

November 9, 2017

**Minutes of the Washington County Commissioners'
Unorganized Territories Meeting
held November 9, 2017
in the Probate Courtroom
Machias, Maine**

**Attending the meeting were:
Commissioner John B. Crowley, Sr.
Commissioner Christopher M. Gardner
Commissioner Vinton E. Cassidy
Betsy Fitzgerald, County Manager
Carla Manchester, Administration
Lewis Pinkham, Milbridge Town Manager
Susan Hatton, SCEC
Dean Preston, U.T. Supervisor
Alice McClintick, Codyville
Joyce Simpson, Whiting
Lorraine Brais, Codyville
Michael Hinerman, EMA
Harry Doughty, Dennysville
Rebekah Doughty, Dennysville
Joshua Rolfe, RCC
Michael Crabtree, Chief Deputy
Barry Curtis, Sheriff
Reid Albee, County Wide
Robert A. Simpson, Whiting**

Unorganized Territories business was called to order at 4:45 p.m.

**Approval of the U.T. meeting minutes of October 19, 2017
(Crowley/Cassidy, 3-0)**

AGENDA ITEM: Monthly Report

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

Dean stated he did not have any action items for the Commissioners' consideration.

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Dean presented the preliminary Unorganized Territories budget request for FY 2018-2019 to the Commissioners for their review. (See attached) Dean noted the increase of 3.4% in the budget is mostly attributed to highway maintenance and solid waste expense. Dean will accept questions and/or comments through December 7th. This preliminary budget has also been submitted to the State Fiscal Administrator for review. The final budget will be presented for acceptance during the December 14th public hearing. After final acceptance the budget will be returned to the State. Commissioner Gardner commented that some of the Unorganized Territories have the highest taxes in the County. By consensus, the preliminary budget presented was accepted under advisement and the Commissioners will be prepared for a final approval on December 14, 2017.

Commissioner Gardner asked if the U.T. is prepared for winter highway maintenance. Dean stated all stock piles are up and contracted vendors are prepared.

AGENDA ITEM: TIF Grant Committee Update

Program Manager Susan Hatton submitted a report. (See attached)

Susan presented a TIF loan and grant requested for the Commissioners approval. The TIF Loan request is for \$52,000.00 and the EDI Grant request is for \$10,000.00 by Harry Doughty of Bold Coast Gunsmithing, LLC. The funds will be used to purchase the old Gulf Station property on Route 1 in Edmunds, make necessary up-grades and modifications to the existing building, and purchase gun safes and supplies. Susan explained that Mr. Doughty has been a gunsmith for approximately six years. Mr. Doughty has done market research for the area and will be the only full-service gunsmith within 100 miles. His services will consist of repairing, cleaning and customization. Mr. Doughty will also sell cleaning supplies, sights, slings and other small items and provide storage. The loan will be collateralized with 1st security interest in the property and all business assets valuing just over \$57,000.00. Commissioner Gardner asked if there were any environmental concerns on the property due to gas tanks from the previous business. Susan replied there are no concerns. There is documentation showing the tanks have been removed.

***MOTION* Commissioner Crowley moved to approve Loan #HD-TIF-10-13-17 requested from Harry Doughty, DBA Bold Boast Gunsmithing, LLC for \$52,000.00 as presented. (Crowley/Cassidy, 3-0)**

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MOTION Commissioner Crowley moved to approve Grant #1711-02-CP requested from Harry Doughty, DBA Bold Boast Gunsmithing, LLC for \$10,000.00 as presented. (Crowley/Cassidy, 3-0)

AGENDA ITEM: Public Comment

None.

ADJOURNMENT

4:45 p.m.

ATTEST:

Carla J.R. Manchester, Admin. Asst.