

**WALDO COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT SESSION
FEBRUARY 16, 2010**

PRESENT: Commissioners Amy R. Fowler, Donald P. Berry and William D. Shorey. Also present were Karen Rak, business owner and Seth Benz, Belfast Citizen, along with County Clerk Barbara L. Arseneau.

COMMUNICATIONS REPORT:

Present with the Commissioners was Communications Center Director Owen Smith, who reported the following:

1. Communications Supervisor Randy Stevenson has resigned effective February 8, 2010.
****W. Shorey moved, A. Fowler seconded accepting with regret the resignation of Dispatch Supervisor Randy Stevenson effective February 8, 2010. Unanimous.**
2. O. Smith informed the Commissioners that R. Stevenson's position title was Communications Supervisor. That position is no longer in existence. O. Smith noted that the Waldo County Communications Center was modeled heavily after the Oxford County Communications Center. Industry standards are a ratio of one supervisor for every five to seven dispatchers. Penobscot has five supervisors, but has twice as many people on the shift as we do. O. Smith said he would be speaking with the WCRCC Board of Directors on Thursday to see if he could wait to fill the position as a Shift Supervisor. In the meantime, he will leave the slot open as a Supervisor position, in case there is a need to. A. Fowler asked if there would be another part time temporary person to fill this position. O. Smith said no, and that this would leave him short-handed. He stated that he is not sure he needs a third supervisor, but if he finds he does, he would fill it as a 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. position.
3. O. Smith submitted a Chain of Command for the Waldo County Regional Communications Center Standard Operating Procedures Manual, as he was not sure if the Commissioners had ever seen it.
4. The Kimball report has come out and is about 70 pages in length. If the Commissioners wish to review it, it is on the Maine 911 – just "Google" Maine 911. O. Smith said that it did not report quite what he thought it would. "It seems as though another study may need to be done," he told the Commissioners. D. Berry said he had read the entire document and noted that nobody had made a decision. O. Smith agreed. He stated that there is a rumor that Waldo will not be a PSAP in the spring. He believed that this rumor may have started due an example chart found within the Kimball report. O. Smith commented that "the only thing heartening" he found was on page 73. He stated that if Waldo County was no longer a 911 PSAP/Regional Center, it would impact the services WCRCC offers to other agencies such as Belfast PD and the Waldo County Sheriff's Office. The report indicated that it would be cheapest if there were two centers - one being run by the State - but did not recommend that from a political standpoint. MECCA will continue to push the agenda that they pushed until it came to the point that "if it just doesn't fly, then they'll look at something else." W. Shorey said he had heard that people are not happy with the larger 911 systems and explained that there are eight centers using Meridian systems and these have had a lot of technical problems – for as much as three days at a time. Waldo has not had trouble with its system.

O. Smith noted that the last round of consolidations was believed to have "created a mess." "Kimball says we need to do a further study to see how to 'carve up' the remaining twenty-six centers." He went on to explain that a lot of the report is devoted to scenarios with varying numbers of centers and is full of charts. W. Shorey said he didn't believe that there was a good history of consolidating these centers. D. Berry noted that when he entered the legislature, there were over one hundred centers. "Nobody had the fortitude to say, 'No, you can't do that,'" he said. He noted that Peter Rhines in Lincoln County also served on Utilities Committee and it came down to the number of centers and the cost of those centers. The number of PSAPs was reduced. Legislature fought off

having the State run the centers and, instead, put them under the PUC. D. Berry said he viewed this report as a waste of time and money, and agreed that it seemed to indicate that more studying needed to be done.

O. Smith noted that most of the PSAPs are regional Communications Centers run by the counties. He doubted that the Legislature would be acting on this Kimball report during the next session. O. Smith expressed concern about the State running any of these centers, as the State's funding is not under control right now. He acknowledged that in contrast, the Towns and Counties seem to have their finances in order.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Present for this report were Treasurer David Parkman and Deputy Treasurer Karen Trussell. D. Parkman reported the following:

GENERAL FUND:

D. Parkman reported that he would start with good news: There was \$780,123.19 in the General Fund account.

JAIL FUND: \$30,196.16. D. Parkman noted that they will have to start borrowing from the Tax Anticipation Note now. Payroll is about \$24,000.00. That will only go through to June or July and then the new budget year will start.

REVENUE REPORT:

D. Parkman declared the Revenue as "clipping right along, but it's too early to tell what's up or down." He did note that Deeds revenue was lower than it has been in the past.

APPROPRIATIONS:

The Commissioners budget is 15% expended because liability insurance is paid up front early in the beginning of the year.

CORRECTIONS BUDGET UPDATE:

D. Parkman reported that the Corrections budget has, as of December, received revenue at 94%, with another six months to go in the year. D. Parkman believes that is all that will come in.

RESERVE ACCOUNT EXENDITURES:

D. Parkman read expenditures from the Reserve Accounts to the County Commissioners.

W. Shorey said he would like to express his appreciation to Dave, Karen Trussell and Barbara Arseneau for the work they did in figuring out funding for the new Sheriff's Building. D. Berry thanked the entire group, including the other Commissioners, for their efforts in this regard. D. Parkman noted that as long as there was a good schedule of building up those reserves that would be used, the County should be fine. He did not know if the Budget Committee was going to agree with that or not. The Commissioners felt that after the informational court session they held for the Budget Committee on February 5th, they had the sense that they had a "gentlemen's" agreement on this matter of rebuilding the reserve accounts.

D. Parkman stated that he has a very small department – just Karen and himself. He noted that there has been a lot of work they have had to do for the State. He had written to Scott Ferguson and had an agreement with him that they would send by regular mail the reports so the State can obtain the numbers it continually requests regarding Corrections matters. He informed the Commissioners that now the State wants counties to use their electronic forms to complete and send this type of information to the State. He felt this was just another cost

being passed off to the counties. He said he may go to the informational meeting about the electronic work on February 19th; he wasn't sure. He just felt that his office does not have the staff to do this work.

A. Fowler agreed and noted that some other counties have a separate person to just handle Corrections accounts. She wondered if there should be a part-time person hired to do that, but also wondered if the electronic format might actually be easier in the long run. She said that if it turned out to be more work, then that would be another matter. D. Parkman said that they send the State the information they request, it just is that the State does not want to have to transfer it into their forms.

W. Shorey said that he was "in Dave's corner" on this one. He reminded all that the Commissioners had asked for funding from the Corrections accounts to pay for accounting and H.R. work, and Sheriff Story had told them they could try to request it, but he believed the State would just remove it from the funds requested.

K. Trussell suggested that perhaps the Jail Administrator could enter in the information electronically, since he works in Corrections. The Board of Corrections has a new program that they are going to institute and D. Parkman said that he did not know if he will go along with it or not. If it is anything like the past, he said, "I'll go kicking and screaming 'til the very last yelp." He said that last December K. Trussell had research to do on the Corrections budget for 2008 and this was before she could get her work done on the warrant for the County. "We don't want to do it anymore. York County and Penobscot County have already said they will not be attending the informational meeting on filling out the electronic format and submitting it to the State," D. Parkman noted. The Commissioners agreed with D. Parkman's stand on this.

D. Parkman said that he would not be present for the discussion on the County's land [100 acres], but reminded them of where he stands on that matter. W. Shorey said that, for the record, he had not asked for this to be put on the agenda. He also reminded everyone that in May, everyone, including interested members of the Budget Committee, had been invited to walk the property so they can see it for themselves.

WARRANTS:

****D. Berry moved, A. Fowler seconded to authorize payment of the Jail (Corrections) February 16, 2010 Accounts Payable Warrant in the amount of \$81,402.52 and the Jail (Corrections) Payroll for 2-4-10 in the amount of \$26,629.51. Unanimous.**

****D. Berry moved, W. Shorey seconded General Fund Accts payable \$92,515.46 and Payroll \$96,621.42. Unanimous.**

****D. Berry moved, A. Fowler seconded authorizing payment of the General Fund February 16, 2010 Accounts Payable warrant in the amount of \$92,515.46 and the February 4, 2010 General Payroll in the amount of \$96,621.42. Unanimous.**

****D. Berry moved, A. Fowler seconded authorizing payment of the February 16, 2010 Capital, Active & Restricted Reserve warrant in the amount of \$21,304.30. Unanimous.**

****D. Berry moved, W. Shorey seconded to authorize payment of the January 29, 2010 Jail (Corrections) Accounts Payable warrant in the amount of \$33,257.19 and the January 1, 2010 Jail (Corrections) Payroll warrant in the amount of \$32,666.77. Unanimous.**

****D. Berry moved A. Fowler seconded to authorize payment of the January 29, 2010 General Fund Accounts Payable warrant in the amount of \$189,026.87 and the January 15, 2010 General Payroll warrant in the amount of \$106,171.07. Unanimous.**

****D. Berry moved, W. Shorey seconded to authorize payment of the January 29, 2010 Active and Restricted Reserve warrant in the amount of \$18,959.83. Unanimous.**

****A. Fowler, W. Shorey seconded accepting the Treasurer's Report. Unanimous.**

D. Parkman said that there had been a report in the Kennebec Journal against LD 1554 (Deeds legislation.) D. Parkman said he may be sending a letter to the Kennebec Journal illustrating that the Department of Transportation – such as registering vehicles – was public information, and so were fishing and hunting licenses.

MIL RATE FOR 2010:

D. Parkman made the recommendation for the 2010 Mil Rate. “The good news is that it is going down .4 cents from last year's Mil Rate at the proposed .00147199. It was noted that a number of towns went down, but in some cases the State's valuation will make it higher for other towns.

****A. Fowler moved, W. Shorey seconded setting the 2010 Mil Rate at .00147199. Unanimous.**

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT REPORT:

Present was EMA Director Dale Rowley with Sheriff Scott Story sitting in. D. Rowley reported the following:

1. Aborn Tower: The County is getting a different building than originally planned, but it will be 6 feet longer. Originally the pre-fab concrete building was taken out of the specifications because it was too expensive. The contractor was buying a building from Verizon. Now they won't release it. Instead, the General Contractor found another one out-of-state. He had been told that this building is currently loaded on a truck for transport. This building should be in place Thursday and powered by next Wednesday. The first part of March, they plan to start moving equipment. The project has taken a little longer than originally hoped, but there was no hard and fast deadline. The money has been extended another year by the Federal Government.

2. NEW EMA/SHERIFF'S OFFICE PROJECT:

- D. Rowley explained that accounting needs to be established for the EMA/SO project. D. Rowley thought perhaps it could be broken out by square footage. The architect is already separating his fees between the two buildings. Once this is done, design work can start.
- D. Rowley informed the Commissioners that he is working with the City of Belfast Code Enforcement Officer. The first introductory meeting with that board is the first Wednesday of March. D. Rowley will be presenting information that they will not be adding any additional traffic to this zone. W. Shorey wondered, since this was an in-house type of project, who would be developing the contract language. If the County were using a USDR loan, those folks would be doing the contract language. D. Rowley said that he would look into this and see if there was a boiler-plate template that WBRC could provide, but in a worst-case scenario, he used to have an engineering firm and could write one up.
- Franklin Street Concerns: D. Rowley informed that Commissioners that the surveyor went over to the Franklin Street area and neighbors became concerned. He has confirmed with WBRC that the County will not be using Franklin Street for this project. There is a meeting for all the abutters on February 25, 2010

at 5:00 p.m. to inform them of things so they will not be concerned. He hoped that by then, there would be some sort of diagram to show them, as there is nothing as yet.

- FEMA has not been very cooperative on releasing the funds for the work to start. D. Rowley stated that if he has any more problems from them, as he did not want this delayed in anyway, he would likely go see the MEMA Director and get down to Boston to meet with the FEMA Region One Director. The Commissioners agreed that they would also get the local senators involved, if need be. D. Rowley detailed the history of how many forms he's signed and filled out. The grant was approved in March, and it wasn't until November that D. Rowley was told that he had to do a full Environmental Assessment, according to Section 106. It would be a prehistoric assessment, i.e. to look for Indian bones. He has already talked with the State Historic Preservation Commission and has learned that they have no expectations that the County would need to hire an archeologist to hunt for Indian bones. He has an extensive paper trail of all the "run around" he has been getting from FEMA to even respond to his inquiries. He has sent a draft to FEMA Region 1. He hopes that the County can get it out for public comment as soon as possible. He does not want to irritate anyone or delay the project at all. He was still hoping that the design would be done April/May, a contractor would be brought on board in June and start building in June/July. He hoped that it would be completely done in six to eight months. "I just know that ground should NOT be broken in November. The concrete needs to be cured and built on before snow flies," he stated. The Commissioners told D. Rowley that if he does not get any satisfaction from the State Director or Federal Director, they will take the next step in getting the legislators involved.

3. D. Rowley informed the Commissioners that he spoke before the MCCA Board about the proposed Waldo County Disaster Policy as a possible model for all the counties collectively and believed that the outlook on this was favorable. He said it would be a lot of work on their plate and he thought it would take awhile for them to get this done. He intended to also speak with MACo. A. Fowler recommended that he speak with Commissioner Mallory Shaughnessy from Cumberland about this.

4. D. Rowley said he has spoken with Facilities Manager Keith Nealley and would like to transfer the responsibility and budgeting of Facility Generators to the Facilities Management Department and budget. The generators include the following: One at the Jail (35kw), one at the EMA (30kw), one at the Communications Center (35kw), one at Mount Ephraim Tower (8kw), one at the Crocker Road Tower (6kw) and one at the Mount Waldo Tower (7kw). D. Rowley explained that the EMA budget is so small and that usually the generators that he has trouble with are related to the Communications Center and at Aborn Hill. He noted that oftentimes, Dispatch is concerned about this and will call the generator repair service themselves. He noted that he had already spoken with both K. Nealley and Communications Center Director Owen Smith and both were in agreement with this. W. Shorey asked if there should be one generator to serve the entire Sheriff-Jail-Communications Center site. D. Rowley thought it would be too expensive and wouldn't provide redundancy. W. Shorey thought it would be cheaper in the end. He wondered about applying for a grant for some. D. Rowley hesitated and said it might be a possibility. He noted that he had obtained a 30KW generator for EMA a few years ago. He thought the 30KW generator would probably handle the new building. W. Shorey asked if there was a contract with anyone to check these generators on a regular basis. D. Rowley said there was no formal contract, but the County uses Central Maine Diesel out of Herman to come and service them each spring, he believed. He added that there is a back-up generator on a trailer available in the event that it is needed, as well. He noted that even though the Communications Center generator is always having a problem, CMD inspects them once annually. D. Rowley said he would be willing to work closely with K. Nealley on this but wanted the Facilities budget and Manager to take care of the Facilities generators.

EASTERN MAINE DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION DISCUSSION:

Present for this discussion were Ralph Harvey and Jen Brooks of Eastern Maine Development Corporation (EMDC.) R. Harvey asked if the Commissioners had received the letter dated February 3, 2010 from EMDC President and CEO Michael Aube that R. Harvey forwarded to the Commissioners regarding EMDC/EDA County Contributions, which they had. R. Harvey explained the history of the EMDC as being formed by six counties: Washington, Hancock, Penobscot, Piscataquis, Knox and Waldo in 1967. He acknowledged that EMDC has undergone some management changes, and has not always put its best foot forward in Waldo County. He explained that there are six districts in the State of Maine that work on the business development and long range plans to help an area. This also obtains government funding for major projects. He referred to EMDC as "kind of an insurance policy" because they try to write grants. He recognized that this was a "sore tooth" with Waldo County, especially recently. He went on to explain that EMDC does comprehensive plans, loan banks, and this goes from area to area and this is how it was like an insurance policy that was available to use. EMDC also works with State and other government programs. He explained that it does take "seed money" to accomplish these things and EMDC looks to the County for that. Most of the work they do is State and federally funded and some projects have been done in Waldo County. "The long and short of it is that there is a new director and it has been noted that a few counties are not paying 'dues,' as they call it," he explained. Of the six counties, population-wise - 11.6% of the population - EMDC contributed about 1.6% of the funding. They are asking to stay on board and to fund EMDC at a certain amount.

R. Harvey noted that he has been on the EMDC Board for about eleven years. He stated that EMDC would like to be more active in Waldo County and have the County's support. "When we don't get the support from the Counties, we can't be involved in the CEDS (Certified Economic Development Strategy), which is a requirement for Economic Development Administration (EDA). He noted that EMDC has had two directors in Waldo County and they just tried to fill the second position. He also noted that EMDC had attempted to get one of the Commissioners to join. D. Berry confirmed that they had asked him to join, but he had too many other commitments at present.

R. Harvey introduced Jen Brooks as "semi-new" on the job and told the Commissioners that she will be heading up CEDS process and would explain more shortly. He added that he knew that the funding process for 2010 had already gone by, but if EMDC knew the county was "on board," they might be able to get money privately to obtain a contribution for this year.

J. Brooks spoke next. She explained that if EMDC is not a member of EDD (Economic Development District), they would lose that opportunity. She stated that both Knox and Waldo Counties have not elected to fund EMDC. She explained that Lincoln County stopped paying to their EDD and now they are in mitigation. A. Fowler asked that since Waldo County chose not to donate the "dues," if that meant anyone within Waldo County (businesses, etc.) would not have representation from EMDC. J. Brooks responded that they would still be able to do loans but it would affect the CEDS process for this region. A. Fowler asked how much money EMDC had obtained for the County in the past. She explained that the County has used other grant writers and that when asked, these writers could report immediately what they had researched and how much funding they had obtained for the County. J. Brooks said that she did not have that information but emphasized that without the money from Waldo County, EMDC could not do anything with CEDS.

W. Shorey said that a gentleman from EMDC had presented information this past summer during budget time and when the gentleman asked if there was anything he could do for the Commissioners, W. Shorey had asked him to help find funding for a new Sheriff's Building. W. Shorey said that they did not hear from this gentleman again. "When it came time to meet with the Budget Committee on the budget, the Budget Committee themselves voted

not to fund EMDC, so this goes back deeper into the towns,” he stated. J. Brooks said she understood and noted that the staff had doubled recently. She said she would simply emphasize what membership gives is opportunity for CEDS process. She commented that the way the districts were set up in 1967 no longer seems to make sense and that this will likely be restructured. The County will still be part of an EDD even after the restructure. There are six EDD Districts. Each EDD gets funding for CEDS process and in order to be part of that process, the Counties have to be part of that district to get the CEDS. Whatever district the County will fall in, the County will still have the responsibility to be a member in order to be part of the CEDS process.

R. Harvey said he knew the Commissioners had heard of KWRED and in Belfast, they cannot decide where to go for their needs, so they are hiring someone on their own. He commented that with PVCOC, part of the restructuring has not gone well. The selectman and Searsport were involved in that. In short, PVCOC did not produce, it has since disbanded and he believed that this was the experience Searsport has had with this. He noted that EMDC had done a lot on the pharmacy project with WCGH. He noted that volunteerism is “strung out.” He noted that it is difficult to get people to join on the EMDC Board. He said he felt that they needed to make a new effort. He acknowledged that they cannot deal with what has happened in the past, but would like to know if the County would be on board in the future. “I don’t know if we put our best foot forward in the past,” R. Harvey said.

The Commissioners responded, “You didn’t!” D. Berry reiterated that he had too many commitments to serve on the EMDC Board at this time, although he had really been interested in serving. He noted that the County was really getting nothing out of it and this was why the County had ceased funding. R. Harvey said he understood. J. Brooks said that they have recognized that none of the counties ever receive a report and only hear from EMDC when they approach the counties to request money. Now the counties will receive those reports. The Commissioners explained that money has been very tight and counties have needed to make cuts.

“Before we throw ourselves under the bus with the Budget Committee, we will need to have been sold on this. I won’t go back to the Budget Committee with a hope and a prayer,” A. Fowler stated. “Mr. Shrum stood up at a budget meeting and said he could get funds and never did.”

W. Shorey said he would welcome EMDC back for a presentation during budget time. D. Berry agreed that if there was a “new attitude” to the process, they would be willing to listen to it. R. Harvey asked what representation there was at the budget meetings. W. Shorey said that other than Andrew George meeting with the Commissioners early in the fall, there was no representation for EMDC. He noted that the Budget Committee had not supported funding the EMDC.

R. Harvey asked if there would be a problem getting private funds contributed in lieu of the County of Waldo for this year. The Commissioners did not respond. J. Brooks said that she would send information to them and if the County had projects that should be included in the top ten lists. The Commissioners said they would appreciate materials being sent to them. R. Harvey asked for some sort of response in order to know if they should pursue private donations. W. Shorey said he was receptive in that he recognized every organization has their ups and downs. He said he, and believed the other Commissioners, would be willing to listen to EMDC. R. Harvey said that they would be meeting again by the end of the month. He thought that Waldo County was kind of a unique spot and is on the tail end of the mid-coast and the interests are quite different here. He felt that Waldo County leaned more toward similarities with Penobscot County, even, than Kennebec County. He stated the structure will be looked at again. He said that he gathered from the Commissioners that they were at least willing to listen. He apologized for the past and acknowledged that EMDC has had their “ups and downs.” J. Brooks said she would send the information to Deputy County Clerk Veronica Stover.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Reporting correspondence to the Commissioners was County Clerk Barbara L. Arseneau, with Veronica Stover taking the minutes as follows:

1. MainePers has issued an announcement that there will be an increase in employer contributions on retirement plans effective July 1, 2010. She noted that A. Fowler had been notified of this increase by email while she was attending a BOC budget planning meeting. B. Arseneau noted that this part of the increase was technically out of the Commissioners' hands because the State would have to deal with that, but the County will be responsible for the two plans it is currently enrolled in. The employer match for Plan AC will increase from 2.8% to 3.5% and the employer match for Special Plan 2C (Deputies Association) will now increase from 4% to 5%. It has been estimated that the County 2010 Retirement budget line will be approximately \$6,352.06 short as a result. D. Berry expressed his displeasure with MainePers for not getting this information out in time for counties to budget accordingly. W. Shorey instructed B. Arseneau to copy the MainePers letter notifying of these fee increases for the Budget Committee when they meet in the fall so they would understand why the budget would be overdrawn.
2. Caremark Rx Inc. has sent a rebate check to the County in the amount of \$2,286.80. They occasionally send funds such as these. W. Shorey inquired if anyone had heard any more word from Health Insurance Administrator Malcolm Ulmer regarding the plan enhancements he had discussed with the Commissioners during one of the December Commissioners' court session. D. Berry said he was not aware of anything. There was brief discussion regarding rates and what other counties are paying. B. Arseneau said she would poll the other counties again to see what they were doing, as the last survey was about three years ago. W. Shorey said he would like to be sure employees understood that the Commissioners are doing the best job they can with the premium rates.
3. The contract has expired for grant writing research with DRG Specialty Services. DRG has offered a renewal for monthly researching of funding opportunities only, as it is not possible to foresee the writing opportunities that may become available during 2010. Any proposal writing would be handled on a "per grant" basis. After holding the fees at the 2006 rate for several years, they would now need to be increased to \$40.00 per hour. This would not exceed the 2010 budget because January has already passed and DRG does not recommend researching grant opportunities in October because that is the start of the federal fiscal year and there very little activity during that month. The Commissioners asked how much in grant funds were brought in during 2009. B. Arseneau reminded them that three grants had been written, with over \$50,000.00 awarded with the assistance of DRG. The Commissioners agreed to renew the contract for 2010 as proposed. A. Fowler noted that some of the County departments look for grant opportunities on their own and hoped that others would be more active in that regard. B. Arseneau said she would remind department heads to submit project ideas and "wish lists" that DRG might be able to research for grant fund opportunities at the next Safety/Department Head Meeting.

****A. Fowler moved, W. Shorey seconded to renew the contract with DRG Specialty Services, Inc. for 2010 as proposed. Unanimous.**

4. CP Area Specialist Lewis W. Sirois of the USDA Rural Development sent a letter dated January 25, 2010 noting that he received the Commissioners letter dated January 22, 2010 informing him that they must withdraw their application for Federal Financial Assistance for the Sheriff's Office building. He informed the Commissioners that the file will be maintained in his office for two (2) years if they wish to request assistance in the future.

5. Sheriff Scott Story has sent a request for confirmation of re-hiring Damien A. Stone as part-time deputy effective February 16, 2010, as he left in good standing.

****A. Fowler moved, W. Shorey seconded approving the re-hire of Damien A. Stone effective February 16, 2010. Unanimous.**

6. The following employees have indicated to Captain Robert Walker that they no longer wish to be included on the part-time roster for the Maine Coast Regional Reentry Center:

- Part-time Corrections Officer Paul Lisenby, confirmed on January 21, 2010.
- Part-time Corrections Officer Beth Patten, confirmed on January 22, 2010.
- Part-time Corrections Officer Carrie Bennett, confirmed on January 20, 2010.

****W. Shorey moved, A. Fowler seconded to accept that Paul Lisenby, Beth Patten and Carrie Bennett are no longer on the MCRRC part-time roster. Unanimous.**

7. Deputy Kevin Littlefield reached his six-month pay step increase of \$17.18 to \$17.35 per hour, effective January 19, 2010. This was noted by the Commissioners.

8. Deeds Clerk Dayne Beckett reached her eight-year pay step with an increase to \$15.15 per hour effective February 15, 2010. This was noted by the Commissioners.

9. Deputy David Mushrall reached his two-year pay step on January 20, 2010 with a pay increase from \$18.00 per hour to \$18.26 per hour. This was noted by the Commissioners.

10. Deputy District Attorney Eric Walker submitted a memo to the Commissioners dated January 26, 2010 indicating that Part-time Victim/Witness Advocate Harriet Kearns income constraints have changed starting in 2010. She is currently making \$11.00 per hour and he is requesting that her hourly rate be increased to \$12.50 per hour. The Commissioners looked at the 2010 budget line for this position and noted that there were not sufficient funds in that line to accommodate this request. It was estimated that the line would be overdrawn by approximately \$1,300.00. The Commissioners wished to speak with E. Walker at their next regularly scheduled Commissioners Court Session about where the additional funds would come from.

****D. Berry moved, A. Fowler seconded to table further discussion on this request until the next regularly scheduled Commissioners Court Session on March 9, 2010. Unanimous.**

11. Then United States Bankruptcy Court, Southern District of New York has sent a Notice of Hearing to Consider Approval of Amended Disclosure Statement with Respect to Debtors' Amended Joint Plan of Reorganization Under Chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code regarding Fairpoint Communications. B. Arseneau confirmed with the Treasurer's Office that there is not action required on the part of the County Commissioners, as Waldo County has nothing to file in this matter.

11. B. Arseneau reminded the Commissioner that, as requested, she has reserved a table for Waldo County in the Hall of Flags as part of County Government month on April 14, 2010. She asked the Commissioners what they needed to plan for this table. D. Berry and A. Fowler both stated that they plan to attend. There was brief discussion of having some photos related to Waldo County, "Preparing for the Future," theme related to planning the new EMA and Sheriff's Offices, a possible slide presentation of the renovations at the Maine Coast Regional Reentry Center, some food, etc. A. Fowler said she would speak with Captain Robert Walker and with EMA Director Dale Rowley, and that perhaps there could be a display showing what grants had been brought in by EMA, photos of the new Aborn Hill Tower, etc. D. Berry noted that a lot of legislation sessions have been cancelled in an effort to save money and there had been talk of moving this event to sometime in March, which would leave little time for planning.

MINUTES APPROVED:

****A. Fowler moved, W. Shorey seconded to approve the following Commissioners Session Minutes: December 15, 2009, December 29, 2009, January 12, 2010, and January 22, 2010. Unanimous.**

COMMISSIONERS' BUSINESS:

1. Consideration of Sale of County Land:

****W. Shorey moved, A. Fowler seconded to table the consideration of selling the County Property until the May Waldo County Commissioners Court Session. Unanimous.**

2. MAIL/COURIER ISSUES: D. Berry attended the last Safety/Department Head meeting, during which it was noted that there are ongoing problems with transporting all the various documents and files that go to and from all departments, including the court systems, each day. "There is a lot of time wasted time with people running around," he stated. The Commissioners tossed around the idea of having the Facilities Technician run the mail twice a day; once in the morning and once and at night. They thought they would discuss this with Facilities Manager Keith Nealley first and see if this could be done on a trial basis to see how this would work. The Commissioners agreed that this should be set up and tried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

****W. Shorey moved, A. Fowler seconded entering Executive Session for a Personnel/Legal matter at 11:55 a.m. according to M.R.S.A. Title 1 § 401 (F).**

****A. Fowler moved, W. Shorey seconded exiting Executive Session at 12:10 p.m. Unanimous.**
The Commissioners did not take any action.

NEXT COURT SESSION:

The next Commissioners Court Session will be March 9, 2010, unless any special sessions needed to be called prior to that date.

The Commissioners requested time scheduled to meet with the following people during their March Court Session:

1. Register of Deeds Deloris Page regarding setting fees, Deeds-related legislation, etc.
2. Jail Administrator Robert Walker and VOA Program Director Michael Tausek to hear an update on operations of the Waldo County's Midcoast Regional Reentry Correctional Center.

****A. Fowler moved, W. Shorey seconded adjourning the Commissioners Court Session at 12:15 p.m. Unanimous.**

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