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**Minutes of the Washington County Commissioners'  
Unorganized Territories Meeting  
Held November 8, 2018  
in the Washington County Probate Courtroom  
Machias, Maine**

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**Attending the meeting were:  
Commissioner Christopher Gardner  
Commissioner Vinton Cassidy  
Commissioner John Crowley, Sr.  
Betsy Fitzgerald, County Manager  
Carla Manchester, Administrative Assistant  
Lynn Dwelley, WNEMA  
Jill Holmes, Treasurer  
Rich Rolfe, WCSO  
Paula Johnson-Rolfe, WCSO  
Dennis Dorsey, WCSO  
Susan Hatton, SCEC  
Sharon D. Strout, Deeds  
Barry Curtis, Sheriff  
Josh Rolfe, RCC  
Karl Pingree, Buildings and Grounds  
Heather Lee, Buildings and Grounds  
Mike Crabtree, WCSO  
Robert A. Simpson, Whiting  
Christopher Simpson, WCSO**

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Commissioner Gardner called the meeting of the Unorganized Territories to order at 4:00 p.m.

**Approval of the U.T. meeting minutes of October 11, 2018  
(Cassidy / Crowley, 3-0)**

**AGENDA ITEM: Monthly Report**

Unorganized Territories Supervisor Dean Preston's monthly report was submitted. (See attached).

Dean was not present for the meeting. County Manager Betsy Fitzgerald reviewed the U.T. report on Dean's behalf.

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Betsy presented the draft U.T. F/Y 2019/20 budget. It was noted there was an overall decrease of 2.45% in the budget. The budget decrease

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was due to an increase in revenues in excise taxes as well as other adjustments that were made. A copy of the draft is attached.

Commissioner Gardner noted that a 2% decrease in the U.T. budget equals \$25,000.00. Commissioner Gardner queried if there was a possibility of the U.T. picking up some of the law enforcement expenses with which the County is grappling. Commissioner Gardner noted the U.T. is the single largest tax payer in Washington County. Commissioner Crowley noted the U.T. already pays taxes for law enforcement coverage. Commissioner Gardner pointed out additional funds for coverage have been asked for of other towns within the County.

A motion was made to table any decisions on the U.T. budget. Betsy stated the budget is a draft and has been submitted to the Office of the State Auditor for review. It will eventually be presented back to the Commissioners to sign. The Public Hearing for the approval of the budget will be during the December Commissioners' meeting. The motion was then withdrawn.

Betsy reviewed the bid packet Dean had prepared for summer roadway maintenance/construction. Dean is requiring a mandatory scheduled site visit for any contractor planning to submit a bid. The bid packet and information has been sent to eleven contractors. Commissioner Gardner asked if the request for proposals have only been handed out to contractors. County Manager stated the RFP has been advertised.

Betsy reported the Application for Septage Land Site will be made available to the Commissioners for review once it is complete.

Betsy noted Dean continues to work with local ATV/Snowmobile clubs on moving the trail off the 19 Road and into the ROW.

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**AGENDA ITEM: TIF Grant Committee Update**

A report was submitted and is attached.

Ms. Hatton presented a request for a partial release of collateral

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from Bayley and Rebecca Grant, DBA Olde Mill Storage. The original loan of \$15,000.00 was collateralized with a 1<sup>st</sup> position on a 2003 GMC 3500 and a 2001 John Deere Tractor with implements. The current loan balance as of 10/31/18 is \$8,417.00. The request is to release the 1<sup>st</sup> position on the 2003 GMC 3500 with a net value of approximately \$6,000.00. It was noted there will still be sufficient collateral after releasing the 2003 GMC.

**\*MOTION\*** Commissioner Cassidy moved to approve the partial release of collateral on Loan# OMS-TIF-06-30-15, as recommended by the TIF Loan Committee. (Cassidy/Crowley, 3-0.)

A grant update was received from Jeff Herrick of Herrick Trucking.  
(See attached)

Ms. Hatton presented a final grant update from Nickey Dubey of Ben's Dive Shack. All grant requirements have been met.

**AGENDA ITEM: Public Comment**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**4:10 p.m.**

**ATTEST:**

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**Carla J.R. Manchester, Admin. Asst.**