

June 11, 2020

**Minutes of the Washington County Commissioners'  
Regular Meeting  
held June 11, 2020  
in the Washington County Probate Courtroom  
Machias, Maine**

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**Attending the meeting were:  
Commissioner Christopher M. Gardner  
Commissioner Vinton Cassidy  
Betsy Fitzgerald, County Manager  
Carla Manchester, Administrative Assistant  
Dean Preston, Unorganized Territories  
Michael Crabtree, Chief Deputy  
Barry Curtis, Sheriff  
Joshua Rolfe, WCSO / RCC  
Paula Johnson-Rolfe, WCSO  
Rich Rolfe, WCSO / Jail**

**Commissioner John Crowley, Sr. was not present**

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Executive Department business was called to order at 4:56 p.m.

**Approval of the minutes for the Regular Commissioners' meeting held on May 14, 2020. (Cassidy / Gardner, 2-0-1)**

**AGENDA ITEM: Monthly and Quarterly Reports**

The Commissioners were provided a written report from Emergency Management Agency. The report was accepted under the gavel. (See attached)

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

Six-month certificates were presented for Michael Perkins and Michael Brooks. All certificates were signed as presented.

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**AGENDA ITEM: Payroll Change Notices**

By consensus, the Commissioner's accepted the resignation of Seth

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Milliken as full-time Corrections Officer effective 06/01/20 without prejudice.

With the request from U.T. Supervisor Dean Preston and by consensus, the Commissioner's approved the termination of U.T. Summer Maintenance workers Trever Fenderson and Ryan Eylar effective 06/08/20. The terminations are without prejudice and for housekeeping purposes.

**\*MOTION\* Commissioner Cassidy moved to hire Kyle Davis as part-time Corrections Officer effective 06/14/20. (Cassidy / Gardner, 2-0-1)**

**AGENDA ITEM: Award Heating Bids for 2020-21**

County Manager Betsy Fitzgerald presented heating bids. RFP's were sent to seven vendors and posted on the Washington County website. Bids were opened on May 29, 2020. A summary sheet is attached.

Two bids were received for propane; one from Dead River for \$1.41 per gallon beginning October 1, 2020 and ending September 30, 2021; and one from R.H. Foster for \$1.679 per gallon. Two bids were also received for oil; one from Dead River for \$1.59 per gallon beginning October 1, 2020 and ending September 30, 2021; and one from R.H. Foster for \$1.659 per gallon. The County Manager's recommendation is to accept the bid for both propane and oil from Dead River as apparent low bidder.

**\*MOTION\* Commissioner Cassidy moved to award the propane bid to Dead River as presented. (Cassidy / Gardner, 2-0-1)**

**\*MOTION\* Commissioner Cassidy moved to award the oil bid to Dead River as presented. (Cassidy / Gardner, 2-0-1)**

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**AGENDA ITEM: Introduction to Possible Solar Project**

County Manager Betsy Fitzgerald presented the Commissioners with a request from Andrew Kahrl of Revision Energy to offer a proposal for a Solar Power Purchase Agreement to Washington County. (See attached) As part of the agreement, the County would allow Revision Energy to

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place a 550-kilowatt grid-tied solar electric array at the county-owned site located on Broadway Street in Machias with no upfront costs. Revision Energy's goal would be to provide the County with solar energy at a significant cost savings per kWh. If the Commissioners are interested, Mr. Kahrl will plan to attend a Commissioners' Meeting to offer the details of the agreement. Commissioner Gardner inquired if the agreement would necessitate the County to give up the county-owned land on Broadway Street. County Manager Betsy Fitzgerald stated the plan would be for the County to lease the land to Revision Energy. Commissioner Gardner concluded it is worth a conversation.

**ADJOURNMENT**  
**5:05 p.m.**

**ATTEST:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Carla J.R. Manchester, Admin. Asst.**