

**WALDO COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT SESSION  
APRIL 28, 2016**

**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 court session to order at 9:00 a.m.

The Commissioners reconvened the hearing of Petition #370 Debra Paul vs. Town of Liberty regarding her property taxes. (Please see separate minutes of this hearing.)

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

Present with the Commissioners was Deputy Treasurer Karen Trussell. She reported that the 2016 County budget was 34% expended.

**WARRANTS:**

**\*\*B. Johnson moved, A. Fowler seconded to authorize payment of the April 28 General Fund Accounts Payable warrant and April 21, 2016 payroll in the amount of \$186,593.29. Unanimous.**

**\*\*B. Johnson moved, A. Fowler seconded to authorize payment of the April 28 Capital & Restricted Reserve warrant in the amount of \$50,843.69. Unanimous.**

**\*\*B. Johnson moved, A. Fowler seconded to authorize payment of the April 28 Reentry Accounts Payable warrant and April 21, 2016 payroll in the amount of \$62,736.82. Unanimous.**

**\*\*B. Johnson moved, A. Fowler seconded to authorize payment of the April 28 MCRRC Restricted Reserve warrant in the amount of \$6,719.92. Unanimous.**

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

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

**\*\*A. Fowler moved, B. Johnson seconded to enter Executive Session at 09:12 a.m. for Discussion of Use of Real Property as permitted by M.R.S.A. Title 1 §405 (6)(C). Unanimous.**

**\*\*A. Fowler moved, B. Johnson seconded to come out of Executive Session at 9:39 a.m. Unanimous.** No action was taken.

(The Commissioners took a 15 minute recess.)

**WALDO COUNTY FIRE FIGHTERS ASSOCIATION REPORT:**

Present with the Commissioners was Bill Gillespie, President of the Firefighters Association. Also, Present was Dick Desmarais.

B. Gillespie asked for an executive session at 9:57 a.m. The Commissioners inquired as to the nature of the executive session and told it was a personnel matter.

**\*\*B. Johnson moved, A. Fowler seconded to go into Executive Session at 9:57 a.m. for discussion of a personnel matter per M.R.S.A. Title 1 §405(6)(A). Unanimous.**

**\*\*A. Fowler moved, B. Johnson seconded to come out of Executive Session at 09:59 a.m. Unanimous.** No action was taken.

B. Gillespie submitted a letter from several members of the Waldo County Fire Chiefs Association requesting a meeting with the County Commissioners to discuss “continued challenges with the leadership of the Waldo County Regional Communications Center.”

**\*\*A. Fowler moved, B. Johnson seconded to thank B. Gillespie for representing the Waldo County Firefighters Association and accepted the request to meet with the County Commissioners and Communications Director Owen Smith in the near future. Unanimous.**

B. Gillespie requested an evening meeting. A. Fowler suggested asking if the EMA space was available for this meeting. A meeting was scheduled by mutual agreement of the Commissioners, B. Gillespie, Director Smith and the Emergency Management Agency to hold a meeting on May 10, 2016 starting at 6:00 p.m.

Bill Gillespie briefly explained how “IamResponding” has been working and things that are being “tweaked” to make it work better.

There was brief discussion of the Waldo County Regional Communications Center Board of Directors’ role, and discussions about whether or not its structure and role should be changed. B. Gillespie informed the Commissioners that he would be very opposed to any changes in the role or makeup of the Board of Directors.

#### **CORRESPONDENCE:**

Present to report correspondence was County Clerk Barbara Arseneau as follows:

1. Sheriff’s Administrative Secretary Katherine Cunningham submitted a letter of resignation to retire effective July 29, 2016.

**\*\*A. Fowler moved, B. Johnson seconded to accept the resignation of Sheriff’s Administrative Secretary Katherine Cunningham effective July 29, 2016. Unanimous.**

2. Communications Director Owen Smith sent a letter of resignation he received from Dispatcher Jennifer Lavway on April 15, 2016 with an effective date of April 29, 2016.

**\*\*A. Fowler moved, B. Johnson seconded to accept the resignation of Dispatcher Jennifer Lavway effective April 29, 2016. Unanimous.**

3. Sheriff Trafton sent a letter notifying the Commissioners that Part-time Deputy John McEwen has resigned from his position at the Sheriff’s Office effective October 15, 2015.

**\*\*A. Fowler moved, B. Johnson seconded to accept the resignation of Deputy John McEwen effective October 15, 2015. Unanimous.**

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

B. Arseneau requested that the Commissioners approve the minutes from the April 11, 2016 and April 14, 2016 Waldo County Commissioners Court Session as presented.

**\*\*A. Fowler moved, B. Johnson seconded to approve the minutes from the April 11, 2016 and April 14, 2016 Waldo County Commissioners Court Sessions as presented. Unanimous.**

**COMMISSIONERS MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:**

1. B. Johnson reported that the funds the County appropriated to Belfast Creative Coalition for a survey is going well and the result will be known toward the end of the year.
2. Searsport Selectman/Waldo County Budget Committee Member Richard Desmarais was now present and the Commissioners reported that they went on a tour of OnProcess Technology and learned that 89 of the first 103 people hired were from Waldo County. 19 out of the 26 towns have people employed, which pleases the Commissioners very much. 15 more people will be trained and all are from Waldo County. By the end of the summer, there will be over 200 people working there. By the end of the fall, there should be about 350. There are 2500 people in this organization and they will be opening up more centers. R. Desmarais said a Dollar Store is opening up in Searsport and that will employ about 12 people. The Commissioners provided a copy of the report to R. Desmarais. The Commissioners requested that R. Desmarais share this report with the Waldo County Selectman's Association at their next meeting.
3. The Commissioners reported that the Governor had approved construction of a new combined courthouse in Waldo County. R. Desmarais commented that this was sooner than anticipated.
4. W. Shorey reported that while a contract is not signed yet, the County will be signing a two-year contract with Two Bridges Jail for the same amount as the current contract.
5. R. Desmarais briefly reported some news related to local economic development, sidewalks, etc.

**NEXT COMMISSIONERS COURT SESSION:**

The next Commissioners Court Session is a special session scheduled for Tuesday, May 10, 2016 at the Emergency Management Agency training room starting at 6:00 p.m. The next regular Commissioners Court Session is scheduled for May 12, 2016 starting at 9:00 a.m. in the Waldo County Commissioners Conference Room.

**\*\*A. Fowler moved, B. Johnson seconded to adjourn the court session at 10:52 a.m. Unanimous.**

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