OXFORD COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MEETING MINUTES

April 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 Friday, April 15, 2022 being a special 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.

Executive Session to Consult with Counsel
The Commissioners entered an executive session (1 M.R.S.A. § 405-6 E) to consult with Attorney James Pross of Skelton Taintor and Abbott. No action was needed upon returning to open session.

Public Hearing – Finn Road Abandonment Appeal
Chairman Turner opened the hearing by explaining the context of hearing pursuant to 23 M.R.S. § 3028-A (7), and identifying the March 16, 2022 appeal filed by Neil Lanteigne of West Paris who asked the Commissioners to reconsider a vote and decision regarding Finn Road which he alleges the Town of West Paris took on March 14, 2022, which he alleged is evidence by a letter he received from the Town.

Attorney Zachary Brandwein who represents the Town of West Paris argued that the March 14th letter Mr. Lanteigne is referring to was not record of new action and was just an informational summary of previous action taken by the Town regarding Finn Road. Attorney Brandwein asked the Board to dismiss the appeal as the request for an appeal was not submitted in a timely manner and therefor the Commissioners would not have jurisdiction under 23 M.R.S. § 3028-A.

After hearing public comment from West Paris officials and multiple residents, the Commissioners voted unanimously to dismiss the appeal and adopt a finding that they do not have jurisdiction because the Finn Road in West Paris was abandoned prior to March 14, 2022 and was not a town way, and that the March 14th letter was not a vote by the Town under 23 M.R.S. § 3028-A.

Adjournment
The Commissioners adjourned at 10:53am

Timothy G. Turner, Chairman
Steven M. Merrill Commissioner
David A. Duguay Commissioner