

January 7, 2020

**Minutes of the Washington County Commissioners'
Unorganized Territories Regular Meeting
Held January 7, 2020
in the Washington County Probate Courtroom
Machias, Maine**

**Attending the meeting were:
Commissioner Christopher Gardner
Commissioner John Crowley, Sr.
Commissioner Vinton Cassidy
Betsy Fitzgerald, County Manager
Carla Manchester, Administrative Assistant
Susan Hatton, SCEC
Barry Curtis, Sheriff
Mike Crabtree, Chief Deputy
David Bibber, Charlotte
Bill Jones, Charlotte
Brenda Jones, Charlotte
Rich Rolfe, WCSO**

Prior to the start of the meeting,

Commissioner Gardner was elected as Chair of the Washington County Commissioners for 2020. (Crowley / Cassidy, 2-0-1)

The Public Hearing for the Washington County Downeast Wind Municipal Development and Tax Increment Financing District was held.

Commissioner Gardner then returned to the agenda calling the meeting of the Unorganized Territories to order at 6:35 p.m.

Approval of the Public Hearing minutes for the FY 2020-21 UT Budget of December 12, 2019. (Crowley / Cassidy, 3-0)

Approval of the U.T. meeting minutes of December 12, 2019 (Crowley / Cassidy, 3-0)

AGENDA ITEM: Monthly Report

Unorganized Territories Supervisor Dean Preston's monthly report was submitted. (See attached)

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County Manager Betsy Fitzgerald highlighted some key points of the U.T. report in Dean's absence.

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The U.T. Office has submitted the 2020-21 Budget to the Fiscal Administrator of the UT, Office of the State Auditor.

Highway maintenance projects still on-going are ROW cutting and clearing on the Timber Cove Road and Crows Neck Road in Trescott Twp. Work continues on the bridging project on Mitten Mountain Road in Centerville Twp. The Land Spreading Site preparations on Rt. 86 are still on-going.

Winter highway inspections have been done on various roads in the UT to check quality of work for snow removal. Minimal issues were reported.

AGENDA ITEM: TIF Grant Committee Update

A report was submitted and is attached.

Ms. Hatton had one action item for the Commissioners' consideration.

Ms. Hatton requested the Commissioners' approve an extension of the commitment for funds for six months to Jeff Griffin, DBA J & C Trucking. Mr. Griffin was approved for a TIF Loan for a payloader and screen in June 2018. He is still looking for a suitable screen and is in hopes to find one this Spring. The Loan Committee unanimously recommended the Commissioners approve an extension for six months with a new commitment letter.

***MOTION* Commissioner Cassidy moved to approve the extension of commitment for funds for Jeff Griffin as recommended by the Loan Committee. (Cassidy / Crowley, 3-0.)**

AGENDA ITEM: Public Comment

None.

ADJOURNMENT

6:40 p.m.

ATTEST:

Carla J.R. Manchester, Admin. Asst.