

May 14, 2015

**Minutes of the Washington County Commissioners'  
Unorganized Territories Meeting  
held May 14, 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  
Karl Pingree, Administration  
Dean Preston, U.T.  
Susan Hatton, SCEC  
Lynn Dwelly, Machias  
Lora Whelan, Quoddy Tides  
Cat Cannon, MVNO  
Kim Emerson, Axiom  
Mark Ouellette, Axiom  
M.F. Hinerman, EMA  
Rich Rolfe, Jail  
Barry Curtis, Sheriff  
Mike Crabtree, Chief Deputy  
Josh Rolfe, RCC  
Jill Holmes, Treasurer  
Judith Alexander, Treasurer's Office  
Sharon D. Strout, Deeds  
Darlene Wallace, Deeds  
David Lund, Buildings and Grounds**

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The meeting for Unorganized Territories business was called to order at 4:05 p.m.

**Approval of the April U.T. meeting minutes of April 9, 2015  
(Cassidy / Crowley, 3-0)**

**AGENDA ITEM: Monthly Report**

Unorganized Territories Supervisor Dean Preston reviewed his submitted monthly report. He noted that the dry hydrant project is expected to be complete by early July 2015. (See attached)

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**AGENDA ITEM: TIF Grant Committee Update**

Program Manager Susan Hatton submitted a report. (See attached)

Ms. Hatton introduced Mark Ouellette and Kim Emerson of Axiom Technologies. They provided copies of the results of a study to provide broadband access to Centerville, Marion, Cathance, Trescott, Edmunds, Twp. 19 and Berry Twp. and offered to return at a later date once the Commissioners had had a chance to read their study and reflect. Axiom is interested in seeking state and federal funds for expansion and is seeking the Commissioners' support. A discussion ensued amongst the Commissioners and Axiom representatives focusing on fiber-on-poles vs. wireless; how a build-out might work; the role of the three-ring binder; and cooperation vs. competition amongst various providers. Commissioner Gardner summed it up by wondering what can the County do to promote connectivity while being sure "we get the best bang for our buck".

**AGENDA ITEM: Public Comment**

None.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**4:23 p.m.**

**ATTEST:**

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**Karl Pingree, Admin. Asst.**