

**WALDO COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT SESSION
DECEMBER 29, 2011
(SPECIAL SESSION)**

PRESENT: Commissioners William D. Shorey - Chairman, Amy R. Fowler and Betty I. Johnson. Taking minutes was County Clerk Barbara Arseneau.

Call to order: W. Shorey called the court session to order at 2:30 p.m.

Commissioner Shorey briefly reviewed the proposed union contract between the AFSCME Council 93 and the County of Waldo. B. Johnson asked for clarification on seniority and longevity and it was explained.

****B. Johnson moved, A. Fowler seconded to ratify the union contract between the AFSCME Council 93, American Federation of State, County & Municipal Employees, AFL-CIO Waldo County Communications Center and the County of Waldo for 2012-14. Unanimous.**

MISCELLANEOUS COMMISSIONERS BUSINESS:

1. W. Shorey recommended moving \$75,000.00 from unappropriated reserves to the Technology Reserve and \$75,000.00 into Future Land and Buildings, both on an as-needed basis.

****A. Fowler moved, B. Johnson seconded to move \$75,000.00 from undesignated funds to the Technology Reserve and \$75,000.00 from undesignated funds to the Future Land and Buildings Reserve, both on an as-needed basis. Unanimous.**

2. EMA Director Dale Rowley has done “an unbelievable amount of work” on the new EMA/Sheriff’s Office building because his hired assistant was only able to work on the new building for about one month. Since D. Rowley has done so much work on this building, W. Shorey recommended that \$10,000.00 be paid him for this extra work.

****B. Johnson moved, A. Fowler seconded to reimburse EMA Director \$10,000.00 for the professional services he as performed on the new building project with \$10,000.00 paid from the Future Land in Buildings Reserve. Unanimous.**

3. W. Shorey reported that to fix the Jail lighting to be indirect lighting, which has been the goal, the most it will cost is \$5,200.00 and if there is ends up being a credit through Efficiency Maine, it will be even less.

4. ICON service software agreement for Probate Registries: Register of Probate Sharon Peavey has submitted this contract for the Commissioners to sign. W. Shorey explained that this contract renewal was difficult to understand and was evaluated by the Technology Consultant, whose opinion was that it was fine to renew it.

****B. Johnson moved, A. Fowler seconded to approve renewal of the ICON service software contract as presented. Unanimous.**

5. The Commissioners briefly discussed the opportunity to save some money for the County by purchasing equipment to upgrade the Zetron system to the most current revision, including replacing the existing Audio Interface prior to the end of this month through Yankee Communications as a special sale.

****B. Johnson and A. Fowler seconded to approve a contract for the Zetron System contract in the amount of \$64,873.90 through Yankee Communications. Unanimous.**

6. W. Shorey reported that there were also savings realized in purchasing the new copier in the County Commissioners Office prior to the end of the year and commended the Deputy County Clerk for working on that.

7. Register of Deeds Deloris Page sent a memo recommending the hire of Amy Keller as Permanent Part Time Clerk at \$12.83 per hour for 25 hours a week starting January 3, 2012.

****B. Johnson moved, A. Fowler seconded to hire Amy Keller as Permanent Part Time Clerk at \$12.83 per hour for 25 hours a week effecting January 3, 2012. Unanimous.**

8. Sheriff Story sent a notice that Deputy Benjamin Wheeler tendered his resignation effective January 8, 2012.

****A. Fowler moved, B. Johnson seconded to accept with regret the resignation of Benjamin Wheeler, effective January 8, 2012. Unanimous.**

9. The Commissioners reviewed a memo from Deputy Treasurer Karen Trussell in which she requested that some final invoices that came in be added to the December 23, 2011 warrant, changing the amount remaining in the County Budget to \$29,482.64. She noted that had she not accepted these invoices, the County budget would have ended in excess of \$40,203.12.

****B. Johnson moved, A. Fowler seconded to pay the remaining 2011 invoices as requested by Deputy Treasurer Karen Trussell. Unanimous.**

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

W. Shorey requested an Executive Session for discussion of union negotiations as permitted by M.R.S.A. Title 1 § 405 – 6(D).

****A. Fowler moved, B. Johnson seconded to go into Executive Session for discussion of union negotiations as permitted by M.R.S.A. Title 1 § 405 – 6(D) at 2:55 p.m. Unanimous.**

****B. Johnson moved, A. Fowler seconded to come out of Executive Session at 3:05 p.m.**

No action was taken.

COMMUNICATIONS CENTER UNION CONTRACT 2012-14:

Present with the Commissioners were Unit Chair Andy Cardinale and Union Representative Sylvia Perry. S. Perry reported that the Unit voted to ratify the 2012-14 union contract. The Commissioners stated that the Board of Commissioners also voted to ratify the contract.

Both parties expressed appreciation for how well the negotiating went and S. Perry commented that the unit was very content with the package.

MISCELLANEOUS COMMISSIONERS BUSINESS:

W. Shorey requested an Executive Session for a personnel matter as permitted by M.R.S.A. Title 1 § 405 – 6(A)

****B. Johnson moved, A. Fowler seconded to enter Executive Session for a personnel matter as permitted by M.R.S.A. Title 1 § 405 – 6(A) at 3:20 p.m. Unanimous.**

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****B. Johnson moved, A. Fowler seconded to come out of Executive Session at 3:22 p.m.
Unanimous.**

No action was taken.

****B. Johnson moved, A. Fowler seconded to adjourn the court session at 3:35 p.m.
Unanimous.**

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