

December 11, 2014

**Minutes of the Washington County Commissioners
Public Hearing on the F/Y 2015/2016 UT Budget
held December 11, 2014
in the Commissioners Conference Room
Machias, Maine**

Attending the meeting were:

**Commissioner John B. Crowley, Sr.
Commissioner Vinton E. Cassidy
Betsy Fitzgerald, County Manager
Carla Manchester, Administration
Rich Rolfe, Jail Administrator
Michael Crabtree, Eastport
Josh Rolfe, RCC
Lora Whelan, Quoddy Tides
Leigh MacKeen, Whitneyville
Jill Holmes, Treasurer
Judith Alexander, Treasurer's Office
Sharon Strout, Deeds
Carletta Bassano, D.A.'s Office
Tami Lane, D.A.'s Office-Calais
Paul Cavanaugh, D.A.'s Office
Charles Rudelitch, Harrington, SCEC**

Commissioner Christopher Gardner was not present.

Commissioner Cassidy called the Public Hearing to order at 4:15 p.m. on the proposed F/Y 2015/2016 UT Budget.

County Manager Betsy Fitzgerald presented the budget and summary in the absence of U.T. Supervisor Dean Preston. She stated that Dean reported that the budget reflected an overall increase of 3.7%. Some of the increases are attributed the addition of four cemeteries that require maintenance, and emergency services not being reimbursed. There was a decrease in the budget line for highway maintenance. This decrease is due to solicitation of contractors, stability brought about by longer contracts, improved communication with contractors, and competitive prices.

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The total appropriated budget amount is \$1,244,462.00 with \$870,612.00 to be raised by taxation.

MOTION Commissioner Crowley moved to accept the F/Y 2015/2016 UT Budget in the amount of \$1,244,462.00 with the amount of \$870,612.00 to be raised through taxation. Commissioner Cassidy seconded the motion which passed 2-0.

There were no comments or statements from the public.

The budget was signed as presented.

ADJOURNMENT

4:20 p.m.

ATTEST:

Carla J.R. Manchester, Admin. Asst.