

**WALDO COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT SESSION
(SPECIAL SESSION)
OCTOBER 10, 2019**

PRESENT: Commissioners William D. Shorey, Amy R. Fowler, and Betty I. Johnson, with County Clerk Barbara Arseneau to take minutes.

Call to Order: Commissioner Shorey called the court session to order at 2:00 p.m.

CORRESPONDENCE:

County Clerk Barbara Arseneau reviewed the following correspondence with the County Commissioners:

1. Sheriff Trafton sent a letter of notification that Temporary Patrol Sergeant Cassandra McDonald returned to her position of Corporal at the Waldo County Sheriff's Office effective September 29, 2019 with the pay moved back to \$24.76 per hour.
2. The City of Belfast sent notice of a grand opening of the new Belfast Public Works Building and Solar Array Ribbon Cutting Ceremony at 3:00 p.m. October 15, 2019 at 54 Crocker Rd.
3. B. Arseneau and H.R. Director Lynn Patten attended Preti Flaherty's 25th Annual Maine Employment Law Summit October 8th. B. Arseneau expressed gratitude on behalf of both that they were able to attend. At times, each attended different sessions to get the most out of it, and took notes.
4. Belfast City Assessor Brent Martin has responded to B. Arseneau's inquiry regarding the County renting to non-profits in the County buildings. Taxes for that space would be roughly \$300.00 to \$400.00 per year and would be considered "Incidental", which would not change the County's tax status for the buildings themselves. He added that the Commissioners should consider a lease that does not allow any subletting.
5. The 8th Annual Spirit of America Foundation Tribute Ceremony will be at 6:00 p.m. this evening at the Belfast Boathouse. B. Arseneau reviewed the changes in the introduction to the event as instructed by the Commissioners to focus more on the volunteer recipients of the awards.

1015 DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE:

Present were Legal Secretary Felicia Gray and Secretary Megan Duval, who explained necessary changes in the budget request as follows:

A new line for Internet in the rented space at the Judicial Center needs to be created in the amount of \$4,440.00.

Line 4722 will go up to \$450.00.

A new line needs to be created for the lease in the Judicial Center for office space in the amount of \$4,300.00.

Line 4600 needs to be \$7,220.00 for annual maintenance because it increases 5% annually. Beyond that, there is \$700.00 for three licenses for the Share File.

There is also a salary error for the part-time employee. \$21,460.00 is not correct. It should be \$22,450.00.

4930 DA Metro will likely increase, whereas the DA had kept it the same as last year. F. Gray explained that \$3,700.00 would be a safer number.

F. Gray and M. Duval reviewed the remainder of the budget request. The Commissioners thanked them both for coming in and assisting with making sure the budget numbers reflected the needs.

2020 BUDGET REVIEW – COMMISSIONERS:

The Commissioners reviewed each one of the departmental and agency 2020 Budget requests and made the following changes:

1015 District Attorney's Budget: The Commissioners agreed to change the lines as requested.

1076 Communications Center Budget: The Commissioners discussed that a number of Communications Centers run 12 hour shifts. The Commissioners want Waldo County RCC to run a 3-month trial of 12-hour shifts in order to reduce overtime, and the Commissioners reduced the overtime request to \$40,000.00. They also reduced the cell phone stipend by \$2,000.00.

1080-4720: Midcoast Economic Development District still has not submitted the letter for the budget. The request will be for \$2,000.00.

1080-4716: Eastern Maine Development Corporation: A. Fowler recommended funding it at \$2,500.00.

1080-4721: Belfast Creative Coalition: A. Fowler suggested \$1,000.00. B. Johnson replied that B.C.C. would be grateful for the \$1,000.00 but has requested \$2,000.00 to finish their survey on how arts and culture impact economic development. The Commissioners' decision was \$1,000.00.

W. Shorey moved, A. Fowler seconded to go into executive session at 3:33 p.m. for discussion of non-public information as permitted by M.R.S.A. Title 1§405(6)(f). Unanimous.

****B. Johnson moved, A. Fowler seconded to come out of executive session at 4:20 p.m. Unanimous.** No action was taken.

NEXT COURT SESSION:

The next regular Commissioners Court Session is scheduled on October 17, 2019 at 1:00 p.m.

****B. Johnson moved, A. Fowler seconded to adjourn the court session at 4:21 p.m. Unanimous.**

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