

November 12, 2020

**Minutes of the Washington County Commissioners'  
Unorganized Territories Regular Meeting  
Held November 12, 2020  
in the Washington County Superior Courtroom  
Machias, Maine**

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**Attending the meeting were:  
Commissioner John Crowley, Sr.  
Commissioner Vinton Cassidy  
Betsy Fitzgerald, County Manager  
Carla Manchester, Administrative Assistant  
Susan Hatton, Sunrise County Economic Council  
Sharon D. Strout, Registry of Deeds  
Carlene Holmes, Probate Court  
Dean A. Preston, Unorganized Territories  
Paula Johnson-Rolfe, Sheriff's Office  
Rich Rolfe, Jail Administrator**

**Commissioner Christopher Gardner was not present.**

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Commissioner Cassidy called the meeting of the Unorganized Territories to order at 4:02 p.m.

**Approval of the U.T. meeting minutes of October 8, 2020  
(Cassidy / Crowley, 2-0)**

**AGENDA ITEM: Monthly Report**

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

Dean provided the Draft Budget for the U.T. FY 2021-22 for the Commissioners review. Dean noted the U.T. fiscal year runs from July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022. Dean stated the draft budget has been submitted to the State for review. The public hearing for the final draft is scheduled for December 10, 2020 at 4 p.m.

Dean gave the Commissioners updates on the highway maintenance operations.

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Dean presented the Maine Department of Transportation Local Road Assistance Program (LRAP) Certification 2020-21 for the Commissioners review and certification. The Commissioners must certify each year that funds will be used only for Capital improvement of public roads to be eligible to receive those funds. It is estimated that Washington County will receive \$83,623 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020.

**\*MOTION\*** Commissioner Cassidy moved to certify that the funds received from the Local Road Assistance Program for the fiscal year 2020-21 will be used only for capital improvements of public roads. (Cassidy / Crowley, 2-0)

**AGENDA ITEM: TIF Committee Update**

A report was submitted and is attached. There were no action items.

Ms. Hatton reported that Richard Curtis of Belyea Farms has paid his loan in full.

Ms. Hatton gave an update on Ben's Dive Shack operated by Nickey Dubey. Business was slow for most of the year due to the COVID pandemic but business has picked up some this fall.

**AGENDA ITEM: Public Comment**

None.

**ADJOURNMENT**

4:05 p.m.

**ATTEST:**

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Carla J.R. Manchester, Admin. Asst.