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**Minutes of the Washington County Commissioners'
Unorganized Territories Regular Meeting
Held September 11, 2025
in the Washington County Superior Courtroom
Machias, Maine**

Attending the meeting were:
Commissioner David C. Burns
Commissioner Courtney Hammond
Commissioner Billy Howard
Renée Gray, County Manager
Carla Manchester, Administrative Assistant
Paula Johnson-Rolfe, WCSO
Rich Rolfe, Jail Administrator/WCSO
Barry Curtis, Sheriff
Heron Weston, U.T. Supervisor
Wayne Jones, Trescott
Denise Cilley, Sunrise County Economic Council
Darlene Perry, Probate
Tammy Gay, Deeds
Mike Crabtree, Chief Deputy
Lisa M. Hanscom, EMA
Joshua Rolfe, RCC/WCSO
Grace Falzarano, Columbia Falls
Meredith Mawhar, SCEC
Mica Mawhar, Cathance Twp.
Robert Simpson, Whiting
JoAnne Champney, Columbia

Commissioner Burns called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

**Approval of the U.T. regular meeting minutes of August 21, 2025
(Hammond / Howard, 3-0)**

AGENDA ITEM: Old Business

- None

AGENDA ITEM: Monthly Report

Unorganized Territories Supervisor Heron Weston's monthly report was submitted. (See attached)

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Heron reported the Centerville Bridge replacement project is hitting its benchmarks and is on track.

Heron presented a chart to the Commissioners to show the changes in the budgets between 2024 and 2025 for the entities that Washington County UT tax revenue pays for as well as the changes in property valuations over the same period. He noted the tax burden is shifting to the residential property owners. The question was asked if property tax in the U.T. is set by the State. Heron responded there are three factors in setting the U.T. property taxes: 1) the County budget; 2) the U.T. budget; and 3) services provided to U.T. residents. It was also asked how the windmills would benefit the U.T. budget. Heron responded that he did not know enough to answer that.

Heron presented four separate contracts for the Commissioners' approval.

The Animal Control Coverage contract is between Jessica Lewis and Unorganized Territories. Heron explained the agreement will shift terms from a "per incident" rate to a flat rate contract. The contract is a one-year contract beginning July 1, 2025 for an annual amount of \$4,800.00 per year.

***MOTION* Commissioner Howard moved to approve the Animal Control Coverage contract between ACO Jessica Lewis and U.T. as presented. (Howard / Hammond, 3-0)**

Heron stated there are three snow removal contracts to be presented for approval. Commissioner Howard asked if Request for Proposals (RFPs) were sent out for bids. Heron responded that all three contracts are renewals. Commissioner Howard stated RFP's need to go out moving forward. He also stated RFPs for bids need to go out early. Commissioner Burns noted it is legal to accept the contracts as renewals with the COLA increase.

Snow Removal Contract #5: T8 R3 & T8 R4 covers 4.95 miles on Route 169. This contract is a two-year contract from October 15, 2025 through May 15, 2027 for \$31,350 per year. Heron noted the contractor, Trevor Noyes, is the same as Danforth.

***MOTION* Commissioner Hammond moved to approve Snow Removal Contract #5: T8 R3 & T8 R4 between Trevor Noyes and U.T. as**

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presented. (Hammond / Howard, 3-0)

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Snow Removal Contract #10: Centerville Twp. covers 6.57 miles on Centerville Roads. The contract is a three-year contract with County Concrete & Asphalt. The contract begins on October 15, 2025 and goes through May 15, 2028. The compensation amount is \$31,500 per year.

***MOTION* Commissioner Burns moved to approve Snow Removal Contract #10: Centerville Twp. between County Concrete & Asphalt and U.T. as presented. (Burns / Howard, 3-0)**

Snow Removal Contract # 11: Marion Twp. covers Eagle Drive for a total of .77 miles. The contract is for a three-year period beginning October 15, 2025 through May 15, 2028 for an annual compensation of \$7,000.00. The Contractor is H & S Construction.

***MOTION* Commissioner Howard moved to approve Snow Removal Contract #11: Marion Twp. between H & S Construction and U.T. as presented. (Howard / Hammond, 3-0)**

AGENDA ITEM: TIF Grant Committee Update

A report was submitted and is attached.

AGENDA ITEM: Public Comment

County Manager Renée Gray stated County Commissioners have been invited to the Downeast Wind Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony on Wednesday, September 24, 2025. She noted checks will be presented at the ceremony for the TIF Community Benefit Agreement (CBA). Renée noted that although most of the funds are earmarked, a portion can be used for County Budget purposes. This will be new revenue to the County.

ADJOURNMENT

6:40 p.m.

ATTEST:

Carla J.R. Manchester, Admin. Asst.

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