

July 14, 2016

**Minutes of the Washington County Commissioners'
Unorganized Territories Meeting
held July 14, 2016
in the Commissioners' Conference Room
Machias, Maine**

**Attending the meeting were:
Commissioner Christopher Gardner
Commissioner Vinton E. Cassidy
Commissioner John Crowley, Sr.
Betsy Fitzgerald, County Manager
Carla Manchester, Administration
Mike Hinerman, EMA
Susan Hatton, SCEC
Rich Rolfe, Jail Administrator
Josh Rolfe, RCC
Cat Cannon, MVNO
Sharon D. Strout, Deeds
Barry Curtis, Sheriff
Michael Crabtree, Chief Deputy
Soraya Patel Crabtree, Eastport
Rebecca Johnston, Eastport
Dean Preston, U.T. Supervisor**

The meeting for Unorganized Territories business was called to order at 4:20 p.m.

Before Unorganized Territories Supervisor Dean Preston gave his monthly report he stated that he wanted to recognize the Board of Commissioners for their solid support while he has served in the Army National Guard. Dean has just returned from a one-year leave of absence. Dean was selected to attend the United States Army War College where he earned a Masters of Strategic Studies. Dean noted that the Army National Guard is essential to the protection of our country and an employer is one of the three pillars of support for those serving in the military. In recognition of the Commissioners support, Dean awarded each Commissioner a challenge coin signifying that they have played a key and essential role during his times of active duty. Dean also presented the Commissioners with a commemorative pewter piece that will be displayed on the mantel in the Commissioner's Office. On behalf of the Board of Commissioners and Washington County, Commissioner Gardner humbly accepted Dean's thanks.

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Commissioner Gardner thanked Dean for his service noting that Dean has been deployed and has uprooted his life several times for the sake of service to his country. Commissioner Gardner stated that the Board of Commissioners would not hesitate to support Dean again and concluded by stating that Dean has made the entire county proud.

**Approval of the U.T. meeting minutes of June 16, 2016
(Cassidy / Gardner, 2-0-1)**

AGENDA ITEM: Monthly Report

Unorganized Territories Supervisor Dean Preston submitted a monthly report. (See attached)

U.T. Supervisor Preston presented a Fire Protection Agreement. The three-year contract is for fire protection to Day Block Twp, T26 ED, T30 MD, T36 MD, T37 MD, and T24 MD for the period July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2018 for a cost of \$1,000.00. The contract has been in place but had not been signed before he left for his military leave of absence.

***MOTION* Commissioner Crowley moved to approve the Fire Protection Agreement as presented. Commissioner Cassidy seconded the motion which passed 3-0.**

Two copies of the agreement were signed.

AGENDA ITEM: TIF Grant Committee Update

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

Ms. Hatton stated that she had anticipated presenting a request from Axiom Technology but the applicant was unable to be at the meeting due to illness. Ms. Hatton plans to present the request during the August meeting.

An update on Cobscook Bay Company was provided and is attached.

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AGENDA ITEM: Public Comment

None.

ADJOURNMENT

4:40 p.m.

ATTEST:

Carla J.R. Manchester, Admin. Asst.