

**WALDO COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT SESSION
(SPECIAL SESSION)
APRIL 23, 2008**

PRESENT: Commissioners John M. Hyk (Chairman), Donald P. Berry, Sr. and Amy R. Fowler. Also present were Communications Center Director Owen Smith and County Clerk Barbara Arseneau.

Commissioner Hyk opened the court session at 2:42 p.m.

****A. Fowler moved, D. Berry seconded to open the Commissioners' Panel Executive Session for the Facilities Manager Position Interviews at 2:45 p.m. Unanimous.**

****A. Fowler moved, D. Berry seconded to exit Executive Session at 4:27 p.m. Unanimous.**

****D. Berry moved, A. Fowler seconded to hire Keith Nealley of Monroe as Waldo County Facilities Manager effective April 28, 2008 at a salary of \$35,390.00, prorated from the date of hire. Unanimous.**

COMMUNICATIONS CENTER OPERATIONS DISCUSSION:

Present for this discussion was Communications Director Owen Smith. O. Smith stated that he wished to give the Commissioners a "heads' up." He reported that the City Manager recently announced the decision to eliminate the City of Belfast Police Department's receptionist positions; one full-time and two part-time. O. Smith thought that, supposedly, the Police Department's Secretary will assume those responsibilities, but he cautioned the Commissioners that he did not want that responsibility to fall upon the Waldo County Regional Communications Center. The agreement between the County and City back eight (8) years ago included the City of Belfast retaining receptionist. O. Smith's recommendation was to avoid this becoming the responsibility of the Communications Center because if this were to be done for Belfast, the Communications Center would have to consider doing it for Lincolnville, Searsport, etc.

O. Smith, in looking at the Resolution between the County and the City, noted that it stated, "Dispatching" responsibilities. He explained that it did not include serving as receptionist for Belfast P.D.

The Commissioners agreed that the County would not take on any additional responsibilities as a result of this change in the City staffing. O. Smith said he would take this decision to the Board of Directors this coming Thursday and would also speak with the Belfast Chief of Police.

**** A. Fowler moved, D. Berry seconded to adjourn meeting at 4:45 p.m. Unanimous.**

Respectfully submitted by *Barbara L. Arseneau*
Waldo County Clerk