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**Cumberland County**

**CUMBERLAND COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING**

**MINUTES**

**July 11, 2016**

**CALL TO ORDER – 5:36 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 5:36 PM in the Peter J. Feeney Conference Room at the Cumberland County Courthouse in Portland, ME. Also in attendance were County Manager Peter Crichton, Alex Kimball, Finance Director/Treasurer and Martha Sumner, HR Director.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Commissioner Witonis asked for a moment of silence for the recent acts of gun violence in Orlando, Fl. A moment of silence was had.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

The Regular Meeting Minutes of June 13, 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**

**16 – 045      United Way of Greater Portland Goal Setting and Thrive 2027 – Liz Cotter Schlax, President & CEO of the United Way and Dan Coyne, Senior Vice President for the United Way**

President and CEO Liz Cotter discussed the process the United Way Board of Directors went through to ultimately bring the community together and identify priorities to focus on. Ms. Cotter reviewed the council

formation, goal setting and data collecting processes that the council went through. The council was able to survey a large cross section, with 1,500 people participating in community conversations and over 500 people participating via an online survey. The same three questions were asked of all participants. Ms. Cotter thanked County Manager Peter Crichton for his service on the council.

Commissioner Cloutier noted the information was fascinating and he wondered if the process identified means and/or successes or not. Ms. Cotter replied that the council is tracking the trend line, which showed lots of leading items and from there key measures would be set up. Commissioner Cloutier noted he could see a lifetime of advocacy woven into the key measures.

Commissioner Gorden asked what the aging population would affect in terms of key measures. Ms. Cotter noted that one of the goals would specifically reflect all ages. Senior Vice President Dan Coyne noted he and the council realized they had a very ambitious goal, but with policy changes, partners to align funding and collaboration, they would meet the goal.

### **16 – 046 Casco Bay CAN update – Beth Blakeman-Pohl**

Casco Bay CAN director Beth Blakeman-Pohl gave an update on Casco Bay CAN, noting that the project had been refunded in 2015, through 2020. She explained that the Casco Bay CAN was a coalition of volunteer members who work with adults and teens in the community to convey messaging of no use expectations. Chief Deputy Naldo Gagnon and Deputy Joe Schnupp talked about a recent project sticker shock and noted the positive ticket program at the Gray-New Gloucester high school. Ms. Blakeman-Pohl noted that the Gray New-Gloucester high school was new to the project, so they were working on introducing new projects there.

Ms. Blakeman-Pohl noted the drug take back event in Pownal had 65 citizens participate. She also noted the anonymous tip line has been very successful. Some of her grant funds go to the Cumberland County Sheriff's Office to cover party patrols and thorough checks. The project is also offering responsible beverage server training.

Ms. Blakeman-Pohl briefly discussed the Maine Integrated Youth Health Survey, noting that use was down for middle school students and more high school students noted they felt they would be caught if participating in underage drinking.

Commissioner Jamieson congratulated the project on recent NACo recognition.

## **CONSENT AGENDA APPROVALS:**

**The Deputy County Clerk read the Consent Agenda Items.**

- 16 – 048 Approval, Harpswell Emergency Communications Contract – CCRCC**
- 16 – 049 Approval, Board of Directors Appointment – CCRCC**
- 16 – 050 Approval, 2016 MEMA Homeland Security Frequency Program Grant – CCRCC**
- 16 – 051 Approval, MSAD 15/Town of Gray Patrol Contract – CCSO**
- 16 – 052 Approval, MSAD 6 School Resource Deputy Contract – CCSO**

**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.**

## **COMMENTS FROM THE COUNTY MANAGER**

County Manager Crichton noted the county had officially started the FY17 County budget process. He noted the Assessing department was wrapping up the Yarmouth revaluation, which had not been done in 15 years. He noted discussions were still ongoing regarding housing Oxford County inmates. Mr. Crichton mentioned the employee recognition programs would be mid-September. Further details would be sent out to employees. He also noted he would be attending the NACo conference in Los Angeles at the end of the month and was looking forward to attending a session on federal legislation for Medicaid inmates.

## **COMMENTS FROM THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

Commissioner Cloutier had no comments.

Commissioner Witonis had no comments.

Commissioner Jamieson encouraged everyone to attend festivals and fairs and farmers markets and enjoy the natural resources within Cumberland County.

Commissioner Coward noted he has worked closely with Mr. Gailey, what a wonderful person he is to work with and that he was excited to start working with him again.

Chair Gorden noted that he was concerned about the jail and that it was getting more and more costly. Taxes needed to be an imperative discussion especially since there was uncertainty about future funding.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

There was no old business to discuss.

## **ACTION ITEMS**

### **16 – 054      Approval, Bid Appointment Award – Facilities**

**Commissioner Jamieson moved to approve the action item. Commissioner Witonis seconded. All Commissioners voted unanimously in favor, 5-0.**

**Discussion:** Bruce Tarbox, Facilities Director, discussed restoring the Courthouse back to its 1906 façade and the repointing that needed to occur. He noted the bids that came in were from Haskell and Hall, as well as Knowles, both at a base bid of linear foot unit. The bids were within \$500 of each other. He recommended Knowles based on their being the lowest bid. They also did work on the Federal Building and Portland City Hall. He noted there was a \$60,000-70,000 contingency included.

Commissioner Gorden noted that Mr. Tarbox deserved recognition for his diligence and care of the buildings and facilities.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

There was no new business to discuss.

## **AGENDA PLANNING**

Chair Gorden noted there will be a workshop on August 1 at 5:00 p.m. to discuss the charter, along with a Cross Insurance Arena workshop, as well as any other topics Commissioners would like to discuss.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**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 6:30 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.**

## **WORKSHOP**

**Jail Update**

## **ADJOURN**

**Motion to Adjourn by Commissioner Cloutier. Commissioner Jamieson seconded. 5-0, unanimous. Adjourned at 7:50pm.**

**Next Commissioner's meeting: September 12, 2016 at the Scarborough Town Hall, Scarborough, ME at 5:30 PM.**

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