

December 11, 2014

**Minutes of the Washington County Commissioners'
Unorganized Territories Regular Meeting
held December 11, 2014
in the Commissioners' Conference Room
Machias, Maine**

Attending the meeting were:
Commissioner John Crowley, Sr.
Commissioner Vinton Cassidy
Betsy Fitzgerald, County Manager
Carla Manchester, Administration
Rich Rolfe, Jail Administrator
Michael Crabtree, Eastport
Josh Rolfe, RCC
Lora Whelan, Quoddy Tides
Leigh MacKeen, Whitneyville
Jill Holmes, Treasurer
Judith Alexander, Treasurer's Office
Sharon Strout, Deeds
Carletta Bassano, D.A.'s Office
Tami Lane, D.A.'s Office-Calais
Paul Cavanaugh, D.A.'s Office
Charles Rudelitch, Harrington, Scec

Commissioner Christopher Gardner was not present.

The meeting for Unorganized Territories business was called to order at 4:20 p.m.

**Approval of the November U.T. meeting minutes of November 13, 2014
(Crowley / Cassidy, 2-0)**

AGENDA ITEM: Monthly Report

Unorganized Territories Supervisor Dean Preston provided his monthly written report. (See attached)

AGENDA ITEM: TIF Grant Committee Update

A report was submitted and is attached.

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Executive Director Charles Rudelitch stated that he had two program related items for the Commissioners' consideration.

The first proposal is to subdivide the Capital Projects Fund. The Grant Committee reviewed the current funding and pattern of use and recommends the subdivision to clarify how the funds are being used. The two subdivisions would be classified as "Economic Development Implementation" and "Administration". Mr. Rudelitch stated that if the Commissioners were prepared to act on the proposal, the recommended split of the total existing Capital Project Fund of \$315,441.93 would be: \$197,151.20 to "Economic Development Implementation" and \$118,290.70 to "Administration".

***MOTION* Commissioner Crowley moved to approve the subdivision of the TIF Capital Projects fund as proposed. Commissioner Cassidy seconded the motion which passed 2-0.**

The second proposal for the Commissioners consideration was for the FY 2015 UT TIF allocations. The 2015 UT TIF revenue received was \$355,333.94. The Grant Committee recommended allocation amounts as follows:

- Natural Based Tourism: 5% - \$17,766.70
- Economic Development Planning: 10% - \$35,533.39
- Commercial Revolving Loan: 40% - \$142,133.58
- CPI (Economic Development Implementation): 25% - \$88,833.49
- CPI (Administration): 15% - \$53,300.09
- County Match Economic Development Program: 5% - 17,766.70

***MOTION* Commissioner Crowley moved to approve the recommended allocations for the 2015 UT TIF fund as presented. Commissioner Cassidy seconded the motion which passed 2-0.**

AGENDA ITEM: Request to name Calligan Point in Greenlaw Chopping Twp.

County Manager Betsy Fitzgerald stated a request to name a cape in Big Lake in Washington County was received by Executive Secretary Lou Yost of the U.S. Board of Geographic Names. The cape is located in Greenlaw Chopping Twp. The proposed name, Calligan Point, is in honor of Thomas Calligan. Thomas Calligan was one of the first settlers in the area. County Manager Betsy Fitzgerald read the case summary.

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See attached) The proponent reported that the cape has been known locally as Calligan's Point. The proposed name was amended to Calligan Point as the Maine State Names Authority would prefer the singular form to stay consistent with other names in the area.

MOTION Commissioner Crowley moved to approve the proposal to name the cape in Greenlaw Chopping Twp on the shore of Big Lake Calligan Point. Commissioner Cassidy seconded the motion which passed 2-0.

AGENDA ITEM: Public Comment

None.

ADJOURNMENT

4:29 p.m.

ATTEST:

Carla J.R. Manchester, Admin. Asst.