

**WALDO COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT SESSION
NOVEMBER 1, 2018**

PRESENT: Commissioners William D. Shorey, Amy R. Fowler, and Betty I. Johnson. Also present was Lincolnville Citizen Rosey Gerry, and County Clerk Barbara Arseneau to take minutes.

Call to Order: Commissioner Shorey called the court session to order at 10:00 a.m.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Present with the Commissioners were Treasurer David Parkman and Deputy Treasurer Karen Trussell, who presented the Treasurer's report as follows:

The County Checkbook balance is \$1,778,714.46.

The Jail Checkbook balance is \$597,069.45.

The T.A.N. is no longer being borrowed, and it is starting to be paid back in the October 31, 2018 Accounts Payable Warrants.

Total borrowed on the Tax Anticipation Note is:	\$4,500,000.00
Total borrowed on the TAN by the County is:	\$2,550,000.00
Total borrowed on the TAN by the Jail is:	\$1,950,000.00
Total paid back on the TAN:	\$1,500,000.00
Remaining balance to PAY BACK:	\$3,000,000.00

59.79% of the taxes have been collected so far.

The following towns have paid their taxes: Troy, Palermo, Freedom, Knox, Liberty, Morrill, Winterport, Burnham, Thorndike, Montville, Prospect, Unorganized Territory, Stockton Springs, Belfast (County Portion only), Unity, Lincolnville, and Searsmont.

D. Parkman reported that all the departmental budgets look very good for this time of year.

County Appropriations:

79% of the budget has been expended and it could be 83% at this time.

County Revenue:

88.64% of the County revenue has been received.

Corrections Appropriations:

83% of budget has been expended and could be 83% expended.

Corrections Revenue:

93.64% of the Corrections revenue has been received.

****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 October 31, 2018 General Fund Accounts Payable warrant including the October 18, 2018 payroll in the amount of \$1,233,374.19. Unanimous.**

****B. Johnson moved, A. Fowler seconded to authorize payment of the October 31, 2018 Capital, Active & Restricted Reserve warrant in the amount of \$16,064.29. Unanimous.**

**** B. Johnson moved, A. Fowler seconded to authorize payment of the October 31, 2018 Reentry Accounts Payable warrant including the October 18, 2018 payroll in the amount of \$626,286.77. Unanimous.**

****B. Johnson moved, A. Fowler seconded to authorize payment of the October 31, 2018 MCRRC Restricted Reserve warrant in the amount of \$5,132.18. Unanimous.**

****B. Johnson moved, A. Fowler seconded to move undesignated funds up to \$5,000.00 from the 2018 Records Preservation Budget to the Records Preservation Reserve Account at the end of the current year. Unanimous.**

D. Parkman stated that he only had a few more Commissioners Court Sessions to attend before he retires as treasurer. He reported that he has worked under 7 different commissioners, and one thing they all have in common is the betterment of the County. When he first came on, there was no money at the beginning of the year and the County had to borrow from the tax anticipation note immediately. Now, there is cash flow every year. He recalled that 2005 was the worst year. John Hyk, who was County Commissioner at the time, called him up and asked if the Commissioners could add more funds to the overlay. D. Parkman said they certainly could and made a recommendation to increase that significantly. Since then, the cash flow has been available so the TAN hasn't been borrowed first thing in January. He stated that he is very proud of that.

The second thing he is proud of is that the District Attorney's Office now does not accept cash and the Restitution Account has been caught up for a few years now. He stated that the staff at the D.A.'s Office has done an outstanding job getting that caught up.

Regarding Deputy Treasurer Karen Trussell, D. Parkman acknowledged that she has been with him since he first came on and he really appreciates her help. "Every time I started to go off the rails, she put me back on," he said. He added that she has been great to work with.

He concluded by saying that all of the people he has worked with have been wonderful and the County is lucky to have these people.

The Commissioners commended D. Parkman for the years he has served the County both as a budget committee member and a treasurer. The Commissioners appreciated that he has never referred to the finances as "his" money. They told him he has provided some of the best financial ideas the County has received and that he has been an excellent Treasurer.

FACILITES REPORT:

Present with the Commissioners was Facilities Manager Keith Nealley, who reported the following:

1. Jail Boiler: K. Nealley asked Commissioner Shorey to come look at the boiler at the Jail because of Commissioner Shorey's years of experience with heating systems. Commissioner Shorey went up yesterday and looked at this with Keith. They noted many cracks and a few holes, one of which was letting exhaust seep out. Thayer Corporation came in and sealed every crack and section that could possibly be leaking. This should allow for the boiler to run for several more years.
2. The new cleaner has received nothing but excellent reviews from the departments. K. Nealley will provide a report of the employee's work prior to concluding his six-month's probationary period.
3. K. Nealley requested an executive session to discuss a non-public matter regarding property to the County Commissioners as permitted by M.R.S.A. Title 1§405(6)(F).

****A. Fowler moved, B. Johnson seconded to go into executive session at 10:24 a.m. to discuss a non-public matter regarding property as permitted by M.R.S.A. Title 1§405(6)(F). Unanimous.**

****A. Fowler moved, B. Johnson seconded to come out of executive session at 10:30 a.m. Unanimous.** No action was taken.

CORRESPONDENCE:

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

1. Assistant Clerk Lynn Patten came in to discuss refreshments for the November 9, 2018 Budget Committee meeting. The Commissioners decided it would be nice to serve a meal, since the meeting was starting at 5:00 p.m. and asked L. Patten to speak with the Corrections Administrator and to see if the Jail Residents and staff could prepare the meal. It will be funded from the Commissioners' budget meal line.
2. The Commissioners briefly discussed calls and inquiries they've been receiving from Town Officers who were confused about why they received invitations to the Spirit of America Foundation Ceremony. Neither the Commissioners nor staff realized that the Towns were not notified that the President of Spirit of America President had nominated 10 people for awards. This resulted in a fair amount of confusion. The Commissioners instructed B. Arseneau to send a message to the President asking him to contact the Town Offices as soon as possible to notify them of whom he had nominated in their towns. The Commissioners said they will want to schedule a meeting with the president to discuss how nominations will be handled in the future.
3. The Commissioners Office received on November 1, 2018 a copy of "Notice of Layout and Taking of certain parcel(s) of land in Searsmont owned by Robbins Lumber, Inc., et al.
4. B. Arseneau informed the Commissioners that the Public Hearing Notice has been sent to the Republican Journal/VillageSoupNews early so as to be printed well in advance of the 10-day minimum.

5. The Commissioners Office received notice that Jim Gillway of Searsport has taken the place of Kitty Barbee to speak to the Budget Committee on the subject of Eastern Maine Development Corporation's 2019 budget request to the County.

6. B. Arseneau will be attending a Consolidated Courthouse Planning Committee meeting on November 2, 2018 for an update on planning and to go over the list of items that will be leaving and staying in both the Superior Courthouse and District Courthouse.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

B. Arseneau requested that the Commissioners approve the minutes from the October 26, 2018 Waldo County Commissioners Court Special Session.

****B. Johnson moved, A. Fowler seconded to approve the minutes from the October 26, 2018 Commissioners Court Special Session as presented. Unanimous.**

COMMISSIONERS MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:

1. The Commissioners noted that the Sheriff has appointed Chief Jason Trundy as IT Consultants S.J. Rollins' contact person for non-emergency IT needs at the Public Safety Way complex and the Commissioners wish to assign Lynn Patten as the contact person for Superior and District Court. B. Arseneau will generate a letter to S.J. Rollins (Joe S. at S.J. Rollins) with the Chief and L. Patten's information.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

****A. Fowler moved, B. Johnson seconded to go into executive session at 11:00 a.m. as permitted by Title 1§405(6)(E) for consultation with legal counsel on a legal matter. Unanimous.**

****B. Johnson moved, A. Fowler seconded to come out of executive session at 11:26 a.m. Unanimous.** No action taken.

NEXT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS SESSION:

The next Commissioners Court Session will be a regular session held November 15, 2018 at **1:00 p.m.** in the Commissioners Conference Room at 39B Spring Street, Belfast.

The Commissioners could not stay for the informational meeting with document vendors, so they agreed to adjourn the court session.

****B. Johnson moved, A. Fowler seconded to adjourn the court session at 11:28 a.m. Unanimous.**

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