

STATE OF MAINE

Lincoln, ss.

May Term, 2019

July 16, 2019

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

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

Commissioner Meserve moved to approve minutes from the June 18, 2019 Special Public Hearing; second by Commissioner Trescot; 3 – 0 vote approved.

Commissioner Trescot moved to approve minutes from the July 2, 2019 meeting; second by Commissioner Meserve; 3 – 0 vote approved.

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

Warrant #669	\$154,013.51
Warrant #671	\$ 17,864.82

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

Finance Director, Michelle Cearbaugh, presented for approval:

Payroll Warrant #2019-14	\$195,000.64
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Motion to approve by Commissioner Meserve; second by Commissioner Trescot; 3 – 0 vote approved. All Commissioners signed.

The Community Corrections funding was received today, in the amount of \$300,467.54.

Sheriff Todd Brackett and Chief Deputy, Rand Maker, reported current Jail counts at Two Bridges Regional Jail (TBRJ): Lincoln County 19; Sagadahoc 28; Federal 2; Oxford 39; Penobscot 37; Kennebec 2, for a total of 127. An additional 21 Lincoln County inmates are being diverted by the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office; 22 are diverted by Maine Pretrial and 136 are diverted by the Addiction Resource Center.

Sheriff Brackett presented an Animal Control Officer renewal contract for the Town of Bremen and a new contract with the Town of Boothbay, both for the period of July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020.

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

Commissioner Blodgett signed.

Notification has been received advising the Sheriff's Department that a \$4,000.00 EUDL (Enforcing the Underage Drinking Laws) Grant has been awarded to the Sheriff's Office. Commissioner Meserve moved to approve acceptance; second by Commissioner Trescot; 3 – 0 vote approved.

A purchase order was presented for 19 new Tasers plus cartridges, in the amount of \$25,175.00, of which \$24,988.00 will be covered by 2017/2018 Grant monies, leaving a balance of \$187.00 to be paid for by County monies. Motion to approve by Commissioner Meserve; second by Commissioner Trescot; 3 – 0 vote approved. All Commissioners signed.

Sheriff Brackett would like to extend conditional offers of employment to two individuals for full-time Patrol Officer positions, pending background checks and other necessary testing. The first is Daniel Sceviour, a former long-time Patrol Officer for Lincoln County, who retired and moved out of state, but now is moving back and interested in working full-time as a deputy. Motion to approve by Commissioner

Trescot; second by Commissioner Meserve; 3 – 0 vote approved. The second is Stanley Parizo, a former Police Officer with the Willimantic, Connecticut Police Department who has moved to Chamberlain, Maine. Motion to approve by Commissioner Meserve; second by Commissioner Trescot; 3 – 0 vote approved.

Commissioner Trescot asked Chief Maker to give a brief report about Camp Postcard, an organization that the Lincoln County Sheriff's Department has long been an active part of. In June of 2019, there were 176 kids attending Camp Postcard, from the 5th and 6th grades, with 18 of those kids being from Lincoln County. The camp is located in Poland, Maine. Sheriff Brackett noted that Chief Maker actively serves in several capacities for the event.

A request has been made by the Town of Bremen for a few hours per week of Traffic Enforcement. The Sheriff will create a MOU (Memorandum of Understanding) with assistance from County Administrator, Carrie Kipfer.

Emergency Management Agency (EMA) Director, Casey Stevens, and Deputy Director, Melissa Temple, brought a AM Radio Tower Site Agreement with Matthew Weaver, to the Board for approval. The Tower Site is situated on the property of Matthew Weaver, in the Town of Newcastle. Commissioner Meserve moved to approve; second by Commissioner Trescot; 3 – 0 vote approved. All Commissioners signed two original copies. Mr. Weaver had previously signed.

Director Stevens requested approval to accept a Bessie D. Brooks Trust 2019 Grant Award in the amount of \$500.00 for the Operation Lifesaver program. Motion to approve by Commissioner Meserve; second by Commissioner Trescot; 3 – 0 vote approved.

Director Stevens presented each Commissioner with a new Lincoln County Atlas, printed at the Lincoln County News. The new Atlas sells for \$8.95 and is located at several local businesses.

County Administrator, Carrie Kipfer, sought approval for a newly drafted Employee Dress Policy. Motion to approve by Commissioner Meserve; second by Commissioner Trescot; 3 – 0 vote approved.

Administrator Kipfer reported that a Lincoln County Recycling truck was doing a pick up at Two Bridges Regional Jail when it blew a hydraulic hose, leaking onto the pavement and some on soil. The accident was reported to the Maine Department of Environmental Protection and cleanup began immediately and has been successfully completed.

Notification has been received that there will be an increase in membership dues with the Maine County Commissioners Association (MCCA). A change in the dues structure has been proposed: 80% of the fee will be a base amount for all counties; 10% will be based on population and 10% will be based on property valuation. The increase will become effective for the next Fiscal Year. Commissioner Meserve moved to acknowledge and support the recommendations of the MCCA Committee; second by Commissioner Trescot; 3 – 0 vote approved. Commissioner Blodgett would like a letter sent to MCCA, informing them of Lincoln County's vote.

Administrator Kipfer informed the Board that the Pay Phone in the handicap entrance of the Courthouse has not been used for the past six months, and costs the County \$55.00 per month. Since the majority of individuals now have cell phones, the Administrator recommends having it removed. Commissioner Meserve moved to approve the recommendation and also that if someone has a need for a phone, they should be allowed to use a Courthouse phone; second by Commissioner Trescot; 3 – 0 vote approved.

At 9:53 a.m., Commissioner Meserve moved to enter into executive session with the County Administrator, EMA Director, Casey Stevens, and Deputy EMA Director, Melissa Temple, to discuss Real Property according to 1 MRSA 405 (6) (C); second by Commissioner Trescot; 3 – 0 vote approved.

Out of executive session at 10:01 a.m., there were no votes taken. Director Stevens and Deputy Director Temple left the meeting.

At 10:01 a.m., Commissioner Meserve moved to enter into executive session with the Administrator, Sheriff Brackett and Chief Maker, to discuss Labor Contracts, according to 1 MRSA 405 (6) (D); second by Commissioner Trescot; 3 – 0 vote approved.

Out of executive session at 11:05 a.m., Commissioner Meserve moved to approve a Collective Bargaining Agreement with FOP (Fraternal Order of Police) for the period of 2019 – 2021, as presented; second by Commissioner Trescot; 3 – 0 vote approved.

At 11:08 a.m., Commissioner Trescot 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 Meserve; 3 – 0 vote approved.

Out of executive session at 11:40 a.m., there were no votes taken.

Meeting adjourned at 11:41 a.m.

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There being no further business, the Commissioners adjourned to meet on the sixth day of August A.D. 2019.

ATTEST: _____
Administrative Assistant