

**WALDO COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT SESSION  
OCTOBER 27, 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 1:00 p.m. and recessed to open the Organizational 2017 Budget Committee Meeting. (Please see separate minutes of this budget meeting.)

The Commissioners' court session reconvened at 1:13 p.m.

**FACILITIES REPORT:**

Present with the Commissioners was Facilities Manager Keith Nealley, MCRRC Captain Raymond Porter and MCRRC resident Mike Hornick.

K. Nealley presented to the Commissioners two stained glass windows that originally were in the Superior Courthouse doors. They were set in wooden frames built by Mike Hornick, who will soon be graduating from the Maine Regional Reentry Center. K. Nealley noted that Mr. Hornick had been involved in numerous projects and had been very helpful while in the reentry center, including being responsible for most of the recent landscaping at the Sheriff's Office.

Captain R. Porter said he has expressed that he is sorry to see Mike go but Mike has said he will continue to help with the center and continue to serve as a role model. When asked by the Commissioners, M. Hornick stated that he has been at the reentry center one year and six days.

The Commissioners thanked M. Hornick for the work he had done on behalf of the County of Waldo while in the MCRRC and commended him for the craftsmanship on the frames for the stained glass windows.

The Commissioners also thanked K. Nealley for thinking to save and create a display out of these two historic stained glass windows.

**SHERIFF JEFFREY TRAFTON – PRESENTATION:**

Present with Commissioners were Sheriff Jeffrey Trafton and Captain Raymond Porter. Sheriff Trafton expressed that the Sheriff's Office wished to present their own plaque to Commissioner Shorey for outstanding work and dedication he has put into the County Garden in Swanville since its inception. A wood plaque was awarded by the Sheriff to Commissioner William Shorey.

Sheriff Trafton reported that he had seen "a lot of happy people taking potatoes at the YMCA" recently. The senior luncheon was held at the Y that same day, so the seniors were also able to benefit. The Sheriff said he also noticed that many young people were taking potatoes too. All thanked Commissioner Shorey for his hard work in keeping the Garden going and for increasing the production and distribution each year.

Commissioner Shorey thanked the Sheriff for the plaque and the acknowledgement.

Sheriff Trafton briefly informed the Commissioners of some officers who will be graduating from the Academy and also gave the Commissioners a brief update on the Domestic Violence Detective.

Captain Porter reported that he and MCRRC Program Manager Jerome Weiner have been invited to participate as panelists at the New England Reentry Conference being held at the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston, Massachusetts on Tuesday, November 1, 2016. This one-day event is hosted by the United States Attorneys of the six New England Districts and Jerome and Ray will be called upon to offer their perspective on addressing the unique needs of individuals returning to rural areas. He explained that some of the reentry centers they have visited in an effort to learn something had actually resulted in fielding many questions from the people at the facilities they visited. He noted that on one such trip, they learned that in the city, the programming has to be contracted out they are very interested in how the MCRRC is able to accomplish this within the center.

The Commissioners expressed their great pleasure in hearing this.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

Present with the Commissioners was Deputy Treasurer Karen Trussell, who reported the following:

County Checking Account Balance: \$1,382,597.29.

Corrections Checking Account Balance: \$504,166.61.

Tax Anticipation Note: The County has paid back \$1,000,000.00 and the Jail has paid back \$500,000.00 on the TAN thus far.

County Appropriations:

The County budget is 83% expended.

County Revenue:

County revenue received is 96.07%.

Corrections Appropriations:

The Jail budget is 83% expended

Corrections Revenue:

Corrections revenue received is 104.91%.

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

**WARRANTS:**

**\*\*A. Fowler moved, B. Johnson seconded to authorize payment of the October 28, 2016 General Fund Accounts Payable warrant and October 20, 2016 payroll in the amount of \$1,258,875.28. Unanimous.**

**\*\*B. Johnson moved, A. Fowler seconded to authorize payment of the October 28, 2016 Capital & Restricted Reserve warrant in the amount of \$30,898.60. Unanimous.**

**\*\*B. Johnson moved, A. Fowler seconded to authorize payment of the October 28, 2016 Reentry Accounts Payable warrant and October 20, 2016 payroll in the amount of \$559,896.45. Unanimous.**

**\*\*B. Johnson moved, A. Fowler seconded to authorize payment of the October 28, 2016 MCRRRC Restricted Reserve warrant in the amount of \$7,730.36. Unanimous.**

#### **CORRESPONDENCE:**

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

1. B. Arseneau was pleased to inform the Commissioners that the Maine Municipal Association Ergonomic Grant she had applied for was awarded in the amount of up to \$1,346.67, which is two-thirds of the cost. The application was for four (4) sit/stand desk units and floor mats for four County departments. Each department will need to fund the remaining approximately \$218.00 for each unit. The Commissioners authorized the payment for the units for the County Clerk and Deputy Treasurer's desks to be from the Commissioners Professional Services line. The Commissioners stated that they were pleased that this grant funding was awarded to the County.

2. Communications Director Owen Smith sent a memo dated October 18, 2016 indicating that Dispatcher Katie Dakin's last day of employment was October 14, 2016.

**\*\*A. Fowler moved, B. Johnson seconded to accept notice that October 14, 2016 was the last day of employment for Dispatcher Katie Dakin. Unanimous.**

3. MCCA is offering an all-day training session for newly elected officials, most likely on December 9, 2016. Commissioners Fowler and Shorey, both running unopposed, said they would be taking this training elsewhere once re-elected.

4. Lieutenant Matthew Curtis submitted copies of a thank you letter from a local citizen that were given to Sergeant James Greeley, Deputy Wiley McVety, and Corporal Greg Jones. The Commissioners each read and initialed the copies and stated that they were very pleased that these officers did an outstanding job and were acknowledged for that. The copies will go in the employees' files.

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

B. Arseneau requested that the Commissioners approve the minutes from the October 13, 2016 Waldo County Commissioners Court Session as presented.

**\*\*B. Johnson moved, A. Fowler seconded to approve the minutes for the October 13, 2016 Waldo County Commissioners Court Session as presented. Unanimous.**

#### **COMMISSIONERS MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:**

1. W. Shorey briefly discussed the Brownfield's Grant project and some delays that had occurred, which raised some concern with the EPA regarding whether or not the project is continuing. The

Commissioners will send a letter to the EPA assuring that the Commissioners intend to continue and complete this cleanup project.

2. Members of Aging Well in Waldo County have been asked to email only Betty Johnson's personal email, as the liaison, because too many unnecessary emails are being sent to Board of Waldo County Commissioners.

**NEXT COMMISSIONERS COURT SESSION:**

After discussion of conflicting schedules, it was decided that the next regular Commissioners Court Session will be **MONDAY** November 7, 2016 in the Waldo County Commissioners Conference Room.

**\*\*A. Fowler moved, B. Johnson seconded to adjourn the court session at 2:05 p.m. Unanimous.**

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