

March 12, 2015

**Minutes of the Washington County Commissioners'  
Unorganized Territories Regular Meeting  
held March 12, 2015  
in the Commissioners' Conference Room  
Machias, Maine**

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**Attending the meeting were:**  
Commissioner Christopher Gardner  
Commissioner John Crowley, Sr.  
Commissioner Vinton E. Cassidy  
Betsy Fitzgerald, County Manager  
Carla Manchester, Administration  
Karen Redman, Marshfield  
Johanna S. Billings, Bangor Daily News  
Cat Cannon, MVNO  
Lora Whelan, Quoddy Tides  
Barry Curtis, Sheriff  
Michael Anderson, Washington County Jail  
Richard Moore, NCEU  
Jill C. Holmes, Treasurer  
Judith Alexander, Treasurer's Office  
Rich Rolfe, Jail  
Darlene Wallace, Deeds  
Dean A. Preston, UT  
Sharon D. Strout, Deeds  
Mike Hinerman, EMA  
Carlene Holmes, Probate  
Dennis Perry, RCC  
Joshua Rolfe, RCC

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The meeting for Unorganized Territories business was called to order at 4:10 p.m.

**Approval of the February U.T. meeting minutes of February 12, 2015  
(Crowley / Cassidy, 3-0)**

**AGENDA ITEM: Monthly Report**

Unorganized Territories Supervisor Dean Preston provided his monthly written report. (See attached)

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U.T. Supervisor Dean Preston reported that he continues to inspect road conditions and provide feedback to the snow removal contractors. Commissioner Gardner asked how run-off concerns were being handled. Dean stated that he has made contact and discussed plans with all contractors to identify potential ponding and flooding.

Dean is prioritizing spring highway maintenance projects based on safety, budget and schedule.

Dean reported that PERC (Penobscot Energy Recovery Company) is going through some changes in the cost of handling solid waste. The changes will impact the communities in the northern territories who currently have an agreement with PERC.

Dean stated that the dry hydrant in Cathance Twp. is still held up due to bureaucratic details and has been the smallest, yet most difficult project with which he has been involved. He reports that it has been determined that the project is located in the Atlantic Salmon Distinct Population Segment (DPS) and will need a Corp of Engineers permit. The U.T. will need to work with the Corp of Engineers to comply with guidelines and requirements in order to proceed.

Dean reported on the progress made to date on the Comprehensive plan for the Unorganized Territories. A website has been created to host the documents as they are drafted and completed, and a second page has been created to describe the Community Guided Planning and Zoning. Dean and Judy East met with LUPC staff in Augusta. The Process Document will take three meetings over the next three months to create.

U.T. Supervisor Dean Preston stated that he had several action items for the Commissioners' consideration.

Dean presented the solid waste disposal agreement with the Town of Machias for transfer station services for TWP 24, 29, 30 and Day Block for a term beginning September 1, 2014 and ending August 31, 2015. The cost is \$1500.00. Dean stated that this contract has been in place for several years. He is working on longer contract terms. He recommends the continuation of this agreement.

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**\*MOTION\*** Commissioner Crowley moved to approve the renewal of the Solid Waste Disposal Agreement with the Town of Machias for Machias Transfer Station to provide services to TWP 24, 29, 30 and Day Block for one year with a cost of \$1500.00. Commissioner Cassidy seconded the motion which passed 3-0.

It was noted that this agreement is retroactive.

Dean requested the Commissioners' approval on a garage space lease agreement. The U.T. provides one garage bay for storage of equipment and tools for the Marion Transfer Station operations. The agreement is for July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2024 at \$350.00 per month. Commissioner Gardner asked if Washington County U.T. has previously leased to Marion Transfer Station. Dean replied that Marion Transfer Station has leased from the U.T. since 2001 and there is a good working relationship. Commissioner Gardner inquired if all insurance waivers are in place. Dean stated that all paperwork is in order.

**\*MOTION\*** Commissioner Crowley moved to approve the UT garage space lease agreement with Marion Transfer Station for a term of 07/01/14 - 06/30/24 for payment to UT of \$350.00 per month. Commissioner Cassidy seconded the motion which passed 3-0.

Dean requested the Commissioners approve the successful award bid for a new vehicle. Dean stated that he began the process last September but there was not adequate money in the U.T. budget at that time. Dean made a recommendation that Varney Buick GMC Mazda be awarded the bid in the amount of \$15,776.00. This amount includes the trade-in allowance of \$5,000.00 for the current U.T. vehicle.

**\*MOTION\*** Commissioner Cassidy moved to award the U.T warden truck bid to Varney Buick GMC Mazda for a 2011 GMC 4WD vehicle for \$15,776. Commissioner Crowley seconded the motion which passed 3-0.

Dean was recognized by the Commissioners for his conscientious use of the U.T. budget.

**AGENDA ITEM: TIF Grant Committee Update**

Program Manager Susan Hatton was not present. Her submitted report is attached.

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A letter updating the Cobscook Company, LLC equipment sale from Alan Furth was provided and is attached.

**AGENDA ITEM: Public Comment**

None.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**4:18 p.m.**

**ATTEST:**

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**Carla J.R. Manchester, Admin. Asst.**