

STATE OF MAINE

At a meeting of the County Commissioners, begun and holden in Wiscasset, within and for the County of Lincoln, on the sixth day of April 2021, by adjournment from the sixteenth day of March 2021.

Present: William B. Blodgett, Chair
Hamilton W. Meserve
Mary Trescot (Participated by phone)

In response to the Executive Order from the Governor's Office, the meeting was held at the Lincoln County Planning Office to maintain the social distancing requirements of the individuals participating. The meeting agenda reflects this change in protocol. Two members of the press participated, in addition, several County departments were present.

Commissioner Meserve moved to approve minutes from the March 16, 2021 meeting; second by Commissioner Blodgett; 3 – 0 vote approved.

Finance Director Michelle Richardson presented for approval:

Warrant #14	\$42,436.05
Warrant #15	\$146,533.51

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

Warrant #18	\$31,405.25
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Motion to approve by Commissioner Meserve; second by Commissioner Blodgett; 3 – 0 vote approved.

One (1) Payroll Warrant was presented for approval:

Payroll Warrant #2021-7	\$191,836.42
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Motion to approve by Commissioner Meserve; second by Commissioner Trescot; 3 – 0 vote approved.

Sheriff Todd Brackett reported a current Jail count at Two Bridges Regional Jail (TBRJ): 18 Lincoln County inmates; Sagadahoc County holds 24 inmates at TBRJ; Federal 2; Oxford 23; Cumberland 2; Penobscot 2, York 2; Aroostook 1 for a total of 74.

Bid opening for budgeted cruiser replacement. The following bids were received:

Quirk	2021 Ford Interceptor	\$43,755
	2021 Ford Interceptor	\$33,385
Newcastle Chrysler	2021 Durango	\$30,797
Darling Ford	2021 Interceptor	\$32,881
	2021 Interceptor	\$39,605

The Commissioners opened the bids and gave them to Sheriff Brackett to review and make a recommendation. Sheriff Brackett recommends that we purchase the 2021 Ford Interceptor from Darling Ford for \$32,881 with the Hybrid option at an additional cost of \$3,320, for a total of \$36,201. The Hybrid cruiser that we currently have in the fleet performs well and the fuel cost savings over the life of the vehicle exceeds the additional equipment costs. Motion to approve by Commissioner Meserve; second by Commissioner Trescot; 3 – 0 vote approved.

Emergency Management Director Casey Stevens presented a proposed Homeland Security Grant budget for 2021. Grant total is \$88,140.08 and funding for Search and Rescue Team (\$2,500), Amateur Radio (\$2,500), HazMat Team (\$5,000), Rescue Task Force (\$20,000) is proposed. Remaining funds to but put towards a standby generator to be installed at the newly established Red Cross shelter location,

CLC YMCA in Damariscotta. Motion to approve application by Commissioner Meserve; second by Commissioner Trescot 3 – 0 vote approved.

County Administrator, Carrie Kipfer presented an employee resignation, effective April 2, 2021, from Administrative Assistant, Denise Pergson, who is moving to another state. Accepted with regrets and authorization to advertise the vacancy; Motion by Commissioner Meserve; second by Commissioner Trescot; 3 – 0 vote approved.

Correspondence received from *The Mooring Chain, LLC* from Monhegan in regards to a permit application with the Maine Land Use Planning Commission. No action necessary.

A Tax Abatement application was received from Michael Chase in regard to property in New Harbor. Mr. Chase and the Town of Bristol to be contacted to schedule a mutually agreeable hearing date.

The dates of the Farmers to Families food box distribution in April were announced. Each Wednesday during the month of April, a distribution site will have food boxes available for any person wishing to take part. This event has been coordinated by Sandy Gilbreath, of the Lincoln County Regional Planning Commission and several volunteers ensure a safe distribution of the boxes.

At 9:45 a.m., Commissioner Meserve made a motion to enter executive session with Sheriff Todd Brackett and Administrator Carrie Kipfer 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 10:22 a.m. Commissioner Meserve made a motion to approve the *Peer to Peer Support Team Policy* with amendments discussed; second by Commissioner Trescot; 3-0 vote approved.

At 10:23 a.m., Commissioner Meserve made a motion to enter executive session with Sheriff Todd Brackett and Administrator Carrie Kipfer 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 10:34 a.m. No votes were taken.

At 10:45 a.m., Commissioner Meserve made a motion to enter executive session with Administrator Carrie Kipfer to discuss a legal matter according to 1 MRSA 405 (6) (E); second by Commissioner Trescot; 3 – 0 vote approved.

Out of executive session at 12:01 p.m. No votes were taken.

Commissioners inquired into the hiring process for the Director of Communications. Administrator Kipfer advised that an oral board had narrowed the applicant pool to two finalists and a second round of interviews had begun. The Board authorized offering the position to the top applicant of the two. Motion by Commissioner Meserve; second by Commission Trescot; 3 – 0 vote approved.

There being no further business, the Commissioners adjourned at 12:10 p.m. to meet on the 20th day of April A.D. 2021.

ATTEST: 
County Administrator