

STATE OF MAINE

At a meeting of the County Commissioners, begun and holden in Wiscasset, within and for the County of Lincoln, on the second day of July 2024 by adjournment from the eighteenth day of June 2024.

Present: William B. Blodgett
Hamilton Meserve
Mary Trescot

Minutes

June 18, 2024- Commissioner Blodgett moved to approve, second by Commissioner Trescot; 3-0 vote approved.

Finance Department

Warrants - Finance Director Michelle Richardson presented for approval accounts payable warrant #62 for \$658,084.51. Commissioner Trescot moved to approve, second by Commissioner Blodgett; 3-0 vote approved.

Presented for approval accounts payable warrant #64 for \$31,488.96. Commissioner Blodgett moved to approve, second by Commissioner Trescot; 3-0 vote approved.

Payroll warrant #2024-13 for \$237,780.96 was presented for approval. Commissioner Trescot moved to approve, second by Commissioner Blodgett; 3-0 vote approved.

Sheriff's Department

Jail Count –Sheriff Todd Brackett reported the jail count as follows: Lincoln 21, Sagadahoc 25, Knox 35, Penobscot 57, Waldo 22, Androscoggin 21, Oxford 01, and Federal 10 for a total of 192.

Payment Authorization – A payment request to Coastal Electronics for \$7,529.10 for the purchase of new cruiser equipment and installation was presented for approval. Commissioner Blodgett moved to approve, second by Commissioner Trescot; 3-0 vote approved.

Purchase Authorization – Sheriff Brackett requests permission to locate and purchase a K-9 to add to the force. He is specifically looking for a Labrador Retriever that will be trained in scent tracking and the dog will be assigned to Deputy Sam Alexander. The purchase authorization will be to spend up to \$10,000.00 for the cost of the dog and the funds will come from the Fund Balance of the Heidi Fund, which is comprised of donated funds specifically earmarked for this use. Commissioner Blodgett moved to approve, second by Commissioner Trescot; 3-0 vote approved.

Sale of Surplus Property– A 2017 Ford Interceptor fleet vehicle has reached the end of its useful life in the department and is ready to be disposed of. Sheriff Brackett requests permission to have its condition evaluated to determine if it can be repaired and reassigned to the County Buildings Department or if it should be sold using the bid process. Commissioner Blodgett moved to approve moving forward with the disposal process, second by Commissioner Trescot; 3-0 vote approved.

Communications

EMS Channel Update – Communications Director Tara Doe provided the Board with an update on the EMS Radio Channel project. The combined frequency was activated on Monday, July 1st with minor glitches that have been resolved. An improvement over the former system has already been experienced. Director Doe and County Administrator Carrie Kipfer recognized Radio Communications Management, the installation vendor on this project, for their ability to meet the deadline on the project that allowed Lincoln County to qualify for a significant grant from the Maine CDC to offset the cost to the County.

Lincoln County Regional Planning Commission

DACF Contract Renewal – Executive Director Emily Rabbe presents the FY25 contract with the Maine Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry in the amount of \$1,231.00. This grant funds technical assistance for non-coastal Lincoln County towns. Commissioner Blodgett moved to approve renewing the contract, second by Commissioner Trescot; 3-0 vote approved.

ASK Grant Approvals – Director Rabbe presents two ASK Grant approvals for payment. The Town of Waldoboro has requested \$2,500 for a project at the Hoffses House, and the Town of Bremen Library has requested \$2,500 for a project on the library grounds. Commissioner Blodgett moved to approve payment of both requests, second by Commissioner Trescot; 3-0 vote approved.

Out of State Travel Request – Director Rabbe requests permission to send County Planners Laura Graziano and Curtis Brown to the NNECAPA Conference in Stowe Vermont. Ms. Graziano has been invited to participate as a panelist during one of the educational sessions. Commissioner Blodgett moved to approve the travel, second by Commissioner Trescot; 3-0 vote approved.

Grant Management Assistance – A proposal for the Town of Damariscotta to complete Planning Services for their Community Resilience Partnership Community Action Grant was presented. The total proposal would provide up to \$6,500 in funding to offset the cost of providing the services. Commissioner Blodgett moved to approve the proposal, second by Commissioner Trescot; 3-0 vote approved.

Director Rabbe updated the Board on the grants her department has assisted towns with in the first half of 2024. To date, eighteen grants have been submitted, with approximately \$400,000 being awarded to several Lincoln County towns for a variety of projects. An additional \$600,000 of requests are still pending award announcements.

Administrator

Public Hearing – Administrator Carrie Kipfer provided a reminder to those in attendance that a Public Meeting is scheduled at the Communications Center on July 9th at 6pm to review the *LCSO Site & Structural Analysis*. This is an opportunity for community members to review the analysis and to provide input on steps the County should take to address the needs of the building.

Executive Session: Discussion of Labor Negotiations-1MRSA 405 (6) (D)

Commissioner Meserve moved to enter into Executive Session, second by Commissioner Blodgett; 3-0 vote approved. Out of Executive Session, no votes were taken.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned to the 16th day of July 2024 A.D.

ATTEST: _____
County Administrator