

## STATE OF MAINE

At a meeting of the County Commissioners, begun and holden in Wiscasset, within and for the County of Lincoln, on the third day of June 2025 by adjournment from the twentieth day of May 2025.

Present:	David Levesque, Acting Chair Evan Goodkowsky
Absent:	William B. Blodgett

### Public Comment

Heather Ellsworth of Warren addressed the Board with her concerns about the involvement of local law enforcement related to Immigration Customs Enforcement (ICE) as well as the Border Patrol and how it all relates to Federal Funding. Sherriff Todd Brackett responded to her concerns emphasizing that his department was only enforcing criminal warrants on individuals and not Administrative Holds.

Deb Eliot of Breman addressed the Board with her concerns about immigration enforcement and other police activities around the country.

### Minutes

May 20, 2025 – Commissioner Goodkowsky moved to approve, with the correction in two locations of “Control” to “Customs” in regard to ICE, seconded by Commissioner Levesque; 2-0 vote approved.

### Finance Department

**Warrants** – Bookkeeper Caitlin Tardif presented for approval accounts payable warrant #57 for \$390,920.05. Commissioner Goodkowsky moved to approve, seconded by Commissioner Levesque, 2-0 vote approved.

Payroll warrant #2025-11 for \$270,982.70 was presented for approval. Commissioner Goodkowsky moved to approve, seconded by Commissioner Levesque, 2-0 vote approved.

### Sheriff's Office

**Jail Count** - Sheriff Todd Brackett reported the jail count as follows: Lincoln 19, Sagadahoc 32, Knox 15, Penobscot 48, Waldo 27, Federal 04, Border Patrol 0, and Immigration Customs Enforcement 19 for a total of 164.

**Purchase Authorization** – Chief Deputy Rand Maker presented a purchase authorization for an Annual Subscription for eight (8) Motorola body cams at a cost of \$6,624.00. Commissioner Goodkowsky moved to approve, seconded by Commissioner Levesque, 2-0 vote approved.

### Communications

Communications Director Tara Doe presented two awards to Communications staff members. Craig Balsdon received the Stork Award for his assistance in the delivery of a baby on the way to the hospital. Richard Hasch received the Phoenix Award for his assistance in assisting a caller through CPR on a cardiac patient that resulted in that patient successfully

recovering and leaving the hospital. The Commissioners extended their thanks for a job well done.

#### **Administrator**

**Purchase Authorization** – County Administrator Carrie Kipfer presented a purchase authorization for a Courthouse radiator replacement in the amount of \$7,735.93. Commissioner Goodkowsky moved to approve, seconded by Commissioner Levesque, 2-0 vote approved.

**Purchase Authorization** - Administrator Kipfer presented a purchase authorization for a cooling unit for the Comm Center Server Room in the amount of \$34,653.24. Commissioner Goodkowsky moved to approve, seconded by Commissioner Levesque, 2-0 vote approved.

**Grant Award** – Administrator Kipfer announced the receipt of a Maine Municipal Association (MMA) Workers Comp Fund grant in the amount of \$2,690.00 to provide turn out gear, helmets and boots for the Emergency Management Agency staff as well as reflective coats for our maintenance staff for working outside at night. Commissioner Goodkowsky moved to accept the grant, seconded by Commissioner Levesque, 2-0 vote approved.

**Tax Abatement Appeal Application** – A Tax Abatement Appeal has been received for the David and Gail Hillstrom v. Town of Whitefield. Commissioner Goodkowsky moved to accept the application, seconded by Commissioner Levesque, 2-0 vote approved. Administrator Kipfer will schedule the Appeal Hearing for a future date.

**Payment Authorization** - Administrator Kipfer presented a payment request on behalf of the Register of Probate for a court-appointed Guardian Ad Litem in the amount of \$3,165.00. This is a budgeted expenditure. Commissioner Goodkowsky moved to approve, seconded by Commissioner Levesque, 2-0 vote approved.

#### **Old Business**

**DA's Office Outstanding Restitution** – No updates provided

**LCTV Proposal** – No action was taken by the Board regarding the proposal received.

**Public Safety Building Project** – During a recent meeting, the location choices were narrowed down to a list of parcels large enough with central locations and Route 1 access. The owners will be contacted to determine if they are interested in selling. Future site visits are planned.

Communications Director Doe gave feedback on the Planning Design Conference in Arizona. It was very informative, and the attendees gained a lot from it. They learned to work better together in the planning of the new Public Safety Building by sharing spaces in a more efficient manner.

**Tax Abatement Hearings** – The next Hearing will be June 10<sup>th</sup> at 9am. Hearing Notices are being sent to all of the affected parties.

**Commissioner Updates**

**LCRPC** – Commissioner Goodkowsky reported that two (2) Whitefield vacancies have been filled along with one alternate. There is also a new second member for Edgecomb and a possible new one for Boothbay, awaiting approval. There are still vacancies for the towns of Jefferson, South Bristol and Mohegan Plantation. Commissioner Goodkowsky is reaching out to those towns.

**CCWI** – Commissioner Goodkowsky reported that Emily Rabbe will be attending for Alex Zipparo, who will be on vacation. There might be a new business representative who could join.

**MCCA** – Commissioner Levesque reported that the Chair of MMCA reached out to County Commissioners to try to contact their legislative representatives and senators to advocate for jail funding bills being reviewed at this time by the Appropriations Committee. Administrator Kipfer will be reaching out to our representatives to give them background information on our needs for these bills.

**Executive Session: Discussion of Personnel – 1 MRSA 405 (6) (A)**

Commissioner Goodkowsky moved to enter Executive Session, second by Commissioner Levesque; 2-0 vote approved. Out of Executive Session, no votes were taken.

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

Commissioner Goodkowsky moved to enter Executive Session, second by Commissioner Levesque; 2-0 vote approved. Out of Executive Session, no votes were taken.

A tax abatement hearing will be held at 11 AM and will be recorded separately. The parties are Adam & Amy Harkins and the Town of Whitefield.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:33 PM to the 17th day of June 2025 A.D.

ATTEST:

  
Executive Assistant