OXFORD COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MEETING MINUTES

February 15, 2022

Meeting Convened
At the Court of Oxford County Commissioners begun and held at Paris, Maine within and for the County of Oxford at 9:00 am on Tuesday, February 15, 2022 being a regular session, there were present:

Timothy Turner Chairman
David Duguay Commissioner

Commissioner Steven Merrill was absent due to medical reasons but noted he was available to participate remotely if needed.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Agenda Adopted
The agenda was adopted as written.

Minutes Approval
The following action occurred regarding sets of minutes of previous meetings:

February 3 approved with amendments

Public Comment
None.

Department Heads
Department heads met with the Commissioners to discuss a variety of topics, some being unique to specific departments and other topics being of concern to several or all departments.

Sheriff’s Report
Sheriff Chris Wainwright spoke with the Commissioners on various operational updates.

The Commissioners authorized a contract renewal with the USDA, Forest Service, to provide law enforcement services.

The Commissioners authorized the unpaid commission of Officer Gary Hill of Waterford to temporarily assist with operations in the Sheriff’s Office.

Treasurer’s Report
Treasurer Beth Calhoun was absent due to personal reasons but provided written reports for distribution.

The 2022 tax commitment was tabled to March 3 to allow for everyone to be present and discuss all options.
Personnel Updates and Actions
The Commissioners authorized the hiring of Kiersten Kise as a full-time Legal Secretary with the following confirmed:

- Effective Date: February 21, 2022
- Wage Rate: $16.45/hr 2nd year rate)
- Special Conditions: none

The Commissioners entered an executive session (1 M.R.S.A. § 405-6 D) to discuss union contract negotiations. No action was needed upon returning to open session.

Items for Discussion and Action – Considered as Time Permits Throughout Meeting
The Commissioners discussed the following and acted only as underlined.
1. Received update from Maine County Commissioners Association.
2. Reviewed communication from the Mahoosuc Community Broadband Committee but decided to take no action at this time.
3. Designated several available dates for the Stow petition hearing

Adjournment
The Commissioners adjourned at 11:58am

Timothy G. Turner, Chairman

Steven M. Merrill \ Commissioner

David A. Duguay Commissioner

Notes:
1) These minutes are intended to be a brief description of meeting actions to provide, in a general sense only, an account of what was discussed.

2) Unless otherwise noted, all votes taken by the Commissioners were unanimous.