

WALDO COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT SESSION
Special Session
MARCH 23, 2023

PRESENT: Commissioners William D. Shorey (Chairman), Amy R. Fowler, and Betty I. Johnson via Zoom Teleconference. County Clerk Barbara Arseneau took minutes during public session.

Call to Order: Commissioner Shorey called the session to order at 2:05 p.m.

****B. Johnson moved, A. Fowler seconded to go into executive session at 2:05 p.m. for discussion of non-public information as permitted by MRSA Title 1§405(6)(F). Unanimous.**

****W. Shorey moved, A. Fowler seconded to come out of executive session at 2:34 p.m. Unanimous.**

****A. Fowler moved, W. Shorey seconded to hire Matthew Varney as Finance Director effective Monday, March 27, 2023 at a salary of \$58,000.00. Unanimous.**

A. McLaggan will notify the other employees.

The Commissioners discussed the increase in electricity costs. It is somewhere between double and triple what it was in 2022. W. Shorey recommending moving some funds in the Capital Reserves. After brief discussion, the Commissioners voted as follows:


****A. Fowler moved, B. Johnson seconded to move \$65,000.00 from Facilities, All Other to transfer into the General Fund to balance off the budget expenditures in the budget.**

Discussion. W. Shorey said he would like to come back in August or September to possibly make the Interest budget balanced out. He believed it will likely be about \$200,000.00 in interest before the TAN is paid off. A. Fowler added that probably by October, they will be able to pay the unpaid Interest that was now in the red. Not enough was budgeted for 2023 in the operating budget because it was not anticipated to be so high.

W. Shorey said that if additional funding is needed for the Office Assistant position, possibly it could come from the Severance reserve.

B. Arseneau will scan and send the bank account information to B. Johnson after the meeting is done so she can see where the funds currently are, and where they will be transferred. These accounts can be viewed by any of the staff at this point. B. Johnson said she will be setting up a schedule of days and times she will come into the office.

****B. Johnson moved, A. Fowler seconded to adjourn at 2:39 p.m. Unanimous.**

Respectfully submitted by  Waldo County Clerk
Barbara L. Arseneau