OXFORD COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MEETING MINUTES

June 15, 2021

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, June 15, 2021 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:

June 3 approved with amendments

Public Comment
Waterford Selectman Todd Sawyer and Public Works Director Jim Kidder proposed renewing a contract for shared winter road maintenance costs between Waterford and the Unorganized Territory. The Commissioners agreed that the arrangement worked well last year and was cost efficient. They renewed the contract for an additional three years, but noted it would be reviewed annually.

The Commissioners also authorized the purchase of a handcrafted, commemorative, gold plated rifle from the Albert Silver family for $3,500. It is not yet decided how the rifle will be displayed, but it will remain in the Commissioners Office and will ensure that the artistic detail is visible as much as possible.

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.

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

The Commissioners authorized the 2021 Tax Anticipation Note (TAN) awarded to Norway Savings Bank in the amount of $2,500,000.
Matters Pertaining to the Unorganized Territory
The Commissioners adopted a resolution allowing establishments in the Unorganized Territory sell and serve alcohol per new legislation. However, it was noted that such establishments would still need to submit a renewal application each year.

The Commissioners approved the submission of a liquor license renewal application for Black Brook Cove Campground.

It was noted that Road Agent Todd Sawyer would arrange for Hemingway Road to be graded following complaints.

Interim County Administrator Donnie Durrah updated the Commissioners on the Magalloway deorganization process.

Interim Administrator Durrah also noted that interviews for the UT/Airport Supervisor position are being held tomorrow, June 16.

Lunch Recess
The Commissioners recessed for lunch at 12:00pm and reconvened at 12:30pm.

Discuss National Telecommunications Infrastructure Administration (NTIA)
Mia Purcell of the Community Concepts Finance Cooperation gave a brief presentation on creating a broadband utility.

Sheriff’s Report
Sheriff Chris Wainwright spoke with the Commissioners regarding departmental matters.

The Commissioners authorized the renewal of the School Resource Officer contracts, noting that there are no substantial changes.

The Commissioners authorized the hiring of Rosemarie Burns as a full-time certified Corrections Officer with the following confirmed:

- Effective Date: June 20, 2021
- Wage Rate: $19.04/hr (4th year step)
- Special Conditions: none

It was noted that Burns was already working as a part-time Corrections Officer in the jail.

The Commissioners authorized one additional corrections position as a strategy to off-set overtime costs.

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. Discussed development of the “Friends of River Valley” organization.
Adjournment
The Commissioners adjourned at 2:22pm

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.