

May 9, 2013

**Minutes of the Washington County Commissioners'
Regular Meeting held
May 9, 2013
in the Commissioners' Conference Room
Machias, Maine**

Attending the meeting were:
Commissioner Vinton E. Cassidy
Commissioner John B. Crowley, Sr.
Commissioner Christopher Gardner
Betsy Fitzgerald, County Manager
Carla Manchester, Administration
Ken Daye, SCEC
Sharon Strout, Deeds
Janet Robertson, WC:OC
Rich Rolfe, Jail Administrator
Sharon Mack, Bangor Daily News
Laura Whelan, Quoddy Tides
Ted Glessner, Judicial Branch
Jeff Henthorn, Judicial Branch
Jill Holmes, Treasurer

The Executive portion of the meeting was called to order at 3:09 p.m.

**AGENDA ITEM: Approval of the March Special Meeting Minutes on the
Court House Expansion / Renovations (March 21, 2013)**

MOTION Commissioner Crowley moved to approve the March Court House
Expansion / Renovation Meeting Minutes. Commissioner Cassidy
seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

**AGENDA ITEM: Approval of the April Regular Commissioners' Meeting
Minutes (April 11, 2013)**

MOTION Commissioner Crowley moved to approve the April Regular
Commissioners' Meeting Minutes. Commissioner Cassidy
seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM: Monthly and Quarterly Reports

The Commissioners were provided monthly reports in their meeting
packets. (See attached)

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AGENDA ITEM: Payroll Status Change Notices

***MOTION* Commissioner Crowley moved to accept the resignation of Marilyn Braley as p/t custodian. Commissioner Cassidy seconded the motion which passed unanimously.**

Marilyn retired after 38 years of working in this Court House, as both a State and County employee. The Commissioners pointed out that her dedication to her job and respectful treatment to all speaks much of her character and thanked her for her service.

***MOTION* Commissioner Crowley moved to accept the resignation of R. Lester Seeley as p/t patrol deputy. Commissioner Cassidy seconded the motion which passed unanimously.**

Lester, another County icon, retired after 45 years of service. Sadly, one week after Lester's retirement party, he passed away. Commissioner Gardner expressed his gratitude that the community had been able to thank Lester for his service personally before his passing.

***MOTION* Commissioner Crowley moved to hire Jennie Stoddard as part-time Cook for the Jail not to exceed 32 hours except for training or an emergency. Commissioner Cassidy seconded the motion which passed unanimously.**

AGENDA ITEM: Approval of the Union Contract for NCEU

The County Manager presented the final Union Contract to be approved. A small amendment was made to the language, changing the phrase "of the Sheriff or his/her designee" to "of the County Manager, Sheriff or his/her designee".

***MOTION* Commissioner Crowley moved to approve the Union Contract for NCEU as presented. Commissioner Cassidy seconded the motion which passed unanimously.**

Commissioner Gardner stated that the long discussed contract bears witness to the budget issues of the County. To Betsy Fitzgeralds' credit, there has been much work done to try to find a solution for all.

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AGENDA ITEM: Sheriff's Office steps

There is a need to explore the possible options to repair the granite steps that lead to the Sheriff's Office. Last fall gaps were found. These gaps were initially due to water issues, compounded by the effect of ice during the winter. Avoiding the \$85,000.00 estimated cost to restore the steps, maintaining the historic integrity; Mike and Jim Prenier did an initial repair. However, the steps are moving and need substantial work. By consensus, the Commissioners approve Betsy to proceed with finding options to give the steps a more permanent restoration. She will explore grant opportunities to defray the costs and bring back proposals.

On a final note, Commissioner Gardner thanked all those who stepped up and help cover during his absence.

Adjournment 3:20 p.m.

Attest: _____
Carla J.R. Manchester, Admin. Asst.