

June 13, 2019

Minutes of the Washington County Commissioners'
Unorganized Territories Meeting
held June 13, 2019
in the Probate Courtroom
Machias, Maine

Attending the meeting were:
Commissioner Christopher Gardner
Commissioner John Crowley, Sr.
Commissioner Vinton Cassidy
Betsy Fitzgerald, County Manager
Carla Manchester, Administration
Anne W. Cassidy, Calais
Susan Hatton, SCEC
Paula Johnson-Rolfe, WCSO
Jill C. Holmes, Treasurer
Dean A. Preston, U.T. Supervisor
Josh Rolfe, RCC Director
Barry Curtis, Sheriff
Carlene Holmes, Register of Probate
Michael Crabtree, Chief Deputy
Rich Rolfe, Jail Administrator

The meeting for Unorganized Territories business was called to order at 2:30 p.m.

Approval of the U.T. meeting minutes of May 19, 2019.
(Crowley/Cassidy, 2-0-1)

AGENDA ITEM: Monthly Report

Unorganized Territories Supervisor Dean Preston submitted a written report. (See attached)

Dean reported Codyville Plantation will become a part of the Unorganized Territories effective July 1, 2019. Dean will be finalizing several agreements for services for Codyville and will present them at the July meeting. Commissioner Crowley asked if Codyville has paid all back taxes due before the conversion is finalized. Dean confirmed that Codyville has paid all County taxes to date.

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Dean stated he continues to prepare the application for Septage Land Site Approval. Soil samples have been submitted to the State. The application packet will be completed and forwarded to DEP once the soil test results have been returned. Dean noted this site is needed due to another site taking less waste. Commissioner Gardner inquired if the septage site is a money maker. Dean stated the revenue that is received offsets the expenses. Commissioner Gardner asked if there were more expenses involved in preparing the site. Dean replied some prep work costing approximately \$6000.00 has already been done. Commissioner Gardner suggested TIF funds would qualify to cover further expenses if necessary. Dean stated expenses were covered at this point but would request TIF funds if needed. Dean stated a lease agreement is still needing to be developed. Commissioner Crowley asked if the land owner is insured as a subcontractor. Dean replied all coverage should be set but he will double check. Commissioner Gardner agreed Washington County should be listed as an additional insured. Dean noted a waiver form should be on file.

Dean presented a Fire Protection Agreement for the Commissioners' consideration. The agreement provides fire-fighting services to Day Block Twp.; T26 ED; T30 MD; T36 MD; T37 MD; T24 MD (Route 9 and North). The service provider is Wesley Fire Department for an annual stipend of \$1,000.00 plus fire personnel and equipment rates per call. The term of the agreement began July 1, 2018 and goes through June 30, 2019. Dean, noting the dates of the agreement, stated this is housekeeping.

MOTION Commissioner Crowley moved to approve the Fire Protection Agreement between Wesley Fire Department and the UT areas of Day Block Twp.; T26 ED; T30 MD; T36 MD; and T24 MD as presented. (Crowley/Cassidy, 3-0)

AGENDA ITEM: TIF Grant Committee Update

A monthly report was submitted and is attached.

TIF Administrator Susan Hatton had several updates for the Commissioners' consideration.

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Susan reported the Grand Lake Snowmobile Club was unable to maximize their State grant this year due to a slow start to the winter season. The Club is planning some fundraisers and are applying for another State grant for trail work.

Susan stated Jeff Griffin of J&C Trucking is still looking for a screen. Susan plans to speak with the Loan Committee about an extension on the loan terms.

AGENDA ITEM: Public Comment

None

ADJOURNMENT

2:40 p.m.

ATTEST:

Carla J.R. Manchester, Admin. Asst.