

STATE OF MAINE

Lincoln, ss.

December Term, 2017

At a meeting of the County Commissioners, begun and holden in Wiscasset, on the third day of April, by adjournment from the twentieth day of March 2018

Present: Hamilton W. Meserve, Chairman  
William B. Blodgett  
Mary R. Trescot

Commissioner Meserve opened the meeting by leading in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Under Public Forum, Dave Probert of Dresden asked to speak, regarding conflicting information he has received in reference to the continuance of recycling plastics in Dresden. County Administrator, Carrie Kipfer, explained the situation. China, being the previous market, is now refusing to accept mixed plastics which includes #1 plastics. The County is pursuing options, but the Town of Dresden has notified us that they do not wish to separate its #1 plastics from #3 - #7. Therefore, Dresden can only give us #2 plastic at this time. Mr. Probert appreciated the clarification.

Under Public Forum, Bremen Selectman, Hank Nevins, also wanted to discuss Lincoln County Recycling Plastic concerns as well as the participation of the Knox County towns of Friendship and Cushing bringing its recyclables to the Town of Waldoboro. Lincoln County picks these up and there is no charge to those towns. Additionally, Mr. Nevins has concerns about the number of Sheriff's Department Officers leaving to go to other employment and wonders if the Commissioners should consider increasing their wages.

From the Finance Department, County Treasurer, Richard Newell, presented for approval:

Warrant 649	\$ 65,721.93
Warrant 650	\$193,881.52
Warrant 652	\$241,870.27.

Motion to approve all three warrants by Commissioner Blodgett; second by Commissioner Trescot; 3 – 0 vote approved. All Commissioners signed.

Finance Director, Michelle Cearbaugh, informed the Board that the County has still not needed to draw monies from the 2018 Tax Anticipation Note.

Ms. Cearbaugh presented for approval:

Payroll Warrant #7	\$161,188.34
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Motion to approve by Commissioner Blodgett; second by Commissioner Trescot; 3 – 0 vote approved. All Commissioners signed.

Ms. Cearbaugh informed the Board that the in-house payroll process, which began at the beginning of 2018, is going well.

Sheriff Todd Brackett and Chief Deputy, Rand Maker, reported a current Lincoln County Jail count of 20 inmates being held at Two Bridges Regional Jail (TBRJ); Sagadahoc County holds 32 at TBRJ; Federal 1; Waldo County 43; Oxford 32; Penobscot 38, for a total of 166. An additional 20 are being diverted by the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office; 24 are diverted by Maine Pretrial; and 45 by the Addiction Resource Center.

Sheriff Brackett reported that a Lincoln County Patrol Deputy recently had to revive someone who had overdosed on drugs, with five doses of Narcan (Naloxone). Narcan is a synthetic drug which blocks

opiate receptors in the nervous system. Sheriff Brackett said that the use and overdosing of Fentanyl and Heroin is on the increase.

Having three full-time vacant Patrol Deputy positions, Sheriff Brackett has three recommendations for hiring, all conditionally, subject to the successful completion of standard tests and background checks.

James T. French has retired from Baltimore County, Maryland Police Department, after 25 years, and has moved to Maine. Commissioner Trescot moved to approve the hire of James T. French; second by Commissioner Blodgett; 3 – 0 vote approved.

Recommendation was made to hire David M. Bellows, who has been working as a Patrol Officer for the Town of Damariscotta, but would need to attend the Maine Criminal Justice Academy. Motion to approve by Commissioner Blodgett; second by Commissioner Trescot; 3 – 0 vote approved.

Recommendation was made to hire Andrew C. Miner of Whitefield, who is currently a prison guard in Warren. Mr. Miner will be hired for a new Traffic Enforcement position and will also need to attend the Academy. Motion to approve by Commissioner Blodgett; second by Commissioner Trescot; 3 – 0 vote approved.

Bids were received from two (2) Vehicle Dealers for the Police SUV's and Sedan:

Newcastle Chrysler	2016 Nissan Rogue	\$18,091.00
	2014 Honda CRV	\$16,998.00
	2015 KIA Sorento	\$15,310.00
	2018 Dodge Police Charger Sedan	\$22,729.00
	2018 Dodge Durango	\$25,402.00
	2018 Dodge Durango – no spotlight	\$25,402.00
Quirk Ford Augusta	2018 Police Interceptor Utility	\$28,005.00
	2018 Police Interceptor Sedan	\$25,296.00
	2018 Police Interceptor Utility	\$28,162.00
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Commissioner Blodgett moved to have the Sheriff and Chief Deputy review the bids and return to the meeting; second by Commissioner Trescot; 3 – 0 vote approved.

Having reviewed the bids and returned to the meeting, Sheriff Brackett recommended the purchase of:

Newcastle Chrysler –		
	(1) 2018 Dodge Police Charger Sedan	\$22,729.00
	(1) 2018 Dodge Durango SUV (no spotlight)	\$25,402.00
Quirk Ford Augusta –		
	(2) Police Interceptor Utility Vehicles	\$28,005.00

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

County Administrator, Carrie Kipfer, briefed the Board about the Criminal Justice meeting that she recently attended in Augusta.

A bank robbery occurred on Monday, April 2, 2018, at the New Harbor “branch of the Damariscotta Bank and Trust. Chief Maker informed the Board that someone used the “L-tip” or TipSoft Online” to identify the individual whose photo was displayed publicly. By that evening, the robber had been arrested.

Communications Director, Joe Westrich, brought a resignation from Dispatcher, Sarah Rego, whose last workday is April 11, 2018. Commissioner Blodgett moved to accept the resignation; second by Commissioner Trescot; 3 – 0 vote approved.

Request was made to advertise the vacant full-time dispatch position. Commissioner Trescot moved to approve; second by Commissioner Blodgett; 3 – 0 vote approved.

National Telecommunicator Week is April 9 – 13.

Emergency Management Agency (EMA) Director, Casey Stevens, informed the Board that the EMA Truck would be better utilized without its cap and roll-out bed. He recommends selling them and purchasing a tunnel cover so more equipment can be transported in the back. Administrator Kipfer agreed. Commissioner Blodgett moved to approve; second by Commissioner Trescot; 3 – 0 vote approved.

The Maine Prepares Conference will be held at the Augusta Civic Center, April 24 and 25. Director Stevens encourages everyone to attend. Registration may be done online.

A written request was received from Michael Chase, in the Tax Abatement matter of Michael Chase v. the Town of Bristol. Mr. Chase was unexpectedly called out-of-state for a job obligation. He has requested approval to reschedule the hearing to Tuesday, June 19, 2018. Commissioner Blodgett moved to approve the request and to schedule for 11:00 a.m.; second by Commissioner Trescot; 3 – 0 vote approved. The Administrative Assistant will arrange for Extensions of Time for Hearing and Decision to be signed and returned for the file.

County Administrator, Carrie Kipfer, presented the District Court Lease, Memorandum of Agreement. The State of Maine has agreed to a 4% increase for a 3-year agreement, for 2,805 square feet at \$11.54 per square foot, effective April 1, 2018 through March 31, 2021. Motion to approve by Commissioner Blodgett; second by Commissioner Trescot; 3 – 0 vote approved. Commissioner Meserve signed.

A purchase order request was made for new light fixtures and wiring replacement for the Superior Courtroom, in the total amount of \$8,212.00. The State will pay for one-half the costs (\$4,106.00); Superior Court Reserve (\$1,852.64); and Buildings and Grounds Reserve (\$2,253.36). Motion to approve by Commissioner Blodgett; second by Commissioner Trescot; 3 – 0 vote approved. All Commissioners signed.

Administrator Kipfer informed the Board that the Boothbay Harbor Rotary Club donated \$500.00 to the Heidi K9 Fund. A card of thanks has been sent.

A copy of a letter was received from the Maine Coast Heritage Trust, addressed to Maine Revenue Services with a check in the amount of \$2,250.00 payable to Maine Revenue Services for several Unorganized Territories. The amount of \$200.00 is designated to go towards Lincoln County's Loud's Island taxes. Administrator Kipfer recommended that if these monies are received, they should be forwarded to the Town of Bristol since they have provided services to the island that were unfunded. Commissioner Blodgett moved to approve the recommendation; second by Commissioner Trescot; 3 – 0 vote approved.

At 11:30 a.m., Commissioner Blodgett moved to enter into executive session with the County Administrator and Register of Probate, Catherine Moore, to discuss a personnel matter, according to 1 MRSA 405 (6) (A); second by Commissioner Trescot; 3 – 0 vote approved.

Out of executive session at 11:45 a.m., Commissioner Meserve moved to authorize Catherine Moore to increase the hours of the Probate Clerk position up to an additional five (5) hours (30 total) per week for a period of three (3) months; second by Commissioner Trescot; 3 – 0 vote approved.

Register Moore left the meeting.

At 11:46 a.m., Commissioner Blodgett moved to enter into executive session with the County Administrator, to discuss a personnel matter, according to 1 MRSA 405 (6) (A); second by Commissioner Trescot; 3 – 0 vote approved.

Out of executive session at 12:20 p.m., there were no votes taken.

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There being no further business, the Commissioners adjourned to meet on the seventeenth day of April A.D. 2018.

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Administrative Assistant