

**WALDO COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT SESSION  
FEBRUARY 26, 2015  
(SPECIAL SESSION)**

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

**Call to Order:** Commissioner Shorey called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

**\*\*B. Johnson moved, A. Fowler seconded to enter executive session for discussion of protected information as permitted by M.R.S.A. Title 1§405(6)(F) at 10:03 a.m. Unanimous.**

**\*\*B. Johnson moved, A. Fowler seconded to come out of Executive Session at 10:12 a.m. Unanimous.**

**\*\*A. Fowler moved, B. Johnson moved to make a resolution that any evidence, testimony, information and/or exhibits provided in executive session will not be made available to the public. Unanimous.**

**\*\*B. Johnson moved, A. Fowler seconded to enter executive session at 10:16 a.m. for discussion of recent collective bargaining negotiations with the Waldo County Communications Association as permitted by M.R.S.A. Title 1 § 405(6)(D). Unanimous.**

**\*\*B. Johnson moved, A. Fowler seconded to come out executive session at 10:29 a.m. Unanimous.**

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

Present reporting correspondence to the Commissioners was County Clerk Barbara Arseneau.

1. New Hire: Sheriff Jeffrey Trafton has submitted a recommendation to hire John McEwen as Part-time Patrol Deputy at the Waldo County Sheriff's Office at \$19.35 per hour as he is a certified officer that has recently graduation from the Maine Criminal Justice Academy, effective March 13, 2015.

**\*\*A. Fowler moved, B. Johnson seconded to hire John McEwen as Part-time Patrol Deputy at the Waldo County Sheriff's Office at the Certified Officer rate of \$19.35 per hour, effective March 13, 2015. Unanimous.**

2. At the direction of Commissioner Johnson, a memo has been sent to all Waldo County Department Heads sharing positive responses to the video "How County Government Works" and thanking them for their enthusiastic participation in making this video.

3. The Maine County Commissioners Association has sent out notice that Maine County Day 2015 will be held from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on April 22, 2015 in the Hall of Flags in the Maine State House. This event is an opportunity for each county to talk about what is special or unique to their

county. If a county wishes to participate, contact MCCA for details. The Commissioners instructed B. Arseneau to bring this matter up again during their March 12, 2015 regular court session.

**MISCELLANEOUS COMMISSIONERS BUSINESS:**

1. Commissioner Fowler recommended that the Commissioners' union negotiating team be given stipends for additional hours of work during recent negotiations.

**\*\*A. Fowler moved, B. Johnson seconded to award stipends as follows: \$400.00 to Commissioner William Shorey, \$300.00 to County Clerk Barbara Arseneau, \$200.00 to Human Resources/Payroll Director Michelle Wadsworth and \$100.00 to Communications Director Owen Smith. Unanimous.**

2. Commissioner Johnson recommended that the County pay Josh Gerritsen \$200.00 for his time and effort related to producing and showing the video "How County Government Works", noting that he had spent many days and hours on this.

**\*\*A. Fowler moved, B. Johnson seconded to pay \$200.00 to Josh Gerritsen to for his time and effort related to producing the video "How County Government Works". Unanimous.**

3. W. Shorey recommended that the County to fund \$1,000.00 for the Waldo County HazMat Team so that they can meet the financial requirement to stay certified.

**\*\*A. Fowler moved, B. Johnson seconded to allocate \$1,000.00 from Professional Services to the Waldo County HazMat Team for necessary certification. Unanimous.**

**APPROVED MINUTES:**

**\*\*A. Fowler moved, B. Johnson seconded to approve the corrected minutes from the January 6, 2015 Waldo County Commissioners Special Court Session. Unanimous.**

**NEXT COMMISSIONERS COURT SESSION:**

The next Commissioners court session is a regular session scheduled for March 12, 2015 in the Probate Courtroom.

**\*\*A. Fowler moved, B. Johnson seconded to adjourn the court session at 10:35 a.m. Unanimous.**

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