

**WALDO COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT SESSION
(SPECIAL SESSION)
NOVEMBER 30, 2012**

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

Call to Order: Commissioner Shorey called the court session to order at 1:00 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

****A. Fowler moved, B. Johnson seconded for discussion of protected Health Insurance information as permitted by M.R.S.A. Title 1 § 405 6(F) at 1:01 p.m. Unanimous.**

****B. Johnson moved, A. Fowler seconded to come out of Executive Session at 2:04 p.m. Unanimous.**

****B. Johnson moved A. Fowler seconded to rescind the out-of-contract exception form April 1, 2013 subject to amending the out of network coverage for dermatology and physical therapy services to deductible-waived coverage. Unanimous.**

It was noted by the Commissioners that out-of-network claims in excess of \$100,000.00 per family per year are not credited toward the aggregate stop los attachment point. The County would not receive specific stop loss reimbursement on such a claim, which was of concern to them since the plan fund balance is still not at the level recommended by the insurance administrator a several years ago.

Employees will continue to be able to choose health care providers out-of-network, but will have to pay more out-of-pocket for this option. This is the same plan structure that the County had when it was enrolled in the AETNA plan prior to 2008. Employees will be notified of this change in the health insurance plan well in advance of April 1, 2013 and in accordance with union contracts.

2013 HEALTH PLAN RENEWAL:

Present with the Commissioners for brief discussion on the renewal process was Insurance Administrator Malcolm Ulmer and Human Resources/Payroll Director Michelle Wadsworth.

****B. Johnson moved, A. Fowler seconded to renew health insurance coverage with Meritain Health for 2013, continuing at Option 1. Unanimous.**

RATIFICATION VOTE FOR ACTIONS RELATED TO BROWNFIELDS EPA GRANT APPLICATION:

****B. Johnson moved, A. Fowler seconded to ratify Commissioner Shorey's action in signing the Insurance Provision Agreement and all other acts taken that are/were necessary to finalize and file the application of Congress Street Hill Property, LLC to support remediation of the Old Jail, Jailer's House and Barn, including but not limited to securing support letters from partner organizations, the letter of intent from Bangor Savings Bank, and all actions necessary to declare and implement the condominium at Congress Street Hill. Unanimous.**

CORRESPONDENCE:

Present with the County Commissioners to present date-sensitive correspondence was County Clerk Barbara Arseneau, as follows:

1. Peter Woodward has sent a written request to postpone his tax abatement appeal hearing from December 11, 2012 to January 8, 2013. The Commissioners granted this postponement.

2. Communications Director Owen Smith sent a written request for confirmation from the Board of Commissioners in hiring Matthew A. Varney as part-time dispatcher trainee at \$12.83 at \$12.83 per hour.
****A. Fowler moved, B. Johnson seconded approving the hire of Matthew A. Varney as part-time dispatcher trainee at \$12.83 per hour effective December 6, 2012. Unanimous.**

3. Sheriff Story sent the following pay step increases for notation by the Waldo County Commissioners:
 - Part-time Corrections Officer Timothy Parker, for completing Field Training on November 24, 2012, with a pay increase from \$12.96 to \$16.07 per hour.
 - Part-time Corrections Officer Barrett Russell, for completing Field Training on November 16, 2012, with a pay increase from \$12.96 to \$16.07 per hour.
 - Corrections Officer Walter Wagner for reaching a six-month step effective November 27, 2012 with a pay increase from \$16.07 to \$16.14 hour.

4. EMA Director Dale Rowley sent a written announcement that the EMA has received \$52,619.00 in Homeland Security grants as follows:
 - \$20,097.00 for homeland security equipment (for (3) three radio repeaters, a trailer mounted generator, backup power supplies and satellite phone accessories).
 - \$13,522.00 for law enforcement cameras
 - \$10,000.00 for emergency planning
 - \$5,000.00 for the hazmat team
 - \$1,500.00 for the incident management team
 - \$1,500.00 for the ham radio team
 - \$800.00 for the search and rescue team
 - \$200.00 for the pet shelter team

5. The State of Maine Board of Corrections sent a letter dated November 19, 2012 notifying the County of Waldo that the total payment of \$890,128.00 to the Board's Investment Fund in Fiscal Year 2013 in two equal amounts of \$445,064 each due no later than December 14, 2012 and April 30, 2012.

****B. Johnson moved, A. Fowler seconded to adjourn the meeting at 2:25 p.m. Unanimous.**

Respectfully submitted by Barbara L. Arseneau
Waldo County Clerk