

STATE OF MAINE

Lincoln, ss.

May Term, 2018

At a meeting of the County Commissioners, begun and holden in Wiscasset, within and for the County of Lincoln, on the first day of May, by adjournment from the seventeenth day of April 2018

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

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

There was no one present for Public Forum.

Commissioner Trescot moved to approve minutes from the April 17, 2018 meeting; second by Commissioner Blodgett; 3 – 0 vote approved.

From the Finance office, Treasurer, Richard Newell, presented for approval:

Warrant 656	\$119,895.25
Warrant 658	\$160,800.11.

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

Treasurer Newell noted that at the last meeting he erroneously reported that \$750,000.00 had been drawn against the 2018, \$5,000,000.00 Tax Anticipation Note. The correct amount drawn was \$500,000.00, leaving a balance of \$4,500,000.00.

Finance Director, Michelle Cearbaugh, presented for approval:

Payroll Warrant #8	\$183,582.65
Payroll Warrant #9	\$159,828.22.

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

Sheriff Todd Brackett and Chief Deputy, Rand Maker, reported a current Jail count of 18 Lincoln County inmates being held at Two Bridges Regional Jail (TBRJ); Sagadahoc County holds 27; Federal 2; Waldo 40; Oxford 31; and Penobscot 29, for a total inmate population of 147. Additionally, 24 Lincoln County prisoners are being diverted by the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office; 16 are diverted by Maine Pretrial; and 48 are being diverted by the Addiction Resource Center.

Sheriff Brackett says that they continue to work towards creating a satellite station in Boothbay.

Emergency Management Agency (EMA) Director, Casey Stevens, is working on a Coordinated Emergency Response Plan and has been meeting with Law Enforcement, Fire Chiefs and other emergency personnel.

Request was made to send Training Operations Officer, Ken Desmond, to out of state training for National Fire Protection Association School Safety training in Quincy, Massachusetts sometime in June 2018. The only expense will be for one night's lodging. Motion to approve by Commissioner Blodgett; second by Commissioner Trescot; 3 – 0 vote approved.

Prior to the Maine Prepares Conference, Director Stevens nominated Megan Melville from Lincoln Health for the 2018 Emergency Manager of the Year Award and she won.

On behalf of Communications Director, Joe Westrich, who is attending a NENA (National Emergency Number Association) Conference, County Administrator, Carrie Kipfer, presented his agenda.

Having advertised for the vacant, full-time dispatch position, four applications have been received. Typing and skills testing are being performed, and interviews will be held afterwards.

Director Westrich has been visiting elementary schools with Red E. Fox and the simulator.

County Administrator, Carrie Kipfer, informed the Board that Senator Angus King visited last Thursday and had lunch at Sarah's Café in Wiscasset, with officials from the LCRPC (Lincoln County Regional Planning Commission), EMA Director, Casey Stevens, and officials from local towns impacted by Sea Level Rise. He also discussed broadband efforts and concerns. Senator King has said that he will do whatever he can to help the towns in these matters.

The Administrator presented a purchase order for new wrought iron railing replacement at the Communications Center, which will run the entire length of the building, in the amount of \$4,000.00,. This purchase will be paid for from County Buildings 2018 funding. Motion to approve by Commissioner Blodgett; second by Commissioner Trescot; 3 – 0 vote approved.

Administrator Kipfer informed the Board that the LCRPC (Lincoln County Regional Planning Commission) was recently awarded a Fiscal Year 2018, \$200,000.00 Brownfields Community-wide grant. Additionally, the LCRPC office assisted the Town of Wiscasset in applying for a Brownfields grant and they have received 2 - \$200,000.00 FY 2018 awards.

LCRPC Economic Development Director, Mary Ellen Barnes, is being honored by receiving the Small Business Administration, *Economic Development Champion of the Year Award*.

A letter has been received from MainePERS (Maine Public Employees Retirement System), informing participants that there will be rule-making changes. There was a period of time for comment, but unfortunately, the time had lapsed before the letter was received. Administrator Kipfer will provide more information as it becomes available.

In reference to Plastics Recycling, there are many concerns by the public and the transfer stations, since the sorting of various numbers has changed due to marketing issues in China. Transfer stations are having difficulties reading the numbers on items and some have decided that they will only handle #2 items. Due to the difficulties, Administrator Kipfer recommends sorting #2 plastics and Rigid Plastics only. Commissioners agreed.

Commissioner Meserve would like the regularly scheduled July 3, 2018 Commissioners' meeting rescheduled to July 10, 2018, since he will not be available. Commissioner Blodgett moved to approve; second by Commissioner Trescot; 2 – 1 (Abstention Meserve) approved.

Commissioners and Administrator Kipfer discussed the 2018 Tax Commitment and the amount of surplus available. The Administrator recommended using at least \$170,262.00 to \$301,350.00. Commissioner Meserve moved to use \$170,262.00 of the surplus towards the 2018 Tax Commitment; second by Commissioner Blodgett; no vote taken.

At 10:54 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 11:32 a.m., there were no votes taken.

The Administrator and Commissioners continued discussion of the 2018 Tax Commitment and use of the 2017 Surplus. The Board reviewed the previous motion and decided to move the motion unchanged, with a 3 – 0 vote approval to use \$170,262.00 in surplus towards the 2018 Tax Commitment. The amount to be raised by taxation is now \$9,948,821.00.

Meeting adjourned at 12:05 p.m.

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

ATTEST: _____
Administrative Assistant