

## State of Maine

At a meeting of the County Commissioners, begun and holden in Wiscasset, within the County of Lincoln on the fifth day of April 2022, by the adjournment from the fifteenth day of March, 2022.

Present: William Blodgett  
Hamilton W. Meserve- Chair  
Mary Trescot via Telephone

### Minutes

Commissioner Blodgett moved to approve the minutes from March 15th, 2022, second by Commissioner Trescot; 3-0 vote approved.

### Finance Department

Finance Director, Michelle Richardson presented for approval the following warrants:

#37               \$703,131.94 - Commissioner Trescot moved to approve, second by Commissioner Blodgett; 3-0 vote approved.

#2022-6           \$255,942.55 - Commissioner Trescot moved to approve, second by Commissioner Blodgett; 3-0 vote approved.

A hiring recommendation was made for the Bookkeeper position. Caitlin Tardif has been offered the position pending a successful background check, with a start date of April 20, 2022. Commissioner Blodgett moved to approve, second by Commissioner Trescot; 3-0 vote approved.

The 2022 Lincoln County Tax Commitment was presented for approval. Use of 2021 surplus in the amount of \$300,000, plus the elimination of the Overlay addition was recommended by County Administrator Carrie Kipfer. Total to be raised by taxation is \$11,754,515.00. 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 19, Sagadahoc 24, Federal 01, Knox/Waldo 34, Penobscot 36, Cumberland 01, York 01, and Kennebec 01. For a total of 117.

**Transfer of Forfeiture Assets-** Notification was received from the Attorney General's Office that forfeited assets in the amount of \$1,623.00 cash related to a drug trafficking case in Jefferson are available to be claimed. Motion to accept forfeited funds made by Commissioner Blodgett; second by Commissioner Trescot; 3-0 vote approved.

### Emergency Management

**Payment Authorization-** EMA Director Casey Stevens presented an invoice from Quick Turn Auto Repair in the amount of \$2,934.08 for repairs to the Ham Radio Team "Hambulance" vehicle. Commissioner Trescot moved to approve, second by Commissioner Blodgett; 3-0 vote approved.

## **Communications**

**Payment Authorization** – an invoice in the amount of \$3,817.30 was presented from DiMauro Electric for electrical work done in March 2022 for the console upgrade project to be paid using ARPA funds. Commissioner Trescot moved to approve, second by Commissioner Blodgett; 3-0 vote approved.

**Payment Authorization** – an invoice in the amount of \$8,085.00 was presented from Radio Communications Mgmt. for radio equipment and work done in March 2022 for the console upgrade project to be paid using ARPA funds. Commissioner Trescot moved to approve, second by Commissioner Blodgett; 3-0 vote approved.

## **Lincoln County Regional Planning Commission**

**Wiscasset Area Chamber of Commerce** – Carrie Kipfer presented an office space rental agreement between Lincoln County and the Wiscasset Area Chamber of Commerce for space in the Planning Building. The recommendation is to renew the agreement with same terms as the previous agreement, with a new expiration date of March 31, 2023. Motion to accept recommendation and authorize Administrator Kipfer to sign the renewed agreement by Commissioner Blodgett; second by Commissioner Trescot; 3-0 vote approved.

**Maine Broadband Coalition** – LCRPC Executive Director Mary Ellen Barnes presented a Memorandum of Understanding for a Broadband “Connectivity Booster” program. This coalition will provide a total of \$10,000 for Lincoln County to connect with local municipal partners to support broadband expansion initiatives and to convene community planning activities. Evan Goodkowsky has been designated the “Connectivity Booster” for Lincoln County and will work on the initiative with LCRPC staff. Motion to accept the terms of the MOU by Commissioner Blodgett; second by Commissioner Trescot; 3-0 vote approved.

## **Administration**

**Change to MainePERS Plan for Sheriff’s Office Employees** - Administrator Kipfer updated the Board about the change to the MainePERS Retirement Plan for Sheriff’s Office Employees that was negotiated in the 2022-2024 Collective Bargaining Agreement. A Resolve has been prepared for the Board’s consideration and was read aloud by Administrator Kipfer:

### **Lincoln County Commissioners Resolve to Change its MainePERS Plan for Sheriff’s Office employees covered by Special Plan 2C**

Lincoln County Commissioners are voting to change its plan for its law enforcement officers, including the sheriff and chief deputy, effective July 1, 2022 for future service only.

The County agrees to:

- a) Provide Special Plan 3C to its law enforcement officers currently covered by Special Plan 2C, including the sheriff and chief deputy, for service rendered after June 30, 2022. Service rendered prior to July 1, 2022 remains under Special Plan 2C.

- b) All other employees, including all other elected/appointed officials, are excluded from membership.
- c) Authorize Hamilton Meserve, Chair, Board of County Commissioners to sign the Amended Agreement between Lincoln County Sheriffs and the Maine Public Employees Retirement System.

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

**Executive Session:** Discussion of Use of Real Property- 1 MRSA 405(6) (C)  
Commissioner Blodgett moved to enter executive session, second by Commissioner Trescot; 3-0 vote approved.  
Out of Executive Session; no votes were taken.

Discussion of Labor Contracts-1MRSA 405 (6) (D)  
Commissioner Blodgett moved to enter into executive session, second by Commissioner Trescot; 3-0 vote approved.  
Out of Executive Session; no votes were taken.

Commissioner Trescot moved to adjourn meeting, second Commissioner Meserve; 3-0 vote approved.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned to the 19th day of April 2022 A.D.

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County Administrator