

**WALDO COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT SESSION
MARCH 2, 2017**

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

TREASURER'S REPORT:

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

County Checkbook balance:

The checkbook balance is \$32,023.33.

Jail Checkbook balance:

The checkbook balance is \$18,214.02.

County Appropriations:

The budget is 16% expended.

County Revenue for:

The County revenue received is 16.71%.

Corrections Appropriations:

The Corrections appropriations is at 20%.

Corrections Revenue:

The Corrections revenue received is 1.1%.

K. Trussell inquired as to where the \$350.00 annual fee for Employee Assistance Program would be funded.

**** A. Fowler moved, B. Johnson seconded that the annual fee be paid from Professional Services account. Unanimous.**

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

WARRANTS:

****B. Johnson moved, A. Fowler seconded to authorize payment of the February 28, 2017 General Fund Accounts Payable warrant and February 23, 2017 payroll in the amount of \$246,481.77. Unanimous.**

****B. Johnson moved, A. Fowler seconded to authorize payment of the February 28, 2017 Capital, Active & Restricted Reserve warrant in the amount of \$67,885.74. Unanimous.**

****B. Johnson moved, A. Fowler seconded to authorize payment of the February 28, 2017 Reentry Accounts Payable warrant and February 23, 2017 payroll in the amount of \$114,395.07. Unanimous.**

****B. Johnson moved, A. Fowler seconded to authorize payment of the February 28, 2017 MCRRC Capital & Restricted Reserve warrant in the amount of \$21,481.82. Unanimous.**

SHERIFF'S REPORT:

Present with the Commissioners was Sheriff Jeffrey Trafton.

1. J. Trafton reported that they had selected Ryan Jackson as a full-time patrol deputy at the hourly rate of \$19.93. R. Jackson has two year law degree from Beal College.

****B. Johnson moved, A. Fowler seconded to hire Ryan Jackson as full-time Patrol Deputy effective March 3, 2017 at \$19.93 per hour. Unanimous.**

2. J. Trafton requested that the Commissioners rescind the original hire date, November 12, 2015 of Tom Ballard as Part-Time Deputy at the Sheriff's Office. The new effective date will be March 2, 2017.

**** A. Fowler moved, B. Johnson seconded to rescind the original hire date, November 12, 2015, of Tom Ballard and to approve the new date of March 2, 2017 at the hourly rate of \$20.33. Unanimous.**

3. Commissioner Shorey commented that the residents from the Re-entry Center did a very good job cleaning up the old jail.

FACILITIES REPORT:

Present with the Commissioners was Keith Nealley who reported the following:

1. K. Nealley reported that Richen Management, a janitorial company, recently signed a one year contract with the County of Waldo. If all parties are in agreement the contract could be extended for two more years at the end of this year. All references were checked and Richen received high marks for attentiveness and reliability.

2. Great progress has been made at the jail. Only minor adjustments are needed. The inspection will be on March 27, 2017. The renovations at the jail are under budget as only \$80,000 of the \$100,000 budgeted has been expended thus far.

3. Commissioner Johnson asked K. Nealley what the rooms in the back of the Probate Office looked like. K. Nealley took the Commissioners on a quick tour.

4. K. Nealley also asked for the Commissioners permission to take vacation from March 16-26, 2017. All agreed that a well-deserved vacation was in order.

5. Dan Whittier from MMA was very pleased with the County safety manual.

OPEN FOR PUBLIC COMMENT:

1. Present with the Commissioners was Ethan Andrews from the Republican Journal who asked about the shortage of EMT's.

W. Shorey replied that there seems to be a widespread shortage of EMT's and it is being handled internally.

2. E. Andrews inquired about the old Sheriff's Office and what would become of it. W. Shorey answered that there has been some interest but nothing concrete yet. The building could possibly be renovated into some type of housing but it was too premature to speculate much.

3. There was some discussion regarding the new courthouse being built and whether it would free-up office spaces in buildings that the County owns.

A. Fowler answered that yes, and the County be very fortunate to have more room for office space.

3. There was also some discussion about Corrections and the future.

A. Fowler responded that Waldo County has a great contract and agreement at a set price with Two Bridges Regional Jail in Wiscasset. She also remarked that Two Bridges was incredible to work with.

W. Shorey says that the contract is set until January 1, 2018. After that date there will be discussion of a long term agreement.

COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTOR:

Present with the Commissioners was Communications Director Owen Smith who reported the following:

O. Smith recommended hiring of Wendy Gavin and Stephen Waterman as Dispatch Trainees both at the hourly rate of \$16.82.

****A. Fowler moved, B. Johnson seconded to hire Wendy Gavin effective March 17, 2017 and Stephen Waterman effective March 5, 2017 as Dispatch Trainees at \$16.82 per hour.**

Unanimous.

CORRESPONDENCE:

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

1. The Commissioners signed a job description for the Patrol Corporal position. This is a new position created at the end of 2016.

****B. Johnson moved, A. Fowler seconded to accept the job description for Patrol Corporal. Unanimous.**

2. The Commissioners noted that Domestic Violence Detective James Greeley had completed twelve years of employment on March 13, 2017 with a pay increase from \$24.83 per hour to \$25.40 per hour.

3. The Commissioners also noted that Full Time Corrections Corporal Michael Hopkins had completed twelve years of employment on March 8, 2017 with a pay increase from \$21.46 per hour to \$22.14 per hour.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

M. Saucier requested that the Commissioners approve the minutes from the February 22, 2017 Waldo County Commissioners Court Session as presented.

****A. Fowler moved, B. Johnson seconded to approve the minutes from the February 22, 2017 Waldo County Commissioners Court Session. Unanimous.**

COMMISSIONERS MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:

1. B. Johnson mentioned that a few meetings for Aging Well in Waldo had been cancelled due to storms but other than that the group was very active.


2. B. Johnson reminded the Commissioners about the survey for Aging Well in Waldo.

3. B. Shorey has an upcoming meeting with Eastern Maine Development Corporation.

NEXT COMMISSIONERS COURT SESSION:

The next regular Commissioners Court Session will be Monday, March 20, 2017.

****B. Johnson moved, A. Fowler seconded to adjourn the court session at 10:15 a.m. Unanimous.**

Respectfully submitted by 
Waldo Deputy County Clerk