

WALDO COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT SESSION
June 23, 2016

PRESENT: Commissioners William D. Shorey (Chairman), Amy R. Fowler and Betty I. Johnson. Also present was Deputy County Clerk Marilyn Saucier to take minutes.

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

LEGISLATIVE SENTIMENT:

Present with the Commissioners were Senator Michael Thibodeau and Special Assistant Dorothy Havey to present Communications Director Owen Smith with a legislative sentiment for being named Maine State Dispatcher Director of the year.

FACILITIES MANAGEMENT REPORT:

Present with the Commissioners was Facilities Manager Keith Nealley, who reported the following:

1. K. Nealley reported the State reimbursed the County for fifty percent of the Superior Court elevator/lift project in the amount of \$31,822.00.
2. K. Nealley offered to attend meetings regarding the new Courthouse if County Clerk Barbara Arseneau was unable.

The Commissioners thanked K. Nealley but decided that if the County Clerk was unable to attend a meeting that one of them would fill in.

****A. Fowler moved, B. Johnson seconded that County Clerk Barbara Arseneau be appointed to attend informational meetings on the County's behalf regarding the planning of the new Courthouse and one of the Commissioners shall be present in her absence. Unanimous.**

HUMAN RESOURCES/PAYROLL DIRECTOR:

Present with the Commissioners was Human Resources Director Michelle Wadsworth to discuss the following:

1. M. Wadsworth requested the purchase of a new and updated Harassment Training link. She explained, "The DVD in use now viewed by new employees is at least 10 years old and outdated." The new informational link will cost \$350.00.

****B. Johnson moved, A. Fowler seconded that the \$350.00 requested be approved for the Harassment Training course and to be paid from the Department Heads/Safety Committee line in the Commissioners' budget. Unanimous.**

2. M. Wadsworth also discussed the possibility of continuing with the Employee Fitness Reimbursement Program. It was agreed that the program would continue.

****A. Fowler moved, B. Johnson seconded that the Employee Fitness Reimbursement Program would continue for 2016 and will be paid for from the Health Insurance line. Unanimous.**

CORRESPONDENCE:

Present to report correspondence was Deputy County Clerk Marilyn Saucier as follows:

1. New Hire: Communications Director Owen Smith recommended hiring of Holden Doyen and Ann Dunkerley as Dispatch Trainees.

****B. Johnson moved, A. Fowler seconded to hire Holden Doyen effective July 11, 2016 and Ann Dunkerley effective July 12, 2016 as Dispatch Trainees, both at \$16.49 per hour. Unanimous.**

2. It was noted that Grand Jury is scheduled for July 13 and 14 starting at 8:30 a.m.

3. A thank you letter was received from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers regarding the acknowledgement of the Military Munitions response Program.

4. Noted was a copy of a "Notice of Layout and Taking" of a certain parcel of land in Waldo.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

M. Saucier requested that the Commissioners approve the minutes from the June 9, 2016 Waldo County Commissioners Court Session as presented.

****B. Johnson moved, A. Fowler seconded to approve the minutes from the June 9, 2016 Waldo County Commissioners Court Sessions as presented. Unanimous.**

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

****A. Fowler moved, B. Johnson seconded to enter executive session at 9:25 a.m. to discuss protected information related to negotiating of services as permitted by M.R.S.A. 1 §405(6)(C). Unanimous.**

****B. Johnson moved, A. Fowler seconded to come out of executive session at 10:00 a.m. Unanimous.** No action taken.

COMMISSIONERS MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:

B. Johnson proposed that a monetary contribution be appropriated for the Belfast Creative Coalition to help cover the cost of training of the new Executive Director. B. Shorey feels the money would be well spent and would like to support the continuation of a program that is beneficial to the County.

****B. Johnson moved, A. Fowler seconded that \$150.00 be appropriated to help fund the training and to be paid from Professional Services line. Unanimous.**

The Commissioners also approved a request to fund the purchase of a picnic table to allow employees a place to eat lunch and take breaks out of doors during the summer months.

****B. Johnson moved, A. Fowler seconded that the \$179.00 request be approved, to come from Professional Services line, to purchase a picnic table. Unanimous.**

NEXT COMMISSIONERS COURT SESSION:

The next Commissioners Court Session is a regular session scheduled for July 14, 2016 starting at 9:00 a.m. in the Waldo County Commissioners Conference Room.

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

Respectfully submitted by *Marilyn Saucier*
Deputy County Clerk