

STATE OF MAINE

At a meeting of the County Commissioners, begun and holden in Wiscasset, within and for the County of Lincoln, on the twenty-first day of October 2025 by adjournment from the seventh day of October 2025.

Present: William B. Blodgett
Evan Goodkowsky
David Levesque

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

Public Forum

Peter Arnold, representing Repower Wiscasset, a local grassroots organization trying to bring a new power generator to Wiscasset, building on the infrastructure that already exists. Mr. Arnold wanted to make sure that the proposal from Peregrine Turbine to the Town of Wiscasset was on the radar of the Commissioners. David Stapp, CEO of Peregrine Turbine, made a proposal to the Wiscasset Selectboard at their last meeting on October 7, 2025, regarding bringing a world headquarters for geothermal energy on Birch Point, Wiscasset as well as making as much electricity on the lands near the old Maine Yankee as Maine Yankee did when it was functioning. He would hope the County would support it and see how they could help. Mr. Arnold has been working with the State on geothermal energy to see how we can boost power sources in Maine.

Minutes

October 7, 2025 – Commissioner Goodkowsky moved to accept the minutes as written, seconded by Commissioner Levesque; 3-0 vote approved.

Finance Department

Warrant – Finance Director Michelle Richardson presented Accounts Payable Warrant #82 in the amount of \$ 264,246.08 for approval. Commissioner Levesque moved to approve the Accounts Payable Warrant as presented, seconded by Commissioner Goodkowsky; 3-0 vote approved.

Payroll Warrant – Director Richardson presented Payroll Warrant #2025-21 paid out on October 17, 2025, in the amount of \$ 263,689.21. Commissioner Levesque moved to approve the Payroll Warrant as presented, seconded by Commissioner Goodkowsky; 3-0 vote approved.

Financial Statement Update – Director Richardson presented the Financial Statement through September 30, 2025. Only one department, Probate, is showing 75%, with the others under budget currently. In mid-November, she will have a better estimate of the possible surplus status for the year.

Sheriff's Department

Jail Count – Sheriff Todd Brackett presented the current jail count as follows effective October 21, 2025: Lincoln 32, Sagadahoc 21, Knox 23, Penobscot 49, Waldo 30, Federal 3, and Immigration Customs Enforcement (ICE) 9 for a total of 167.

ASP/KieveWavus Contract Renewal – Sheriff Brackett presented a contract renewal for the Alternative Sentencing Program (ASP) held at Camp Wavus twice a year. This contract covers October 2025 in the amount of \$2,200. Up to 50 ASP participants go through the program. Commissioner Goodkowsky moved to accept the contract with Camp Wavus in the amount of \$2,200, seconded by Commissioner Levesque; 3-0 vote approved.

EMA

Radio equipment for Blinn Hill tower – Administrator Carrie Kipfer presented a contract for equipment to supplement and upgrade the current equipment on the Blinn Hill tower to support the fire and police channels project. This would use \$22,304.02 in funds from a Homeland Security Grant which was already awarded in 2022 using past contract language. Commissioner Levesque moved to accept the tower equipment upgrade, seconded by Commissioner Goodkowsky; 3-0 vote approved.

Administrator

Unorganized Territory Budget FY27 – Administrator Kipfer presented the FY 27 Unorganized Territory Budget. This needs to be presented to the State Coordinator of Unorganized Territories by November 7, 2025. Administrator Kipfer reached out to our contractor to get estimates for work that will be needed in the coming year, including tree work (estimate \$18,000), and some other road work to help maintain the surface of the road (estimate \$24,000). Snowplowing is also estimated. The total budgeted appropriation is \$65,082, which reflects the funds the State pays towards the maintenance of the road. Commissioner Goodkowsky moved to approve the Unorganized Territory Budget for FY27 in the amount of \$65,082, seconded by Commissioner Levesque; 3-0 vote approved.

IT Services Contract Renewal – Burgess Technology Services – Administrator Kipfer has not received the updated contract yet from Burgess Technology Services and suggested tabling until the next Commissioners' Meeting. Commissioner Levesque moved to table the IT Services Contract Renewal until November 4, 2025, seconded by Commissioner Goodkowsky; 3-0 vote approved.

Old Business

Public Safety Building Project – Administrator Kipfer is waiting for a date for viewing new parcels so there is no new information at this time.

Commissioners' Updates

LCRPC – Commissioner Goodkowsky attended the meeting on October 15, 2025. The Committee is down several members.

Workforce Board – Commissioner Goodkowsky has given the names of a couple possible new members.

MCCA – Commissioner Levesque attended the last meeting where they indicated that they were planning on having the MCCA meeting in December in Lincoln County. The County Administrator has let the head of MCCA know that Lincoln County staff does not have the capacity to assist in the event and the MCCA Staff will be managing it on their own.

MCCA Risk Pool – Commissioner Levesque received feedback that the Risk Pool would like to see more Lincoln County staff at trainings.

Executive Session

Discussion of Personnel – 1 MRSA 405 (6) (A) – Commissioner Levesque moved to enter Executive Session for Discussion of Personnel per 1 MRSA 405 (6) (A); seconded by Commissioner Goodkowsky, 3-0 vote approved.

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

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

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

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

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:15 AM to the 4th day of November, 2025 A.D.

ATTEST:

Executive Assistant

