OXFORD COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MEETING MINUTES

October 18, 2022

Meeting Convened
At the Court of Oxford County Commissioners begun and held at Paris, Maine within and for the County of Oxford at 1:00 pm on Tuesday, October 18, 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:

October 7 approved

Agenda Adopted
The agenda was adopted with the addition of a resignation, broadband discussion, and tabling of the review of fire bids.

Public Comment
Hartford resident Joan Kelly addressed the Commissioners to express her concerns involving various matters pertaining to the Sherriff’ Office and certain personnel matters. The Commissioners thanked her for the information and County Administrator Donald Durrah assured her they would be looked into.

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.

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

The Commissioners then set an interest rate of 5% for late county tax payments.

Personnel Updates and Actions
The Commissioners accepted the resignation of Dispatch Supervisor Cammie Sprague effective October 28 and authorize her transfer to the position of Deputy EMA Director effective October 29 with a wage of $24.58/hr. It was noted that she will be eligible for any applicable increases on January 1. The Commissioners then authorized the posting of the open Dispatch Supervisor position.
The Commissioners accepted the resignation of Victim Witness Advocate Catherine Durost effective October 31. They then authorized the posting of the open position.

It was determined that the request for early holiday payout was a moot point as the employee making the request will be resigning before the requested date.

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. Tabled review of fire system bids until next meeting.
3. Authorized a joint contract renewal between the County, Town of Waterford, and Wilson Excavation for snow removal in the UT.
4. Committed to match $60,120 for the Mahoosuc Broadband Committee using ARPA funds if their funding request gets approved. They then authorized County Administrator Donald Durrah to sign any applicable documents associated with the funding request on behalf of Oxford County.

**Adjournment**

The Commissioners adjourned at 3:41pm and a public hearing on the proposed budget occurred upstairs at 6:00pm and lasted until about 8:00pm.

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.