

July 10, 2014

**Minutes of the Washington County Commissioners'  
Regular Meeting held  
July 10, 2014  
in the Commissioners' Conference Room  
Machias, Maine**

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**Attending the meeting were:  
Commissioner Christopher Gardner  
Commissioner John Crowley, Sr.  
Commissioner Vinton Cassidy  
Betsy Fitzgerald, County Manager  
Carla Manchester, Administration  
Mark and Wesla Ranalli, Big Lake Twp.  
Michael Hinerman, EMA  
Josh Rolfe, RCC  
Amy Ackley, Machias  
Jill C. Holmes, Treasurer  
Judith Alexander, Treasurer's Office  
Heron Weston, Unorganized Territories  
Ken Daye, SCEC**

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The meeting was called to order at 4:36 p.m.

**Approval of the June regular meeting minutes  
(June 12, 2014) (Crowley / Cassidy, 3-0)**

**Approval of the June emergency meeting minutes  
(June 23, 2014) (Crowley / Cassidy, 3-0)**

**AGENDA ITEM: Monthly and Quarterly Reports**

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

**AGENDA ITEM: Payroll Status Change Notices**

By consensus and without prejudice, the Commissioners accepted the resignation of Jace Farris as full-time Corrections Officer effective 07/12/14.

**AGENDA ITEM: Signatures on Six-month Certificate**

The six-month certificate for Charles Allen was signed.

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**AGENDA ITEM: Sheriff's, Chief Deputy, and Patrol Deputies Bonds**

The verification of the sufficiency of the Sheriff's bonds is a perfunctory act done annually; it was examined by District Attorney Carletta Bassano and found sufficient,

**\*MOTION\* Commissioner Crowley moved to approve the Sheriff's, Chief Deputy and Patrol Deputies Bonds. (Crowley / Cassidy 3-0).**

**AGENDA ITEM: Authorization for County Manager to sign Axiom Agreement**

County Manager Betsy Fitzgerald presented a draft agreement between County of Washington and Axiom Technologies, LLC. Axiom proposes to provide additional 15 symmetrical broadband internet service to the County in return for installation space and power on the county courthouse roof.

**\*MOTION\* Commissioner Crowley moved to authorize County Manager Betsy Fitzgerald to sign the Axiom agreement presented. Commissioner Cassidy seconded the motion which passed 3-0.**

**AGENDA ITEM: Approval of caucus schedule**

A schedule for the caucus to elect the 2015 Washington County Budget Advisory Committee was presented for approval. Commissioner Gardner reviewed the members of the Budget Advisory Committee and explained that District one has two members that will be replaced and district two and three will be replacing one member each.

**\*MOTION\* Commissioner Cassidy moved to approve the caucus schedule as presented. Commissioner Crowley seconded the motion which passed 3-0.**

**AGENDA ITEM: Signatures on CLEO agreement**

County Manager Betsy Fitzgerald stated that signatures were needed on the CLEO (Chief Local Elected Officials) agreement. After a brief discussion it was agreed that Commissioner Cassidy should sign the agreement as the Chairman of the board of Aroostook and Washington Workforce Investment Area. Commissioner Cassidy concurred and noted that the Aroostook County Chair Norman Fournier has been a great help to him.

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**\*MOTION\*** Commissioner Crowley moved to go into Executive Session pursuant to Title 1 MRSA § 405-A 6E to discuss a legal issue. Commissioner Cassidy seconded the motion which passed 3-0. It was 4:45 p.m.

**\*MOTION\*** Commissioner Crowley moved to come out of Executive Session. Commissioner Cassidy seconded the motion which passed 3-0. It was 5:15 p.m.

There were no motions or decisions made after Executive Session.

Adjournment 5:15 p.m.

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Carla J.R. Manchester, Admin. Asst.

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