

STATE OF MAINE

ANDROSCOGGIN, SS.

November 19, 2014
Regular Meeting 5:00 P.M.

Commissioner Greenwood called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

Present at the meeting were:

Randall Greenwood, Chairman
Beth Bell, Commissioner
Elaine Makas, Commissioner
Robert Poulin, Treasurer
Patricia Fournier, County Clerk
Judge Michael Dubois
Joanna Said, Register of Probate
Guy Desjardins, Sheriff
Eric Samson, Sheriff elect.
Stavros Mendros, citizen
Dick Clark, Assistant Systems Admin.

Absent from the meeting: N/A

Motion: to accept and approve with a waiver of the reading of the minutes of November 5, 2014.
Makas-Bell 3-0

Motion: to approve all bills, part-time deputies' payroll, Warrants #40, #41.
Corrections Division Warrant #51 and P.O. 34195, 34208.
Makas-Bell 3-0

Reports:

Commissioner Bell - Maine County Commissioners Association
No Report.

Commissioner Makas - Central/Western Maine Workforce Investment Board

We worked closely with Manufacturers Association of Maine to support and highlight the manufacturing sector through participating in a national event in October. Staff helped to collaborate, coordinate, and deliver a very successful manufacturing day in Maine, and especially in Region three. We had over 340 students visit over 16 manufacturers in our five county region; from over 100 students that visited both Thomas Moser Cabinet Making and Mountain Machine Works in Auburn to well over another 100 that visited Formtek in Clinton from three different regional technical centers. In addition, we are on the CLEO board, (which is the chief elected officials, and we oversee the workforce investment award money locally). CLEO recently approved the nomination of Don Mondor, Manufacturing Manager of S.F. Pathways, to serve on our Central Western Maine Workforce Investment Board. We are also working with MDOL on the Job-Driven National Emergency Grant; working with career centers and two hospitals, specifically St. Mary's and Maine General, to begin

implementation of the grant in the roll-out of the Ready-to-Work Workforce Academy to help develop well-qualified entry level hospital health care employees. We are also collaborating on employer-driven work based training for welding occupations with S.F. Pathways Inc., Lewiston, WIA funded, six graduated & working, six more in class will graduate December 19, 2014, and all are doing well.

Commissioner Makas - Safety Committee
No Report

Public Comments: None

Motion: to accept the correspondence from the Register of Probate dated October 27, 2014 regarding payment for Judge Michael Dubois' attendance at the National College of Probate Judges Conference from November 12th -15th, 2014, in the amount of \$403.70 for airfare, \$410.93 for the hotel, \$450.00 for the conference registration, and car rental cost not to exceed \$340.99.

Makas-Bell 3-0

Motion: to accept the correspondence from the Register of Probate dated November 13, 2014, requesting a step increase for Julie Bertrand from Grade 6 Step A to Grade 6 Step B to an hourly rate of \$16.85 effective on December 9th, 2014.

Bell-Makas 3-0

Motion: to accept correspondence from the Register of Probate dated November 13, 2014, requesting a step increase for Sandra Potvin from Grade 4 Step D to Grade 4 Step E to an hourly rate of \$16.27 effective on December 31st, 2014.

Makas-Bell 3-0

Discussion with the Judge of Probate, Michael Dubois, in regards to health insurance:

Judge Michael Dubois stated that there seems to be some confusion as to which entity (the board or the finance committee) has ultimate authority regarding health insurance. After being informed that the family plan was being cut from the Probate Judge's insurance, leaving individual coverage, Judge Michael Dubois referenced the Sagadahoc health insurance issue challenged by Judge Voorhees in 2006. As a result, the Law Court essentially said, "That no legislative body, whether it be this board or the finance committee, can... diminish a judge's salary or compensation while in office." Hence, by diminishing the health coverage available to the Judge of Probate, it affects the compensation packet, and is a violation of both the Maine and Federal Constitution.

Motion: to recommend to the budget committee, that the Judge of Probate's health insurance family coverage continue for an additional amount of \$9221.00, with the commissioners support.

Makas-Bell 3-0

Motion: to approve amending the section Other Benefits D. Medical Coverage #2., of the Personnel Policy effective January 1, 2015. Increasing the buyout for single coverage to \$4,000, parent with dependent child/children to \$5000, and full family coverage to \$6,000.

Makas-Bell 3-0

Motion: to accept the correspondence from the Facility Department dated November 19, 2014 recommending awarding the contract for painting in the Registry of Deeds to Rodrigue and Son Painting Inc. in the amount of \$11,424.00, being the lowest bidder meeting specifications.

Makas-Bell 3-0

Motion: to accept correspondence from the Facility Department dated November 19, 2014 recommending awarding the contract for construction and painting of the new Probate Courtroom (including room 113) to Bisson Painting and Carpentry in the amount of \$27,234.00.

Makas-Bell 3-0

Motion: to accept correspondence from the Facility Department dated November 19, 2014 recommending awarding the contract for flooring in the Registry of Deeds, Probate Courtroom and Commissioners' Conference room (rooms 108, 110, 113, 117, 118, 123, B22, B26) to Floor Systems in the amount of \$23,625.15.00.

Makas-Bell 3-0

Motion: to accept correspondence from the Facility Department dated November 19, 2014 recommending the awarding the contract for removing the asbestos (VAT) tile flooring in room 113 to Acadia Contractors in the amount of \$3,900.00.

Makas-Bell 3-0

Consent Agenda: to approve the consent agenda as presented:

To approve the Registry of Deeds September Monthly Cash Report.

To approve the Civil Division October Report.

To approve the Sheriff Department's October Mileage Report.

To approve the Sheriff Department's request for professional leave for Officer Nathan Dugay to attend a class.

To approve the Sheriff Department's evaluation of Thomas Slivinski.

Motion: to continue the meeting 30 minutes after the budget committee adjourns their meeting and presents the budget back to the commissioners.

Makas-Bell 3-0

Reconvened meeting at 9:38.

Motion: to seek legal opinion regarding charter adoption of 2015 proposed budget, and reconvene on Tuesday, November 25, 2014 at 5:00p.m. Meeting ended at 9:40p.m.

Makas-Bell 3-0

Patricia Fournier, County Clerk

STATE OF MAINE

ANDROSCOGGIN, SS.

Continuation of November 19, 2014
November 25, 2014
Regular Meeting 5:00 P.M.

Commissioner Greenwood called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m.

Present at the meeting were:

Randall Greenwood, Chairman
Beth Bell, Commissioner
Elaine Makas, Commissioner
Robert Poulin, Treasurer
Patricia Fournier, County Clerk
Mary Roussel, Citizen
Dan Hartill, Sun Journal
Matt Roy, Commissioner elect.
Sally Christner, Commissioner elect.
Dick Clark, Assistant Systems Admin.

Elaine Makas: Noted the memo received by Bryan Dench, County Attorney, dated November 19, 2014 regarding the charter. In summary, the memo stated, "This will confirm my advice that the board of commissioners has the authority to enact the final county budget under Section 5.5.4 and all actions of the budget committee are advisory only."

Discussion and Approval of the 2015 Budget

Motion: to change 1005-4835 Superior Court/Postage to \$200.00.
Makas-Bell 3-0

Motion: to set 1015-5345 District Attorney/Printing and Reproducing at \$4,300.00.
Makas-Bell 3-0

Motion: to set 1015-4099 District Attorney/Misc. Professional Services at \$2,350.00.
Makas-Bell 3-0

Motion: to set 1070-5335 Registry of Probate/Office Supplies at \$2,250.00.
Makas-Bell 3-0

Motion: to set 1070-5650 Registry of Probate/Misc. Minor Equipment at \$800.00.
Makas-Bell 3-0

Motion: to set 1078-4110 Communications/Meals at \$350.00.
Bell-Makas 3-0

Motion: to set 1075-5405 Sheriff's Department/Clothing Uniforms at \$15,000.00.

Makas-Bell 3-0

Motion: to set 1020/4105 County Commissioners/Automobile Mileage at \$1,250.00.

Makas-Bell 3-0

Motion: to set 1020/4110 County Commissioners/Meals at \$1,750.00.

Makas-Bell 3-0

Motion: to set 1020-7325 County Commissioners/Furniture & Fixtures at \$12,700.00.

Motion: to increase revenue line 9000 Transfer office equipment reserve by \$3,700.00.

Makas-Bell 3-0

Motion: to set 1020-4315 County Commissioners/Telephone at \$4,400.00.

Makas-Bell 2-1

Greenwood abstained

Motion: to set 1020-5345 County Commissioners/Printing and Reproducing at \$1,100.00.

Makas-Bell 3-0

Motion: to set 1020-5335 County Commissioners/Office Supplies at \$550.00.

Makas-Bell 3-0

Motion: to set 1020-3120 County Commissioners/Salaries & Wages at \$168,017.51, which set Commissioners' salaries at \$5,000.00, \$500 stipend for the Chair, Administrator's salary at \$50,000.00 for 8 months, the County Clerk at \$51,467.52, Assistant to County Clerk at \$29,432.00 and a 2% stipend for the Clerk and Assistant Clerk.

Makas-Bell 2-0

Greenwood abstained

Motion: to set 2025-4724 Employee Benefits/Health and Dental Insurance at \$1,256,470.00.

Bell-Makas 2-0

Greenwood abstained

Motion: that unencumbered surplus from the 2013 audit of \$288,868.00 be committed as follows:

\$200,000.00 offset the 2015 Tax Levy.

\$5,000.00 Treasurer's Capital Improvement for new computer system

\$83,868.00 Building Reserve Account

Makas-Greenwood 3-0

Motion: approve expenditures of \$10,659,738.00, project revenues at \$2,300,470.00, leaving the amount to be raised by taxation at \$8,359,268.00 for Budget Year 2015.

Makas-Bell 3-0

Motion: to adjourn.

Makas, Bell 3-0

Adjourned at 7:50p.m.

Patricia Fournier, County Clerk