

November 12, 2024

**Minutes of the Washington County Commissioners'  
Unorganized Territories Regular Meeting  
held November 12, 2024  
in the Washington County Probate Courtroom  
Machias, Maine**

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**Attending the meeting were:  
Commissioner Christopher Gardner  
Commissioner John Crowley, Sr.  
Commissioner Vinton Cassidy  
Renée Gray, County Manager  
Carla Manchester, Administrative Assistant  
Susan Hatton, SCEC  
Paul Sylvain, MVNO  
Paula Johnson-Rolfe, WCSO  
Rich Rolfe, Jail Administrator, WCSO  
Leigh MacKeen, Whitneyville  
Chris Simpson, WCSO, FOP  
Tammy C. Gay, Deeds  
Susan Sullivan, D.A.'s Office  
Jill C. Holmes, Treasurer  
Barry Curtis, Sheriff  
Brian Schuth, Eastport  
Darlene Perry, Probate  
Dave Burns, Whiting  
Josh Rolfe, RCC, WCSO  
Lisa M. Hanscom, EMA**

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The regular meeting of the Unorganized Territories was called to order at 1:00 p.m.

**Approval of the U.T. regular meeting minutes of October 9, 2024  
(Cassidy / Crowley, 3-0)**

**AGENDA ITEM: Monthly Report**

Unorganized Territories Supervisor Heron Weston's monthly report for November was submitted. (See attached) Heron noted there will be action items presented for Snow Removal Contracts and Animal Control Service agreements.

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Heron reported nets protecting seeded clam beds have been pulled for the winter. He stated clam recruitment boxes have been collected and the data will be analyzed by DEI to assess growing conditions and wild seed recruitment for survival.

Heron noted that roadside mowing continues on U.T. roads in Edmunds and Marion in preparation of winter maintenance.

Heron provided an update on the Mill Stream Bridge. He stated a Preliminary Design Report has been completed with a total estimated cost of \$1,350,000.00. The original design was prepared in 2021. Maine Department of Transportation has committed \$550,000.00 to go towards the project costs. The U.T. will be responsible for \$800,000.00. The previous U.T. Supervisor Dean Preston had budgeted for the funds needed. Heron stated the U.T. is financially prepared for this project. Commissioner Gardner asked for assurance that there have been enough funds built into the Bridge Reserve account for this project. Heron assured Commissioner Gardner that U.T. has not pulled back on funding. He noted there is still funding needed for bridges in the U.T. Commissioner Gardner asked why a redesign for the bridge was done. Heron explained that the original plan was for U.T. to replace the bridge on its own. MDOT became involved in order to have help with funding; this caused a need to redesign the project plan. Commissioner Gardner asked if the Salmon Federation has any involvement. Heron replied that he was unsure but would check into it.

Heron presented two Snow Removal contracts.

- Contract #4 for Brookton, Forest, Forest City to be awarded to Chris White for a four-year term for an annual rate of \$73,360.00.

**\*MOTION\* Commissioner Crowley moved to award the bid for Snow Removal contract #4 to Chris White as presented.  
(Crowley / Cassidy, 3-0.)**

- Contract #10 for Centerville Twp. to be awarded to County Concrete & Asphalt for a one-year term for an annual rate of \$27,300.

**\*MOTION\* Commissioner Cassidy moved to award the bid for Snow Removal**

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**contract #10 to County Concrete & Asphalt as presented.  
(Cassidy / Crowley, 3-0.)**

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**AGENDA ITEM: TIF Grant Committee Update**

A report was submitted and is attached.

Ms. Hatton reported Jeff Griffin, J&C Trucking has paid off his loan.

Commissioner Gardner asked for an update on Michael Griffin's loan settlement. Ms. Hatton stated there is no update since last month. She noted there has been no legal action taken yet.

**AGENDA ITEM: Public Comment**

None.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**1:12 p.m.**

**ATTEST:**

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

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