

April 11, 2013

**Minutes of the Washington County Commissioners'  
Unorganized Territories Regular Meeting  
held April 11, 2013  
in the Commissioners' Conference Room  
Machias, Maine**

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**Attending the meeting were:**

**Commissioner Vinton E. Cassidy  
Commissioner John B. Crowley, Sr.  
Betsy Fitzgerald, County Manager  
Carla Manchester, Administration  
Ken Daye, SCEC  
Mike Hinerman, EMA  
Sharon Strout, Deeds  
Darlene Wallace, Deeds  
Donald Smith, Sheriff  
Janet Robertson, WC:OC  
Rich Rolfe, Jail Administrator  
Shawn Donahue, Sheriff's Office  
Greg Sawyer, Sheriff's Office  
Dean Preston, U.T.  
John Hough, Edmunds Twp.  
Alan Furth, Whiting  
Dustin Batley, Cobscook Bay Company**

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**AGENDA ITEM: Bay of Fundy Marathon**

John Hough, race director, gave a brief presentation on the first-time Bay of Fundy International Marathon. This event is scheduled for Sunday, June 23, 2013. He stated that this community effort has several goals: 1) to attract people to the area, 2) to promote collaboration with the US and Canada and 3) to promote a healthy lifestyle. There will be an expo starting on Saturday and the organizing committee is anticipating a turn-out of approximately 1000 people. Commissioner Cassidy stated that an event like this helps the local economy. Commissioner Crowley said that he would gladly endorse it and offered a letter of support if needed.

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At 4:07 p.m. the meeting proceeded to the Unorganized Territories section of the meeting.

**AGENDA ITEM: Approval of the March UT meeting minutes  
(March 14, 2013)**

**\*MOTION\* Commissioner Crowley moved to approve the March UT meeting minutes. Commissioner Cassidy seconded the motion which passed unanimously.**

**AGENDA ITEM: Monthly Report**

The monthly report was submitted and is attached.

Dean Preston recommended that Brian Brodie be hired as the part-time Animal Control Officer / Shellfish Warden for the Unorganized Territories.

**\*MOTION\* Commissioner Crowley moved to hire Brian Brodie as part-time ACO / Shellfish Warden not to exceed 32 hours per week other than for emergency or training purposes. Commissioner Cassidy seconded the motion which passed unanimously.**

**AGENDA ITEM: TIF Grant Committee Update**

A report was submitted and is attached. There were two action items.

Cobscook Bay Company submitted a request to allow for alternative use of \$30,000.00 originally designated for equipment. After discussion and consideration of this request by the Grant Committee, it was deferred to the Commissioners. Alan Furth and Dustin Batley, CEO of Cobscook Bay Company, explained that due to the reformulating and launching of an entirely new product, they needed working capital. It was also stated that new equipment was not needed at the present time.

**\*MOTION\* Commissioner Crowley moved to allow the alternative use of \$30,000.00 of the TIF grant #1207-07-CF for Cobscook Bay Company. Commissioner Cassidy seconded the motion which passed unanimously.**

The Commissioners were thanked for their continued support in the company's effort to succeed.

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The TIF Grant Committee recommended terms for the recent grant award to applicant Brian Bell of Edmunds, Grant #1302-01-CF. The Grant Committee proposed a grant period of 4 years; after Year 1 of grant period, Grantee obligations for reimbursement to the County upon sale of equipment should be reduced by 1/3 each subsequent year reaching zero liability at the end of Year Four.

**\*MOTION\*** Commissioner Crowley moved to approve the terms recommended by the TIF Grant Committee for Grant #1302-01-CF. Commissioner Cassidy seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Ken Daye concluded the TIF update by presenting the final informational brochure to be distributed that the Grant Committee has been working on to promote the TIF Grant and Loan program.

**AGENDA ITEM: Public Comment**

None.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**4:27 p.m.**

**ATTEST:**

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Carla J.R. Manchester, Admin. Asst.