

**WALDO COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT SESSION  
SEPTEMBER 20, 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 8:00 a.m.

**2017 WALDO COUNTY EXTENSION-1080:**

Present with the Commissioners was Richard Kersbergen, Extension educator, who reported that the total request was the same as last year's request. Salaries may go up but they could move money around to make that work. No issues reported. All of the buildings are reported to be in good shape. Handicap access in one of the buildings may be needed in the future.

**2017 TIDE & TIDE – 1080:**

Present with the Commissioners was Tish Carr, Program Coordinator at Time & Tide who reported the following: T. Carr explained the garden grants and would like to double the number of applicants. Time & Tide provides \$250.00 for startup funds. This amount funds seeds, soil and bedding for individual startup gardens. In the future they would like to get schools involved as well.

**2017 EASTERN MAINE DEVELOPMENT-1080:**

Present with the Commissioners was Vicki Rusbult, Director of Re-Engineering who reported that they will be starting technical programs in 4 counties, Waldo being one of those counties. Also there will be several educational workshops offered in 2017, free of charge.

**2017 PROBATE BUDGET –1070:**

Present with the Commissioners was Register of Probate Sharon Peavey who reported the following: Discussed was the increase in the budget due to rising cost of statutes and reference books. Also discussed was bringing the Probate Judges salary in line with other Probate judges across the state.

**2017 OFFICE OF THE SHERIFF - 1075:**

Present with the Commissioners was Sheriff Trafton and Chief Deputy Jason Trundy. Discussed were the Domestic Violence Detective and Patrol positions for 2017. The fuel line was increased by \$10,000. Also discussed were body cameras that would be utilized in the near future, funded through a grant. Sheriff Trafton feels the Sheriff's Office in good shape personnel wise and doesn't see the need to hire new employees for the next 4-6 years. He also feels that four new patrol cars a year will be sufficient.

**2017 FACILITIES BUDGET - 1030:**

Present with the Commissioners was Facilities Manager Keith Nealley:

Discussed was the addition of a dutch door in the secretary's office at the Sheriff's Office and the removal of the glass window. The removal of the trees at 39 Spring Street is on hold for a short while. The plans for the Jail elevator are coming along. The old elevator is currently being utilized.

**2017 DISTRICT ATTORNEY - 1015:**

Present with the Commissioners was District Attorney Geoff Rushlau who reported that the Consulting line was up due to the need to hire a technician in the near future. The Prosecutorial Assistant and Administrative Legal Secretary are eligible for a pay step increase.

**2017 DEEDS BUDGET – 1065:**

Present with the Commissioners was Register of Deeds Stacy Grant who reported that Deeds Budget was up by 3.9 %. The Register of Deeds salary was increased to bring it in line with similar pay scales across the state. The only other increases in this budget are the COLA increases.

**2017 BELFAST CREATIVE COALITION-1080:**

Present with the Commissioners was Executive Director Emily Baer who reported that a portion of their funding comes from the City of Belfast. BCC promotes arts and cultural events through the Coalition. A number of events are planned for the near future.

**2017 COMMUNICATIONS CENTER -1076:**

Present with the Commissioners was Communications Director Owen Smith who reported that the budget was up 2.5 % due to the Capital Outlay increase. This consists of an annual payment that funds the "I Am Responding" program. O. Smith also reported that the annual Friendly Caller picnic was a great success.

**2017 EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY-1010:**

Present with the Commissioners was EMA Director Dale Rowley who reported that they will be hiring a part-time employee whose wages will be mostly funded by grants.

**2017 WALDO COUNTY FIREFIGHTERS-1080:**

Present was Waldo County Firefighters Association Chief Bill Gillespie who reported that all towns were utilizing I Am Responding to some degree and feels the program is working spectacularly. They are continuing their education training as well.

**2017 MIDCOAST ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT-1080:**

Present with the Commissioners was Executive Director Jeff Kobrock who reported that this agency covers areas from Northport to Brunswick and several counties in between. They provide assistance to businesses and communities to help stimulate the economy and job creation. They also help with relocation and expansion.

The Commissioners reviewed and voted on the 2017 budgets during this session as follows:

**EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT BUDGET (1010):**

**\*\*A. Fowler moved, B. Johnson seconded to accept the proposed budget amount of \$122,967.00. Unanimous.**

**DISTRICT ATTORNEY BUDGET (1015):**

**\*\*A. Fowler moved, B. Johnson seconded to accept the proposed budget amount of \$262,072.00. Unanimous.**

**COUNTY COMMISSIONERS BUDGET (1020):**

**\*\*A. Fowler moved, B. Johnson seconded to accept the proposed budget amount of \$333,359.00. Unanimous.**

**TREASURER'S BUDGET (1025):**

**\*\*A. Fowler moved, B. Johnson seconded to accept the proposed budget amount of \$77,696.00. Unanimous.**

**FACILITIES MANAGEMENT BUDGET (1030):**

**\*\*B. Johnson moved, A. Fowler seconded to accept the proposed budget amount of \$277,093.00. Unanimous.**

**REGISTRY OF DEEDS BUDGET (1065):**

**\*\*A. Fowler moved, B. Johnson seconded to accept the proposed budget amount of \$231,301.00. Unanimous.**

**REGISTRY OF PROBATE BUDGET (1070):**

**\*\*B. Johnson moved, A. Fowler seconded to accept the proposed budget amount of \$239,119.00. Unanimous.**

**SHERIFF BUDGET (1075):**

**\*\*A. Fowler moved, B. Johnson seconded to accept the proposed budget amount of \$1,509,540.00. Unanimous.**

**COMMUNICATIONS CENTER BUDGET (1076):**

**\*\*B. Johnson moved, A. Fowler seconded to accept the proposed budget amount of \$962,621.00. Unanimous.**

**ADVERTISING & PROMOTION BUDGET (1080):**

After brief discussion, the Commissioners decided on the following budget amounts:

- WCAP (1080-4715): Agency requested \$3,500.00. The Commissioners approved that amount.
- EMDC (1080-4716): Agency requested \$5,000.00. The Commissioners reduced this line to \$2,000.00
- Time & Tide RC&D (1080-4718): Agency requested \$3,500.00. The Commissioners reduced that line to zero.
- Waldo County Firefighters Association (1080-4719): Agency requested \$5,000.00. The Commissioners approved that amount.
- Midcoast Economic Development Dist. (1080-4720): Agency requested \$3,000.00. The Commissioners reduced that line to \$2,000.00.
- Belfast Creative Coalition (1080-4721): Agency requested \$2,500.00. The Commissioners reduced that line to \$1,000.00.

**\*\*A. Fowler moved, B. Johnson seconded to accept the proposed budget amount of \$13,500.00. Unanimous.**

**AUDIT BUDGET (1090):**

**\*\*B. Johnson moved, A. Fowler seconded to accept the proposed budget amount of \$9,000.00. Unanimous.**

**TAX ANTICIPATION NOTE INTEREST BUDGET (2000):**

**\*\*A. Fowler moved, B. Johnson seconded to accept the proposed budget amount of \$10,000.00. Unanimous.**

**WALDO COUNTY COOPERATIVE EXTENSION BUDGET (2005):**

**\*\*A. Fowler moved, B. Johnson seconded to accept the proposed budget amount of \$42,085.00. Unanimous.**

**EMPLOYEE BENEFITS BUDGET (2025):**

**\*\*A. Fowler moved, B. Johnson seconded to accept the proposed budget amount of \$1,123,600. Unanimous.**

**WALDO COUNTY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION BUDGET (2035):**

**\*\*A. Fowler moved, B. Johnson seconded to accept the proposed budget amount of \$25,000.00. Unanimous.**

**RECORDS PRESERVATION BUDGET (2040): No action taken.**

**RESERVES BUDGET (2045): No action taken.**

**NEXT COMMISSIONERS COURT SESSION:**

The next Commissioners Regular Court Session is scheduled for October 13, 2016.

**\*\*B. Johnson moved, A. Fowler seconded to adjourn the court session at 11:30 a.m. Unanimous.**

Respectfully submitted by



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**Waldo Deputy County Clerk**