

**WALDO COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT
SPECIAL SESSION
August 27, 2013**

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 9:00 a.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

****B. Johnson moved, W. Shorey seconded to go into Executive Session at 9:01 a.m. as permitted by M.R.S.A. Title 1 §405 (6)(F) for protected information under the health insurance plan. Unanimous.**

****B. Johnson moved, W. Shorey seconded to come out of Executive Session at 10:01 a.m. Unanimous.**

****A. Fowler moved, B. Johnson seconded to change the County's open enrollment period from November 15 through December 15 annually instead of December 1 through December 31 each year. Unanimous.**

Employees will be notified of this change in advance. The Commissioners believe that this will make the enrollment process smoother for everyone, and will ensure that new enrollments and changes in enrollment will be submitted in a timely manner to meet the deadline for submission to Meritain Health each year.

****B. Johnson moved, A. Fowler seconded to make an adjustment to the agenda to take action on a request by Maine Organization of Farmers and Gardeners Association (M.O.F.G.A.) for the County Commissioners to reconsider their August 13, 2013 decision not to hear M.O.F.G.A.'s appeal from the Town of Thorndike's denial for tax exemption. Unanimous.**

****A. Fowler moved, B. Johnson seconded to instruct the Waldo County Commissioner Chairman to obtain legal counsel on the decision made by the County Commissioners not to hear M.O.F.G.A.'s appeal from the Town of Thorndike's denial for tax exemption and to determine whether the Commissioners' decision was a correct interpretation of the Maine statutes related to this case. Unanimous.**

****B. Johnson moved, A. Fowler seconded to adjourn the Commissioners' Court Session at 10:16 a.m. Unanimous.**

NEXT COURT SESSION:

The next Commissioners Court Session is a special court session on **September 3, 2013** starting at 10:00 a.m. rather than the usual 9:00 a.m.

****A. Fowler moved, B. Johnson seconded to adjourn the Commissioners Court Session at 10:15 a.m. Unanimous.**

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