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**Minutes of the Washington County Commissioners'
Public Hearing F/Y 2014 Budget
held November 14, 2013
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
Lewis Pinkham, Milbridge, BAC Chair
Matthew Carter, WCRCC
Will Tuell, Downeast Coastal Press
Ken Day, Sunrise County Economic Council
Eleody Libby, WC:OC
Judy Alexander, Treasurer's Office
Shawn Donahue, Sheriff's Office
Sharon D. Strout, Deeds
Donnie Smith, Sheriff's Office
Darlene Wallace, Deeds
Joshua Rolfe, WCRCC
Rosemary Kulow, MCCA**

Commissioner Gardner called the meeting to order at 3:58 p.m. for the Public Hearing for the proposed F/Y 2013 County budget.

Budget Advisory Committee Chairman Lewis Pinkham returned the F/Y 2014 to the Commissioners. He congratulated the BAC on all their work, pointing out that the proposed budget would have a slight increase of just 0.8103% with a total budget of \$5,903,439.00 of which \$5,249,419.86 is raised by taxation. He also stated the BAC's appreciation for the Commissioners involvement and work in this process.

Commissioner Gardner stated that the budget that the BAC proposes each year to the Commissioners is a framework to work within and is the best plan with which to move forward with. Changes may be needed throughout the year, but the bottom line is what is important. The

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health insurance coverage continues to very much impact the budget. He noted that it will be a tight year as always. Commissioner Gardner thanked Sheriff Smith for pointing out a cost savings with the Union.

Commissioner Cassidy also thanked Lewis and the members of the BAC for all their work.

Commissioner Crowley concurred, and with that;

MOTION Commissioner Crowley moved to accept the F/Y 2014 County Budget in the amount of \$5,903,439.00 with the amount of \$5,249,419.86 to be raised through taxation. Commissioner Cassidy seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

There were no comments or statements from the public.

ADJOURNMENT

4:10 p.m.

ATTEST:

Carla J.R. Manchester, Admin. Asst.

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