

**WALDO COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT SESSION  
OCTOBER 17, 2019**

**PRESENT:** Commissioners William D. Shorey, Amy R. Fowler, and Betty I. Johnson, with Assistant County Clerk Nicole Hubbard to take minutes.

**Call to Order:** Commissioner Shorey called the court session to order at 1:00 p.m.

**FINANCIAL REPORT:**

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

The County Checkbook balance is \$1,014,658.59.

The Corrections Checkbook balance is \$639,665.30.

**County Appropriations:**

75% of the 2019 budget has been expended and it should be 79% at this time.

**County Revenue:**

93.37% of the 2019 County revenue has been received.

**Corrections Appropriations:**

81% of 2019 budget has been expended and should be 79% expended.

**Corrections Revenue:**

114.11% of the 2019 Corrections revenue has been received.

**TAX ANTICIPATION NOTE:**

\$4,800,000.00 has been borrowed from the TAN; \$2,800,000.00 by the County and \$2,000,000.00 by Corrections. The remaining balance is \$500,000.00.

K. Trussell reported that for the 2019 County taxes, the following towns have paid in full: Knox, Prospect, Troy, Burnham, Liberty, Montville, Morrill, Winterport, Palermo, Searsport, and Unorganized Territory.

K. Trussell presented an updated technology budget and expense report to the Commissioners for S.J. Rollins Technologies and J&B Diversified Associates, Inc.

K. Trussell relayed that the county received a refund from MaineHealth.

**\*\*B. Johnson moved, A. Fowler seconded to file the Financial Report. Unanimous.**

## **WARRANTS:**

**\*\*B. Johnson moved, A. Fowler seconded to authorize payment of the October 10, 2019 General Fund Accounts Payable warrant including the October 3, 2019 payroll in the amount of \$357,483.64. Unanimous.**

**\*\*B. Johnson moved, A. Fowler seconded to authorize payment of the October 10, 2019 Capital, Active & Restricted Reserve warrant in the amount of \$58,105.85. Unanimous.**

**\*\*B. Johnson moved, A. Fowler seconded to authorize payment of the October 10, 2019 Reentry Accounts Payable warrant including the October 3, 2019 payroll in the amount of \$122,807.43. Unanimous.**

**\*\*B. Johnson moved, A. Fowler seconded to authorize payment of the October 10, 2019 MCRRC Restricted Reserve in the amount of \$18,536.83. Unanimous.**

## **FACILITIES REPORT:**

Facilities Manager K. Nealley reported the following.

The generators were not working this morning. But later in the day they were running in different spaces, and he is trying to figure out the mystery of why some started and some didn't. He is working with EMA Directory Dale Rowley on the issue but believes they are narrowing down why the issue is occurring. He said for the most part the power outages didn't affect the County offices.

Finance Director Karen Trussell's office came out really nice. Especially with walls down it makes a really nice office space. He gave credit to assistance from the Reentry Center and the individuals who helped make it look nice. Commissioner Johnson mentioned that some have come looking for the Probate Office and had seen her office and said how nice it looks. Commissioner Fowler mentioned she would like a barrier across by Karen's counter as an acknowledgement for individuals coming into the office not to cross into Karen's area. K. Nealley stated he can make that happen.

Commissioner Fowler mentioned the issue of the two table top sit/stands in the Commissioner's chambers to K. Nealley. She stated that when attempting to raise them, they come up way too fast, and it is unsafe. K. Nealley stated he would resolve the issue.

K. Nealley mentioned that he plans on painting County Clerk Barbara Arseneau's office while she is out, and it should be finished when she gets back.

Commissioner Johnson inquired about the rental space and when that would be occupied. K. Nealley stated that is coming in December 1<sup>st</sup> and that office space needs to be done too.

Commissioner Fowler inquired if he liked his new storage space at the garden. K. Nealley stated that he hasn't had a chance to really get in there yet with the projects that are happening in the courthouse.

The parking issue was brought up and if there was room for the new renters if they wished to have parking. K. Nealley stated he mentioned to them that there is no parking available and they are ok with that as their current office is not far from here and they park there or use the public parking areas.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

Present to report correspondence was Assistant County Clerk Nicole Hubbard as follows:

Two thank you notes were passed to the Commissioners for their signatures for Deputy Register of Probate Judy Nealley and Probate Clerk Cari Emrich for their help with the Scavenger Hunt at the MCCA Convention.

N. Hubbard inquired with the Commissioners about an email received on October 8, 2019 from Addicted.org. The email requested a link be put on the County website for their organization, which provides resources for anyone in need. The Commissioners declined.

N. Hubbard notified the Commissioners of a local fundraiser for Project Graduation at Belfast High School. The notification states that from October 20<sup>th</sup> – November 30, 2019 the deputies are allowed to grow out of facial hair to support the fundraiser. After the fundraiser is over they will resume grooming practices consistent with the current Waldo County Sheriff's Office.

**COMMISSIONERS MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:**

There was lengthy discussion with regards to the continued disappointment and lack of progress with the MCCA. The Waldo County Commissioners continue to be extremely satisfied with the Risk Pool and all it does for members. They are awaiting response from counsel as to the Intergovernmental Contract with the Risk Pool and its connection with MCCA. They will continue working collectively with the other 5 counties looking for alternatives, or a possible fix. Commissioner Fowler will keep all updated on the status.

Commissioner Johnson passed out tickets to both Commissioner Fowler and Commissioner Shorey for the upcoming event for Opioid Addiction hosted by the Belfast Creative Coalition on November 1, 2 & 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Commissioner Shorey inquired with N. Hubbard if she had ordered their new calendars or Dayminders for next year. She has not, but will.

Commissioner Fowler mentioned that she received a phone call from a Thorndike resident in regards to Mil Rate increases. She has started to check into surrounding towns and their Mil Rates and asked N. Hubbard to finish the research for her.

**\*\* B. Johnson moved, A. Fowler seconded to adjourn the court session at 2:00 p.m. Unanimous.**

Respectfully submitted by Nicole Hubbard  
**Waldo County Assistant Clerk**