

**WALDO COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT  
SEPTEMBER 10, 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.

**FINANCIAL REPORT:**

Present with the County Commissioners was Treasurer David A. Parkman, Deputy Treasurer Karen Trussell.

**REVENUE:**

D. Parkman reported that 75% of anticipated County revenue has been collected so far this year. It could be 67% received, so this is an improvement over recent months. Projected revenue for 2014 is \$590,234.22. He stated that the anticipated revenue for 2013 should come in as expected.

**COUNTY APPROPRIATIONS:**

D. Parkman reported that the County budget could be 67% expended and is 62% expended. The Communications Center budget, even with the Overtime line being over budget, is still on track at this point. The Commissioners were pleased with the report and had no questions.

**CORRECTIONS:**

The Corrections budget is about 10% expended.

**RESERVES:**

The preliminary audit has been received. D. Parkman said he believed that there would be about \$800,000.00 in undesignated funds to “carry” the County for a while. W. Shorey said, in looking ahead at 2015, the same amount of undesignated funds as was briefly discussed during the last court session would need to be moved. He recommended that the Commissioners move an additional \$50,000.00 into the Technology Reserve above what they have considered. He would encourage the Commissioners to put in double what they originally had planned.

D. Parkman told the Commissioners that even though this was a preliminary audit, he wished to read a portion of the audit report letter that was just received this morning, including weaknesses and deficiencies with internal controls. D. Parkman said that he believed a lot were related to the previous audit. He briefly reviewed those weaknesses with the Commissioners.

W. Shorey agreed that there were major weaknesses in the system and was glad that some have already been resolved.

After brief discussion about the need to appropriate undesignated funds into reserve accounts, the Commissioners voted as follows:

**\*\*B. Johnson moved, A. Fowler seconded to appropriate undesignated funds to the following reserve accounts:**

<b>Employment Security:</b>	<b>\$25,000.00</b>
<b>Equipment Services:</b>	<b>\$3,000.00</b>
<b>Severance:</b>	<b>\$25,000.00</b>
<b>Courthouses:</b>	<b>\$15,000.00</b>
<b>Sheriff Facility:</b>	<b>\$2,000.00</b>
<b>Vehicle Emergency Replacement:</b>	<b>\$2,000.00</b>
<b>County Planning:</b>	<b>\$3,000.00</b>
<b>Facilities All Other:</b>	<b>\$25,000.00</b>

Now present Sheriff Story. With the Corrections Budget looking like it is going to fall apart, S. Story recommended NOT writing a check to the BOC for the \$800,000.00 until it is known how the budgets will be sometime in January/February. The reason for this is that the County of Waldo has no Jail to create revenue and would have nothing to fall back on to pay bills.

After brief discussion of when payments are made, it was noted that the BOC is \$3.2 million short for funding for 2015. A. Fowler noted that in the Treasurer's wisdom, \$50,000.00 has been held until later in the fiscal year. S. Story believed that the Reentry would need the entire \$800,000.00 up front to run the facility. Since the payment is usually made in January anyway, it will not be a problem to delay a few more weeks until it is known whether the system will be falling apart or not.

S. Story reported that in his Capital Outlay Budget, they have saved money in their vehicle purchases and asked if he could purchase an additional camera or two with remaining funds. The Commissioners agreed to this.

**TAX ANTICIPATION NOTE:**

D. Parkman reported that there is \$400,000.00 still available and two towns have paid in full their property tax bills in the following order: Prospect and Freedom.

**\*\*B. Johnson moved, A. Fowler seconded to file the Treasurer's report. Unanimous.**

**WARRANTS:**

W. Shorey read the amounts from the warrants and they were approved for payment as follows:

**\*\*B. Johnson moved, A. Fowler seconded to authorize payment of the August 30, 2013 General Fund/A/P warrant and August 15 and August 29, 2013 payrolls in the amount of \$462,952.84. Unanimous.**

**\*\*B. Johnson moved, A. Fowler seconded to authorize payment of the August 30, 2013 Restricted Reserve warrant in the amount of \$11,275.45. Unanimous.**

**\*\*B. Johnson moved, A. Fowler seconded to authorize payment of the August 30, 2013 Reentry Accounts Payable warrant and August 15 and 29, 2013 payrolls in the amount of \$89,291.88. Unanimous.**

**\*\*B. Johnson moved, A. Fowler seconded to authorize payment of the August 30, 2013 MCRRC Restricted Reserve warrant in the amount of \$2,374.32. Unanimous.**

**\*\*B. Johnson moved, A. Fowler seconded to authorize payment of the September 10, 2013 General Fund Accounts Payable warrant in the amount of \$99,651.46. Unanimous.**

**\*\*B. Johnson moved, A. Fowler seconded to authorize payment of the September 10, 2013 Capital, Active Restricted Reserve warrant in the amount of \$3,345.14. Unanimous.**

**\*\*B. Johnson moved, A. Fowler seconded to authorize payment of the September 10, 2013 Reentry Accounts Payable warrant in the amount of \$58,543.90.00. Unanimous.**

**\*\*B. Johnson moved, A. Fowler seconded to authorize payment of the September 10, 2013 MCRRC Restricted Reserve warrant in the amount of \$3,620.32. Unanimous.**

**\*\*B. Johnson moved, A. Fowler seconded to authorize payment of the August 13, 2013 Capital, Active and Restricted Reserve in the amount of \$3,620.32. Unanimous.**

**FACILITIES BUDGET (1030):**

Present with the Commissioners was Facilities Manager Keith Nealley. He brought in his spreadsheet of expenditures from 2006 to date. The font is small and once he can increase it, he will provide one for each Commissioner.

For the most part, the numbers in the 2014 budget are a “best guess”. Fuel was projected at \$3.50 per gallon. There is a fixed price through June of 2014.

W. Shorey commended K. Nealley for an excellent job in preparing the budget. K. Nealley reported that there have been a lot of air conditioning issues with the new building, and it has been a challenge trying to get it balanced.

K. Nealley asked if there were any concerns or questions with his budget request. W. Shorey responded that it was such a competitive budget that it didn’t warrant any discussion of concern.

**AUTHORIZATION FOR ROOF REPAIRS AT REENTRY FACILITY:**

K. Nealley reported that there has been a roof leak at the jail facility since before he started working for the County. He explained that it is a felt roof with pea stone on top. There are cracks where the tar has worn off that need repair and part of the drip edge needs to be replaced. He has a “not-to-exceed” price of \$8,500.00 and asked for permission to use \$8,000.00 (1050-7323) for this purpose.

**\*\*A. Fowler moved, B. Johnson seconded to allow up to \$8,000.00 from 1050-7323 to perform necessary repairs to Reentry roof as presented. Unanimous.**

**WALDO COUNTY FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION BUDGET (1080-4719)**

Present with the Commissioners was Waldo County Firefighter President Bill Gillespie. B. Gillespie briefly reviewed the letter sent to the Commissioners on August 16, 2013 in which there was a detailed report of various training and the numbers of students graduating this past year, as well as some improvements to the training facility.

A budget has been created for the \$5,000.00 that the County has contributed, so that it is clear what the funding has been used for. It was acknowledged that this eases some of the costs for municipalities in training their firefighters.

B. Gillespie reported that in 2015, Waldo County will host the annual convention in downtown Belfast.

The Commissioners commended B. Gillespie for the excellent planning and work that goes into this association.

**MIDCOAST ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT (MCEDD) BUDGET (1080-4719):**

Present was Jeff Kobrock of Midcoast Economic Development District. J. Kobrock explained that MCEDD is one of seven districts designated by the federal government. One of the primary things they do is a comprehensive economic strategy, which is an effort to identify the economic assets in a region and then develop a strategy to improve economic development in that region. He described the state's role in this and the competitive process. He further explained that economic development can help fund various projects.

He reported that the City of Bath has received more than \$1,000,000.00 in funding and Brunswick received about the same amount. While this may seem a bit removed from Waldo County, the most effective way to build an economy is on a regional basis. Acting on opportunities throughout the Midcoast, it builds that region's economy; which helps build the state's economy.

MCEDD is involved in a revolving loan program. Statistics were submitted to the County Commissioners. J. Kobrock explained that MCEDD can often provide "gap-funding" to assist with funds provided by banking institutions.

He explained that the 2014 budget presented shows a leveraging factor of almost \$11,000.00. For every 10 to 11 cents, the federal provides MCEDD, one dollar is put toward assisting businesses.

W. Shorey spoke about the County's plan to reapply for a Brownfields EPA Cleanup Grant, which requires fund matching, and asked if MCEDD could provide that if it was requested. J. Kobrock explained that MCEDD has its own Brownfields grant so it could not do this.

A. Fowler noted that Northport, Lincolnville, Belmont and Searsmont are served by MCEDD and asked if MCEDD requests funds from these municipalities. He explained that there is core local need. The other Counties provide far more in funding than Waldo, which is logical because the entire County is not served by MCEDD.

A. Fowler asked what has been done for Northport, Lincolnville, Belmont and Searsmont. J. Kobrock replied that he was not sure that their work could be identified on a town level because it is regional in nature. The projects in Bath and Brunswick have a broad reach. Things are prioritized by the impact and value to the region rather than to a particular municipality. MCEDD supports businesses that create jobs for the region rather than a locality. Many municipalities have their own revolving fund arrangement.

B. Johnson reiterated that it is more regionally focused rather than by municipality.

J. Kobrock concluded by informing the Commissioners that MCEDD is embarking on a solid waste management program and is still in the study phase of this project. They have identified that transportation is a huge cost in this region and is currently done on an “ad hoc” basis. MECEDD has been working on a regional transportation process. By taking a regional approach to commodities, the goal is to find efficiencies. MCEDD is a relatively new organization and has found that there has not been much done on a regional level, so there are many opportunities.

**UNIVERSITY OF MAINE COOPERATIVE EXTENSION WALDO COUNTY BUDGET (2005):**

Present was Richard Kersbergen of the Cooperative Extension. He explained that the 2014 budget request has not increased over 2013. Funds were moved around within some of the budget lines in order to stay at the same level.

R. Kersbergen said he just spoke with K. Nealley about possibly paving the parking area. K. Nealley has estimated \$5,000.00 for the project and R. Kersbergen thought perhaps, if there was unspent maintenance funding at the Extension, it might be put toward this project.

He noted that this was the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the County of Waldo funding the Cooperative Extension.

R. Kersbergen mentioned that Islesboro has an excellent farming program. 95% of the freshman class is involved in the horticulture class there. Troy Howard Middle School has a good program, and Mt. View is working toward this. R. Kersbergen said that they are trying to work to continue these programs into the high schools, while meeting the science requirements for students, which he stated is definitely doable.

W. Shorey acknowledged that it is easy to talk about these types of projects but a lot of work to get them going and maintain them.

The Commissioners thanked R. Kersbergen for the services provided by the Extension and for keeping the budget flat funded.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

Reporting correspondence to the County Commissioners was County Clerk Barbara Arseneau as follows:

1. Commissioner Fowler had expressed interest in obtaining a copy of an older Waldo County map when Waldo purchased a copy to hang in the Maine County Commissioners Association office earlier in the spring. M. Wadsworth has been researching maps and found two for the Commissioners to look at. One is from 1859 and the other is from the late 1890’s. Copies of these can be purchased. These will be useful when researching County history for both the staff and the public.

**\*\*B. Johnson moved, A. Fowler seconded purchasing the two maps and to frame them, with funds from the Professional Services line. Unanimous.**

2. Sheriff Scott Story sent a letter indicating that Frank Jennings has declined the position as Patrol Officer. This was noted by the Commissioners.
3. The County has received a Notice of Approval of Disclosure of Statement, Deadline for Voting on Plan, Hearing to Consider Confirmation of Plan, and Deadline for Filing Objections to Confirmation of Plan from the United States Bankruptcy Court Southern District of New York. B. Arseneau said she had not seen this kind of notice before, had read through it several times and did not know what to do with it. Commissioner Shorey said it was nothing that required any action and to simply file it.
4. Commissioner Shorey received a nice thank you card from Kristen Hallett of the Neighbor's Cupboard Food Pantry for produce donated by the Waldo County Garden. W. Shorey directed the Clerk to forward a copy of this card to Ray Porter.
5. There was brief discussion of the Commissioners 2014 mileage allocation request not being enough, and noting that the District 1 – 3 allocations had not been reduced to fit within the reduced 2013 budget. The Commissioners instructed the Clerk to add \$1,000.00 to the 2014 budget.  
**\*\*A. Fowler moved, W. Shorey seconded to correct the mileage line (4105) by adding \$1,000.00 to the 2014 budget request. Unanimous.**
6. W. Shorey reviewed a letter from the County's legal counsel, Steve Gerlach, responding to MOFGA's request for the County Commissioners to reconsider their decision not to hold a hearing for a tax exemption appeal. The Commissioners were in agreement with the response which was not to change their decision on this matter.

#### **MISCELLANEOUS COMMISSIONERS' BUSINESS:**

W. Shorey recommended putting additional undesignated funds in the Reserve Accounts.

**\*\*B. Johnson moved, A. Fowler seconded to move \$150,000.00 from undesignated funds to match what was put in the reserves earlier, with \$50,000.00 going to the Technology Reserve, after the final Audit Report has been received. Unanimous.**

#### **REGISTRY OF DEEDS BUDGET (1065):**

Present was Register of Deeds Deloris Page. Wages increased due to union negotiations, a modest increase in mileage since it was already overdrawn this year, and the need for a new air conditioner in the lower level of the registry.

The registry has processed nearly 400 documents ahead of this time last year on September 1<sup>st</sup>, with \$15,000.00 in money received over this time last year. Property sales are up from last year.

The ACS contract will actually run until January of 2014.

The Commissioners were satisfied with the budget as presented.

**TIME & TIDE RESOURCE & DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT BUDGET (1080-4718):**

Present was Megan Lachapelle and Vance Wells. M. Lachapelle introduced herself as “the person who takes the ideas and gets things done.” She explained that Time & Tide was working to “pull itself out of the mud.”

V. Wells noted that there has not been the best communication between Time & Tide and the County.

M. Lachapelle said they are working with other RC & D’s (Heart of Maine and Threshold of Maine) to try to promote the State of Maine feeding itself from within, as this state has one of the greatest opportunities for that. She discussed the goals related to Maine farming and produce. A. Fowler recommended that Time & Tide communicate with the University of Maine Cooperative Extension, as their goals are very similar. She also suggested that M. Lachapelle speak with Commissioner Bill Shorey about the Waldo County Garden Program and how it has benefitted the local food pantries.

M. Lachapelle informed the Commissioners that six counties are served within central Maine by Time & Tide RC & D. She explained that she is still getting to know the state and trying to figure out the best way to work with the other organizations to best utilize the jewels in this state. She said she is trying, with Vance’s assistance, to work closely and link together the local farmers. There was brief discussion on food processing in the area.

W. Shorey explained how the Waldo County Garden Program worked. Annually there are about 25,000 lbs. of vegetables that are distributed to 18 different entities.

V. Wells said it was his goal and interest to involve people who are on welfare in growing their own food. It would help the program and afford them dignity in being part of a process to help themselves. W. Shorey acknowledged the importance and value of the people in the Reentry Facility being involved in the “giving back” process.

M. Lachapelle said her goal is to have a project going in every single county in the state before the end of the year. She noted that she has been on the job only six months and is still getting familiar with her role and the state itself.

A. Fowler noted that Time & Tide is involved with Lyme disease assistance. She recommended that M. Lachapelle review recent legislation related to Lyme disease as that would be useful information to her.

V. Wells stated that he has tried very hard to get a community garden going in Lincolnville, but has not had success at this point and hoped to reach the right contacts.

W. Shorey illustrated the need out there because he had learned that the Town of Jackson, which has about 800 residents, receives about 800 pounds of produce from the garden and that about 300 people go to that food pantry for assistance.

M. Lachapelle reported that Time & Tide is in the process of rebuilding their web site.

**WALDO COUNTY SOIL AND WATER DISTRICT BUDGET (2035):**

Present was Kym Sanderson, who submitted newsletters for the Commissioners. The Commissioners expressed gratitude for the excellent budget submitted by Waldo County Soil and Water District.

The Commissioners instructed B. Arseneau to add the newsletter to the Budget Committee's budget binders. The Commissioners thanked K. Sanderson for meeting with them.

**BELFAST CREATIVE COALITION BUDGET (1080-4721):**

Present was Kimberly Callis. K. Callis explained that this organization was originally supported by a grant. Waldo County has a lot of artists, so this met the requirement to be self-sustaining. The Coalition helps link and coordinate events on a calendar so that there won't be overlapping of events during the year, permitting the most participation in each event. She provided information to the Commissioners, including a map of the various farmers and artists, some flyers, and other information.

The Commissioners thanked K. Callis for coming in and explained the process of next needing to meet with the Budget Committee.

**EASTERN MAINE DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION BUDGET (1080-4716):**

Present were Ralph Harvey and James Gillway. R. Harvey informed the Commissioners that EMDC is transitioning out of some financial problems by various means, including selling a building. He explained that some of the issues with finances were because EMDC also tried to be "nice guys" and financed the businesses and then charged them out. Many did not pay back so now EMDC is operating "day-to-day" for the last two years and is starting to move itself out of that situation. EMDC hired a consultant for four years, who did a great job. Then EMDC hired a finance person during the past year that has made even a bigger difference. He explained that natural gas doubled from what they budgeted, and that really hurt the budget.

W. Shorey asked for recent examples of Eastern Maine assisting local businesses in Waldo County. R. Harvey responded that EMDC has been working with Thomas Kittredge, Belfast Economic Development Director. EMDC is like an "insurance policy" – they are there when needed. He explained that there were some problems with loan portfolio, which has been addressed. Now, for example, there is a 7-A loan. This has helped financially to get EMDC out of its "slump". EMDC is trying to work with other Development Districts to do that. R. Harvey explained that a number of small banks had spread way out of their regions, and had gotten in trouble for loaning beyond their realm. EMDC got caught in some of those loans, themselves.

W. Shorey inquired about support and was told that EMDC does the work, and is very effective and includes Penobscot and Hancock Counties. Piscataquis County has supported it well, but is now getting poorer and may be cutting back.

R. Harvey said that EMDC believe is it viable and would like to get back on Waldo County's books. EMDC cannot take money out to do work but has to go to the Counties for "seed money" to do work.



B. Johnson asked what happened to the discussions of what direction EMDC would go in. R. Harvey said that the speaker spoke highly about what EMDC had done for government contracts and how much it had assisted him.

J. Gillway said that EMDC does a lot of work that does not always work out for one reason or another. One company was assisted in building a business plan, etc. When it came to signing the final papers, it wasn't related to a problem with EMDC. Instead, they went into another avenue and it hasn't severed its relationship with EMDC. Sometimes the business owner doesn't have the collateral, etc. It isn't lack of work by EMDC but other market pressures.

W. Shorey asked if J. Gillway felt that EMDC had enough "horsepower" to assist counties and municipalities. J. Gillway responded that it is assisting ready, but there are not a lot of requests right now. It was explained that J. Gillway and EMDC was the initial contact for the Brownfields grant application in the fall.

The Congressional membership has met and an administrator has been assigned regarding the port. EMDC is highly involved.

W. Shorey commented, looking back three to four years ago, that he attended a meeting at the Hutchinson Center. He recalled that Belfast City Manager Joseph Slocomb had been highly supportive in those days for EMDC but it appeared that this had cooled off a bit. J. Gillway mentioned that they recently met with J. Slocomb regarding the RSU school budget and also the wind projects, but not really on other matters. R. Harvey mentioned that T. Kittredge used to work in Piscataquis County. Initially there wasn't a lot of communication but the business relationship has improved.

W. Shorey noted that he saw a lot of positive things happening in Belfast and complimented the work of Thomas Kittredge in this area.

R. Harvey restated that EMDC really needs funding because if it doesn't survive, it will need to place the projects that have been started. He said they had some very solid people, that EMDC was coming back on the money side of things and have a lot of concern for the projects.

W. Shorey stated that the Commissioners hoped to send a budget to the Budget Committee that would be close to 5% lower than the 2013 budget.

It was acknowledged that the County budget is not the problem and is actually doing an outstanding job. The biggest area of concern is the school system budgets.

R. Harvey informed the Commissioners that there is a new EMDC board member from Monroe.

#### **REGISTRY OF PROBATE BUDGET (1070):**

Present with the Commissioners was Register of Probate Sharon Peavey. A. Fowler quickly reviewed the increases in the budget. There was brief discussion on whether or not to share a set of Maine statutes volumes between the Probate Registry and the Commissioners Office to save money.

B. Arseneau explained that the Commissioners Office has been pleased to let the Probate staff,

including the Judge, have access to the statutes in the Commissioners Office on a number of occasions but at times the volumes have needed to be borrowed for a period of time. That is not an issue until the Commissioners or staff needs to use a volume and it is out of the office. S. Peavey agreed that sharing was not always the best situation.

When asked if the registry could live with its lean budget, S. Peavey said that she believed it could.

#### **LUNCH RECESS:**

The Commissioners recessed at 11:52 a.m. for lunch.

The Commissioners reconvened their session at 12:56 pm.

#### **DISTRICT ATTORNEY BUDGET (1015):**

Present with the Commissioners were District Attorney Geoffrey Rushlau, Deputy District Attorney Eric Walker and Legal Secretary Felicia Story.

G. Rushlau explained the need to increase the request for the Laboratory Tests line, which largely is related to the increase in drug cases.

G. Rushlau referred to the recent letter written by the Sheriff commending the District Attorney's Office for greatly reducing the amount of time the patrol officers have to spend in court. The Commissioners commended Eric Walker and Katie Sibley for their efforts in this regard. E. Walker credited K. Sibley for her outstanding work and he also explained that the police have been assisting by getting phone numbers in advance of court, etc.

G. Rushlau reported that the new filing system is working extremely well. The expanded office space is also working out very well. The District Attorney and Deputy District Attorney expressed appreciation to the Commissioners for seeing the need for and these changes and bringing them to fruition.

There will need to be an online research tool. The printed matter costs are becoming so prohibitive that only the minimal books necessary will be purchased. The publisher has made them so expensive. District 7 has just gone in that direction and will assist Waldo in making that choice.

It was noted that the budget increase over 2013 was only 1.5% and the Commissioners expressed their pleasure with this. The Commissioners also expressed their pleasure at hearing that things are going so well and the things are running efficiently and well in the office. When asked by A. Fowler for her opinion, F. Story stated that she agreed with this assessment – that in the year she has been working for the District Attorney's Office, she has seen things change for the better.

There was brief discussion regarding using the Probate courtroom for Grand Jury. The surprising thing, E. Walker said, was that people actually prefer to come to the Probate Courtroom than the old Grand Jury room at Superior Court.

#### **COMMISSIONERS TECHNOLOGY BUDGET (1020-7100-7102)**

Present was Technology Consultant James Arseneau. J. Arseneau reported that total budget request for Technology is \$236,329.00. Per Commissioner Shorey's suggestion, for 2014, there will now be a lease agreement to finish the server upgrade project. The two big items that are different from the base technology costs are software for the Microsoft Office and four laptops for the Sheriff's Office.

There are changes that need to be noted as follows:

Item #4: Google has opted to phase Postini spam filtering out of service. To have the same coverage, it will go from \$1,500.00 per year to \$6,250.00. Currently over 300 spam messages a day are trapped that could potentially ruin the county equipment.

Item #5: Wireless data cards for the Sheriff's Office have remained the same. It is still believed that it saves two trips per deputy per shift to come back to the office.

Item #6: There are five QuickBooks licenses in effect that have to be upgraded and this has been added to this budget request.

Item # 11: There has been discussion on how to reduce the amount of paper that is printed from the Sheriff's Office and hand-delivered by a deputy to the District Attorney's Office. If these can be scanned and sent directly, it saves on paper, time and paper storage that appears to have to be saved by the Sheriff's Office as a record, according to Maine Disposition Rules.

W. Shorey asked what the base technology expenditures now are. They used to be about \$180,000.00. J. Arseneau explained that the "nuts and bolts" are about \$195,000.00. Including the upgrades, that puts it up to the \$236,000.00-plus. J. Arseneau said that 7101 is the lease, whereas the 7102 is maintenance, which fluctuates from year to year based on whether or not warranties have expired or not.

W. Shorey asked J. Arseneau what a server costs. J. Arseneau said there are seven physical servers – six up at the Congress Street complex, and one in the Registry of Probate's back room. If any of those servers fail, the system is down until parts come in or the server is replaced. The servers coming in will have a back-up capacity so that if one fails, the system will continue to run as if nothing had happened. The servers and physical hardware is \$220,000.00. The hardware represents about \$150,000.00 while licensing and labor is included in the difference.

J. Arseneau explained that with the new server, if there was some disaster that impacted the Communications Center and the main server, everything would fall back on the new server at the new Public Safety Building.

The Commissioners reviewed the budget and J. Arseneau assisted. The changes to be made are as follows:

1. Total for 7100 will be \$172,905.00.

2. Removed figures from 7101.

3. \$63,424.00 will come out of Reserves for 7102.

The Commissioners asked J. Arseneau to revise the budget accordingly and resubmit for the budget binders.

**FY 2014 BUDGET COMMITTEE BALLOTS:**

Present to report the ballot result was Deputy County Clerk Linda Kinney, with the following results:

District 1: Since there was no nomination at the Budget Caucus, all votes received were write-in votes.

- Thomas Flacke from Morrill received 3 votes.
- Roger Lee from Belfast received 1 vote.
- Fred Rollins from Islesboro received 1 vote.

District 2:

- Peter Curley received 6 votes.

District 3:

- Clement Blakney received 9 votes.

The Commissioners accepted the ballots as read.

**The Commissioners recessed for a brief workshop at 2:20 p.m.**

**The Commissioners reconvened the session at 2:42 p.m.**

**DISCUSSION AND DECISION ON TREASURER'S BUDGET:**

**\*\*A. Fowler moved, B. Johnson seconded to increase the Deputy Treasurer's 2014 salary by \$2,500.00. The bottom line of that personnel line will now be \$48,175.00. Unanimous.**

**MINUTES APPROVED:**

**\*\*B. Johnson moved, A. Fowler seconded to approve the minutes from the August 13, August 27 and September 3, 2013 Waldo County Commissioners Court Sessions. Unanimous.**

**MISCELLANEOUS COMMISSIONERS BUSINESS:**

1. None.

**NEXT COURT SESSION:**

The next Commissioners Court Session is a special session scheduled on September 24, 2013 at 9:00 a.m. for brief to finish reviewing the 2014 budget requests, followed by a Commissioners Workshop.

**\*\*B. Johnson moved, A. Fowler seconded to adjourn the Commissioners Court Session at 2:55 p.m. Unanimous.**

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