

**WALDO COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT SESSION
NOVEMBER 10, 2009**

PRESENT: Commissioners Donald P. Berry, Sr. (Chairman), Amy R. Fowler and William D. Shorey. Taking minutes was County Clerk Barbara Arseneau.

Commissioner Berry opened the court session at 9:00 a.m.

EXECUTIVE ORDER: Commissioner Berry stated that he has issued an executive order that the County Clerk complete minutes for all the Commissioners Court Sessions that have been held. A letter will go to Waldo County Budget Committee Chairman Bill Sneed stating that the Commissioners are aware that these are behind schedule and have moved to correct that situation, and it will be corrected. There will be no “back lash” from departments for the time she will be taking to get those completed and no contact made to her during the hours she is working on this. If there are any questions or issues that arise, the point of contact will be Commissioner Berry.

**COMMUNICATIONS CENTER REPORT & TABLED DISCUSSION OF
VACCINATION CLINIC:**

Present for this discussion was Communications Director Owen Smith.

1. 911 PSAP DISCUSSION:

County Regional Communications Centers. O. Smith reported that there are thirteen (13) County Centers working and this is where the 911 calls should be coming to. Commissioner Berry supported this and said his support goes back a long way. O. Smith noted that thirteen is a great deal fewer than the original one hundred twenty-seven (127). He said that their task is to educate the County Delegates and explained that many do not understand that 911 PSAPS and Dispatch Centers are two different things, but should be together. It will end up being anywhere from two to twenty-six centers left running. The previous Kimball Report revealed that PSAPS belong in County Regional Dispatch Centers. The week before meeting with the Kimball people, there was an MCCA meeting. It was his impression that Bob Howe might need some assistance with presenting at the meeting the following week but noted that once he is educated on something, MCCA Executive Director Robert Howe is a “quick study.” O. Smith stated that everyone –MMA, DPS, and many other stakeholders - met with them. The following issues were raised: If you had two centers, who would operate them? Would they be a State entity? O. Smith commented that the State Police has its own dispatch and has its own advisory board, but that isn’t completely under control either. The other issue “thrown onto the table” is cell calls. O. Smith said that it is “ridiculous” that all the Counties that want to receive cell calls don’t receive them. Currently Waldo County has U.S. cellular calls. Waldo has asked for and is willing to take the cell calls that should be coming to the Waldo County Regional Communications Center. O. Smith commented that “it will all come down to the legislature,” and he did not know what will happen in January.

2. KNOX COUNTY COMMUNICATIONS: O. Smith informed the Commissioners that on November 30th to Dec 4th or 5th, Knox County will be installing a new radio system and installing new ergonomic furniture. They will be temporarily stationed in Waldo County

as they cannot operate from their center during that time. "Will it be a challenge? Sure, but we are planning for it and will be redirecting calls and 911 calls will be answered. If there is an emergency in Knox County, it will be turned over to one of their dispatchers," O. Smith explained. A. Fowler thought this would actually be an excellent exercise. O. Smith agreed and said that while the Inter-local agreement has never been "formalized" between Waldo and Knox, it hasn't been used much and this will be a good opportunity to make sure it works.

3. COMMUNICATIONS CENTER EMERGENCY RESERVE FUND: O. Smith expressed his concern about the lack of funds in the Communications Center Emergency Reserve fund. He felt the current amount of \$30,000.00 is really low. Some time in the next three to four years, the Radio APU's will need to be replaced again. If there is some money to do that, it needs to be done. He felt he should mention that this reserve needs to be "jacked up." He said that Penobscot County has a communications reserve of over \$200,000.00. These have to be replaced every three to five years and are very "proprietary." He mentioned that technology consultant Jim Arseneau has been looking and looking for replacement boxes for other parties, but cannot find any other than from Zetron.

4. VACCINATION FLU CLINIC DISCUSSION:

There is no liability concern for the County should it set up an arrangement for vaccinations to be offered, now that the Governor's edict has released liability in issuing the vaccinations. Both seasonal and H1N1 vaccines will be available. Seasonal will be leading first. It is not anticipated that it will cost anything for the seasonal flu vaccine. A. Fowler said she had spoken with Dispatcher Andrew Cardinale, who volunteered to administer the vaccinations, at length about it. She felt it was a great idea and would love to see it done and that she would look to the Chairman for direction on the matter. D. Berry said he did not have a problem with this. W. Shorey commented that the only problem he had was that he felt that the \$2.00-per-vaccine figure must be incorrect. A. Fowler did not think that figure was carved in stone, but the figure A. Cardinale had been quoted was very low. D. Berry said if the cost were known, that would be helpful in making the decision. O. Smith said he was aware that Public Health is doing it for \$10.00. He noted that there are about eight or nine people in his department who are at high risk because young children live in their homes. D. Berry remarked that both Christmas and Thanksgiving are high exposure times because of "population mixing." W. Shorey expressed concern about availability being past the flu season "hump."

O. Smith said there were two things to consider. The best deal would be to get it at a doctor's office, but he planned on going to the Public Health Clinic to get it done. He said he would find out what the cost is, but did not necessarily think the County should pick up the cost. W. Shorey used, by way of an example, that he was employed at the Communications Center. If he was concerned about getting the vaccine, he felt it would be incumbent upon him to get it on his own. His concern was that if the County put it on, some employees would expect it to be free. D. Berry thought that it could be made available and if someone chose to take it, there would be a cost and it would be strictly voluntary if people wanted the vaccine or not. O. Smith explained that A. Cardinale was willing to do this free of charge for his time on his day off. O. Smith agreed that by the time the H1N1 vaccination becomes

available, the worst of the flu season will be over. It was noted that older people are not even being considered for vaccination because it is thought that their immune systems will be protecting them, whereas young people are considered more at risk.

O. Smith said he really doubted anyone was looking for a free flu shot. If the Commissioners are willing, he and Andy would set it up, and would follow the record requirements, etc. He felt that it might need to be held twice – one for seasonal flu and one for H1N1.

The Commissioners agreed that they would be willing to set the clinic up if O. Smith could answer the questions regarding cost, etc. O. Smith asked if this could be opened up to the employees' families, and the Commissioners agreed to allow this to be open to the families of the employees, as long as if the people are paying for their own vaccinations.

It was generally thought that most children have had the vaccination through the school system already. A. Fowler thought this would be a good thing to offer to employees since the Commissioners had not been in a position to offer any wellness programs via the health insurance plan as yet. O. Smith detailed the protective measures he takes to keep germs at a minimum up at the Communications Center.

(Later that morning it was learned that the H1N1 vaccine will be free and should be available within a month, according to Rob Fowler at Waldo County General Hospital. The seasonal flu vaccine has been delayed and that will be \$10.00 per shot. The Clinic can be held at the Communications Center.)

****A. Fowler moved, W. Shorey to approve setting up the clinic for flu vaccinations at the Communications Center. Unanimous.**

FACILITIES MANAGEMENT REPORT:

Facilities Manager Keith Nealley reported the following:

1. HANDICAP RAMP BIDS: Four companies showed up for pre-bid meeting for the handicap ramp. K. Nealley noted that there was a very quick turn-around time between that meeting and when bids were due.

BIDS RECEIVED:

K. Nealley informed the Commissioners that a total of four (4) bid proposals for the ramp project were received as follows:

1. Catalanos Construction, from So. Thomaston: Bid - \$14,950.00
2. Whitecap Builders, from Belfast: Bid - \$16,895.00
3. Bartlett, 10-4 Construction, from Liberty: Bid - \$8,300.00
4. Maine Coast Construction, from Camden: Bid - \$12,099.00

R. Fenney noted that Bartlett did the ramp at the Extension Building a year or so ago and K. Nealley said they ran a little over on their time to complete the project, but overall the work was fine.

W. Shorey noted that there was one bid that was considerably low. He related a recent experience in which he opened bids related to his personal business and one bid was extremely low by comparison. He sent the low bidder home to review the proposal to see if he forgot anything. He was concerned about the lowest bid amount received here. R. Fenney thought it might be because Bartlett does not often sub-contract and may be doing the concrete work themselves and having the railing fabricated. He commented that the ramp at the Extension Office is similar to the project proposed here. There was brief discussion of whether or not Bartlett should be asked to be sure that their bid can stand as offered. The other bids were notably higher.

****A. Fowler, W. Shorey seconded moved to accept Bartlett's (10-4 Construction) bid with the understanding that the proposed bid stands as what will be awarded.**

Discussion continued about whether 10-4 Construction should be allowed time to be certain this is the bid amount they intend to stick with. The Commissioners agreed to allow the low bidder to recheck their award. (Later that morning K. Nealley reported that Architect Robert Fenney had conferred with Mr. Bartlett and that 10 – 4 Construction's bid would remain as proposed, with no changes.

2. DISTRICT COURT ADA-RELATED PROJECTS: K. Nealley stated that the estimate for work to be performed for the District Court was \$27,000.00 and the State seemed willing to pay for this. Invoices will be paid by the County, submitted to the State and they will reimburse the County. B. Arseneau and K. Trussell had discussed the matter this morning prior to the court session and recommended using the County Courthouses Reserve to funnel money through for this project so the operating budget would not be drained and the reimbursement from the State ending up in the General Fund. Components of the project include widening the bathroom doors and the foyer door, and a commercial automatic door opener will be installed.

2. In a Capital line account, there is \$6,000.00 set aside to paint the University of Maine Extension Office. K. Nealley explained that he no longer has inmate labor to use on this project. He wondered if that \$6,000.00 could be used to install an automatic commercial door opener at the lower Probate side of the District Courthouse, similar to what will be installed at the upper District Court entrance. This is roughly the cost of such an opener. He asked the Commissioners if they would be willing to authorize this and to wait until spring and use the Facilities Budget and the then-available inmate labor to power wash and paint the Extension Office. The Commissioners discussed the value of having automatic door openers.

****A. Fowler moved, to take \$6,000.00 from the Capital line originally earmarked for the Extension Office to install automatic door opener at the lower level of District Courthouse with the understanding that the Extension Office will be painted in the spring of 2010. Unanimous.**

3. ENERGY EFFICIENCY:

Both K. Nealley and B. Arseneau had "attended" an Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program webinar on November 4, 2009 via Internet connection. K. Nealley described the grant applications as being a "broad approach," which had to be creative but cannot use the funds for building new buildings. There is about \$1 to 5 million dollars available, but the project would have to be self-perpetuating, must be managed by the County

and all that goes along with this. Administration of this would be a huge undertaking. W. Shorey said he felt that the County could not be geared up quickly enough to do it this round of grant funding. K. Nealley noted that there is another round in the spring and felt that if the Commissioners were agreeable for him and B. Arseneau to speak with Ron DesRosiers of Time & Tide RC&D to see if he already had some ideas that would fit the criteria, they would do so. W. Shorey felt that if one of the Towns, for example, was the workhorse and could take it on, it might work. He cited a recent example of a local church doing this. A. Fowler noted that Time & Tide were the ones that pulled it all together for the home efficiency program to keep local people warm throughout the winter.

W. Shorey asked if, by the 1st of January, it would be possible to request bids for fuel oil early in the year because he was very concerned about the political climate we are in with the Middle East.

Efficiency Maine has programs that will allow the County to save money on light fixtures. He would take advantage of programs available now.

TAX ABATEMENT REVIEW:

D. Berry noted that Petition #349 Tax Abatement Appeal for S. Corey vs. Town of Montville was cancelled for today and asked for details about this. A. Fowler explained that she believed that, basically, it had been a matter of failed communication between the Town and the citizen. There was some confusion about whether S. Corey had received an abatement or not and there had been some previous errors. It was unclear at first, but once explanations were made to S. Corey with assistance of Commissioner Fowler serving as sort of a liaison, S. Corey decided that she was satisfied with the abatement received and wrote to the Commissioners prior to the hearing indicating that she no longer wanted to appeal to the County Commissioners.

TECHNOLOGY REPORT:

Technology consultant James Arseneau was present to report the following:

1. **TECHNOLOGY UPDATE:** On October 26, 2009 there was an updating of software and antivirus software. J. Arseneau commented that it took a little longer than anticipated and that remote users could not log into the system until the next day. There are six (6) computers left and two (2) laptops to do and this will complete the updates. Last time this was done was in 2006.
2. **RE-ENTRY FACILITY EXPENDITURES:** J. Arseneau informed the Commissioners that there will be one invoice left which will show where these costs ran over projection and will show actual expenses at the facility. There is still some work to be done. A video broadcasting system needs to be installed and finished cabling.
3. **NEW EMA BUILDING:** Technology specs are being developed for the new EMA building. J. Arseneau noted that the specs for the large room that Dale estimated may not be adequate. Storage may be an issue. Wall plates, outlets, etc. are being reviewed and costs are being calculated for specs. J. Arseneau explained that in a commercial situation, plastic

or metal conduit makes future technology changes easier to do, including additions in cabling. Cable trays keep to the industry standards.

3. **SCANNER ISSUES:** J. Arseneau reported that there have been issues with the scanner donated by the Commissioners office as a temporary arrangement at the Sheriff's Office until a new one could be ordered. As authorized by the Commissioners already, two scanners ordered are on back order – one for the Sheriff's Office and one for the Commissioners Office. Two distributors have told J. Arseneau that distributors have not had stock and are starting to replenish their stock, so orders are running about two months behind. J. Arseneau also explained that currently the scanner has been attached to one PC but the new scanner will be accessible by all deputies from each computer. This will prevent issues when several people are trying to scan documents at the same time.
4. J. Arseneau will assist W. Shorey with his connection issues.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Present for this report was Treasurer David Parkman and Deputy Treasurer Karen Trussell.

REVENUE:

D. Parkman reported that the County is "ahead, but not by much." He reported that the County is still almost \$60,000.00 ahead on the revenue. After speaking with Register of Deeds Deloris Page, they will continue to project \$200,000.00 in Deeds Revenue for 2010.

APPROPRIATIONS:

D. Parkman reported that the total expenditure to date could be as much as 83% and is currently 82% expended. "EMA is a little over and Employee Benefits is, as well, but the TAN has been paid off and the County is sitting pretty in the General Fund," he reported.

W. Shorey asked if the County was going to have to charge interest to any Towns who have not paid 2009 property taxes. K. Trussell said that the letter is ready to send, but the deadline for charging interest is not until after November 30th. A reminder will be sent on November 20th. 8% daily is charged, in accordance with the State legal rate.

PROPERTY TAXES CURRENTLY UNPAID:

Belfast still owes some – has partially paid

Islesboro

Monroe

Palermo

Belmont

Brooks

Stockton Springs

There was brief discussion on how many towns historically have gone past the deadline. D. Parkman noted that this has only happened a few times and that he was the first Treasurer in a long, long time to charge interest. It has to be post-marked on the deadline date. If it is not, then the municipality is charged interest. D. Parkman noted that Thanksgiving was late

last year and there were two more working days after that. 58% of the property tax has been collected.

\$589,502 left in the County General Fund left after today's warrant.

D. Parkman reported that 17% has been expended in the Corrections account to date. W. Shorey commended the financial condition and said, viewing it as a budget matter, it was very efficient.

D. Parkman said that this does not leave a lot of "leeway" if there is not much in undesignated funds, particularly to fund reserve accounts. W. Shorey did not expect much in the way of undesignated funds for the next few years. "I think those days are gone," he predicted.

RESERVE ACCOUNTS:

D. Parkman read expenditures from the reserve accounts, which were voted on by the Commissioners below.

JAIL ACCOUNTS

K. Trussell asked if the amount approved by the Commissioners to be expended from the Facilities - All Other Reserve for work to be done at the Re-entry Facility could be adjusted to reflect the \$968.32 that has been spent exceeding that authorized amount. S. Story has approved the amount spent, but this needs to come before the County Commissioners for their approval. The new total spent from that reserve would be \$22,096.32.

****W. Shorey moved, A. Fowler seconded to adjust the approved expended amount from the Facilities – All Other Reserve on renovations to the Re-entry Facility to \$20,096.32. Unanimous.**

WARRANTS:

Commissioner Berry read the warrant amounts and the Commissioners voted as follows:

****A. Fowler, W. Shorey seconded to authorize payment of the October 30, 2009 General Accounts Payable warrant in the amount of \$1,217,925.55 and the October 15th and 29th General Fund Payroll warrant in the amount of \$192,972.25. Unanimous.**

****W. Shorey, A. Fowler seconded to authorize payment of the October 30, 2009 Jail Accounts Payable warrant in the amount of \$625,074.26 and the October 15th and 29th Jail Payrolls warrant in the amount of \$53,166.16. Unanimous.**

****A. Fowler moved, W. Shorey seconded to authorize payment of the October 30, 2009 Capital/Active and Restricted Reserves warrant in the amount of \$67,670.30. Unanimous.**

****A. Fowler moved, W. Shorey seconded to authorize payment of the November 10, 2009 General Fund Accounts Payable warrant in the amount of \$92,626.75 and the**

**November 10, 2009 Jail Accounts Payable warrant in the amount of \$77,374.79.
Unanimous.**

****A. Fowler moved, W. Shorey seconded to authorize payment of the November 10, 2009 Capital/Active and Restricted Reserves warrant in the amount of \$16,417.44.
Unanimous.**

****W. Shorey moved, A. Fowler seconded to accept the Treasurer's Report.
Unanimous.**

CONTINGENCY:

The related statutes were reviewed and it was noted and clarified that the Commissioners have authority over what to pay from Contingency. D. Parkman noted that this was not tied to L.D. 1 at all. This is the Commissioners' authority.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Reporting correspondence was County Clerk Barbara Arseneau, with minutes taken by Deputy County Clerk Veronica Stover.

1. EMA Director Dale Rowley requested that the Commissioners sign several letters of recommendation for grant applications he is applying for, which they did.
2. After reconsideration at a previous court session, the Commissioners signed a Proclamation for Childhood Cancer Awareness Week for November 16 – 22, 2009.
3. Becky Morgan from Maine County Commissioners Association has sent notice that County Week is now the entire month of April. The MCCA has reserved the Hall of Flags for Wednesday, April 14, 2010. A. Fowler commented that last year, only four or five counties were there and their setups were good. She expressed interested in Waldo County doing this in 2010 and stated that there is a lot of self promoting, so she would like to reserve a table. She felt it would go a long way in promoting the value of County Government. The Commissioners instructed B. Arseneau to contact B. Morgan and reserve a table for Waldo County.
4. Human Resources/Payroll Director Michelle Wadsworth recently applied for two ergonomic furniture grants through Maine Municipal Association. One was for a desk and chair for the Deputy District Attorney's Office, which was not awarded. It is possible to re-apply for this during the spring round of grant opportunities. The second was for a chair for the EMA director, which was awarded. The Commissioners commended M. Wadsworth for her initiative in trying to obtain grants for furniture for the various departments.
5. NACo Executive Director Larry Naake has sent notice of proposed special one-time \$1,500.00 bonuses to State Associations who retain their existing 2009 NACo Members in 2010, as an incentive to retain membership. If this program is approved by the NACo Board of Directors at their fall board meeting in early December, eligible States will receive this special bonus.

6. Sheriff Story has recommended hiring Benjamin Wheeler of Burnham as part-time Deputy for the Waldo County Sheriff's Office, with an effective hire date of October 9, 2009 at \$13.68 per hour. There was lengthy discussion between the Commissioners regarding the lateness of this request, noting that the employee had already been working for several weeks at this point. There were several votes as follows:

****A. Fowler moved, W. Shorey seconded approving hiring Benjamin Wheeler as part-time Deputy at \$13.68 per hour effective October 9, 2009.** Discussion: D. Berry expressed his concern that this employee was hired a month ago and that this will need to be addressed. **Motion passed by two, with D. Berry opposed.**

****W. Shorey moved, A. Fowler seconded to reconsider the vote just taken. Unanimous.** Discussion: D. Berry said he understood that there are needs and when the Sheriff spoke to them during budget discussions, he had expressed that it is difficult to find part-time help. A. Fowler agreed that it is very hard to find part-time help. B. Arseneau asked if she could speak to this issue and explained that for as long as she could remember, previous boards of County Commissioners had recognized that because of the time between their court sessions and the need to run the departments, occasionally there would be recommendations for hire that would come to them "after the fact." She acknowledged that the Commissioners had expressed concern over this before and that the Sheriff's Office had made concerted effort to get these recommendations down in a timely manner. She acknowledged that this one was late, but this type of thing was no longer a common occurrence. She noted that another "after the fact" recommendation for hire from the District Attorney's Office was also in this months' correspondence to be read. D. Berry said that this was a little different situation, as the Commissioners were made aware in advance that there was a need due to one of the employees being out on extended leave, and this was being approved retroactively for that reason. W. Shorey recommended that a memo be sent out to all the department heads of no hiring before coming to the County Commissioners, and D. Berry said he would draft that. ****A. Fowler moved, W. Shorey seconded to accept hire of Part time hire of Benjamin Wheeler, according to their first vote. Unanimous.**

7. Deputy District Attorney Eric Walker sent a notice, as previously discussed and approved by Commissioner Berry via e-mail, that a County employee working in the District Attorney's Office will be out on extended leave and Maureen Hall as agreed to work part-time for 20 hours per week at \$12.21 per hour, effective October 5, 2009 until that employee returns from leave.

****A. Fowler moved, W. Shorey seconded to accept the hire of Maureen Hall part-time at \$12.21 per hour for 20 hours per week until the employee returns from extended leave. Unanimous.**

8. Sheriff Story sent notice that Corrections Officer Frank Grillo has submitted his resignation effective November 11, 2009, and will not be kept on the part-time roster.

****A. Fowler moved, D. Berry seconded to accept with regret the resignation of Corrections Officer Frank Grillo effective November 11, 2009. Unanimous.**

9. The Commissioners noted pay step increases for the following employees:

- Detective Jason Bosco will receive an increase from \$19.82 per hour to \$20.37 per hour for reaching the eight-year pay level on November 18, 2009.
- Dispatcher Melissa Pooler received a hourly increase from \$15.52 to \$16.06 per hour for reaching the two-year pay level on October 12, 2009.

10. An application requesting a tax abatement appeal hearing has been submitted to the Commissioners by Ms. Anna Sirls for her property in the Town of Frankfort. The Commissioners instructed B. Arseneau to set up a hearing at their next regularly scheduled Commissioners Court Session in December.

11. Waldo County Water and Soil sent an invitation to the Commissioners to attend their annual Banquet and Meeting on Tuesday, November 17, 2009 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Dirigo Grange on Rte. 137 in Freedom. No commissioners would be able to attend.

12. Because Commissioners Berry and Shorey will be away, the December Commissioners Court Session will be changed from December 8, 2009 to December 15, 2009.

13. County Clerk Barbara Arseneau requested permission to resign from the MCCA Annual Convention Planning Committee, which she had been serving on for several years. The Commissioners granted permission for this resignation

14. Human Resources/Payroll Director Michelle Wadsworth has suggested adding the following to the County's website, with the Commissioners' permission and if it is possible to do so: Job openings, public bids, proclamations and other notices that normally are submitted to local news media, as appropriate. The Commissioners granted permission for these to be added to the website, provided that the person who works on updating the website says it is possible to do so.

15. B. Arseneau requested that she be allowed to take the noisy office chair that nobody likes to sit in to the Archive, since there is only one chair over there and when people come to look at records, B. Arseneau must stand to work at her desk while people use her desk chair to sit and look at records. The Commissioners approved this request.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

****A. Fowler moved, D. Berry seconded entering executive session to deliberate over an abatement pursuant to M.R.S.A. Title 36 § 841(2). Unanimous.**

****W. Shorey moved, A. Fowler seconded to come out of executive Session at 11:36 a.m. Unanimous.**

The Commissioners did not take action after coming out of Executive Session.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

****A. Fowler moved, W. Shorey seconded to approve the following Commissioners Court Session Minutes: September 11, 2007, September 18, 2007, October 9, 2007, September 8, 2009, September 15, 2009 and October 13, 2009. Unanimous.**

COMMISSIONERS BUSINESS:

1. Commissioner Shorey noted that the funds for the EMA building itself is funded by ****W. Shorey, A. Fowler that all design fees, etc. will come from the grant funding.**
Discussion: A. Fowler expressed concern that the Budget Committee had not reviewed the Reserve Accounts specifically. **Unanimous.**
2. The Chairman tabled any discussion on the County's property.

FOR DISCUSSION AT THE NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED COMMISSIONERS COURT SESSION:

Schedule a tax abatement appeal hearing for Anna Sirles vs. Town of Frankfort.

****A. Fowler moved, W. Shorey seconded adjourning the Commissioners Court Session at 11:47 a.m. Unanimous.**

****D. Berry moved, A. Fowler seconded to re-open the Commissioners Court Session at 11:53 a.m. Unanimous.**

****A. Fowler moved, W. Shorey seconded entering Executive Session pursuant to M.R.S.A Title 36, § 841 (2) regarding an abatement matter. Unanimous.**

****W. Shorey moved, A. Fowler moved, seconded exiting Executive Session at 12:11 p.m. Unanimous.**

****W. Shorey moved, A. Fowler seconded to grant an abatement in the amount of \$1,318.44 plus interest and costs pursuant to Title 36 M.R.S.A. 841(2). Passed by two, with Commissioner Fowler opposed.**

MACIMAGE LAWSUIT INQUIRY BY VILLAGESOUP:

VillageSoup Reporter Ethan Andrews said he wished to ask questions about the MacImage case against all the Maine County Registries of Deeds. The Commissioners explained that this was now being handled by attorneys for the Counties.

****W. Shorey moved, A. Fowler seconded to adjourn the Commissioners Court Session at 12:12 p.m. Unanimous.**

Respectfully submitted by *Barbara L. Arseneau*
Waldo County Clerk