

WALDO COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT SESSION
October 9, 2014

PRESENT: Commissioners William D. Shorey (Chairman) and Betty I. Johnson. Also present was County Clerk Barbara Arseneau and news reporter Ben Holbrook. (Commissioner Fowler was not present until later in the court session as she was assisting a neighbor who had a medical emergency.)

Call to Order: Commissioner Shorey called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Present with the Commissioners was Treasurer David Parkman and Deputy Treasurer Karen Trussell.

County Revenue:

D. Parkman reported that 90% of the anticipated revenue has been received.

Tax Assessments Received from Municipalities:

D. Parkman was pleased to inform the Commissioners that approximately ¼ of the tax assessments had been received. He listed the towns that have paid as follows: Burnham, Freedom, Jackson, Knox, Liberty has paid half, Montville, Palermo, Searsmont, Troy, Unity, Winterport and the Unorganized Territories. \$1,978,337.16 has been received so far. Troy was the first town to pay. The Treasurer will be sending a letter to all these towns thanking them for paying and commented that this was excellent.

County Appropriations:

D. Parkman reported that the expenditures could be 79% expended. The Sheriff's budget and the Communications Budgets have a few personnel lines overdrawn but the overall bottom lines are fine. The County budget is 74% expended.

Corrections Revenue:

Not discussed.

Corrections Appropriations:

D. Parkman reported that the Corrections budget is 16% expended. It could be 29%, so the Treasurer was pleased to report this.

2015 Budget:

D. Parkman said he believed that the right numbers should be put in the budget lines and expressed concern over a few personnel lines that had not been adjusted in the departments with personnel lines that are historically and repeatedly overdrawn or under-budget; such as over-time lines being overdrawn and part-time lines being under expended. It was noted that the floater positions in the Communications Center has greatly helped that budget.

Reserve Accounts:

Not discussed.

****B. Johnson moved, W. Shorey seconded to file the Treasurer's Report. Unanimous.**

WARRANTS:

****W. Shorey moved, B. Johnson seconded to authorize payments of the September 26, 2014 General Fund Accounts Payable warrant and September 25, 2014 Payroll in the amount of \$266,810.13. Unanimous.**

****W. Shorey moved, B. Johnson seconded to authorize payment of the September 26, 2014 Capital, Active and Restricted Reserve warrant in the amount of \$32,754.76. Unanimous.**

****W. Shorey moved, B. Johnson seconded to authorize payment of the September 26, 2014 Reentry Accounts Payable warrant and September 25, 2014 Payroll in the amount of \$58,387.24. Unanimous.**

****W. Shorey moved, B. Johnson seconded to authorize payment of the September 26, 2014 MCRRC Restricted Reserve warrant in the amount of \$716.37. Unanimous.**

****W. Shorey moved, B. Johnson seconded to authorize payment of the October 9, 2014 General Fund Accounts Payable warrant and October 9, 2014 Payroll in the amount of \$163,843.07. Unanimous.**

****W. Shorey moved, B. Johnson seconded to authorize payment of the October 9, 2014 Capital, Active and Restricted Reserve warrant in the amount of \$36,783.12. Unanimous.**

****W. Shorey moved, B. Johnson seconded to authorize payment of the October 9, 2014 Reentry Accounts Payable warrant and October 9, 2014 Payroll in the amount of \$45,909.73. Unanimous.**

****W. Shorey moved, B. Johnson seconded to authorize payment of the MRRC Restricted Reserve warrant in the amount of \$644.77. Unanimous.**

Discussion of Changes in Reserve Accounts:

K. Trussell submitted a draft of recommendations that she believed the Commissioners had made during a workshop for Undesignated Funds to the Reserve Accounts as follows:

1. Sheriff Facility - \$8,000.00
2. Facilities All Other - \$30,000
3. Vehicle Emergency Replacement – \$15,000.00
4. Emergency Shelter - \$5,000.00
5. Technology - \$115,000.00
6. Communications Equipment Improvement - \$25,000.00

K Trussell noted that the JAG Grant did not come through, so that \$40,000 needed to be added to the Future County Land and Buildings account, which would bring that total to \$90,000.00.

****A. Fowler moved, B. Johnson seconded to put the undesignated funds into the following Capital Reserves: \$8,000.00 for Sheriff Facility, \$30,000.00 in Facilities All Other, \$5,000.00 in Emergency Shelters, \$15,000.00 and an additional \$140,000.00 in Vehicle Emergency Replacement, \$115,000.00 in Technology, and \$25,000 in Communications Equipment for a total of \$338,000.00. Unanimous.**

****A. Fowler moved, B. Johnson seconded to move undesignated funds as follows in the Active Reserves: first, to move \$40,000.00 from Grant Matching to Future County Land and Buildings, bringing that total to \$90,000.00; put \$15,000.00 in Employment Security, \$15,000.00 in Severance/Assistance and leave \$60,000 in Grant Matching for a total of \$180,000.00. Unanimous.**

****A. Fowler moved, B. Johnson seconded, to move undesignated funds as follows in the Restricted Reserves: \$2,000.00 in the Records Preservation account. Unanimous.**

SENTIMENT OF APPRECIATION – OFFICER DARRIN MOODY:

Present with the Commissioners was Waldo County Deputy Darrin Moody. W. Shorey read a sentiment of appreciation for Officer Moody and said that the Commissioners appreciated the work that he does for the County. D. Moody thanked the Commissioners and stated that he was shocked when he had received the award as he was simply doing his job and truly loved his job as well as the community volunteer work. He thanked the Commissioners for recognizing him and for allowing him the opportunity to work for the County.

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. The Stockton Towers Contract Agreement with the Water District requires signatures. It effectively started August 1, 2014. It was noted that tower would assist greatly with dropped calls. This tower will be much taller.
2. The Commissioners noted the following step increases:
 - Wiley McVety will reach the six-month pay step October 16, 2014 with a pay raise from \$18.97 to \$19.15 per hour.
 - Human Resources'/Payroll Director Michelle Wadsworth will have completed ten (10) years of employment October 12, 2014 and will qualify for 140 hours of vacation each year.
3. The Commissioners noted that the minutes should reflect that Merl Reed returned to a regular patrol position effective October 5, 2014. The Commissioners had voted on this during the September court session but did not have an effective date.
4. The Commissioners noted that minutes should reflect that Dale Brown was promoted to Detective effective October 5, 2014. The Commissioners had voted on this during the September court session but did not have an effective date.
5. Lt. Trundy submitted to the Commissioners a copy of a commendation for Officer Kevin Littlefield for handling a complaint very well, with the complainant expressing gratitude and

admiration for how the complaint was handled. The Commissioners expressed their commendation to Officer Littlefield for his excellent service in this matter.

6. The Commissioners received an invitation to the Annual Belfast Chamber Award Dinner November 7, 2014. All three Commissioners stated that they would attend.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

****B. Johnson moved, A. Fowler seconded to go into Executive Session at 9:40 a.m. as allowed by Title 1, 405(F) for discussion of Protected Health Insurance Information. Unanimous.**

****B. Johnson moved, A. Fowler seconded to come out of Executive Session at 9:46 a.m.**

****B. Johnson moved, A. Fowler seconded to pay an employee's outstanding hospital claim in the amount of \$385.00. Unanimous.**

MISCELLANEOUS COMMISSIONERS BUSINESS:

1. Questions for Candidates Night were re-printed for the Commissioners. B. Johnston noted that the candidates were all invited to another even the same night, which would be difficult, and she was hoping to try to attend both events.

2. B. Johnson said that MCEDD had inquired about attending the first Budget Committee Meeting on October 17, 2014. It was her understanding after speaking with the Deputy County Clerk that this first meeting was informational and it would be more appropriate to schedule them at a later budget meeting. There was brief discussion about the reduction made to the original request. All agreed that economic development is important and hoped there will be some funding allowed by the Budget Committee.

B. Johnson briefly reviewed the history of funding when the County was with KWRED. Waldo County had not paid one year and Knox had foot the bill for this. She expressed her disappointment that the towns in the County are so divided between agencies. Some towns are listed with Kennebec, some with Eastern Maine Development, some with MCEDD, etc. B. Johnson noted that with Eastern Maine Development, two of the people on the Board are from Searsport. There is no representation for the County level. With MCESS, there are places on the Board for Commissioners. She stated that Eastern Maine doesn't report, offer information or communicate well with the towns.

W. Shorey said he believed that if there was to be economic development addressed for the entire County, it was up to the Commissioners to deal with that.

3. Directions were provided to the County Commissioners to the Cliff House Resort in York County for the Maine County Commissioner Convention starting October 10-12, 2014.

MINUTES APPROVED:

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

NEXT COMMISSIONERS COURT SESSION:

The next Commissioners Court session is a regular session scheduled on Thursday, November 13, 2014.

****B. Johnson moved, A. Fowler seconded to adjourn the court session at 10:08 a.m. Unanimous.**

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