

April 10, 2014

**Minutes of the Washington County Commissioners'
Unorganized Territories Regular Meeting
held April 10, 2014
in the Commissioners' Conference Room
Machias, Maine**

**Attending the meeting were:
Commissioner Christopher Gardner
Commissioner John Crowley, Sr.
Betsy Fitzgerald, County Manager
Carla Manchester, Administration
Melissa Evans, Perry
Ken Daye, SCEC
Dustin Foss, WC:OC
Joshua Rolfe, RCC
Rich Rolfe, Jail
Darlene Wallace, Deeds
Sharon Strout, Deeds
Steven L. Ramsey, Wesley, WCSO
Jill C. Holmes, Treasurer
Judith Alexander, Treasurer's Office
Heron Weston, Unorganized Territory
Tim Cox, Bangor Daily News
Bill Kitchen, Machias Valley News Observer**

Commissioner Vinton Cassidy was absent.

At 4:10 p.m. the meeting proceeded to Unorganized Territories business.

**Approval of the March U.T. meeting minutes
(March 20, 2014) (Crowley / Gardner, 2-0)**

AGENDA ITEM: Monthly Report

The monthly report was submitted and is attached.

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Interim U.T. Supervisor Heron Weston stated that a contract is being finalized with the Town of Cooper for the U.T. to provide Animal Control services. He has been in contact with Dean Preston. Heron plans to have a contract to present for the Commissioners' approval at the May Commissioners' meeting.

The annual Shellfish Conservation Committee meeting is scheduled for May 1st at the Edmunds School.

The U.T. boat has been serviced and is ready for patrol.

The Marion Septage Land Spreading site is now open for the season.

Final snow plowing contract installments have been paid.

The U.T. is negotiating the possibility of installing a dry hydrant at the Cathance Lake boat landing with funding provided by the Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Services. This would provide an all-season water source for fire protection in the area. Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife has stated that the one requirement for their approval would be that there be no interference with fishing. Commissioner Gardner voiced his concern that fishing access is placed above the importance of fire protection. Noting the struggles in rural Maine to have water systems for fire protection, Commissioner Gardner offered his support if needed. Heron expects the technicalities for access to water can be met.

AGENDA ITEM: TIF Grant Committee Update

A report was submitted and is attached. There were no action items for consideration. U.T. TIF Administrator Ken Daye anticipates several projects that may be presented to the Commissioners at the May meeting.

AGENDA ITEM: Public Comment

None.

ADJOURNMENT

4:20 p.m.

ATTEST:

Carla J.R. Manchester, Admin. Asst.