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**Minutes of the Washington County Commissioners'  
Unorganized Territories Regular Meeting  
Held December 9, 2021  
in the Washington County Probate Courtroom  
Machias, Maine**

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**Attending the meeting were:  
Commissioner Christopher Gardner  
Commissioner John B. Crowley, Sr.  
Commissioner Vinton E. Cassidy  
Betsy Fitzgerald, County Manager  
Carla Manchester, Administration  
David Bibber, Town of Charlotte  
Brenda Jones, Town of Charlotte  
Bill Jones, Town of Charlotte  
Dean Preston, U.T. Supervisor  
Dana Kadey, Big Lake Township  
Paula Johnson-Rolfe, WCSO  
Rich Rolfe, WCSO  
Susan Hatton, SCEC  
Lisa M. Hanscom, EMA  
Robert A. Simpson, Whiting  
Tammy C. Gay, Deeds  
Josh Rolfe, RCC  
Barry Curtis, Sheriff  
Michael Crabtree, Chief Deputy  
Darlene Perry, Probate**

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The Public Hearing for the Unorganized Territories FY Budget 2022-2023 was held prior to the regular meeting of the Unorganized Territories.

Commissioner Gardner called the meeting of the Unorganized Territories to order at 4:20 p.m.

**Approval of the U.T. meeting minutes of November 4, 2021.  
(Crowley / Cassidy, 3-0)**

**AGENDA ITEM: Monthly Report**

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Unorganized Territories Supervisor Dean Preston's monthly report was submitted and is attached.

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Dean stated the final Washington County U.T. budget for FY 2022-2023 is due to the Fiscal Administrator of the U.T. no later than January 1, 2022.

Dean reported on the Animal Control activities. Dean stated a dog bite case is being worked on through the District Attorney's Office.

Dean noted the Animal Control Officer is resigning his position. Dean is looking for applicants and plans to present a replacement to the Commissioners at the January meeting.

Dean reported the U.T. office is developing a letter for the Maine DOT Bridge Management Engineer to petition for a 50/50 cost sharing to replace the Mill Stream Bridge. Dean stated the U.T. plan is to commit \$250,000.00 in each of the next 3 years to the bridge reserve account to be able to match the state funding in 2024. Dean noted the 2022-2023 budget reflects the U.T. commitment of \$250,000.00

Dean reported there are some opportunities with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration that have come from the infrastructure bill that has passed. Dean stated there are a couple of crossings on the Nineteen Road in Township 19 that could be improved. Proposals for these potential projects are due to NOAA in February 2022. Dean is watching for the RFP that will be posted to determine project requirements to include the financial match requirements if the U.T. is able to participate in this opportunity.

Dean presented vehicle bids for a new U.T. truck. Dean stated the plan is to trade in the 2011 ACO vehicle, retain the 2017 for the ACO's use and purchase a new vehicle for the U.T Supervisor's use. Dean stated the challenge of looking for a new vehicle at this time is inventory availability. The bids are as follows:

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- Pratt Chevrolet Buick GMC, Calais
  - 2022 GMC Sierra 1500 \$47,835
- Quirk Chevrolet Cadillac, Bangor
  - 2022 Chevrolet Silverado 1500, crew cab \$41,988

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- O'Connor Auto Park, Augusta
  - o 2022 Chevrolet Silverado 1500 \$38,825

Dean stated the truck at O'Connors is in stock and the bid price includes the trade-in of the 2011 truck. Dean noted he would like to have awarded the bid to a local dealership. Unfortunately, Pratt's bid was too high. With the recommendation of U.T Supervisor Dean Preston,

**\*MOTION\* Commissioner Crowley moved to award the vehicle bid to O'Connor Auto Park as presented. (Crowley / Cassidy 3-0)**

**AGENDA ITEM: TIF Committee Update**

Ms. Hatton's monthly report was submitted and is attached.

Ms. Hatton stated there were no action items.

Ms. Hatton reported she met with Mark & Wesla Ranalli of Big Lake RV Park & Campground. The Ranalli's are working on electricity to the RV sites and in hopes of completing the construction of a utility building before winter.

Ms. Hatton reported the Dennysville Snowmobile and ATV Club has paid off their loan 2 ½ years in advance.

**AGENDA ITEM: Public Comment**

None.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**4:32 p.m.**

**ATTEST:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Carla J.R. Manchester, Admin. Asst.**