OXFORD COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MEETING MINUTES

June 6, 2019

Meeting Convened
At the Court of Oxford County Commissioners begun and held at Paris, Maine within and for the County of Oxford at 9:00 am on Thursday, June 6, 2019 being a special session, there were present:

David Duguay        Chairman
Timothy Turner       Commissioner
Steven Merrill        Commissioner
Tom Winsor           County Administrator

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Agenda Adopted
The agenda was adopted as written.

Public Comment
Three women expressed their concerns about the resignation of Deputy Christina Sugars and informed the Commissioners that 1,200 people have signed a petition to keep her as a School Resource Officer. The Commissioners responded by stating that Deputy Sugars resigned on her own will, therefore they cannot take any action regarding the matter.

Executive Session to Discuss a Personnel Matter
The Commissioners entered into an executive session with Debbie Bridges of Maine Municipal to discuss a personnel matter. They took no action upon returning to open session.

Matters Pertaining to the Unorganized Territory
Josh and Emily Aylward asked the Commissioners to consider extending winter road maintenance to the gate on Tyler Road. This item will be revisited at a future meeting.

Executive Session to Discuss a Personnel Matter
The Commissioners entered into an executive session with Sheriff Chris Wainwright, Chief Deputy Jim Urquhart, and Attorney Jim Pross. They took no action upon returning to open session.

Executive Session to Confer w/ Counsel
The Commissioners entered into an executive session with Attorney Jim Pross. They took no action upon returning to open session.

Lunch
The Commissioners recessed for lunch at 12:45pm an reconvened at 1:00pm

Review Inmate Boarding Agreement w/ Two Bridges Regional Jail
The Commissioners authorized a six-month boarding agreement with Two Bridges Regional Jail in the amount of $380,000.
**Sheriff's Report**
Sheriff Christopher Wainwright and Chief Deputy Jim Urquhart updated the Commissioners on departmental matters such as jail operations and the hiring process for part-time corrections officers.

The Commissioners recognized the retirement of Staff Sergeant Bill Grover and thanked him for his service.

**Personnel Updates and Action**
It was noted that Deputy Matt Noyes' actually resigned effective June 3, not June 6 as previously reported.

The Commissioners authorize the hiring of Errol Andrews of Bethel as a full-time certified Sheriff's Deputy with the following confirmed:

- **Effective Date:** June 10, 2019
- **Wage Rate:** $17.40/hr (entry)
- **Specials Conditions:** contingent upon successful pre-employment physical at Concentra, probationary period per contract

The Commissioners authorize the hiring of Donald Durrah of Lewiston as RCC Director with the following confirmed:

- **Effective Date:** June 10, 2019
- **Wage Rate:** $1,211.54/wk
- **Specials Conditions:** contingent upon successful pre-employment physical at Concentra and background check, 6 month probationary period per policy, 4 weeks of vacation time per year

The Commissioners authorized unpaid leave on June 11, 17, and 18 for District Attorney's Office Administrator Mariah Castonguay.

The Commissioners authorized unpaid leave on an as-needed basis over the next 12 weeks for Victim Witness Advocate Catherine Audet.

The Commissioners entered into an executive session with Sheriff Chris Wainwright and Chief Deputy Jim Urquhart to discuss a personnel matter. They returned to open session and authorized the temporary appointment of the following deputies from outside agencies:

**Thomas Murphy of Auburn**

- **Effective Date:** June 6, 2019
- **Wage Rate:** none
- **Specials Conditions:** appointment expires December 6, 2019
Eric Bell of South Paris

- Effective Date: June 6, 2019
- Wage Rate: none
- Specials Conditions: appointment expires December 6, 2019

Richard St. Amant of Lisbon

- Effective Date: June 6, 2019
- Wage Rate: none
- Specials Conditions: appointment expires December 6, 2019

The Commissioners entered into an executive session with Deputy RCC Director Geff Inman to discuss a personnel matter. They returned to open session and authorized the reinstatement of vacation time lost on January 1 for Geff Inman.

**Review Draft Minutes Pending Review or Signature**

- May 21 tabbed
- May 28 approved with amendments

**Items for Discussion and Action – Considered as Time Permits Throughout Meeting**

The Commissioners discussed the following and took action only as underlined.

1. Received Updates on Legislative Matters
2. Received Administrative Updates

**Executive Session to Confer w/ Counsel**

The Commissioners entered into an executive session to confer with Attorney Jim Pross by phone. They returned to open session and authorized an investigation into damage to county and personal property for the purpose of developing policy in respect to reporting damage that the county may be liable for.

**Adjournment**

The Commissioners adjourned at 4:42pm.

David A. Duguay, Chairman

Timothy G. Turner, Commissioner

Steven M. Merrill, Commissioner
Notes:

1) These minutes are intended to be a brief description of meeting actions to provide, in a general sense only, an account of what was discussed.

2) Unless otherwise noted, all votes taken by the Commissioners were unanimous.