OXFORD COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MEETING MINUTES

October 28, 2020

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 Wednesday, October 28, 2020 being a workshop, there were present:

Timothy Turner Chairman
Steven Merrill Commissioner
David Duguay Commissioner

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Agenda Adopted
The agenda was adopted with the addition of approving the hire of a full-time Corrections Officer.

Personnel Updates and Actions
The Commissioners authorized the hiring of Quentin Tardiff as a full-time Systems Administrator with the following confirmed:

- Effective Date: November 1, 2020
- Wage Rate: $28.10/hr
- Special Conditions: 43 hours per week, 120 hours of vacation per year

The Commissioners authorized the hiring of Daniel Carrier Jr. as a full-time Sheriff’s Deputy with the following confirmed:

- Effective Date: November 1, 2020
- Wage Rate: $22.28/hr (4th year rate)
- Special Conditions: none

The Commissioners authorized the hiring of Robert “Dennis” Ryder as a full-time Sheriff’s Deputy with the following confirmed:

- Effective Date: November 2, 2020
- Wage Rate: $22.28/hr (4th year rate)
- Special Conditions: none

The Commissioners authorized the hiring of Rosemarie Burns as a full-time Corrections Officer with the following confirmed:

- Effective Date: November 1, 2020
- Wage Rate: $17.61/hr (3rd year rate)
- Special Conditions none
Discuss Relocation of RCC, EMA, and Sheriff's Office
The Commissioners discussed potential options for relocation of the public safety offices. RCC Director Durrah noted that the old Rite Aid building in town would be a perfect fit but the County cannot afford the rent. The owners stated that they were not looking to sell but might reconsider upon receiving an offer.

Leasing the former Olympia Sports space was also discussed but not ideal.

Commissioner Merrill advocated for constructing a new building if possible, noting that he would like to see all County offices remain within the same complex.

Commissioner Duguay commented that he was excited to be a part of this process and is appreciative of the group effort and open communication between all departments involved.

Treasurer Beth Calhoun stated that Attorney James Pross of Skelton Taintor and Abbott was working on an outline of the bond process.

Commissioner Turner emphasized the importance of creating a strong plan to encourage taxpayers to vote in favor of the bond, noting that everyone needs to remain on the same page and stay consistent so there is no confusion.

It was noted that Commissioner Merrill would arrange a survey of the land behind the jail to see if that is a possibility for new construction.

Adjournment
The Commissioners adjourned at 9:49am.

Timothy G. Turner, Chairman
Steven M. Merrill Commissioner
David A. Duguay 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.