

County of Sagadahoc Commissioners
Meeting Minutes
September 9, 2014

A regular meeting of the Sagadahoc County Commissioners was held at 3:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 9, 2014 in the Commissioners' Meeting Room of the County Courthouse, 752 High Street, Bath, Maine 04530.

Present: Chair Max Dawson, Vice Chair Charles Crosby, III, Commissioner Carol Grose, County Administrator Pamela Hile, Sheriff Joel Merry, Chief Deputy Brett Strout, EMA Director Eric Sawyer; Deputy to the Administrator Robin Dayton, Jeff Miller, Attorney Linda McGill.

Call to Order

Chair Dawson called the meeting to order at 3:02 p.m. and established the presence of a quorum.

Consent Agenda

1. Approval of Minutes for August 12, 2014
2. Approval of Warrants
3. Departmental Reports (Written)
4. Upcoming Meeting(s):
 - a.) Regular Meeting at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 23 19, 2014 (ONLY IF NEEDED)
 - b.) Regular Meeting at 3:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 14 , 2014

Upon motion by Commissioner Grose and second by Vice Chair Crosby, the Consent Agenda was unanimously approved .

Department Reports

1. Sheriff's Department – Joel Merry

Sheriff Joel Merry provided the Department's monthly activity packet to the Commissioners. Law enforcement activity for August includes 483 indictments and a spike in drunk drivers. We are managing one individual on home release and considering a second. On August 22nd Sagadahoc County deputies participated in a multi-jurisdictional detail with Cumberland County, Bath PD and Brunswick PD. In our area 504 cars were stopped, 112 waved through, 1 OUI issued, 1 outstanding warrant found, and 15 summonses issued. This was an impressive detail. Sheriff Merry also reported that TBRJ is now full and there are 115 more inmates than beds statewide. Inmates are being moved all around. Cumberland County may open a temporary POD.

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Sheriff Merry then provided a video demonstration of the new cameras installed in the SO fleet. This visual report showed a video taken while Deputy Quinn made a regular traffic stop. A second car careened onto the scene, screeching its brakes and grazing the stopped vehicle. Deputy Quinn had stepped away from the driver's side of the parked car and was not hurt. This video displayed the event with remarkable clarity and indisputable precision. Providing this type of evidence will help our DA prosecutors. However, there are unintended consequences. The new Unified Court Docket requires 3 separate DVD's of all video evidence. So if you film 20 minutes of video it takes 20 minutes to make one copy, multiplied by 3 at \$1.30 a piece, plus labor to produce. These are new expenses we did not anticipate.

In addition to the cameras, all cars in the county and our local Police Departments are receiving new tablets at very little cost. This is a big initiative and a great accomplishment. These are portable Dell items with a hardened case, rugged keyboard, and are more ergonomically sound than the older computers.

Lastly, Sheriff Merry made mention of his appreciation for the County corrections' work crews and Deputy Carl Fleck for his help at the Highland Games in Topsham and helping to move books for the Patten Free Library.

Business Items

1. EMA Deputy Director – Eric Sawyer

EMA Director Eric Sawyer submitted his request for authorization to hire Mr. Jason Shedlock as the new EMA Deputy Director. Eric reviewed Mr. Shedlock's qualifications with the Board and confirmed that one half of the Deputy's salary and benefit expenses will be reimbursed by the state.

Upon **motion** by Vice Chair Crosby and second by Chair Dawson, the Board **voted unanimously to authorize the hiring of Mr. Jason Shedlock as the new EMA Deputy Director.**

2. Bloodborne Pathogen Policy – Robin Dayton

A copy of the revised "Infectious Disease Exposure Control Plan" for Sagadahoc County was submitted to the Board of Commissioners for approval. Members of the Safety Committee, led by Robin Dayton, spent numerous hours researching, reviewing and revising this document, expanding the scope to provide a clear plan of exposure control for the county.

Upon **motion** by Vice Chair Crosby, second by Commissioner Grose, the Board **voted unanimously to approve Infectious Disease Control Plan.**

3. Authorization to Execute Contract for Purchase of Electricity Update:

Administrator Hile explained that the current contract with Maine Power Options/Constellation Energy expires in December. Prices have been extremely volatile, and a significant increase is anticipated. We will continue to monitor prices weekly; however, it will be essential to move quickly if a reasonable bid is presented.

Upon **motion** by Vice Chair Crosby and second by Commissioner Dawson, **the Board unanimously agreed to authorized the Administrator to execute a contract for these**

4. Update: Weathervane Project

Administrator Hile provided a thorough update on the Weathervane project. The crane and roofing crew were on site on September 2nd. At that time, they were able to remove the weathervane and top of the spire and place a temporary “patch” on the top of the dome. The framing under the clad copper coating on the spire needs to be rebuilt, and none of the cladding appears to be salvageable. In addition, the iron rod on the weathervane needs to be replaced and the weathervane should also be sandblasted and repainted. The extent of repairs to the interior of the dome has yet to be determined, although the wood beam to which the weathervane will be re-anchored needs to be replaced. Because the work will not be done on site, the cost of the crane for two days can be eliminated; thus both the coppersmith and roofer feel that the work can be accomplished – including replacing the spire and weathervane on top of the building, within the \$18,165 budget available for the project (\$17,165 + \$1,000 contingency). This does not, however, include the cost of any extensive repairs to the interior of the dome. Unfortunately, Mrs. Barrington (Sagadahoc Preservation) was only marginally successful in raising additional funds for these repairs (\$1,500). Hopefully, this will be sufficient to cover any additional costs. The insurance claim is still pending, but not promising. We will continue to keep you updated concerning this matter.

5. County Administrator’s Report - Available for review upon request.

Commissioners Comments/Announcements

Vice Chair Crosby reported that the Workforce Investment Board for MidCoast Maine, Coastal Communities helped secure grant funding for a new facility at the Brunswick Landing. The facility, referred to as TechPlace, will be shared office and manufacturing space located in a former aircraft hangar and maintenance shop. Once built, TechPlace will encourage new tech businesses by offering shared administrative and infrastructure support.

Recess

Chair Dawson called for a motion for a brief recess while waiting for Attorney McGill to arrive.

Upon **motion** by Commissioner Grose and second by Vice Chair Crosby, **the Board unanimously agreed to recess at 3:55 pm.**

Executive Session

The Board returned from recess at 4:05 pm and entered into executive session.

Upon **motion** by Chair Dawson and second by Commissioner Grose, the Board **entered into executive session pursuant to Title 1, Chapter 13, Section 405, 6., A of the M.R.S.A. for the purpose of discussing personnel matters.**

The Board exited executive session at 6:20 pm. and entered into a new executive session.

Upon **motion** by Vice Chair Crosby and second by Commissioner Grose, the Board **entered into executive session with its attorney to discuss procedures, rules, and responsibilities.**

The Board exited the second executive session at 6:37 pm. and entered into a third executive session at 6:45 pm.

Upon **motion** by Chair Dawson and second by Vice Chair Crosby, the Board **entered into executive session pursuant to Title 1, Chapter 13, Section 405, 6., A of the M.R.S.A. for the purpose of discussing personnel matters.**

The Board exited executive session at 7:00 pm

Upon **motion** by Chair Dawson and second by Vice Chair Crosby, the Board **unanimously agreed to authorize the County Attorney to act on behalf of the County Commissioners.**

Adjournment

Upon **motion** by Chair Dawson and second by Vice Chair Crosby the Board **agreed to adjourn at 7:01 p.m. by unanimous acclamation.**

Respectfully submitted

Robin M. Dayton.

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