OXFORD COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MEETING MINUTES

March 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, March 15, 2022 being a regular session, there were present:

Timothy Turner        Chairman
Steven Merrill         Commissioner
David Duguay          Commissioner

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:

March 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 was absent due to medical reasons, but Chief Deputy Jim Urquhart spoke with the Commissioners on various operational updates.

The Commissioners authorized the acceptance of $775,60 in restitution funds for the Sheriff's Office assistance in the case of State of Maine v. Shawn Comeau.

They then discussed possible ramifications of Maine State Police no longer patrolling rural areas.

Treasurer's Report
Treasurer Beth Calhoun provided written reports and updated Commissioners on the County’s financial status.

Personnel Updates and Actions
The Commissioners accepted the resignation of full-time Sheriff’s Deputy Brandon Tiner effective immediately, retro to March 5.
The Commissioners then authorized strategically posting the open position, despite being over the staffing amount, in anticipation of an upcoming shortage due to various leaves and academy attendance.

The Commissioners acknowledged the promotion of Corrections Officer Roseaire Burns to Corporal effective March 19 with a wage rate of $20.19/hr (4th year step).

The Commissioners acknowledged the promotion of Corrections Officer Travis Witham to Corporal effective March 20 with a wage rate of $20.19/hr (4th year step).

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 and approved compensation study RFP
3. Reviewed and approved phone system upgrade RFP
4. Reviewed and approved demolition project RFP

**Adjournment**

The Commissioners adjourned at 12:27pm

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.