

**WALDO COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT SESSION
JUNE 19, 2012**

PRESENT: Commissioners William D. Shorey – Chairman and Betty I. Johnson. (Commissioner Fowler was unable to attend.) Also present was County Clerk Barbara L. Arseneau to take minutes.

Call to Order: Commissioner Shorey called the court session to order at 9:00 a.m.

TREASURER’S REPORT:

Present for the financial report was Treasurer David A. Parkman and Deputy Treasurer Karen Trussell. D. Parkman reported the following:

REVENUE

Revenue should be 46% received at this point in the year and is currently at about 52%. The increase is due to fees received in the Registry of Deeds this past month.

APPROPRIATIONS:

D. Parkman reported that appropriations could be 46% expended and is currently at 41%. The Facilities budget is 48% expended. The Sheriff’s budget line is looking good at 44% expended. W. Shorey stated that the recent reduction in gas prices must be helping to some degree. It is now about \$3.39 per gallon, which is the best it’s been in a while. D. Parkman reported that the Communications Center budget is at 45% expended and the only line that is of concern is the Tower Sites line, which is 115% expended. W. Shorey commented on a recent letter the Commissioners sent to the Budget Committee informing them of some budget concerns, including this line. D. Parkman said he would hate to fund the rest of the Tower Sites line out of Contingency funds because this has to be replenished at the beginning of the next year. W. Shorey said the Commissioners hoped that would only be a last resort, but noted that the reductions made by the Budget Committee during the budget review process put the County in this position.

D. Parkman asked if there were any questions on the budget so far and there were none. There was brief discussion on the amount of fuel burned in the buildings each month. K. Trussell explained that it averages about \$8,000.00 a month.

CORRECTIONS:

Expenditures in the Corrections budget are at 91%. D. Parkman reported that the Jail meeting on May 31, 2012 resulted in a decision of trying to hold the budgets at the same level as the previous year instead of decreasing 1% of the budget. D. Parkman observed that if it costs on average \$100.00 per inmate and a jail is only taking in about \$23.00, it is “doomed to failure.” Somerset County is paying a large note and the people there are paying for a new jail that they don’t control. Somerset has announced that no more county prisoners from other counties will be accepted at Somerset County Jail. They want to take federal inmates because they pay around \$119.00 per day for those inmates. The Auditor, Ron Smith of RHR Smith, said that the State has not paid the debt on some of the Jails. D. Parkman stated that currently Waldo County is “quite lucky because we are riding the wave.” He added that Waldo County sends its money in and so far it is working, but it won’t last forever.

B. Johnson said she hears about it from Sagadahoc quite often because there are often more Waldo County inmates in that jail than Sagadahoc inmates. D. Parkman reminded all that the State has shut down a pod at the State correctional facility and is shipping its inmates to the counties and only contributing \$23.00 per inmate per day. K. Trussell added that the State now can say that it is saving money on it's facility as a result.

D. Parkman said he had received an invoice that was identified as being for a "mock trial" from the Probate Registry. It was about \$375.00 total that was paid by the County for services related to that. He felt the Board of Commissioners should be made aware of this as it was, to his knowledge, the first time the County had paid for a mock trial. If the Commissioners agreed to pay this, it would be paid. The Department Head and the Judge both have signed off on this and the Department Head had noted that it was for this trial as an explanation of the invoice. B. Johnson felt that she, as the Commissioner who reviews all the invoices, had no objection to paying. D. Parkman said he just wanted to make sure, as a protection to Commissioner Johnson, that the whole Board of Commissioners was aware of it so that nobody would be surprised if they found out about it later. W. Shorey did not object to this being paid and stated that it would be paid on the next warrant.

****B. Johnson moved, W. Shorey seconded to file the Treasurer's Report. Unanimous.**

WARRANTS.

****W. Shorey moved, B. Johnson seconded to authorize payment of the May 31, 2012 General Fund Accounts Payable warrant and payroll for May 10 and May 24, 2012 in the amount of \$303,634.87. Unanimous.**

****B. Johnson moved, W. Shorey seconded to authorize payment of the May 31, 2012 Active & Restricted Reserve warrant in the amount of \$27,811.64. Unanimous.**

****B. Johnson moved, W. Shorey seconded to authorize payment of the May 31, 2012 Reentry Accounts Payable warrant and payroll for May 10 and May 24, 2012 in the amount of \$133,610.36. Unanimous.**

****B. Johnson moved, W. Shorey seconded to authorize payment of the May 31, 2012 MCRRC Restricted Reserve warrant in the amount of \$542.96. Unanimous.**

****B. Johnson moved, W. Shorey seconded to authorize payment of the June 12, 2012 General Fund Accounts Payable warrant & payroll for June 7, 2012 in the amount of \$126,122.35. Unanimous.**

****B. Johnson moved, W. Shorey seconded to authorize payment of the June 12, 2012 Restricted Reserve warrant in the amount of \$11,393.20. Unanimous.**

****B. Johnson moved, W. Shorey seconded to authorize payment of the June 12, 2012 Reentry Accounts Payable warrant and payroll for June 7, 2012 in the amount of \$136,134.66. Unanimous.**

****B. Johnson moved, W. Shorey seconded to authorize payment of the June 12, 2012 MCRRC Restricted Reserve warrant in the amount of \$209.72. Unanimous.**

POSSIBLE COUNTY-WIDE ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER DISCUSSION:

Present with the Commissioners was Katharine Littlefield, President of the Waldo County Selectmen's Association. Also present was Sheriff Scott Story and Chief Deputy Jeffrey Trafton.

K. Littlefield reported that the Selectmen received a copy of Lincolnville's letter in which the Town expressed interest in looking into a possible County-wide Animal Control Officer. At a Selectmen's Association meeting, K. Littlefield had requested responses from the other towns. 15 responded and she believed Northport's letter that came in later resulted in a total of 14 municipalities not being interested, one did not object to researching it, and one being interested (Lincolnville). She thought that submitting these letters to the Commissioners, knowing that the majority of the Towns were not interested in this, would save the Commissioners time and energy on this matter.

There was brief discussion of what the laws are. S. Story said that he hoped the Towns knew the County wasn't trying to encroach upon them. He had thought that if it was something the County could offer and the Towns were interested, it might be a good service, but at no point did the County ever intend to take on responsibilities that rightly belong to the Towns.

K. Littlefield agreed that many felt it was more of a local control issue. If control went to the County, it would change that local control.

B. Johnson said that when the County talked about it, they tried to look at every feasible angle and viewpoint. Because there was a request by one of the Towns, the Commissioners felt they needed to at least research it and talk about it. The Sheriff had called K. Littlefield and had spoken with her at length about it. B. Johnson expressed appreciation for the Selectmen's Association doing the polling on this matter. K. Littlefield told the Commissioners that any time the Association could assist in reaching out to the Towns on behalf of the County about matters involving the municipalities, the Association would be happy to help. She noted that attendance is quite good at these meetings. The Commissioners expressed that likely if the Commissioners had gone individually to each Town regarding a County-wide animal control officer, the concept might not have been as well received. The avenue of the Selectmen's Association worked very well to get this information discussed in a timely and constructive manner.

S. Story said that, conversely, any time the Association wishes to communicate with the County on behalf of the Towns as a group, to please consider using that avenue, as well.

B. Johnson summarized that it appears that the majority of municipalities are not interested in county animal control at this time. W. Shorey said that he believed it was fair to say that this information closes the book on this issue. All present agreed. The Commissioners thanked K. Littlefield for her time and effort in this regard and for the good work that she does.

SHERIFF'S REPORT:

1. The Sheriff reported two new hires that resulted from two resignations.

****B. Johnson moved, W. Shorey seconded to accept the resignation of Deputy Benjamin Wheeler effective June 12, 2012. Unanimous.**

****B. Johnson moved, W. Shorey seconded to accept the resignation of Deputy David Mushrall effective June 14, 2012. Unanimous.**

For seniority purposes, Cody Laite will be hired first to fill one of the full-time positions, since there are two full-time employees being hired effective June 19, 2012. The Sheriff's Office went through the hiring process and ended up recommending full-time certified officer Cody Laite as full-time Patrol Deputy effective June 19, 2012. S. Story explained that C. Laite will come with a \$24,000.00 payment that will be required because he graduated from the Academy a short time ago. S. Story said he felt that this was the best thing to do. He requested that C. Laite be hired full-time and requested approval to pay the \$24,000.00 from the Detail Account, which has the funds available. He is also sending Nick Oettinger to the Academy as a "Cadre" and the department will be recouping money in the amount of \$12,000, which can be put back into the detail account.

****B. Johnson moved, W. Shorey seconded to hire Cody Laite as full-time Patrol Deputy and to pay the City of Camden his academy payoff of \$24,500.00 from the Detail Account. Unanimous.**

As explained before, another candidate, Jordan Tozier, has been recommended to be hired second, for seniority purposes, effective June 19, 2012 at \$18.23 per hour (without certification.)

****B. Johnson moved, W. Shorey seconded to hire Jordan Tozier as full-time Patrol Deputy effective June 19, 2012 at \$18.23 per hour (without certification.) Unanimous.**

2. S. Story requested the Commissioners' vote and signature to receive asset forfeiture

****B. Johnson moved, W. Shorey seconded to approve for the State to proceed with the Asset Forfeiture Process for CR-12-46 for \$3,500.00 and one 2001 Dodge Neon ES. Unanimous.**

3. Corporal Christopher Albert and another Correctional Officer sent a letter requesting that they be allowed an opportunity to discuss benefits, since they are not represented by a union at this time. Corporal Albert would like to speak about retirement options and the Sheriff had agreed to bring the request to the Commissioners. The Commissioners said they had no objection to sitting down and discussing this with the Corporal and other representative. B. Johnson said it was always good to hear how employees are feeling and what they are thinking. S. Story stated that these employees are under a lot of stress up there with the Reentry/72-hour hold and they work long hours. He commented that he is proud of them. He also recalled that the Corrections Supervisors had, several years ago, briefly formed a union and it did not continue.

W. Shorey observed that COLA's across the County have been quite varied, that not everyone is always happy, and he hoped that starting in 2013, everyone's COLA's would be starting "on the same page." He realized that when the Deputies' union contract is renegotiated, this would need to be discussed.

4. S. Story said he had received an invoice with a note on it "Please explain." The invoice was for J&B Diversified Associates and was for 24 hours of work. He had met with Jim Arseneau to discuss the invoice and disagrees with the amount of time that was put into it. He said he would leave it for the Commissioners to look into further. This brings up the matter of invoices that come to him that he does not see until after the work has been done, not just with J&B; but other vendors as well. He used, as an example, invoices that are received by the Facilities Manager and has now asked to see building-related invoices, too. With J&B, the Commissioners have no idea whether the work is done or not because they don't oversee it. Therefore, any other invoices that are not supervised by a department head, Sheriff Story has asked that purchase orders be obtained ahead of time and this will make it manageable for his budget.

He stated that this is not done with any other vendor and he did not believe it should be the case with J&B. Now with purchase orders, he will know what has been asked for and what has been done. He stated that the majority of invoices come through to him. He said he had no objection to J&B's work – it is “almost perfect.” He demonstrated the problem by explaining that the Deputy County Clerk coded this invoice and she would have had no idea what work had been done and the scope of the work.

B. Johnson asked how the process would work. It was discussed that any invoice should have the Sheriff's signature if it doesn't fall under the purview of another department head.

W. Shorey said he would like to know what the Sheriff's answer would be, regarding Technology, if the Sheriff asks J. Arseneau to fix something that J. Arseneau would have no way of knowing how long it would take and how much it would cost. W. Shorey said he didn't think it would be fair to expect an exact price. S. Story said he understood that and wouldn't expect a forensic estimate. What he is looking for – such as this for working on the Corrections budget – is he would like to know in advance that it would be 18 hours of work on the budget. He had not had that expectation that there would be that much time working on the budget. Because Jim is not an employee, the situation is different. He said he would have asked about how long it would have taken and then it would not have been a surprise.

The Commissioners agreed with the purchase order arrangement. S. Story said he couldn't emphasize enough that J&B's work is “impeccable, he is well-liked and comes in at a drop of the hat” to work on laptops, etc.

S. Story said that if he has to explain line items to the Commissioners, he also has to explain line items to the BOC when it is Jail-related.

5. W. Shorey inquired about the gator (four-wheeled farm equipment) at the Garden. S. Story said it should be repaired by tomorrow morning. He will go get the trailer, pick up the gator and then bring the tractor back with him. W. Shorey reported that the garden is all planted and it will be a week or so before the cultivating starts. W. Shorey mentioned that the residents working in the garden this year are enthusiastic, outstanding and excellent workers. They come with a good attitude and are doing an extremely good job.

6. KITCHEN PROGRAMS MANAGER: S. Story said he was trying to put a job description and pay scale together. He would still like to keep the Head Cook line on the pay scale in case they ever need to put someone back in that position in the future. On the new pay scale, there will be two places for Kitchen's Programs Manager with Certification and Kitchen Programs Manager without Certification. The Commissioners agreed with this.

6. The Sheriff will be on vacation and the Chief Deputy will take charge. When asked, the Chief Deputy commented that he really enjoys his job and working for the Sheriff.

EMA HAZMAT INFORMATION:

Present with the Commissioners was EMA Director Dale Rowley. D. Rowley reported the following about the Operations Level Decontamination Strike Team. If responders go in and turn things off or investigate, this team can set up tents and pumps for them to go and get decontaminated. The equipment

is stored at Searsport Fire Department now and they have a truck that can pull it. It takes a good-sized vehicle to pull it.

J. Dittmeier used to head this up, but he has resigned and has inquired to see if anyone was interested in taking this over. He spoke with Andy Webster, Interim Fire Chief for Searsport and he is interested. D. Rowley explained that J. Dittmeier was experienced. D. Rowley will speak with A. Webster and fill him in about the details regarding this and the extensive requirement and experience that are involved in this role. W. Shorey said he could recommend an individual who has a fair amount of fire fighter experience who may be able to assist with training A. Webster. He would give the name to D. Rowley and would recommend that D. Rowley speak with the individual to see if this person would be interested in assisting.

D. Rowley said another solution might be for the County EMA to try and take on managing this, but he acknowledged that the County EMA is swamped itself at this time and was not necessarily recommending taking this on. The County organized this team, but tried to set it up to make it as cost-effective as possible. No other team in the State operates as cost-effectively as Waldo's. D. Rowley stated that the funding from the State is not likely to be as forthcoming as it was, so that cannot be counted on. Many of the other teams currently rely on this kind of funding.

D. Rowley asked what kind of commitment Waldo County wants to give to this team. He has polled other counties. Only Cumberland County has responded and spends \$120,000.00 for the four (4) teams that it has there.

W. Shorey stated that if funds are not going to be coming from the State, he suspected that the Towns might be willing to budget for and pitch in to run this. He asked if D. Rowley could check on this. D. Rowley said he could try. So far, it is not under the EMA budget. If it had to become part of the County budget, likely 50% could be recouped from the State. W. Shorey thought the Towns might be willing to also chip in toward this cost.

D. Rowley explained that there are a number of towns that have not been responsive or interested in joining this team, although this team does serve all the 26 municipalities in the County. The vast majority of the team consists of people from West Frankfort and Searsport.

K. Nealley, who was now present, asked about the possibility of an AFG regional fire grant.

D. Rowley said that the County acts as the data information center – tracks money in and out, keeps lists of those on the team, but has not been in charge of scheduling training. He believed the Commissioners and Towns needed to work out the responsibilities. D. Rowley expressed that his only concern is if Searsport does not want to house the HazMat trailer, it would be difficult to find another heated space to store it and have a vehicle large enough to pull it. The Selectmen have designated A. Webster to be the Interim and an official selection will be forthcoming.

W. Shorey recommended continuing with the approach he recommended and see if this will work itself out. There was some discussion that Jim Gillway may be able to assist with this as well. There was brief additional discussion of perhaps approaching the County Budget Committee about adding this to the County budget.

FACILITIES BUDGET:

Present with the Commissioners was Facilities Manager Keith Nealley who reported the following:

1. Superior Courthouse Roof: Architect Robert Fenney looked at and will need to provide specs for work to be done on the Superior Courthouse roof. One company is no longer doing roofing work and another company is not interested in doing it. Therefore, he will need to look to commercial companies for bids for this. There are four compressors on the roof, which are about 30-plus years old and are really difficult to work on. R. Fenney and he talked about moving the compressors and relocating them onto the ground or replacing altogether with new compressors on the ground. Dennis Kienow will be putting some numbers together for that. W. Shorey thought this was a good idea to get those compressors onto the ground and to shingle the roof with asphalt shingles. K. Nealley spoke with Jeff Henthorn about this situation and while J. Henthorn felt the State could not assist with the shingling, possibly there might be some financial assistance with the air conditioning. K. Nealley explained that the roof is the most important issue and the air conditioning will be next. There was brief discussion of the bidding process and how to handle it including whether or not this should be handled as a “preferred bidders” situation. As long as there are several, and their reputation is well-known for such a specific type of roof, the Commissioners preferred this. A performance bond might be necessary.

2. The sprinkler system at the Superior Courthouse failed the annual inspection and there are things that need to be done to address this. It will need to be taken care of when there is no court in session. K. Nealley is aware of the court schedule and would like to try and accomplish this in July. The County will likely need to use the Courthouse reserve and this will need to be replenished. These buildings need to be maintained.

3. The Exterior trim on the District Courthouse is estimated at \$10,400.00 from Thibodeau and estimated by Northeast in the amount of \$4,500.00. It needs to be done. When asked if it was in the budget, K. Nealley said he had it listed as to be done from the reserves. He noted that this was not funded. He believed it could be funded through the aforementioned Courthouse reserve.

In summary, K. Nealley felt the exterior trim at District Court needed to be done, the sprinkler needed to be a sole source situation and that needs to be done.

****B. Johnson moved, W. Shorey seconded to authorize painting the trim at the District Courthouse and repairing the sprinkler system at the Superior Courthouse. Unanimous.**

4. K. Nealley submitted a spreadsheet on both electrical and heat for the buildings. Regarding the electrical, there is about \$6,000.00 in the budget and about \$3,100.00 has been expended so far. It should run fairly close. The heat between the buildings is also on track.

7. K. Nealley briefly reported on landscaping and the punch list at the new EMA/Sheriff’s building.

2013 CORRECTIONS BUDGET:

Sheriff Story returned briefly to ask the Commissioners to approve the 2013 Budget on the Corrections Reporting of Actuals Program form. The BOC has authorized flat-funding. One line, Building and Improvements has been restored back to \$27,833.00 (line 7232). The Consultant line for Cheryl Gallant (line 4008) has been appropriated at \$20,000.00. Ms. Gallant reviews statistical data, monitors the VOA Contract, and programs. These changes brought the County back to a flat-lined budget.

****B. Johnson moved, W. Shorey seconded to approve the Corrections Reporting of the 2013 Actuals Program for the County of Waldo as presented. Unanimous.**

DEEDS REPORT:

Present for this report was Register of Deeds Deloris Page, who reported that business is picking up at the Registry of Deeds – refinancing, purchases, etc. When asked, she said she was guardedly optimistic that things are improving in the County.

1. The MACIMAGE lawsuit is over. The Court ruled in the favor of the Registry of Deeds that this does not come under FOAA. This was a huge surprise. Everyone had been telling the Registers that they would lose.
2. One bulk sales order has been received from First America Data Tree in California. So far \$2,000.00 has been made. Now they will be doing it monthly. It is estimated at about \$200.00 or so each month, which is good news. This helps balance out some of the losses in revenue.
3. D. Page requested that part-time Clerk Amy Keller work 35 hours per week for the next 10 weeks this summer rather than 25 hours a week to cover vacations. It would be about \$1,200.00. She said she has money in her budget but not in the personnel line. After consulting with H.R. Director Michelle Wadsworth and Deputy Treasurer Karen Trussell, it was determined that the personnel line would need to be overdrawn and that this should not go up to 12 weeks as it would change her employee status. They requested D. Page send a letter with this information for payroll and employee record purposes.

TECHNOLOGY REPORT:

Present with the Commissioners was Technology Consultant James Arseneau, who reported the following:

1. The PIN Mapping grant is all set and can close out at the end of month.
2. CAD Mapping: J. Arseneau worked with Spillman last week. EMA Director Dale Rowley had a person do some mapping and no matter how they have tried to merge the two, some of it ends up being 2000 miles apart. They will continue to work with Spillman again on Friday.
3. J. Arseneau ordered security FOBS for various agencies and issued invoices to those agencies for their share of the items. He has not invoiced the County yet as he is waiting for a letter to go out. Equipment has been ordered.
4. Secure Manage Update: Some work will be required. This won't be as easy as the Corrections Staff and VOA thought it would be. The Jail, EMA, Sheriff's Office and Communications all share resources bandwidth and can't have it drained. Unfortunately, this was not decided on before the budget was put together and so it wasn't funded. The Sheriff had not committed to doing this back when the 2013 budget was put together. May have to do some "creative funding."
5. Flame Virus Update: Most of the County laptops have been addressed. B. Johnson asked if Commissioners should check their own computers and J. Arseneau said they could.

6. The D.A.'s Ricoh copier needs to be attached to network. There are some spare switches so J. Arseneau will take care of this.
7. Information that was put together for the server upgrade and PC upgrade will require refreshing from the vendors because this was put together over a year ago.
8. Not this year, but next August, the County will pay maintenance fee to Spillman. There is a small maintenance fee the County has been paying (about \$7,000.00 to \$8,000.00 total). They didn't have Islesboro and Stockton Springs factored in, but now the County will own equipment and will need to pay about \$37,000.00 per year. The County won't be paying the \$90,000.00 lease-to-buy any more after this August. It needs to be kept in mind that the County is one revision away from "end of life" according to Spillman. This is particularly so on the Jail side, in order to run the new package. If a new server can be obtained, then everything can be moved over and then do the upgrade down the road. There was brief discussion by the Commissioners of how difficult it has been to budget for the technology upgrades due to decisions made by the Budget Committee over the years. J. Arseneau noted that there won't be any more patches for the XP machines in the near future.

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. The Sheriff's Office has entered a lease/purchase agreement effective May 17, 2012 for a Transco WorkCentre 5735 photocopier.

****B. Johnson moved, W. Shorey seconded to approve the lease/purchase agreement signed May 17, 2012 by the Sheriff for a new photocopier for the Sheriff's Office. Unanimous.**

2. Request to be on Agenda: The Commissioners have been made aware of a letter received from Christopher Hyk regarding a request to be on the Commissioners Court Session agenda for either June 19, 2012 or July 10, 2012 to discuss the proposed LPG tank in Searsport. W. Shorey said that if the Board of Commissioners felt it should discuss this matter and take a vote, they could do so at the next Commissioners Court and he would always support the majority vote. He believed the party interested in being on the agenda should be instructed that they need to take up their concerns with the Town of Searsport because it is not a matter that the County Commissioners have any jurisdiction on.

B. Johnson said that she has been approached by several of the towns in her district. Her thought was that perhaps a few spokespeople from this group could come before the Commissioners and then the Commissioners could let them know, as a board, the Commissioners have no jurisdiction on this matter. Then it would be the Commissioners as a board telling them. W. Shorey said that the Commissioners have spoken about this briefly on the phone and he was not in favor of having the group meet because it is not a Commissioners' matter but if the other two Commissioners feel that they need to allow this group to come in, he would go along with it if that is how the majority of the Commissioners voted. He said he has never indicated to any citizens his personal view of the LPG tank proposal. He believes he needs to represent the citizens as a whole as a County Commissioner and cannot speak to this subject because the Commissioners have no authority on this. B. Johnson said her concern is that the Commissioners have not all sat down together to talk publicly about the fact that the Commissioners have no jurisdiction on this. W. Shorey said he has stated several times when this topic has come up that his understanding is that this is not a County Commissioner matter. He reiterated that if the other two vote to allow people to speak on this subject, he will go along with what the majority rules. B. Johnson said there are many things going on in the County and that the Commissioners should be aware of what is going on and believed there is nothing wrong with discussing matters whether or not the Commissioners have authority on the topic or

not. She used as an example some controversial things that have occurred at town levels and it might have been good for Commissioners to be aware of what is going on and discuss some of these things. W. Shorey expressed concerns that if the topic of LPG tanks were allowed for discussion at a Commissioners Court Session, any topic could be brought before the Commissioners in the future. He used, for example, a church wanting to come speak about their view of certain moral rights. The Commissioners have no jurisdiction over such things. B. Johnson felt that the Counties have very little power and that many people don't know what counties do. She acknowledged that most towns have "home rule." She mentioned that she has been approached about the LPG tanks and the question of whether or not it is even legal to be refused to be allowed on an agenda. She has researched Roberts Rules of Order, looked online, tried to look at laws and found that it really isn't clear whether or not counties are like businesses and whether or not citizens are considered members. She said she has tried to explain that the Commissioners have no jurisdiction over this matter and she asked EMA Director Dale Rowley to put together a document explaining what involvement the County could ever have and also asked B. Arseneau to research agendas and laws related to that as well as any statutes or laws related to County involvement in LPG or LNG tanks. She just wanted to be sure that the County has no jurisdiction and the laws supporting this.

When asked if there had been any other communication to the Commissioners related to the LPG tank issue, B. Arseneau submitted to them a copy of a letter from the Town of North Haven to the Searsport Planning Board related to this topic. The Commissioners noted that this communication was just a copy to the Commissioners and that the issue was sent to the right people.

In summary, the Commissioners stated that this matter is for the Searsport Planning Board and that is where communication and concern should be directed.

B. Johnson said she told the Board of Selectmen in Lincolnville that she will attend a meeting scheduled there about this topic but only for informational purposes, if she has time, and that she would not be attending as a Commissioner but as a citizen. She is remaining neutral on this topic and will continue to do so. She would like to put a brief document together that combines the documents and laws so that it spells out the Commissioners position of no jurisdiction on this matter. She asked the County Clerk to assist in proofreading it, etc. and Commissioner Shorey said he would like to see it before it was sent out. Commissioner Shorey thought it might be helpful to direct people where to go in that document, as well.

3. Resignation: B. Arseneau read a letter of resignation from Deputy County Clerk Marilyn Saucier for personal reasons. B. Arseneau told the Commissioners that Ms. Saucier had been an excellent employee and they were sad to see her go.

****B. Johnson moved, W. Shorey accepted with regret the resignation of Marilyn Saucier as Deputy County Clerk. Unanimous.**

4. New Hire – Deputy County Clerk: B. Arseneau thanked the Commissioners for their assistance in hiring Linda Kinney, who served as Temporary Office Assistant in the Commissioners Office during March and April.

****B. Johnson moved, W. Shorey seconded to hire Linda Kinney as Deputy County Clerk at the five-year level of \$18.18 per hour due to her previous years of related experience effective July 1, 2012. Unanimous.**

5. Verizon Wireless Contract Renewal:

****B. Johnson moved, W. Shorey seconded to renew the Verizon Wireless contract for 19 lines. Unanimous.**

6. The Commissioners briefly reviewed a copy of a letter from Stockton Springs regarding radio transmission issues and the Communications Director's response to this matter.

7. NACo Election of Vice President: Since Waldo County is not sending a delegate to the annual NACo Convention, the Waldo County Commissioners cannot vote for officers at Pittsburgh, PA annual conference.

8. Tax Abatement Appeal Request: The County Commissioners have received a letter requesting a tax abatement appeal from Knox citizen Deborah Penney. B. Arseneau has sent her the application form and statutes on the process and asked her to complete the application form in the allotted timeframe. The Commissioners instructed B. Arseneau to send a reminder if the application was not sent back before their next court session.

9. Bid Process: As requested by the Commissioners several months ago, B. Arseneau has made a list of items/services over \$2,500.00 that have not gone through the bid process for several years. Some have simply been renewed from year to year. When asked for some examples, B. Arseneau listed health insurance, several services at the Jail/Reentry facility and Technology services. The Commissioners briefly discussed this and decided that they would like to wait another year on the health insurance bid process in order to see what upcoming health care laws would determine and also decided that they will wait to go out to bid on Technology services until 2013. Otherwise, they will look at the list at a future court session as a board and decide if any will need to go out to bid for 2013.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

****B. Johnson moved, W. Shorey seconded to accept the minutes from the May 8, 2012 Waldo County Commissioners Court Session with the correction in wording of "Coastal Counties Workforce, Inc."**

MISCELLANEOUS COMMISSIONERS BUSINESS:

1. Postponed Corrections matter: This matter continues to be postponed.

2. B. Johnson reported on Healthy Waldo County and concerns over proposed cuts effective July 1, 2012. It is about \$18,000.00 per year. It remains to be seen how it will go until after July 1, 2012. This is the state's deadline. By then, there should be a contract to sign. She discussed how Brunswick has been considered as the middle of the "Midcoast Region" and whether or not this is really the center line.

3. MCEDD has appointed Peter Dalton and tomorrow is the General Assembly in Damariscotta. B. Johnson is still up for the Officer position.

4. MCEA is meeting on June 28, 2012. Funding has been received from Knox County. MCEA will need to decide if it will continue or go with another group.

5. W. Shorey reported that the garden is all planted and rows of beans will continue to be added in a staggered timeframe so that beans will grow over a period of time. The rainy weather was a real challenge but it is working out. When asked, W. Shorey said that the residents are doing a wonderful job and he has been able to do more overseeing than the physical work he had been doing during the previous two seasons. He estimated producing 20 to 25,000 lbs. of vegetables.

****B. Johnson moved, W. Shorey seconded to adjourn the court session at 12:25 p.m. Unanimous.**

Respectfully submitted by Barbara L. Arseneau
Waldo County Clerk