

**WALDO COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT SESSION  
NOVEMBER 22, 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 11:30 a.m.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

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

1. The Waldo County Sheriff's Office has received notice of Asset Forfeiture from the State of Maine v. Randolph West in the amount of \$2,400.00.  
**\*\*A. Fowler moved, B. Johnson seconded to authorize acceptance of the Asset Forfeiture in the amount of \$2,400.00. Unanimous.**

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

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

1. The I.D. Machine owned by the Commissioners that is kept and used at the Communications Center has a web camera that sits on the monitor that has broken. It was an inexpensive one purchased to take pictures for I.D. badges and it kept falling off the monitor. Dispatch Supervisor Michael Larrivee has asked if the replacement camera could be a more heavy-duty unit that connects to the computer could be purchased. A new one is approximately \$600.00 and a refurbished one is around \$250.00. He asked which the Commissioners would prefer.  
**\*\*B. Johnson moved, A. Fowler seconded to approve purchasing a new heavy-duty camera for the I.D. Machine, to be funded from the Commissioners' Professional Services line. Unanimous.**
2. Maine County Commissioners Association Board of Directors Representative for 2017:  
**\*\* W. Shorey moved, B. Johnson seconded to elect Amy Fowler to continue to serve as Waldo County's representative on the Maine County Commissioners Association Board of Directors for 2017. Unanimous.**
3. Eastern Maine Development Corporation sent a letter stating that EMDC's bylaws allow for each county to appoint one person to the Board of Directors annually and can be a staff person of the County or a Commissioner, etc.  
**\*\*A. Fowler moved, B. Johnson seconded to appoint William Shorey as Waldo County's representative on Eastern Maine Development Corporation's Board of Directors for 2017. Unanimous.**
4. Maine Municipal Association sent their annual Membership Report to the County as a participant in the MMA Workers Compensation Fund. Total dividends paid were \$2,771.00. Total Grants and Scholarships awarded were \$1,347.00. Total Loss Control was \$1,374.00. Total benefits for 2016 was \$5,491.00. Copies were submitted to each Commissioner.

5. Sheriff Jeffrey Trafton sent a letter notifying the Commissioners that Cody Laite has been selected for the promotion to Sergeant pending the Commissioners confirmation, with a start date of November 27, 2016. His hourly wage would increase from \$22.17 to \$23.33 per hour.

**\*\*B. Johnson moved, A. Fowler seconded to approve the promotion of Cody Laite to Sergeant effective November 27, 2016 with a pay increase from \$22.17 to \$23.33 per hour. Unanimous.**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

B. Arseneau requested that the Commissioners approve the minutes from the November 7, 2016 Waldo County Commissioners Court Session as presented.

**\*\*B. Johnson moved, A. Fowler seconded to approve the minutes for the November 7, 2016 Waldo County Commissioners Court Session as presented. Unanimous.**

**COMMISSIONERS MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:**

1. The Commissioners briefly discussed concerns with the current system in which the Commissioners hire employees and the process for firing and then serving as an appeals board has been confusing. They wondered if there was a different process that should be implemented. They agreed to seek legal counsel.

2. The Commissioners discussed cancelling their December 22, 2016 court session and asked B. Arseneau to determine if that could be possible regarding year-end work, closing books for Registries of Deeds and Probate, etc.

**NEXT COMMISSIONERS COURT SESSION:**

A special court session would follow this afternoon at 1:00 p.m. The next regular Commissioners Court Session will be December 8, 2016.

**\*\*B. Johnson moved, A. Fowler seconded to enter Executive Session to meet with legal counsel for discussion of a disciplinary hearing as permitted by M.R.S.A. Title 1, §405(6)(A). Unanimous.**

**\*\*W. Shorey moved, B. Johnson seconded to adjourn the court session at 12:10 p.m. Unanimous.**

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