

**WALDO COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT SESSION
(SPECIAL SESSION)
FEBRUARY 11, 2011**

PRESENT: Commissioners William D. Shorey, Chairman, Amy R. Fowler and Betty I. Johnson. Also present was County Clerk Barbara Arseneau to take minutes.

Call to Order: Commissioner Shorey called the court session to order at 10:20 a.m.

SIGNING DEPUTIES ASSOCIATION CONTRACT 2011-13

Present for signing the Contract was Association President Gerald Lincoln, Associate Matthew Curtis, Associate James Greeley, and Chief Deputy Robert Keating.

****A. Fowler moved, B. Johnson seconded to ratify the new Contract effective February 11, 2011. Unanimous.**

All the parties signed the document. W. Shorey thanked the Deputies for their hard work and all they do for the County.

M. Curtis thanked the Commissioners for working with them during the contract negotiating process, expressed that the unit was very happy and the Association had voted to accept the contract unanimously. He further expressed appreciation for the team effort. M. Curtis noted that the timing had been difficult in the previous two contracts, with it running into budget cycle, so it was a good change that now this process could start earlier in the year in 2013. He stated that he hoped that in 2013 this could be accomplished sooner.

W. Shorey informed those present that all the Barracuda Reports are no longer being sent to the County Commissioners. From this time forward the Technology Consultant will bring any problems to the attention of the Department Head/Elected Official and/or Supervisor first.

A. Fowler agreed that this should be handled first internally by the Supervisors and Department Heads/Elected Officials.

M. Curtis informed the Commissioners that they had held meetings to discuss the technology and proper use and believed nothing more would need to be said.

MISCELLANEOUS COMMISSIONERS BUSINESS:

1. Commissioner William Shorey requested an Executive Session to discuss labor contracts and proposals related to the Support Staff Unit negotiations as permitted by M.R.S.A. Title 1 § 405, 6(D).

****A. Fowler moved, B. Johnson seconded to enter Executive Session for discussions on labor contracts and proposals related to the Support Staff Unit as permitted by M.R.S.A. Title 1 § 405, 6(D) at 10:44 a.m. Unanimous.**

****A. Fowler moved, B. Johnson seconded to come out of Executive Session at 11:12 a.m. Unanimous.** No action was taken.

2. Memo re: Barracuda Reports: W. Shorey stated that he would like to have a memorandum sent to the Department Heads. In the past the Barracuda Reports were sent to the County Commissioners in addition to Department Heads. Now these reports will not be coming to the Commissioners but will go to Supervisor and Department Heads directly from the Technology Consultant.

3. B. Johnson stated that she would like all reports from each of the Commissioners to be in writing for the Commissioners Court Sessions. There was brief discussion on what would need to be submitted in writing and what would not.

4. The Commissioners posed in front of a large printout of the 2011 Tax Assessment to the municipalities, noting that all but three municipalities enjoyed a reduction in assessments from the previous year. Those experiencing an increase was the direct result of state valuation. A press release with a photo of the Commissioners and an electronic copy of the 2011 Tax Assessment Sheet will be sent out this week.

****B. Johnson moved, A. Fowler seconded to adjourn the Commissioners Court Session at 11:15 a.m. Unanimous.**

Respectfully submitted by *Barbara L. Arseneau*
Waldo County Clerk