

August 6, 2015

**Minutes of the Washington County Commissioners'  
Unorganized Territories Meeting  
held August 6, 2015  
in the Commissioners' Conference Room  
Machias, Maine**

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**Attending the meeting were:  
Commissioner John Crowley, Sr.  
Commissioner Vinton E. Cassidy  
Betsy Fitzgerald, County Manager  
Carla J.R. Manchester, Administration  
Susan Hatton, SCEC  
Barry Curtis, Sheriff  
Mike Crabtree, Chief Deputy  
Sharon D. Strout, Deeds  
Carlene Holmes, Probate  
Judith Alexander, Treasurer's Office  
Rosemary Kulow, MCCA  
Commissioner Gardner was not present.**

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The meeting for Unorganized Territories business was called to order at 4:00 p.m.

Commissioner Cassidy expressed his condolences to the Gardner family.

**Approval of the July U.T. meeting minutes of July 9, 2015  
(Crowley / Cassidy, 2-0)**

**AGENDA ITEM: Monthly Report**

Interim Unorganized Territories Supervisor Heron Weston reviewed his monthly report. (See attached).

U.T Supervisor Heron Weston reported that the reconstruction of the Mitten Mountain Road is nearly complete. Commissioner Crowley asked if the work done on the road goes as far as the communications tower. Supervisor Weston stated that the work went to the tower and beyond. U.T. Supervisor Weston stated that 911 signs will be installed. Commissioner Crowley agreed that signs should be installed.

U.T. Supervisor Heron Weston presented two fire contracts for approval.

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**\*MOTION\*** Commissioner Crowley moved to approve the fire protection agreement with the Grand Lake Stream Fire Department to provide coverage for Greenlaw Chopping Twp., T6 ND, T6 R1 and T43 MD for a five-year period beginning July 1, 2015 for a cost of \$1500.00 per year. Commissioner Cassidy seconded the motion which passed 2-0.

**\*MOTION\*** Commissioner Crowley moved to approve the fire protection agreement with the East Machias Fire Department to provide coverage for Berry Twp., T19 ED and Southern Marion Twp. for a five-year period beginning July 1, 2015 for a cost of \$2000.00 per year. Commissioner Crowley seconded the motion which passed 2-0.

U.T. Supervisor Heron Weston presented a solid waste contract for Kossuth Twp. with the Town of Topsfield.

**\*MOTION\*** Commissioner Crowley moved to approve the Solid Waste Agreement #1 with the Town of Topsfield to cover Kossuth Twp. for a five-year period beginning July 1, 2015 for a cost of \$2400.00 per year. Commissioner Cassidy seconded the motion which passed 2-0.

U.T. Supervisor Heron Weston reported that the Department of Education contacted the U.T. office for assistance in creating 911 addresses for the migrant camp roads for safety purposes. The addresses were created and submitted. This was a joint effort with the Passamaquoddy Wild Blueberry Company.

The Local Roads Assistance Program form for 2015-16 was presented. The County must certify that funds will be used only for capital improvement of public roads. This years' payment is \$74,708. Last years' payment was \$73,944. The Local Roads Assistance Program for 2015-16 was signed as presented.

An update was given on the Cathance Boat Launch dry hydrant project. (See attached.)

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**AGENDA ITEM: TIF Grant Committee Update**

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

Ms. Hatton stated that there were no action items to present.

Several updates were included in the written report.

A historical view of fund allocation and awards was presented. Commissioner Gardner had requested this information during the July Commissioners' meeting. It was noted that the balances were current as of July 24, 2015. It was recommended that the account balance of \$5,765 be moved from the County Administration line to the Administration line. The transfer would increase the Administration line to \$136,106.00.

**\*MOTION\*** Commissioner Crowley moved to transfer \$5,765.00 from the County Administration line to the Administration line. Commissioner Cassidy seconded the motion which passed 2-0.

**AGENDA ITEM: Public Comment**

None.

**ADJOURNMENT**

4:15 p.m.

**ATTEST:** \_\_\_\_\_

Carla J.R. Manchester, Admin. Asst.