Oxford County Commissioners
Meeting Minutes

August 16, 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, August 16, 2022 being a regular session, there were present:

Timothy Turner Chairman
Steven Merrill Commissioner
David Duguay Commissioner

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

August 4 approved with amendments

Agenda Adopted
The agenda was adopted as written.

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 Christopher Wainwright updated the Commissioners on departmental matters.

The Commissioners continued discussion regarding the temporary relocation of CID due to an upcoming HVAC project in the jail which will cause several offices to move. The rental of a portion of the former Ledgeview Facility in West Paris would also include space for a substation to give deputies more workspace.

The Commissioners authorized a contract for a School Resource Officer with RSU 10. Commissioner Turner abstained from the vote, citing that the contract involved a relative.

The Commissioners authorized a contract for a School Resource officer with MSAD 55.

The Commissioners authorized a second contract for a School Resource officer with MSAD 55.

The Commissioners authorized the status change of Deputy Micheal St. Laurent from part-time to full-time effective August 16 with a wage rate of $19.84/hr (entry).
The Commissioners discussed the purchase of a body scanner for the jail to further prevent the entrance of prohibited items and substances in the jail. Jail Administrator Dana Dillingham noted that he would explore funding opportunities to cover the purchase. It was noted that this discussion would continue in the future.

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

The Commissioners authorized borrowing up to $600k from the casino fund on an as needed basis and she remains confident that the County will not need to take out a tax anticipation note (TAN) this year because of the County’s current financial position.

**RCC Director’s Report**
The Commissioners reviewed and approved an RFP for the communications system upgrade project.

**Matters Pertaining to the Unorganized Territory**
UT Supervisor Tony Carter was pleased to report that the disagreement between the Albany residents and the ATV Club has been resolved as the ATV Club voluntarily ceased the road extension and removed their signs.

The Commissioners approved the renewal of a winter road maintenance contract between Waterford and Wilson Excavation.

The Commissioners granted a temporary weight limit waiver on Evans Notch Road in order for them to access the bridge with construction equipment as it needs resurfacing. UT Supervisor Tony Carter said he didn’t think a bond would be needed and that he would regularly inspect the area during the duration of the project to assure no damage is done to the road.

**Matters Pertaining to the Airport**
It was noted that the fire protection RFP would be tabled as some changes need to be made.

The Commissioners reviewed and approved an RFP for a heating system.

**Broadband Committee Update**
Mia Purcell and Mike Wilson gave the Commissioners an update on their broadband committee efforts.

**Personnel Updates and Actions**
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.

**Tour of Former Ledgeview Facility in West Paris**
The Commissioners and Sheriff toured the former Ledgeview facility to determine if it was suitable for rent based on the County’s needs.
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. Confirmed 2023 budget committee caucus locations and process.

Adjournment
The Commissioners adjourned at 3:52pm and then joined the County staff for an employee cookout in the parking lot. No business or action was taken during that time.

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.