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**Minutes of the Washington County Commissioners'  
Unorganized Territories Regular Meeting  
held January 9, 2014  
in the Commissioners' Conference Room  
Machias, Maine**

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**Attending the meeting were:**

**Commissioner Christopher M. Gardner  
Commissioner Vinton E. Cassidy  
Commissioner John B. Crowley, Sr.  
Betsy Fitzgerald, County Manager  
Carla Manchester, Administration  
Ken Daye, SCEC  
Mike Hinerman, EMA  
Jill C. Holmes, Treasurer  
Darlene Wallace, Deeds  
Sharon D. Strout, Deeds  
Paul Cavanaugh, Assistant DA  
Sheriff Smith, WCSO  
Carlene Holmes, Probate  
Fred Hastings, DCP**

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County Manager Betsy Fitzgerald called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. and requested the Commissioners to elect a Chairman for the year.

**\*MOTION\* Commissioner Crowley moved to elect Christopher Gardner as the chair for 2014. Commissioner Cassidy seconded the motion which passed 2-0-1.**

Commissioner Gardner abstained.

Commissioner Gardner proceeded with the Unorganized Territories business.

**AGENDA ITEM: Approval of the UT Public Hearing meeting minutes for the F/Y 2014/2015 budget. (December 12, 2013)**

**\*MOTION\* Commissioner Cassidy moved to approve the UT Public meeting minutes for the F/Y 2014/2015 budget. Commissioner Gardner seconded the motion which 2-0-1.**

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Commissioner Crowley abstained.

**AGENDA ITEM: Approval of the December UT regular meeting Minutes. (December 12, 2013)**

**\*MOTION\* Commissioner Cassidy moved to approve the December UT regular meeting minutes. Commissioner Gardner seconded the motion which passed 2-0-1.**

Commissioner Crowley abstained.

**AGENDA ITEM: Monthly Report**

The monthly report was submitted and is attached.

Interim U.T. Supervisor Heron Weston reported that he has spent a considerable amount of time digitizing contracts.

Heron also stated that many applications and requests for information on the Animal Control / Shellfish Warden position recently advertised have been received. Commissioner Cassidy inquired as to what requirements are needed to be an eligible candidate for the position. Heron stated that a background in Law Enforcement is preferred but not required.

Heron inspected many of the U.T. roads to survey the damage done by the ice storm. Roads were clear and in good condition. Many roads had minimal damage due to Dean Preston's proactive measures. Storm damage estimates have been sent to the Emergency Management Agency for potential reimbursement of storm-related expenses. Commissioner Gardner stated that concerns have been expressed to him about sand/salt usage and the amount available for the remainder of the winter season. Heron will keep the Commissioners and Dean Preston apprised of the situation.

Following up on the topic of ATV access roads, Heron reported that he has spoken with game warden Bailey Grant and Irvin Pinkham, President of Indian River Trail Tamers ATV Club in Addison. Both were highly in favor of opening roads for ATV access. The Centerville Twp road leads to many well used ATV trails.

**\*MOTION\* Commissioner Crowley moved to approve to open the Centerville Township road to ATV access. Commissioner Cassidy seconded the motion which passed unanimously.**

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Signage will be placed in several locations. Bailey Grant recommended two signs to be posted, one at each town line.

**AGENDA ITEM: TIF Grant Committee Update**

There were no action items. A report was submitted and is attached.

Commissioner Gardner requested an update of account balances. U.T. TIF Administrator Ken Daye stated that the Grant Committee will be working on updated balances on accounts and allocations for 2014 which will be reported at the next Commissioners' meeting.

**AGENDA ITEM: Public Comment**

None.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**4:15 p.m.**

**ATTEST:**

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

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