

**WALDO COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT SESSION  
MAY 1, 2017**

**PRESENT:** Commissioners William D. Shorey (Chairman), Amy R. Fowler and Betty I. Johnson. Also present was County Clerk Barbara L. Arseneau 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:

**Tax Anticipation Note:**

\$800,000.00 has been borrowed on the County side.

\$1,250,000 has been borrowed on the Jail side.

The total borrowed is \$2,050,000.00.

**County Appropriations:**

The budget is 31% expended and could be 33.33%.

**County Revenue:**

The County revenue received is 32.45%.

**Corrections Appropriations:**

The Corrections budget is 39% expended and is a little over the typical 33.33% expended this time of year. The Commissioners wondered why there was an over-expenditure in the Emergency Management Agency line. After K. Trussell checked with O. Rumney at EMA, she reported that EMA Director Dale Rowley had found great savings on shelving for the EMA garage and was going to cover the overage by not expending another line in the EMA budget.

**Corrections Revenue:**

The Corrections revenue received is 1.66%.

**2016 AUDIT:**

K. Trussell and B. Arseneau noted that things were going well with the 2016 audit. The auditor came Monday, April 24, 2017 and will return May 9, 2017. Much of what he required had already been sent to him by Karen and Barbara because they found out in advance what he needed. There was information that had been sent to the Treasurer about a new law related to audits. K. Trussell inquired of the auditor and was told that this was a law for the auditors to follow and did not affect the County's reporting.

**\*\*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 April 27, 2017 General Fund Accounts Payable Warrant and April 20, 2017 payroll in the amount of \$245,591.16. Unanimous.**

**\*\*B. Johnson moved, A. Fowler seconded to authorize payment of the April 27, 2017 Capital Active & Restricted Reserve warrant in the amount of \$16,730.48. Unanimous.**

**\*\*B. Johnson moved, A. Fowler seconded to authorize payment of the April 27, 2017 Reentry Accounts Payable warrant and April 20, 2017 payroll in the amount of \$70,890.70. Unanimous.**

**\*\* B. Johnson moved, A. Fowler seconded to authorize payment of the April 27, 2017 MCRRC Restricted Reserve warrant in the amount of \$5,359.32. Unanimous.**

#### **FACILITIES REPORT:**

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

1. K. Nealley reported that as of today he had completed 9 years of employment with the County. There is no increase in pay or vacation due this year. He thanked the Commissioners for the opportunity to work with the County. W. Shorey stated that the Commissioners felt he did an excellent job and appreciated all he does. Commissioners Fowler and Johnson concurred.

2. K. Nealley reported that the solar panels that will be installed at the he had Bangor Roofing examine the roof to be sure it could hold the weight of the solar panels, etc. They said that the roof is in remarkably good shape. One section of the roof has always had a small leak. Bangor Roofing found that it was an expansion seam and they will repair it. The Commissioners signed the contract with Sun Dog Solar for the solar hot water system at the Jail in the amount of \$31,980.00.

3. The State Inspector came to the Jail and inspected the elevator. This project also came in under budget by about \$18,000.00.

#### **CORRESPONDENCE:**

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

1. The Commissioners received a request from the District Attorney's Office staff to donate toward a chair as a goodbye gift for District Attorney Geoffrey Rushlau, who has been appointed to serve as District Court Judge.

**\*\*A. Fowler moved, B. Johnson seconded to take \$100.00 from the Courthouse Reserve for the District Attorney's chair. Unanimous.**

2. At the request and recommendation of Belfast City Planner Wayne Marshall, the Commissioners voted as follows:

**\*\*B. Johnson moved, A. Fowler seconded to allow the City of Belfast to remove the existing evergreen tree on the County's property between City Hall and the Superior Court Building and replace it with a tree of the City's choice. Unanimous.**

3. Brownfields Cleanup Grant Hazardous Materials Remediation Project to remove hazardous materials from the Old Jail, Jailer's House and Barn:

**\*\*B. Johnson moved to accept the bid proposal from EnviroVantage, Inc. of Portland, ME and Epping, NH with a base bid of \$74,224.00. Passed by two. (Commissioner Fowler had to leave earlier.)**

4. Dispatcher Holden Doyon has graduated from “Tele Type” school and become a Certified Terminal Operator. This completes his education to be a Dispatcher with Certification. As of April 23, 2017, his pay rate increased from \$17.39 to \$18.64 per hour. The Commissioners noted this.

5. The Commissioners received a Notice to Abutter from the City of Belfast Intown Design Review Committee regarding proposed work to the Unitarian Universalist Church of Belfast on 37 Miller Street in Belfast.

6. Grand Jury will meet in the Probate Courtroom May 10 and 11, 2017 starting at 8:30 a.m.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

B. Arseneau requested that the Commissioners approve the minutes from the April 19, 2017 Waldo County Commissioners Court Session as presented.

**\*\*B. Johnson moved, W. Shorey seconded to approve the minutes from the April 19, 2017 Waldo County Commissioners Court Session. Unanimous.**

**COMMISSIONERS MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:**

B. Johnson reported that Aging Well in Waldo County Committee asked her to discuss with the Commissioners the possibility of the Committee coming under the “umbrella” of the County of Waldo to do such things as apply for a grant for the entire county, not just one town. B. Johnson said she would discuss it with the other Commissioners. The other Commissioners expressed concern that this might be creating another department with employees. B. Arseneau mentioned that putting it under the “umbrella” of the County might limit the Committee’s ability to apply for grants, as the County as an entity is very limited in what it qualifies for in terms of grant funding. She mentioned that the County provides funding for other organizations, such as Waldo Community Action Partners but they are still separate entities. B. Johnson thanked the Commissioners for their input. She had told the Committee that she would need to do more research on this and will do some more.

**CHANGES IN COMMISSIONERS COURT SESSION SCHEDULE:**

Because Commissioner Johnson will be attending a seminar on June 7 and 8, the Commissioners moved their first June court session to June 6, 2017 at 9:00 a.m.

**NEXT COMMISSIONERS COURT SESSION:**

The next Commissioners Court Session will be a special court session on May 3, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. with an executive session for discussion of uses of real property as permitted by M.R.S.A. Title 1§405(6)(A). Wednesday April 19, 2017. *(That court session was later canceled.)*

**\*\*B. Johnson moved, W. Shorey seconded to adjourn the court session at 9:52 a.m. Unanimous.**

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