

State of Maine

At a meeting of the County Commissioners, begun and holden in Wiscasset, within the County of Lincoln on the twentieth day of September 2022, by the adjournment from the sixth day of September ,2022.

Present: William Blodgett-Interim Chair
Hamilton W. Meserve – Via Phone
Mary Trescot

Minutes

September 6, 2022

Commissioner Meserve moved to approve, second by Commissioner Trescot; 3-0 vote approved.

Finance Department

Finance Director Michelle Richardson presented the following warrants for approval:

#65 for \$323,318.74

Commissioner Trescot moved to approve, second by Commissioner Meserve; 3-0 vote approved.

#2022-18 for \$215,977.77

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

Payment Authorization –Audit Services- Finance Director Michelle Richardson request approval to pay Berry, Talbot and Royer for auditing services for the 2021 Financial Statements in the amount of \$7,750.00. Commissioner

Trescot moved to approve payment, second by Commissioner Blodgett; 3-0 vote approved.

Transfer of Capital Roads account to UT Fund- for fiscal year 2022 Lincoln County established a UT budget. Historically Lincoln County received LRAP monies from the State specifically for Hibberts Gore. Finance Director Richardson request approval to transfer Roads/Bridges fund Balance of \$10,894.65 which includes LRAP funds accumulated to UT fund balance, separating county operations and UT operations.

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

Sheriff's Department

Jail Count- Sheriff Brackett reported the jail count as follows: Lincoln County 26, Sagadahoc 17, Knox/Waldo 37, Penobscot 67, Cumberland 02, York 01, and Federal 10 for a total of 159.

Payment Authorization-Net Motion – Sheriff Brackett request permission to pay Net Motion \$3,063.08 for annual software maintenance. Commissioner Meserve moved to approve, second by Commissioner Trescot; 3-0 vote approved.

Conditional Offer of Employment- Deferred to next meeting. 10/4/22

Communications

Hiring Recommendation-Christi Krause- Communications Director Tara Doe recommends to the board the hiring of Christi Krause effective 9/20/22 to the position of Emergency Communications

Officer. Commissioner Meserve approve the request, second by Commissioner Trescot; 3-0 vote approved.

Employee Resignation- Communications Director Doe presents to the board 2 resignations for approval. Robert Collins effective 9/9/2022. Commissioner Trescot moved to accept resignation, second by Commissioner Meserve; 3-0 vote approved.

Director Doe also presents resignation from Curt Bigelow effective 9/16/.2022. Commissioner Meserve moved to accept, second by Commissioner Trescot; 3-0 vote approved.

EMA

Payment Authorization- Lease Agreement- EMA Director Casey Stevens request payment authorization for \$5,750.00 to Just Right Storage & Dirt Work Inc. for remaining six months of lease agreement. Commissioner Trescot moved authorize payment, second by Commissioner Meserve; 3-0 vote approved.

LCRPC

Midcoast Council of Governments MOU- Planning Director Mary Ellen-Barnes recommend signing of the MOU with Midcoast Council of Governments to participate in the Economic Recovery Implementation regional Hub for the Midcoast Region. Commissioner Meserve moved to approve, second by Commissioner Trescot; 3-0 vote approved.

Housing Study Contract- Camoin- Director Barnes request authorization to sign contract with Camoin Associates for economic development consultant services for \$39,950.00, to be billed on a monthly progress to completion basis. The final report will be a comprehensive study of housing resources and needs in Lincoln County. Commissioner Trescot moved to approve, second by Commissioner Meserve; 3-0 vote approved.

Draft ARPA Broadband Funding Application- Director Barnes reviews the application with the board. Commissioner Meserve move to approve application with clarifying language, second by Commissioner Trescot; 3-0 vote approved.

Administrator

Payment Authorization- Administrator Kipfer request authorization to pay C&S Flooring \$4,312.00 for the flooring of the Communications Center. Commissioner Trescot moved to approve, second by Commissioner Meserve; 3-0 vote approved.

Telephone System Upgrades- Administrator Kipfer updates the board on the telephone system upgrade with Business Communications.

Opioid Settlement Funds Received- Administrator Kipfer request permission to accept the settlement funds of \$30,365.48. Commissioner Meserve moved to approve, second by Commissioner Trescot; 3-0 vote approved. Information has been requested from Legal Counsel about future payments and approved uses.

Restorative Justice Project 2023 Budget Proposal-

Representatives from the Restorative Justice Project Maine joined the meeting to discuss their FY2023 funding request with the Commissioners.

Kathy Durgin-Leighton, Executive Director, Drew Himmelstein, Lincoln County Community Justice Manager, Margaret Micolichak, Director of the Restorative Justice Hubs, and Joanna Crispe, Director of Programs were in attendance.

These representatives discussed the progress of developing a Community Justice Hub in Lincoln County and the types of referrals that they receive.

Currently, 10 juvenile cases are served per year, but that could increase to 17-20 cases if additional funding is secured.

In addition, a goal of expanding to serve 5-8 adult cases per year has been set.

The Commissioners have requested input from the County Sheriff and the District Attorney on their level of support of this request.

The County Administrator will reach out to both for input.

Executive Session: Discussion of Personnel- MRSA 405(6)(A)- Joined by Communications Director Tara Doe. Commissioner Trescot moved to enter into executive session, second by Commissioner Meserve. Out of Exec Session – The Commissioners voted to make a temporary change to the overtime pay rates for Emergency Communications Officers.

Effective October 1, 2022 – December 31, 2022, all overtime eligible shifts worked by non-probationary, full-time Emergency Dispatch Communicators will be paid at the force-in rate of pay.

This change may be withdrawn if the current staffing shortage improves and is no longer needed. Commissioner Meserve moved to approve, second by Commissioner Trescot; 3-0 vote approved.


Effective October 1, 2022, the Reserve Emergency Communications Officer pay rate will be increased to \$30.00 per hour.

This increase may be adjusted to reflect market rates in the future if needed. Commissioner Meserve moved to approve, second by Commissioner Trescot; 3-0 vote approved.

Discussion of Legal-1MRSA 405 (6)(E) Commissioner Trescot moved to enter into executive session Out of Executive Session, no votes taken. The Commissioners will hold a special meeting on Thursday, September 22 at 2:45pm to discuss a legal matter.

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned to the 22ndth day of October 2022 A.D.

ATTEST:


Administrative Assistant