

Maine Cumberland County

CUMBERLAND COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING

MINUTES

May 9, 2016

CALL TO ORDER – 5:33 p.m.

The Board of Cumberland County Commissioners, Chair Stephen Gorden, Susan E. Witonis, Neil D. Jamieson, Jr., Thomas Coward and Jim Cloutier convened this meeting at 5:30 PM in the Gray Town Council at the Henry Pennell Municipal Complex in Gray, ME. Also in attendance were County Manager Peter Crichton, Assistant County Manager Bill Whitten and Alex Kimball, Finance Director/Treasurer. Absent was Martha Sumner, HR Director.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

The Regular Meeting Minutes of April 11, 2016 at 5:30 PM.

Chair Gorden asked for a motion for the approval of the Regular Meeting Minutes. Commissioner Jamieson so moved, Commissioner Cloutier seconded. No discussion was had. All Commissioners voted unanimously in favor, 5-0.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

There were no comments from the public.

INFORMATIONAL REPORT

There was no informational reports.

CONSENT AGENDA APPROVALS:

The Deputy County Clerk read the Consent Agenda Items.

- 16 – 037 Approval, Town of Harpswell Patrol and Marine Contract – CCSO**
- 16 – 038 Approval, Town of Chebeague Island Summer Contract – CCSO**
- 16 – 039 Approval, Town of Long Island Summer Contract – CCSO**
- 16 – 040 Approval, Appointment of David Silk to Board of Assessment Review –
Exec**

The County Manager concurs with the recommendations for the Consent Agenda Items.

Commissioner Cloutier moved to approve the consent agenda items. Commissioner Coward seconded. All Commissioners voted unanimously in favor, 5-0.

COMMENTS FROM THE COUNTY MANAGER

County Manager Crichton discussed the recent United Way community goal setting meeting he attended this morning. Mr. Crichton noted the goals would be set in June and focus on education, financial stability and health. One thousand people from around the county participated in listening sessions. Mr. Crichton would like to have the Executive Director of the United Way at the July meeting to present to the Commissioners the goals that will be announced at the end of June.

Mr. Crichton also noted that there were three employees retiring from Cumberland County Government. He wished Tom Beyea well. Tom was the Fleet Supervisor at the Jail Garage for 35 years. He wished Kathy Plummer well. Kathy was an Account Supervisor in Finance for 24 years. He also wished Bill Whitten well. Bill was the Assistant County Manager for 11 years. Mr. Crichton noted he'd received many letters of accolades regarding Bill and they were all well received. He noted Bill's important role in the expansion of the communications center and thanked Bill for his many years of service.

COMMENTS FROM THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Coward thanked the town of Gray for the use of their facility. He recognized the employees retiring and thanked Bill Whitten for his service to Cumberland County. He noted the Maine County Commissioners Association (MCCA) meeting this week and noted they would be talking about jail finance again. Mr. Coward noted that given the situation at the Cross Insurance Arena, the facility continues to be a wonderful location in the county since talks are still ongoing to bring another team to town.

Commissioner Jamieson noted it was graduation time. He wished the celebrating seniors well and reminded them to be safe. He noted as parents, we need to be responsible and attend Project Grad events. Commissioner Jamieson also noted that Aaron Shapiro informed him over the past 10 years, the Community Development Block Grant program has leveraged over \$15 million and it's the only county program like it in New England. Finally, he congratulated Bill Whitten on his retirement and being the legislative go-to for many years.

Commissioner Cloutier expressed his congratulations to all the graduates. He agreed with Commissioner Coward that the Cross Insurance Arena use is great. He noted with the Pirates gone, the financial situation is better for tax payers. He noted that Bill Whitten has been a remarkable asset to the county and will be missed.

Commissioner Witonis thanked Gray for their hospitality, noting she was the commissioner for their district. She wished Bill Whitten the best of luck in retirement. She also noted that she sits on the Board of the Cross Insurance Arena and they are doing everything they can to find a tenant. She continues to express concerns for rural community tax payers at the Board meetings.

Chair Gorden congratulated all graduates and reminded them to be careful. He wished Bill Whitten well and noted that Peter had created a great team.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business to discuss.

ACTION ITEMS

There were no action items to discuss.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business to discuss.

AGENDA PLANNING

Annual retreat on May 11 at 5:30 pm at Greater Portland Council of Government's office with Craig Freshly. Finance Committee meeting needed to approve the Jail budget in June. Commissioner Jamieson noted the Commissioner's meeting in September would be in Scarborough.

Chair Gorden asked for a motion to go into Executive Session pursuant to Title 1 MRSA § 405 (6) (A) to discuss personnel issues and Title 1 MRSA § 405 (6) (D) to discuss a contract matter.

Commissioner Cloutier so moved. Commissioner Jamieson seconded. All Commissioners voted unanimously in favor, 5-0.

Chair Gorden motioned to move out of Executive Session at 7:07 p.m. Commissioner Jamieson so moved, Commissioner Coward seconded. All Commissioners voted unanimously in favor, 5-0.

Chair Gorden noted that no actions would be taken pursuant to the Executive Session.

ADJOURN

Motion to Adjourn by Commissioner Witonis. Commissioner Cloutier seconded. 5-0, unanimous. Adjourned at 7:08pm.

Next Commissioner's meeting: June 13, 2016 in the Peter Feeney Room, Cumberland County Courthouse at 5:30 PM.

ATTEST:

**Amy M. Carole
Public Information Officer & Deputy Clerk**

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Executive Session pursuant to Title 1 MRSA § 405 (6)(D) to discuss CCRCC negotiations and consult with its attorney.

Chair Gorden asked for a motion to go into Executive Session. Commissioner Jamieson so moved, Commissioner Coward seconded. All Commissioners voted unanimously in favor, 5-0.

Chair Gorden asked for a motion to come out of Executive Session. Commissioner Cloutier so moved, Commissioner Witonis seconded. All Commissioners voted unanimously in favor, 5-0.

Chair Gorden noted that no actions would be taken pursuant to the Executive Session.