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**Minutes of the Washington County Commissioners'
Regular Meeting
held March 12, 2015
in the Commissioners' Conference Room
Machias, Maine**

**Attending the meeting were:
Commissioner Christopher M. Gardner
Commissioner John B. Crowley, Sr.
Commissioner Vinton E. Cassidy
Betsy Fitzgerald, County Manager
Carla Manchester, Administration
Johanna S. Billings, Bangor Daily News
Cat Cannon, MVNO
Lora Whelan, Quoddy Tides
Barry Curtis, Sheriff
Jill C. Holmes, Treasurer
Judith Alexander, Treasurer's Office
Rich Rolfe, Jail
Darlene Wallace, Deeds
Dean A. Preston, UT
Sharon D. Strout, Deeds
Mike Hinerman, EMA
Carlene Holmes, Probate
Dennis Perry, RCC
Joshua Rolfe, RCC**

The Executive department of the meeting reconvened at 4:19 p.m.

**Approval of the minutes for the regular Commissioners' meeting held on
February 12, 2015 (Crowley / Gardner, 2-0-1)**

**Approval of the minutes for the Special meeting on the TAN held on
March 4, 2015 (Cassidy / Crowley, 3-0)**

AGENDA ITEM: Monthly and Quarterly Reports

The Commissioners were provided reports in their meeting packets.

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Emergency Management Agency Director Michael Hinerman requested permission from the Commissioners to allow Machias, Jonesboro and Marshfield Fire Department to use County-owned equipment. Mike stated that the County has no use for it. Commissioner Gardner voiced his concern in County property being used by small groups. Mike clarified that the fire departments would not take ownership of the equipment. It would be on a loan basis only. Commissioner Gardner suggested that a possibility would be to allow Washington County Fire Fighters Association to sift through requests and loan the equipment where they think it makes the most sense. This would allow all Washington County communities the opportunity to use the equipment. Commissioner Crowley stated that the Commissioners should still be the final approval. Commissioner Gardner asked for a motion to give WCFF authorization to maintain and loan said equipment.

***MOTION* Commissioner Crowley moved to authorize the Emergency Management Agency to loan County equipment to Washington County Fire Fighters Association with the understanding that WCFF's will loan equipment to Fire Departments that could use them. The equipment must be maintained and kept in good repair. Commissioner Cassidy seconded the motion which passed 3-0.**

Commissioner Gardner stated that an agreement should be drawn up and a copy must be forwarded to County Manager Betsy Fitzgerald.

AGENDA ITEM: Payroll Change Notices

Sheriff Curtis recommended the hiring of James Malloy as full-time Patrol Deputy. This position is a two-year position funded through an MDEA grant. The Treasurer confirmed that the position would have a zero impact on the overall budget.

***MOTION* Commissioner Crowley moved to hire James Malloy as full-time Patrol Deputy for the two-year grant position effective 03/01/15. Commissioner Cassidy seconded the motion which passed 3-0.**

Promotions of two RCC Emergency Communications Specialists to RCC Shift Supervisors were presented. It was confirmed that a process for the promotions was followed. With the recommendation of RCC Supervisor Josh Rolfe,

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MOTION Commissioner Crowley moved to promote Cindy Moore Rossi and Adam Davis to RCC Shift Supervisor effective 03/15/15. Commissioner Cassidy seconded the motion which passed 3-0.

With the recommendation of Jail Administrator Captain Rolfe,

MOTION Commissioner Crowley moved to terminate Christien Hooper as part-time Corrections Officer effective 03/15/15 without prejudice. Commissioner Cassidy seconded the motion which passed 3-0.

Corrections Officer Hooper did not complete mandatory training.

MOTION Commissioner Crowley moved to terminate Maxsmiliano Casalini as part-time Corrections Officer effective 03/15/15 without prejudice. Commissioner Cassidy seconded the motion which passed 3-0.

AGENDA ITEM: RCC Supervisor Change

Historically the Regional Communications Center has always been under the authority and command of the Sheriff. During the term of the previous Sheriff who did not want the authority over the RCC, County Manager Betsy Fitzgerald assumed the responsibility. Sheriff Curtis expressed an interest re-establishing the previous chain of command. The Commissioners supported the transfer of authority. County Manager Betsy Fitzgerald stated that she would be glad to have the RCC back under the Sheriff's domain.

MOTION Commissioner Cassidy moved to approve the transfer of authority and command of the RCC to the Sheriff. Commissioner Crowley seconded the motion which passed 3-0.

Commissioner Gardner stated that he was pleased to see Sheriff Curtis reassume this responsibility of the RCC.

AGENDA ITEM: Signatures on FOP / County Agreement for 2 year Patrol Division

A Memorandum of Agreement between the County of Washington Sheriff's Department and Fraternal Order of Police was presented for a signature. During the February 12, 2015 Commissioners' meeting, the

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Commissioners approved a two-year grant position for the COPS Anti-methamphetamine project. The agreement specifically states that the new position has a "limited term".

MOTION **Commissioner Crowley moved to approve the agreement between Washington County Sheriff's Office and the Fraternal Order of Police. Commissioner Cassidy seconded the motion which passed 3-0.**

Chairman Commissioner Gardner signed the agreement as presented.

AGENDA ITEM: Signatures on Six-Month Certificates

Six-month certificates were presented and signed for Thomas Fredette and Ryan Murry.

AGENDA ITEM: Court House update

County Manager Betsy Fitzgerald reported that she attended the Contractors and Owners Meetings today. Some of the brick work has been exposed to show the completion of the exterior of the Court House addition on Cooper Street. Masonry work continues on the remaining two exterior sides of the Court House. The elevators are partially installed. The primary work on the additions' interior is on the second floor at this time, then work will progress to the third floor and then finally to the first floor. It is anticipated that Registry of Deeds will be able to move back to their space by late July. The date of completion of the project is still on track for December 31st of this year. If anyone wishes to tour the facility, arrangements can be made with Betsy so that she can assure that you are properly escorted and wearing the required safety vest and hard hat.

ADJOURNMENT

4:38 p.m.

ATTEST:

Carla J.R. Manchester, Admin. Asst.