

STATE OF MAINE

At a meeting of the County Commissioners, begun and holden in Wiscasset, within and for the County of Lincoln, on the seventh day of April 2026 by adjournment from the seventeenth day of March 2026.

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

Meeting was called to order at 9:00 AM by Commissioner Levesque, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Public Forum**

None present.

**Minutes**

**March 17, 2026** – Commissioner Blodgett moved to accept the minutes as written, seconded by Commissioner Goodkowsky; 3-0 vote approved.

**Finances**

**Warrants** – Finance Director, Michelle Kane presented Warrant #46 in the amount of \$503,667.15 for approval. Commissioner Blodgett moved to approve the warrant as presented, seconded by Commissioner Goodkowsky; 3-0 vote approved.

Director Kane presented Warrant #47 in the amount of \$120,338.74 for approval. Commissioner Goodkowsky moved to approve the warrant as presented, seconded by Commissioner Blodgett; 3-0 vote approved.

**Payroll Warrant** – Director Kane presented Payroll Warrant #2026-6 paid on March 20, 2026, in the amount of \$264,93.18 for approval. Commissioner Goodkowsky moved to approve the payroll warrant as presented, seconded by Commissioner Blodgett; 3-0 vote approved.

Director Kane presented Payroll Warrant #2026-7 paid on April 3, 2026, in the amount of \$291,125.75 which includes the quarterly health in lieu payments for approval. Commissioner Goodkowsky moved to approve the payroll warrant as presented, seconded by Commissioner Blodgett; 3-0 vote approved.

**Permission to sign Engagement with RHR Smith for 2026 UT Audit** – Director Kane presented a request for permission to sign the contract with RHR Smith to conduct the 2026 UT Audit. RHR Smith has been conducting the County audits for many years. Commissioner Goodkowsky moved to approve Director Kane to sign the contract with RHR Smith to conduct the 2026 UT Audit, seconded by Commissioner Blodgett; 3-0 vote approved.

**Purchase Order – RHR Smith 2026 Audit services \$5,175** – Director Kane presented a Purchase Order in the amount of \$5,175 paid to RHR Smith for conducting the upcoming audit.

Commissioner Goodkowsky moved to approve the Purchase Order as presented, seconded by Commissioner Blodgett; 3-0 vote approved.

### **Sheriff's Department**

**Retirement/Reappointment Notification** – Sheriff Todd Brackett, via phone, informed the Commissioners of the formal reappointment of Rand Maker, who recently retired, as Chief Deputy for the Sheriff's Office. Sheriff Brackett is very appreciative of Chief Deputy Maker who is very well respected throughout the state and active in the community. Commissioner Goodkowsky moved to approve the reappointment of Rand Maker as Chief Deputy, seconded by Commissioner Blodgett; 3-0 vote approved.

**Jail Count - Jail Count** – Chief Deputy Rand Maker presented the current jail count as follows: Lincoln 21, Sagadahoc 9, Knox 50, Penobscot 49, Waldo 1 and Federal 2 for a total of 132.

**Purchase Authorization – MCJA Basic Law Academy \$3,500** – Chief Deputy Maker presented a Purchase Authorization in the amount of \$3,500 for Maine Criminal Justice Academy's Basic Law Enforcement training for Deputy Zachary Smith who is scheduled to graduate in June. Commissioner Goodkowsky moved to approve the Purchase Authorization as presented, seconded by Commissioner Blodgett; 3-0 vote approved.

**Purchase Authorization – Idemia Fingerprinting Live Scan Maintenance & Support \$3,420** – Chief Deputy Maker presented a Purchase Authorization in the amount of \$3,420 to Idemia for the annual fee for live scan fingerprinting maintenance and support. Less than 10% of the fingerprint scanning is done with actual ink at this time. Commissioner Blodgett moved to approve the Purchase Order as presented, seconded by Commissioner Goodkowsky; 3-0 vote approved.

**Purchase Authorization – TMDE Calibration Labs (2 Traffic Radars) \$5,000** – Chief Deputy Maker presented a Purchase Authorization in the amount of \$5,000 to TMDE Calibration Labs for two new traffic radar detectors. Commissioner Goodkowsky moved to approve the Purchase Authorization as presented, seconded by Commissioner Blodgett; 3-0 vote approved.

**Behavioral Health Liaison contract extension** – Chief Deputy Maker presented an extension to the contract with Sweetser for the Behavioral Health Liaison position through July 30, 2026, at \$8,080.03 per month. The plan for the next contract is to have it extend out to run concurrently with our fiscal year. Commissioner Blodgett moved to approve the Sweetser contract extension as presented, seconded by Commissioner Goodkowsky; 3-0 vote approved.

### **Communications**

**Employee Termination – ECO Arlie Frahm** – Director Tara Doe presented a request for approval of an Employee Termination effective April 2, 2026, for ECO Arlie Frahm who. Commissioner Blodgett moved to approve the employee termination as presented, seconded by Commissioner Goodkowsky; 3-0 vote approved.

**Purchase Authorization – Radio tower upgrades for Law & Fire channels - \$327,088.54**  
– Director Doe presented a Purchase Authorization in the amount of \$327,088.54 which is to RCM. This upgrade will greatly improve our reception and clarity on the Law and Fire radio channels. Commissioner Blodgett moved to approve the Purchase Authorization as presented, seconded by Commissioner Goodkowsky; 3-0 vote approved.

#### **EMA**

**Updates to 2026 County EMA Mutual Aid Agreement** – EMA Director Emily Huber presented an updated 2026 County EMA Mutual Aid Agreement. This agreement gets reviewed every five or so years by the County EMA Directors in the State of Maine. By having mutual aid agreements between the counties, we can have access to more resources in case of a disaster or emergency. The agreement gives authority to the County EMA Director to make decisions about resources in case of an emergency based on our County Standard Operation Procedures and Emergency Operation Plans. Commissioner Goodkowsky moved to approve the updated EMA Mutual Aid Agreement, seconded by Commissioner Blodgett; 3-0 vote approved.

#### **LCRPC**

**Hiring Recommendation – Community Resilience Planning Summer Intern** – County Administrator Carrie Kipfer presented a Hiring Recommendation on behalf of LCRPC Executive Director Emily Rabbe. The recommendation is for hiring Lydia Pease as a Summer Intern through the Margaret Chase Smith Policy Center. Ms. Pease is a master's student in planning and public administration at USM. It would be a 12-week internship running from May 26<sup>th</sup> to August 14<sup>th</sup>, 2026. Commissioner Goodkowsky moved to approve the Hiring Recommendation for Lydia Pease as Summer Intern, seconded by Commissioner Blodgett; 3-0 vote approved.

#### **Administrator**

**Hiring Recommendation – HR Manager Jesse Tobia** – Administrator Kipfer presented a Hiring Recommendation for the new Human Resources Manager, Jesse Tobia, effective March 30, 2026. She had received verbal permission from Commissioner Levesque prior to that date. Commissioner Goodkowsky moved to approve the hiring recommendation for HR Manager Jesse Tobia, seconded by Commissioner Blodgett; 3-0 vote approved.

**Recycling Purchase Authorization Amendment – Roll off Containers** – Administrator Kipfer presented an amendment to a prior Purchase Authorization for up to \$25,000 to be adjusted to the revised figure of up to \$32,000 based on the actual costs of four new roll off containers for Recycling. Commissioner Goodkowsky moved to approve the amendment to the Purchase Order for up to \$32,000 for roll off containers, seconded by Commissioner Blodgett; 3-0 vote approved.

**Payment Authorization – Courthouse Generator Repair - \$3,060.74** – Administrator Kipfer presented a Payment Authorization in the amount of \$3,060.74 for Cummings Northeast to repair a leak in the generator at the Courthouse. The repair has been completed. Commissioner Goodkowsky moved to approve the Purchase Authorization as presented, seconded by

Commissioner Blodgett; 3-0 vote approved.

### **Old Business**

**Public Safety Building Project** – Administrator Kipfer let the Commissioners know that she has a meeting scheduled in a couple weeks with legal counsel on preparing an option agreement. She will bring the draft to the Commissioners when it is done for input and changes.

**DA Office Witness Fee Payment Authorization - \$5,926.20** – In the absence of District Attorney Natasha Irving, Administrator Kipfer reported back to the Commissioners on the status of the Payment Authorization request for witness fees in the amount of \$5,926.20 by the Attorney General's Office. The DA let the Administrator know that the State Law requires that the State Attorney General's office pay these kinds of fees. The invoice will be returned to them unpaid.

### **Commissioner's Updates**

**LCRPC** – Commissioner Goodkowsky reminded the Commissioners of the LCRPC Annual Meeting to be held on April 15, 2026, from 5:30-7:30 PM at the Bigelow Labs in East Boothbay.

Commissioner Levesque recently attended the LCRPC program for New Home Buyers and found it well attended, well presented and very interesting. He hopes it will be something they offer to more employers in the area.

**CCWI** – Commissioner Goodkowsky let the Commissioners know that the next meeting will be April 16, 2026, at 8:45 AM.

**MCCA** – Commissioner Levesque reminded the Commissioners that Friday, April 10, 2026, is County Day at the State House from 8 AM to 12 noon. He is planning on attending.

**Revolutionary Maine: America at 250** – Commissioner Levesque reminded the Commissioners that one of the 26 original copies of the Declaration of Independence, the Dunlap version, will be on display at the Bigelow Labs from July 24 to July 25, 2026. There will be a planning meeting for the program on April 16, 2025.

**Legislative Updates** - Administrator Kipfer updated the Commissioners on the ongoing advocacy efforts by county officials and MCCA to secure jail funding, particularly for medication-assisted treatment (MAT). The governor's proposed budget excludes approximately \$4 million in MAT funding that counties have relied on in recent years, creating anticipated budget shortfalls for jail operations. In response, county representatives have been lobbying legislators and supporting LD 2232, a bill that would increase statewide jail funding from \$20.4 million to \$30 million with annual cost-of-living adjustments. The bill has received overwhelming support in committee and in both chambers, but its future depends on whether the appropriations committee can identify sufficient funding before the statutory adjournment date. Administrator Kipfer emphasized the practical and financial consequences if additional

funding is not secured. Counties are legally required to provide MAT services and cannot discontinue them under state law or Department of Corrections standards. Without state support, rising costs, including longer jail stays and increased service needs, would be passed on to municipalities, increasing property taxes. She also stressed that addiction treatment in jails is a statewide issue that warrants state participation, noting that counties are already using opioid settlement funds for prevention but cannot avoid the costs associated with treating incarcerated individuals.

**Executive Session – Discussion of Legal – 1 MRSA 405 (6) (E)** – Commissioner Blodgett moved to enter Executive Session for Discussion of Legal per 1 MSRA 405 (6) (E); seconded by Commissioner Goodkowsky; 3-0 vote approved.

Commissioner Goodkowsky moved to come out of Executive Session, seconded by Commissioner Blodgett; 3-0 vote approved. No votes taken.

Commissioner Goodkowsky moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Blodgett; 3-0 vote approved.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:00 AM to the twenty-first day of April 2026 A.D.

ATTEST:

  
Executive Assistant