count at Two Bridges Regional Jail (TBRJ): 14 Lincoln County inmates; Sagadahoc County holds 16 inmates at TBRJ; Federal 2; Oxford 24; Penobscot 18; Hancock 1; Knox 1 for a total of 76. The jail population is significantly reduced because an effort has been made to home release as many inmates as possible in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Alternative Sentencing Program that was scheduled for June 5 to June 7, 2020 was held at Wavus Camp. The program had a total of 7 participants; 5 male and 2 female.

The Maine Pretrial contract was presented for \$61,200.00, the only change to the contract is the date. Motion to approve by Commissioner Blodgett; second by Commissioner Meserve; 3 – 0 vote approved. Sheriff Brackett will sign.

The SUV bid award was presented to be split between two dealerships. The first is for (2) 2021 Interceptor SUV's for \$32,679 each from Darling Ford for marked cruisers. Motion to approve by Commissioner Blodgett; second by Commissioner Meserve; 3 – 0 vote approved. The second is for (2) 2020 Dodge Durango's for \$28,589 each from Newcastle Chrysler for unmarked cruisers. Motion to approve by Commissioner Meserve; second by Commissioner Blodgett; 3 – 0 vote approved.

Enforcement of Underage Drinking Laws Grant application is requested for up to \$5,000.00. This grant will be used to assist in training for servers and sellers as well as underage drinking enforcement. Motion to approve by Commissioner Meserve; second by Commissioner Blodgett; 3 – 0 vote approved.

An employee resignation was received and presented to the Board. Deputy Scott Peterson is resigning to pursue a career with the FBI. His last day will be July 3, 2020. Motion to approve with regrets by Commissioner Meserve; second by Commissioner Blodgett; 3 – 0 vote approved.

Sheriff Todd Brackett has scheduled a refresher training for the entire Sheriff's Office that covers diversity as well as some other trainings at this time.

From the Communications Center, Director Tom Nelson presented a hiring recommendation for the Emergency Communications Officer. Jennifer Gosselin of New Hampshire has been given a conditional offer with a tentative start date of July 8, 2020. Kathleen Sullivan of Boothbay has been given a conditional offer with a tentative start date of August 1, 2020. Motion to approve by Commissioner Blodgett; second by Commissioner Meserve; 3-0 vote approved. The formal training for the position will take place on August 3, 2020 at the Criminal Justice Academy for all new employees.

Kennebec towns dispatch contracts are expiring on June 30, 2020 for the towns of Pittston, Farmingdale, Randolph and West Gardiner. The new contracts will have an 8.74% increase due to the increased operating budget for Communications. Motion to approve by Commissioner Meserve; second by Commissioner Blodgett; 3-0 vote approved.

Construction of the memorial garden for Kathy Blagdon has started and a dedication will be scheduled for later this summer or early fall.

From the Lincoln County Regional Planning Commission (LCRPC), Executive Director Mary Ellen Barnes requested that the contract for the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry be extended through the end of the calendar year. Motion to approve by Commissioner Meserve; second by Commissioner Blodgett; 3-0 vote approved. Commissioner Mary Trescot will sign.

CDBG contract acceptance for, Lincoln County Dental. Lincoln County will serve as the fiscal agent on this grant. Motion to approve by Commissioner Meserve; second by Commissioner Blodgett; 3-0 vote approved.

Wiscasset Chamber MOU renewal for leasing the space at the Planning office. The current contract expired on March 31, 2020. No change to the agreement except for the dates. Motion to approve by Commissioner Meserve; second by Commissioner Blodgett; 3-0 vote approved.

The LCRPC Executive Committee board will meet virtually on June 24, 2020 to discuss moving forward with the Strategic Planning process. A committee will be appointed to develop a strategic plan. They hope to wrap up in the fall if everything goes as planned. Once a new committee is decided an update will be sent in.

County Administrator, Carrie Kipfer updated the meeting locations for the July 7 to August 18, 2020 Commissioners meetings will be held at the Planning office on 297 Bath Road, Wiscasset, the time will remain the same.

Probate ICON Software renewal contract for \$1,880.00 annual for a 5 year contract was presented. Motion to approve by Commissioner Meserve; second by Commissioner Blodgett; 3-0 vote approved.

Carrie Kipfer received a letter from the Lincoln County Historical Association requesting to waive the requirement that the Museum and Old Jail be open for 2 months during the 2020 season due to the current COVID situation and the risk it would put the volunteers in. Motion to approve by Commissioner Blodgett; second by Commissioner Meserve; 3-0 vote approved.

Recycling contract renewals are going to be postponed to the next meeting on July 7, 2020 to allow for further work on the contracts. Motion to approve by Commissioner Blodgett; second by Commissioner Meserve; 3-0 vote approved.

At 9:56 a.m., the Commissioners entered into executive session with the County Administrator to discuss a Personnel matter, according to 1 MRSA 405 (6) (A); Out of session at 10:35 a.m. No votes were taken.

Meeting adjourned at 10:36 a.m.

There being no further business, the Commissioners adjourned to meet on the seventh day of July A.D. 2020.

ATTEST: Denise Mills
Administrative Assistant

