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Maine Cumberland County

CUMBERLAND COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING

MINUTES

June 13, 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 Peter J. Feeney Conference Room at the Cumberland County Courthouse in Portland, ME. Also in attendance were County Manager Peter Crichton and Alex Kimball, Finance Director/Treasurer. Absent was Martha Sumner, HR Director.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

The Regular Meeting Minutes of May 9, 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

Sheriff Kevin Joyce introduced Captain Scott Stewart. Capt. Stewart joins the Sheriff's Department from Sagadahoc County. He also spent 24 years with the Lisbon Police Department. Capt. Stewart will be running the patrol division of the Sheriff's Office. Capt. Goulet will transition to leading the Criminal Investigation Division and continue to run the tactical team.

Maine County Commissioners Executive Director Rosemary Kulow thanked the Commissioners for the opportunity to attend the meeting. She noted she was spending the summer attending Commissioner's meetings around the state. Ms. Kulow gave an update on the \$2 million supplemental jail funding, noting a special session was being called by Governor LePage to reconsider some of the bills, as he objected to the funding source. The statute requires funds to be distributed by June 30 however. Ms. Kulow noted that MCCA would continue to maintain their presence by attending summer legislative meetings such as the legal proceedings committee which is focusing on a bill on funding indigent legal services. In Somerset County, the probate court must pay attorney fees if child loss is part of the issue.

Ms. Kulow noted she is looking forward to attending the National Association of Counties annual conference in Los Angeles in July. MCCA is also working on administering a compensation survey for all counties so that information comes from one source regarding compensation. They are also working on increasing the data bank for policies, procedures, request for proposals and other such information. Ms. Kulow noted that the professional and management committee would be very active this summer reviewing administrative regulations. The legislative development committee would also be very active.

Ms. Kulow noted the State of Maine Purchasing Director has been great with reaching out for group purchasing efforts. It is a great relationship to build. She also noted that many towns, such as New Gloucester, are looking for an animal control officers and it could be a great opportunity for a regional service. Lincoln County is currently providing regional animal control services.

Ms. Kulow reminded the Commissioners that the Maine County Commissioner's Association annual conference would be in Bangor, September 30 through October 2. She also reminded Commissioners about the overtime rule change and hoped the county was all set.

Ms. Kulow closed with expressing her appreciation for all Cumberland County's participation in the Maine County Commissioner's Association and making things better for all in Maine.

Commissioner Cloutier asked Ms. Kulow if the Maine County Commissioner's Association had a replacement for Bill Whitten, who used to assist in lobbying efforts on behalf of the association. Ms. Kulow noted she was happy to be taking it over and happy to serve the association. She noted the legislative policy committee represents the Board of Directors, so one message would be coming from the association and to the legislature. She asked if anyone had anything specific of note, to please tell her so she can bring it before the committee.

County Manager Crichton thanked Ms. Kulow and her assistant Lauren Haven for being at the meeting, noting Ms. Kulow has brought a higher level of professionalism to the association and it's become what many county officials had envisioned when the Maine County Commissioners Association hired a full time executive director.

INFORMATIONAL REPORT

There was no informational reports.

CONSENT AGENDA APPROVALS:

The Deputy County Clerk read the Consent Agenda Items.

16 – 041 Approval, 911 Simulator Grant Approval – CCRCC

**16 – 042 Approval, New Gloucester Emergency Communications Contract –
CCRCC**

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

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

Chair Gorden noted that the 911 Simulator Grant was a great item and he hoped it would be used

in schools and senior venues for training around the County.

COMMENTS FROM THE COUNTY MANAGER

County Manager Crichton announced that James Gailey from South Portland had accepted the position of Assistant County Manager. He thanked the Selection Advisory Committee, which was made up of several representatives across Cumberland County Government as well as external to the County. He noted there were 39 applicants. Mr. Gailey is an outstanding candidate who is very capable and will fit in very well.

Manager Crichton commented on the recent Orlando shooting, noting we live in a challenging world. County government helps make the world safe within Cumberland County with the Sheriff's Office, the District Attorney's Office, Emergency Management Agency and Communications Center. He also noted the recently held meeting with Cumberland County Soil and Water District and Greater Portland Council of Governments, with several municipal leaders attending. It was a very successful meeting upcoming Federal requirements on stormwater with a collaborative approach to help manage the situation more efficiently and effectively, if possible.

COMMENTS FROM THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Cloutier had no comments.

Commissioner Witonis had no comments.

Commissioner Jamieson congratulated all the recent graduates and their families and offered best wishes for a successful and meaningful future. He congratulated the high school teams still in playoff contention for state championships. He noted that summer is arriving and reminded all to enjoy our resources within the county. He also reminded everyone to vote in the primary election on Tuesday.

Commissioner Coward noted he has worked closely with Mr. Gailey and what a wonderful person he is to work with. He also welcomed summer.

Chair Gorden noted that school is out and reminded all to drive safely. Given the recent Orlando shootings, he asked that we all stay mindful of others and help neighbors in need if you sense need.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business to discuss.

ACTION ITEMS

16 – 043 Approval, FY16 Jail Budget – CCSO

Commissioner Cloutier moved to approve the action item. Commissioner Witonis seconded. All Commissioners voted unanimously in favor, 5-0. No discussion was had.

16 – 044 Approval, Authorization of Bond Issuance – Finance

Commissioner Coward moved to approve the action item as written in the attached resolution authorizing the issuance and sale of up to \$3,425,000 2016 General Obligation Bonds. Commissioner Jamieson seconded. All Commissioners voted unanimously in favor, 5-0.

Discussion: Finance Director Alex Kimball noted that this bond approval was necessary to move forward with the bond issuance. There are three categories to the normal bond: Capital Improvement Plan; \$225,000 towards a body scanner; and the Cross Insurance Arena warrant for the new scoreboard. This bond does not have to go to referendum and a meeting will occur with Moody's soon.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business to discuss.

AGENDA PLANNING

Chair Gorden noted there will be a workshop on June 27 to discuss items from the strategic planning meeting as well as any other topics Commissioners would like to discuss. The hope was to be able to have no meetings in August.

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

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

Chair Gorden motioned to move out of Executive Session at 6:45 p.m. Commissioner Jamieson so moved, Commissioner Cloutier 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 Coward seconded. 5-0, unanimous. Adjourned at 6:46pm.

Next Commissioner's meeting: July 11, 2016 in the Peter Feeney Room, Cumberland County Courthouse at 5:30 PM.

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