

**WALDO COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT SESSION  
FEBRUARY 24, 2014  
(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 9:00 a.m.

The Commissioners noted that the agenda had changed to reflect the cancellation of the tax abatement appeal hearing for Edward Strout vs. Palermo, Petition 366 because the Petitioner sent a letter stating that he no longer wished to appeal the decision of the Selectmen.

**TOWER CONTRACT RENEWAL – MT. EPHRAIM:**

Present with the Commissioners was Communications Director Owen Smith to review the renewal contract between Alan Richmond and the County of Waldo for lease of space on the Mt. Ephraim Tower in Searsport. Two originals of the contract renewal for March 1, 2014 through February 28, 2024 were submitted to the County Commissioners for review, discussion and signing.

**\*\*A. Fowler moved, B. Johnson seconded to authorize the signing of the Tower Lease Agreement contract renewal between Alan Richmond and the County of Waldo effective March 1, 2014 through February 28, 2024. Unanimous.**

W. Shorey stated that he would like to serve as project manager for the new communications tower being built by the County in Stockton Springs and will assist EMA Director/Engineer Dale Rowley with this project.

**\*\*A. Fowler moved, B. Johnson seconded to nominate Bill Shorey to serve as the Project Manager for the new tower project in Stockton Springs. Unanimous.**

Communications Director Owen Smith requested an Executive Session for brief consideration of use of real property that premature disclosure of information would potentially impact.

**\*\*B. Johnson moved, A. Fowler seconded to go into Executive Session at 9:06 a.m. to discuss consideration of use of real property without disclosing information prematurely. Unanimous.**

**\*\*B. Johnson moved, A. Fowler seconded to come out of Executive Session at 9:10 a.m. Unanimous.**

No decision was made by the County Commissioners.

**CORRESPONDENCE (Date sensitive):**

Present with the County Commissioners was County Clerk Barbara Arseneau.

1. W. Shorey said that earlier this morning he dictated an email message for the Clerk to send to Technology Consultant James Arseneau in answer to J. Arseneau's request for the Commissioners to transfer the following amounts funded in the 2014 Corrections budget for

future capital technology improvements for Corrections in the amounts of \$3,300.00 (1050-7301), \$1,000.00 (1050-7302) and \$5,900.00 (1050-7304) to the Jail Technology Reserve Account (0149).

W. Shorey said he believed that \$30,000.00 to \$40,000.00 is scheduled to come out of that account to pay for the Jail's portion of the technology upgrade. Deputy Treasurer Karen Trussell, now present for this discussion, explained that once this portion of the budget (\$10,200.00) is moved into Jail Technology Reserve, the balance will be \$101,427.98. She said that there have only been five invoices that have come out of Jail Technology so far.

**\*\*B. Johnson moved, A. Fowler seconded to move the \$3,300.00 (1050-7301), \$1,000.00 (1050-7302) and \$5,900.00 (1050-7304) (totaling \$10,200.00) to the Jail Technology Reserve Account (0149) as requested. Unanimous.**

2. Part-time Victim/Witness Advocate Harriet Kearns submitted her resignation on February 19, 2014, effective immediately.

**\*\*A. Fowler moved, B. Johnson seconded to accept with regret the resignation of Harriet Kearns effective February 19, 2014. Unanimous.**

3. The Mid-Coast Regional Planning Commission sent an invitation to the Annual Meeting, to be held in the Union Town Office Wednesday, April 23, 2014 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Commissioner Johnson will attend.

4. Commissioners will be invited to a very small, understated farewell luncheon for Deputy District Attorney Eric Walker, who as been nominated by the Governor to serve as District Court Judge.

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**\*\*B. Johnson moved, A. Fowler seconded to approve the minutes from the February 11, 2014 Waldo County Commissioners Court Session. Unanimous.**

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

1. B. Johnson mentioned to the Commissioners that since D. Rowley had stated his desire to step down from the Board of Occupational Safety, she would like to volunteer to step in. She has not had an opportunity to speak with D. Rowley regarding how to go about this and would do so in the near future. The Commissioners agreed that this would be an excellent idea to have representation for Waldo County.

**\*\*A. Fowler moved, W. Shorey seconded to nominate Commissioner Betty Johnson to serve on the Maine Board of Occupational Safety in place of EMA Director Dale Rowley. Unanimous.**

**\*\*B. Johnson moved, W. Shorey seconded to adjourn the court session at 9:28 a.m. Unanimous.**

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