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**Minutes of the Washington County Commissioners'
Public Meeting on the U.T Budget for FY 2019-2020
held December 13, 2018
in the Probate Courtroom
Machias, Maine**

**Attending the meeting were:
Commissioner Christopher Gardner
Commissioner John Crowley, Sr.
Commissioner Vinton E. Cassidy (Present by Phone)
Betsy Fitzgerald, County Manager
Carla Manchester, Administration
Nathan Pennell, Washington County Soil and Water, DERC&D
Sandy Patterson, Forest City
Patrick Patterson, Forest City
Rich Rolfe, Jail
Lynn Dwelley, WNEMA
Dean A. Preston, U.T.
Susan Hatton, SCEC
Marianne Moore, Calais
Josh Rolfe, RCC
Lora Whalen, Quoddy Tides
Paula Johnson-Rolfe, WCSO
Barry Curtis, WCSO
Jill Holmes, Treasurer
Lewis Pinkham, Milbridge**

Commissioner Gardner called the Public Hearing on the proposed fiscal year 2019/2020 UT Budget to order at 4:35 p.m.

U.T. Supervisor Dean Preston presented a final draft for 2019-20 UT Budget for the Commissioners review. (See attached.) Dean stated he will submit the prepared budget to the Office of the State Auditor with the concurrence of the County Commissioners.

Dean stated LD 1 calculation for the Combined Property and Income Growth Factor for 2019-20 is 2.92%.

Dean reviewed some of the significant impacts on the 2019-20 budget which includes the addition of Codyville to the U.T.; highway summer

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maintenance to deteriorating roads; and a purchase of a new ambulance for EMS. Dean noted the overall impact for transitioning Codyville into the U.T. is 2.2% and the EMS percentage increase was 16%. The increase in revenues off-set the increased expenses. The total tax assessment for 2019-20 is \$1,032,529.00. This budget is a decrease of .02% from the previous year. Commissioner Gardner stated U.T. is collectively the largest single taxpayer in the County. It was noted Dean's fine management of the U.T. budget.

Dean noted the State Administrator had no concerns with the proposed budget.

MOTION Commissioner Crowley moved to accept the F/Y 2019-20 UT Budget in the amount of \$1,032,529.00 with an indicated .02% decrease as presented. (Crowley / Cassidy, 3-0)

Adjournment 4:40 p.m.

Attest: _____
Carla J.R. Manchester, Admin. Asst.