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MCCA Board of Directors' Meeting Agenda 10:00 a.m., March 9, 2016

- I. **Call to Order, Introductions, Attendance & Pledge of Allegiance**
- II. **Approval of/Additions to the Agenda**
- III. **Approval of February 10, 2016 Board of Directors' Meeting Minutes**
- IV. **Old Business**
 - A. Committee Assignments
- V. **New Business**
- VI. **Reports**
 - A. Executive Director's & Financial Reports
 - B. Legislative Report
 - C. Association Reports
 - D. Corrections Report
 - E. Annual Convention Report
 - F. NACo Report
- VII. **Other Business**
- VIII. **Adjournment**

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MCCA Board of Directors' Meeting Minutes 10:00 a.m., February 10, 2016

I. Call to Order, Introductions, Attendance and Pledge of Allegiance

President Peter Baldacci called the meeting to order at 10:20 a.m. The attendees recited the Pledge of Allegiance and all present introduced themselves.

DIRECTORS PRESENT: *Androscoggin* – Comm. Sally Christner proxy for Comm. Beth Bell; *Cumberland* – Comm. Steve Gordon proxy for Comm. Thomas Coward; *Franklin* – Comm. Gary McGrane; *Hancock* – Comm. Steven Joy; *Kennebec* – Administrator Bob Devlin proxy for Comm. George Jabar II; *Knox* – Comm. Roger Moody; *Lincoln* – Comm. William Blodgett; *Oxford* – Administrator Scott Cole proxy for Comm. Steven Merrill; *Penobscot* – Comm. Peter Baldacci; *Piscataquis* – Comm. James Annis; *Sagadahoc* – Administrator Pamela Hile proxy for Comm. Charles Crosby III; *Somerset* – Administrator Dawn DiBlasi proxy for Comm. Newell Graf; *Waldo* – Comm. Amy Fowler; and *York* – Comm. Michael Cote.

OTHERS PRESENT: *Cumberland* – Manager Peter Crichton and Assistant Manager Bill Whitten; and *Knox* – Administrator Andy Hart; *EMAD* – Sean Goodwin; *MACCAM* – Bill Collins; *MACT* – David Parkman; and *MECCA* – Owen Smith.

DIRECTORS ABSENT: *Androscoggin* – Comm. Beth Bell; *Aroostook* – Comm. Norm Fournier; *Cumberland* – Comm. Thomas Coward; *Kennebec* – Comm. George Jabar II; *Oxford* – Comm. Steven Merrill; *Sagadahoc* – Comm. Charles Crosby III; *Somerset* – Comm. Newell Graf; and *Washington* – Comm. Chris Gardner.

STAFF PRESENT: Executive Director Rosemary Kulow, Risk Pool Manager Malcolm Ulmer, and Office Manager Lauren Haven.

II. Approval of/Additions to the Agenda

Comm. Gordon requested an additional item to the agenda under VII, consideration of a letter to the Criminal Justice and Public Safety Committee. Comm. Fowler **moved** and Comm. Cote **seconded** approving the agenda with this addition. The **motion** was approved unanimously.

III. Approval of January 20, 2016 Annual General Membership Meeting Minutes

Comm. Fowler **moved** and Comm. Cote **seconded** approving the minutes from the Board of Directors' meeting on January 20, 2016. The **motion** was **passed** unanimously.

IV. Old Business

A. Discussion of a Comprehensive Approach to Corrections Issues

The group discussed encouraging county representatives to attend upcoming public hearings and workshops involving jail legislation. Sheriffs are likely to be present and more county government officials should be in the room to answer questions and provide data. Each county has been impacted differently by the jail funding shortfall and it's important to have county people knowledgeable about the budget in attendance to explain how the distributed funds have been used as well as the ramifications of the lack of adequate funding. Committee members need to understand that commissioners have the final fiscal authority. The group reviewed the letter draft handed out at the beginning of the meeting. *Comm. Fowler **moved** that a letter from MCCA be sent to both Appropriations and Financial Affairs Committee and the Criminal Justice and Public Safety Committee members. Bill Whitten added that Comm. Baldacci should sign the letter. Comm. Cote **seconded** the **motion** and it was **approved** unanimously.* MCCA staff will publicize the next committee meeting.

This summer the group will work on strategies to develop new legislation for the next full session. The tax caps should be reevaluated using realistic numbers and each county will need provide documentation to support the need to change the current formula.

V. New Business

A. Announcement – Need of Committee Members

President Baldacci requested that directors who are interested in being on one of the MCCA standing committees for 2016 should email Ms. Kulow. These committees are as follows:

- Budget and Finance Committee
- Legislative Policy Steering Committee
- Nominating Committee
- Convention Planning Committee

VI. Reports

A. Executive Director's Report

B. Financial Report

Executive Director Rosemary Kulow presented her reports. Comm. Cote made a motion to approve the Executive Director's Report and the Financial Report as written. Comm. Joy seconded the motion which was passed unanimously.

C. Legislative Report

The group reviewed the wording on the supplemental jail funding request, the updated L.D. status chart and LD/LR list. Public hearings are scheduled for 1473 Resolve, To Increase Access to Opiate Addiction Treatment in Maine and 1496 An Act To Support Maine People in Recovery.

D. Association Reports

EMAD: Sean Goodwin – No report was given.

MACCAM: Bill Collins reported the group is working on restitution accounts, some counties moving to a “no cash” policy. Another complication is currently the DOC collects money for prisoners, but upon release, the responsibility goes back to the county, making it difficult to reconcile.

MACT: David Parkman continued on the prior subject mentioning that Waldo has changed to check or money orders receiving only \$15 in cash of the \$2,000 total payments from January to February 2016.

MECCA: Owen Smith mentioned the NINA conference in May. Gordon Graham will present sessions on risk management topics.

E. Corrections Report

Comm. Cote reported that the Jail Standards Board has collaborated well, completing their task of combining redundant standards and omitting obsolete standards.

F. Annual Convention Report

The Convention Planning Committee Meeting will meet on February 12th at the Hilton Garden Inn Bangor to enjoy a food tasting. The \$200 deposit will be submitted at that time.

G. NACo Report

Comm. Baldacci spoke about attending the upcoming 2016 NACo Legislative Conference with MCCA representative Comm. McGrane and Executive Director Rosemary Kulow February 20-24 in Washington, DC.

One of the important topics is the loss of healthcare benefits for people who are arrested. Currently, inmates lose their Federal healthcare benefits regardless of whether they are convicted

of a crime. Upon release the person needs to re-apply for coverage. The goal is to have coverage continue for jail inmates until and unless they are convicted of a crime and sentenced to a prison term.

VII. Other Business

The handout (attached) was discussed prior to this point in the meeting. Please see item IV.

VIII. Adjournment

*Comm. Fowler made a **motion** to adjourn at 11:35 a.m.; Comm. Joy seconded the **motion**, which was unanimously **approved**.* The group adjourned to lunch.

Respectfully submitted,

MCCA Office Manager, Lauren Haven

Attested:

MCCA Secretary-Treasurer, Michael Cote

Addressed to the *Criminal Justice and Public Safety Committee*

Ladies and Gentlemen, as we move forward with testimony on County Jail funding, we must clear away the confusion as to whom within the State's County government structure is fiscally responsible for the budgeting and funding of all County programs including the jails; by statute¹, it is the County Commissioners.

With that focus, it then becomes incumbent upon our two parties, your Committee and our Commissioners through the MCCA, to negotiate an understanding of the essential funding required for the requisite incarcerations mandated by State law and judicial sentencing.

This is not to suggest that you may neither solicit nor receive additional information from other appropriate parties and sources, it is only suggest that when the topic of funding programs under the aegis of the County Commissioners is brought forth you negotiate with them, as they are the only County body that may be held fiscally accountable. To do otherwise, tacitly removes that responsibility from their charge of that issue with the public.

¹ **Title 30 – a, §102. County commissioners' authority**

The county commissioners have final authority over the operation of all county offices by elected or appointed county officials, except in circumstances for which a County Personnel Board has been established under subchapter VII, article 2 with the powers and duties set forth in that article and in section 501. The county commissioners must act as a board and not on an individual basis in exercising this authority.

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MCCA COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

2016 MCCA Committee assignments by President Baldacci are as follows:

1. Budget and Finance Committee (Sec. Treas. & 4 board members):

- Norman Fournier
- Gary McGrane
- Pam Hile
- Roger Moody

2. Legislative Policy Committee:

All board members of the MCCA and proxies in their absence.

3. Nominating Committee: (5 members):

- Scott Cole
- Bill Blodgett
- Beth Bell
- Thomas Coward
- Jim Annis

4. Convention Planning Committee: (2 from host county and at least 3 board members):

- Amy Fowler
- Michael Cote
- Steven Joy
- Charles Crosby

5. Professionalism in Management Committee:

- Peter Crichton
- Mike Cote
- Tom Coward
- Andy Hart
- Dawn DiBlasi

6. Corrections Committee: (currently 3 sheriffs and 3 commissioners): change to 5 commissioners and replace the corrections task force.

- George Jabar
- Newell Graf
- Bill Blodgett
- Amy Fowler
- Norm Fournier

7. Regional Services Committee: (5 members, 3 of whom are administrators):

- Peter Crichton
- Scott Cole
- Bob Devlin
- Jim Annis
- Beth Bell

**** The Corrections committee should eliminate the need for the Corrections Task Force. The Strategic Planning Committee should be the entire Board of Directors.**

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Executive Director's Report March 3, 2016

Meetings/Events since the February 10, 2016 Board of Directors' Meeting

Feb. 9	NACo Legislative Conference Call
Feb. 11	Judiciary Committee Work Session at Legislature LD 890
Feb. 11	NACo Agriculture & Rural Affairs Committee Conference Call
Feb. 17	Work Sessions for LD 1473 & LD 1496
Feb. 19	Travel to NACo Legislative Conference in Washington D.C.
Feb. 20-24	NACo Legislative Conference in Washington D.C.
Feb. 20	Steering Committee Meeting Agriculture & Rural Affairs
Feb. 20	State Association Meeting Planners Committee Meeting
Feb. 20	Justice & Public Safety Meeting
Feb. 21	National Council of County Association Executives-Continued Education
Feb. 21	National Association of County Administrators Idea Exchange
Feb. 22	Women of NACo Leadership Network (WON) Breakfast
Feb. 22	NE Region Caucus
Feb. 22	Open General Session featuring Hon. Michael Botticelli, Office of National Drug Control Policy
Feb. 22	NCCAE Meeting
Feb. 22	Meeting with Senator Collins
Feb. 22	Lessons Learned from Counties "Stepping Up" to Reduce Mental Illness in Jails
Feb. 23	Meetings with Senator King and Congressman Poliquin
Feb. 23	Capitol Hill Briefing: Criminal Justice Reform Starts Locally
Feb. 26	LPC Conference Call Meeting
Feb. 29	Public Hearing for LD 1614

Upcoming Planned Meetings/Events (as of this writing):

Mar. 10	NACo Agriculture & Rural Affairs Committee Conference Call
Mar. 18	Convention Planning Committee Meeting
Mar. 23-24	MSA Conference
Mar. 23	Northeast Region Conference Call
Mar. 25	Maine Town, City and County Management Association – Manager Interchange

This list has been extracted from the MCCA calendar. Some items may have been added, deleted, or changed.

Respectfully submitted,

Lauren Haven for Rosemary Kulow, Executive Director

MAINE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS ASSOCIATION

February 2016 Financial Report

Attached please find the monthly financial reports for the month of February 2016. The Balance Sheet shows total assets and liabilities at \$260,646.02. Debits to the bank account in February totaled \$14,528, and \$140,266 income was deposited in the bank account. All membership dues have been received. A money market account was established at Camden National Bank for the surplus MainePERS funds to be used for future contributions to employee retirement benefits. \$152,729.61 was deposited into the account on February 10th leaving the 2016 budgeted amount of \$6,500 in the checking account for payments this year. The bank balance on February 29th was \$109,308.58; two payments totaling \$1,597.17 had not yet cleared the bank by the end of the month.

With about 16% of the year complete, \$140,392 (55.67%) of the \$252,150 budgeted revenue had been received by February 29th.

On the expenditure side, \$31,255 (12.39%) was expended by the end of February. See the *Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual Month Only* report for details of revenue and expenditures for February 2016.

Finances are within budget, and there are no problems in any line item at this time. Please don't hesitate to let me know if you have any questions or would like to see anything different in the financial reports.

Respectfully submitted,



Lauren Haven
Office Manager

Accepted by:

Date: _____

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Thomas Coward, Vice-President

Michael Cote, Secretary-Treasurer

Maine County Commissioners Association
Balance Sheet
As of February 29, 2016

	Februcary 2016
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
MCCA Checking-Savings Bank	107,711.41
Money Market Account	152,734.61
Petty Cash Account	200.00
Total Checking/Savings	<u>260,646.02</u>
 Total Current Assets	 <u>260,646.02</u>
 TOTAL ASSETS	 <u><u>260,646.02</u></u>
 LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Other Current Liabilities	
1000-00 · Employee Health Insurance Contr	-398.85
1001-00 · MainePERS Employee Contribution	146.39
Total Other Current Liabilities	<u>-252.46</u>
 Total Current Liabilities	 <u>-252.46</u>
 Total Liabilities	 -252.46
 Equity	
3200-00 · Fund Balance to Current Yr Inc	-59,216.00
3900-00 · Earnings	210,976.74
Net Income	109,137.74
Total Equity	<u>260,898.48</u>
 TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	 <u><u>260,646.02</u></u>

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Reconciliation Summary
MCCA Checking-Savings Bank, Period Ending 02/29/2016

	February 2016
Beginning Balance	138,563.73
Cleared Transactions	
Checks and Payments - 20 items	-169,660.06
Deposits and Credits - 19 items	140,404.91
Total Cleared Transactions	<u>-29,255.15</u>
Cleared Balance	<u><u>109,308.58</u></u>
Uncleared Transactions	
Checks and Payments - 2 items	-1,597.17
Total Uncleared Transactions	<u>-1,597.17</u>
Register Balance as of 02/29/2016	<u><u>107,711.41</u></u>
Ending Balance	107,711.41

Maine County Commissioners Association
Reconciliation Detail
MCCA Checking-Savings Bank, Period Ending 02/29/2016

	Date	Num	Name	Amount	Balance
Beginning Balance					138,563.73
Cleared Transactions					
Checks and Payments - 20 items					
	1/22	3626	National Council of County Assoc Exec	-500.00	-500.00
	1/22	3627	US Bank	-350.00	-850.00
	1/28	3630	Maine Farm Bureau	-1,497.17	-2,347.17
	1/28	3631	Senator Inn	-1,324.50	-3,671.67
	1/28	3632	Staples Credit Plan	-83.82	-3,755.49
	2/5	EFT	Bangor Payroll	-1,873.63	-5,629.12
	2/10			-152,729.61	-158,358.73
	2/10	3640	MainePERS	-479.42	-158,838.15
	2/10	3634	Liberty Mutual Insurance	-364.00	-159,202.15
	2/10	3637	Hilton Garden Inn Bangor	-200.00	-159,402.15
	2/10	3635	Capitol Computers/Main Security	-125.00	-159,527.15
	2/10	3639	Haven, Lauren	-108.30	-159,635.45
	2/10	3633	Maine Municipal Association	-102.21	-159,737.66
	2/10	3638	Kulow, Rosemary	-91.62	-159,829.28
	2/12	EFT	Bangor Payroll	-1,873.63	-161,702.91
	2/18	3643	Camden National Bank	-320.58	-162,023.49
	2/18	3642	US Bank	-275.00	-162,298.49
	2/18	3641	MTCMA	-75.00	-162,373.49
	2/19	EFT	Bangor Payroll	-1,866.78	-164,240.27
	2/26	EFT	Bangor Payroll	-5,419.79	-169,660.06
Total Checks and Payments				-169,660.06	-169,660.06
Deposits and Credits - 19 items					
	2/8	15483	Franklin County	8,765.00	8,765.00
	2/8	31699	Aroostook County	8,765.00	17,530.00
	2/8	65983	Penobscot County	8,765.00	26,295.00
	2/10		Gorham Leasing Group	144.42	26,439.42
	2/10	224878	York County	8,765.00	35,204.42
	2/10	74886	Kennebec County	8,765.00	43,969.42
	2/10	178786	Cumberland County Maine	8,765.00	52,734.42
	2/10	76540	Somerset County	8,765.00	61,499.42
	2/10	94414	Hancock County	8,765.00	70,264.42
	2/17	21966	Waldo County	8,765.00	79,029.42
	2/18		Sagadahoc County	8,765.00	87,794.42
	2/22		US Communities	16.74	87,811.16
	2/22	29140	Piscataquis County	8,765.00	96,576.16
	2/22	55498	Washington County	8,765.00	105,341.16
	2/22	26194	Lincoln County	8,765.00	114,106.16
	2/22	62331	Oxford County	8,765.00	122,871.16
	2/22	90512	Knox County	8,765.00	131,636.16
	2/29			3.75	131,639.91
	2/29	63119	Androscoggin County	8,765.00	140,404.91
Total Deposits and Credits				140,404.91	140,404.91
Total Cleared Transactions				-29,255.15	-29,255.15

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Reconciliation Detail
MCCA Checking-Savings Bank, Period Ending 02/29/2016

	<u>Date</u>	<u>Num</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Balance</u>
Cleared Balance				-29,255.15	109,308.58
Uncleared Transactions					
Checks and Payments - 2 items					
	11/24	3607	State of Maine-Hall of Flags	-100.00	-100.00
	2/29	3644	Maine Farm Bureau	-1,497.17	-1,597.17
Total Checks and Payments				<u>-1,597.17</u>	<u>-1,597.17</u>
Total Uncleared Transactions				<u>-1,597.17</u>	<u>-1,597.17</u>
Register Balance as of 02/29/2016				<u>-30,852.32</u>	<u>107,711.41</u>
Ending Balance				<u><u>-30,852.32</u></u>	<u><u>107,711.41</u></u>

Maine County Commissioners Association
Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual
January through February 2016

	2016 Budget	Feb 2016	Jan-Feb 2016	\$ Over Budget	% of Budget
Income					
4100-00 · Convention Income					
4120-00 · Registration	28,000			-28,000	
4130-00 · Sponsorship	8,000			-8,000	
4140-00 · Vendor	11,500			-11,500	
Total 4100-00 · Convention Income	47,500			-47,500	
4300-00 · Dues	140,240	140,240	140,240		100%
4400-00 · Other Income	1,100	17	138	-962	13%
4500-00 · NACo Roster	500			-500	
4600-00 · MCCA Risk Pool Assessment	25,000			-25,000	
4800-00 · MainePERS Surplus Funds	6,500			-6,500	
4810-00 · Interest Earned	45	9	14	-31	31%
4920-00 · Transfer in from Fund Balance	31,265			-31,265	
Total Income	252,150	140,266	140,392	-111,758	56%
Gross Profit	252,150	140,266	140,392	-111,758	56%
Expense					
5000-00 · Payroll Expenses					
5020-00 · Payroll Fees	1,850	136	272	-1,578	15%
5030-00 · FICA	7,800	597	1,207	-6,593	15%
5040-00 · MainePERS Contributions	6,500	479	1,079	-5,421	17%
5050-00 · Salary-Office Manager	38,000	2,912	5,823	-32,177	15%
5060-00 · Salary-Executive Director	74,500	5,649	11,298	-63,202	15%
Total 5000-00 · Payroll Expenses	128,650	9,773	19,679	-108,971	15%
5100-00 · Insurance					
5110-00 · Health Insurance	21,000	1,740	3,481	-17,519	17%
5120-00 · Commercial, Crime, D&O Ins	2,100	364	364	-1,736	17%
5130-00 · Workers Comp	650			-650	
5140-00 · Unemployment Comp Ins	500	102	102	-398	20%
Total 5100-00 · Insurance	24,250	2,206	3,947	-20,303	16%
6010-00 · Prof. Services					
6012-00 · Prof Services - Legal Services	500			-500	
6013-00 · Financial Audit	4,800			-4,800	
Total 6010-00 · Prof. Services	5,300			-5,300	

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Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual
January through February 2016

	2016 Budget	Feb 2016	Jan-Feb 2016	\$ Over Budget	% of Budget
6030-00 · Lobbying					
6031-00 · Lobbying Reg	200			-200	
Total 6030-00 · Lobbying	200			-200	
6040-00 · NACO Expenses					
6041-00 · Conferences	8,500			-8,500	
Total 6040-00 · NACO Expenses	8,500			-8,500	
6050-00 · Education and Training	500	75	75	-425	15%
6100-00 · Bank Charges	50			-50	
6110-00 · Convention Expense					
6113-00 · Entertainment/Speakers	6,500			-6,500	
6114-00 · MCCA Staff Registration Expense	1,000			-1,000	
6118-00 · Meeting Exp.	25,000	200	200	-24,800	1%
6121-00 · Supplies	2,500			-2,500	
6124-00 · Commissioner Retirement Plaques	500			-500	
Total 6110-00 · Convention Expense	35,500	200	200	-35,300	1%
6140-00 · Copies-Printing					
6142-00 · Directory	825			-825	
6143-00 · Other Copying or Printing	150			-150	
Total 6140-00 · Copies-Printing	975			-975	
6145-00 · Dues Expense	1,400		1,100	-300	79%
6150-00 · Equipment - Office					
6151-00 · Computer Hardware & Software	1,500			-1,500	
6152-00 · IT Services	2,800	125	250	-2,550	9%
6153-00 · Photocopier Lease	2,000	131	481	-1,519	24%
6154-00 · Printer & Supplies	1,200	70	127	-1,073	11%
6155-00 · Telephone System	200			-200	
6156-00 · Other	500		304	-196	61%
Total 6150-00 · Equipment - Office	8,200	326	1,162	-7,038	14%
6160-00 · Fees	100			-100	

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Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual
January through February 2016

	2016 Budget	Feb 2016	Jan-Feb 2016	\$ Over Budget	% of Budget
6170-00 · Meeting Expense					
6171-00 · Annual Meeting	1,500		1,325	-175	88%
6172-00 · County Officials' Workshop	250			-250	
6173-00 · Monthly	3,250	52	52	-3,198	2%
6174-00 · Retreat Meeting	800			-800	
6175-00 · Meetings - Other	800			-800	
Total 6170-00 · Meeting Expense	6,600		1,377	-5,223	21%
 6180-00 · Mileage & Travel Expense	 5,200	 25	 195	 -5,005	 4%
6195-00 · Office Space Rental	18,375	1,497	2,994	-15,381	16%
6215-00 · Postage-Shipping	250			-250	
6230-00 · Advertising	750			-750	
6235-00 · Supplies	2,500	92	129	-2,371	5%
6240-00 · Telephone, Fax & Internet					
6241-00 · Cell Phone	1,600	116	231	-1,369	14%
6243-00 · Phone, Fax & Internet	2,000	166	166	-1,834	8%
Total 6240-00 · Telephone, Fax & Internet	3,600	282	397	-3,203	11%
 6250-00 · Website	 250			 -250	
6260-00 · Contingency	1,000			-1,000	
Total Expense	252,150	14,528	31,255	-220,895	12%

Maine County Commissioners Association
Transaction Detail by Account
February 2016

MCCA Checking-Savings Bank

Type	Date	Num	Name	Memo	Amount	Balance
Bill Pmt -Check	2/5	EFT	Bangor Payroll	Payroll for week 1/25 to 1/31/16	-1,873.63	-1,873.63
Payment	2/8	15483	Franklin County		8,765.00	6,891.37
Payment	2/8	65983	Penobscot County		8,765.00	15,656.37
Payment	2/8	31699	Aroostook County		8,765.00	24,421.37
Deposit	2/10		Gorham Leasing Group	Deposit	144.42	24,565.79
Payment	2/10	94414	Hancock County		8,765.00	33,330.79
Payment	2/10	76540	Somerset County		8,765.00	42,095.79
Payment	2/10	178786	Cumberland County Maine		8,765.00	50,860.79
Payment	2/10	74886	Kennebec County		8,765.00	59,625.79
Payment	2/10	224878	York County		8,765.00	68,390.79
Bill Pmt -Check	2/10	3633	Maine Municipal Association		-102.21	68,288.58
Bill Pmt -Check	2/10	3634	Liberty Mutual Insurance		-364.00	67,924.58
Bill Pmt -Check	2/10	3635	Capital Computers/Main Security		-125.00	67,799.58
Bill Pmt -Check	2/10	3640	MainePERS		-479.42	67,320.16
Bill Pmt -Check	2/10	3637	Hilton Garden Inn Bangor	Deposit for 2016 MCCA Convention	-200.00	67,120.16
Bill Pmt -Check	2/10	3638	Kulow, Rosemary	Executive Director Expenses	-91.62	67,028.54
Bill Pmt -Check	2/10	3639	Haven, Lauren		-108.30	66,920.24
Transfer	2/10			Funds Transfer	-152,729.61	-85,809.37
Bill Pmt -Check	2/12	EFT	Bangor Payroll	Payroll for week 2/1 to 2/7/16	-1,873.63	-87,683.00
Payment	2/17	21966	Waldo County		8,765.00	-78,918.00
Payment	2/18		Sagadahoc County		8,765.00	-70,153.00
Bill Pmt -Check	2/18	3641	MTCMA		-75.00	-70,228.00
Bill Pmt -Check	2/18	3642	US Bank	Invoice 298044918	-275.00	-70,503.00
Bill Pmt -Check	2/18	3643	Camden National Bank		-320.58	-70,823.58
Bill Pmt -Check	2/19	EFT	Bangor Payroll	Payroll for week 2/8 to 2/14/16	-1,866.78	-72,690.36
Payment	2/22	62331	Oxford County		8,765.00	-63,925.36
Payment	2/22	29140	Piscataquis County		8,765.00	-55,160.36
Payment	2/22	55498	Washington County		8,765.00	-46,395.36
Payment	2/22	90512	Knox County		8,765.00	-37,630.36
Payment	2/22	26194	Lincoln County		8,765.00	-28,865.36
Payment	2/22		US Communities		16.74	-28,848.62
Bill Pmt -Check	2/26	EFT	Bangor Payroll	Payroll for week 2/15 to 2/21/16	-5,419.79	-34,268.41
Bill Pmt -Check	2/29	3644	Maine Farm Bureau	Office Rent	-1,497.17	-35,765.58
Payment	2/29	63119	Androscoggin County		8,765.00	-27,000.58
Deposit	2/29			Interest	3.75	-26,996.83
					-26,996.83	-26,996.83

Total MCCA Checking-Savings Bank

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	Type	Date	Num	Name	Memo	Amount	Balance
Money Market Account	Transfer	2/10			Funds Transfer	152,729.61	152,729.61
	Deposit	2/17			Interest	5.00	152,734.61
Total Money Market Account						152,734.61	152,734.61
Receivables	Payment	2/8	31699	Aroostook County		-8,765.00	-8,765.00
	Payment	2/8	15483	Franklin County		-8,765.00	-17,530.00
	Payment	2/8	65983	Penobscot County		-8,765.00	-26,295.00
	Payment	2/10	94414	Hancock County		-8,765.00	-35,060.00
	Payment	2/10	76540	Somerset County		-8,765.00	-43,825.00
	Payment	2/10	178786	Cumberland County Maine		-8,765.00	-52,590.00
	Payment	2/10	74886	Kennebec County		-8,765.00	-61,355.00
	Payment	2/10	224878	York County		-8,765.00	-70,120.00
	Payment	2/17	21966	Waldo County		-8,765.00	-78,885.00
	Invoice	2/18	1989	US Communities		16.74	-78,868.26
	Payment	2/18		Sagadahoc County		-8,765.00	-87,633.26
	Payment	2/22		US Communities		-16.74	-87,650.00
	Payment	2/22	26194	Lincoln County		-8,765.00	-96,415.00
	Payment	2/22	29140	Piscataquis County		-8,765.00	-105,180.00
	Payment	2/22	55498	Washington County		-8,765.00	-113,945.00
	Payment	2/22	90512	Knox County		-8,765.00	-122,710.00
	Payment	2/22	62331	Oxford County		-8,765.00	-131,475.00
	Payment	2/29	63119	Androscoggin County		-8,765.00	-140,240.00
Total Receivables						-140,240.00	-140,240.00
Accounts Payable	Bill	2/5	2016-06	Bangor Payroll	Payroll for week 1/25 to 1/31/16	-1,873.63	-1,873.63
	Bill Pmt -Check	2/5	EFT	Bangor Payroll	Payroll for week 1/25 to 1/31/16	1,873.63	0.00
	Bill	2/10		Maine Municipal Association		-102.21	-102.21
	Bill Pmt -Check	2/10	3633	Maine Municipal Association		102.21	0.00
	Bill	2/10		Liberty Mutual Insurance		-364.00	-364.00
	Bill Pmt -Check	2/10	3634	Liberty Mutual Insurance		364.00	0.00
	Bill	2/10		Capitol Computers/Main Security		-125.00	-125.00
	Bill Pmt -Check	2/10	3635	Capitol Computers/Main Security		125.00	0.00
	Bill	2/10		MainePERS		-479.42	-479.42
	Bill Pmt -Check	2/10	3640	MainePERS		479.42	0.00
	Bill	2/10		Hilton Garden Inn Bangor	Deposit for 2016 MCCA Convention	-200.00	-200.00
	Bill Pmt -Check	2/10	3637	Hilton Garden Inn Bangor	Deposit for 2016 MCCA Convention	200.00	0.00

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Type	Date	Num	Name	Memo	Amount	Balance
Bill	2/10		Kulow, Rosemary	Executive Director Expenses	-91.62	-91.62
Bill Pmt -Check	2/10	3638	Kulow, Rosemary	Executive Director Expenses	91.62	0.00
Bill	2/10		Haven, Lauren		-108.30	-108.30
Bill Pmt -Check	2/10	3639	Haven, Lauren		108.30	0.00
Bill	2/12	2016-07	Bangor Payroll	Payroll for week 2/1 to 2/7/16	-1,873.63	-1,873.63
Bill Pmt -Check	2/12	EFT	Bangor Payroll	Payroll for week 2/1 to 2/7/16	1,873.63	0.00
Bill	2/17		US Bank	Invoice 298044918	-275.00	-275.00
Bill	2/17		MTCMA		-75.00	-350.00
Bill	2/18		Camden National Bank		-320.58	-670.58
Bill Pmt -Check	2/18	3641	MTCMA		75.00	-595.58
Bill Pmt -Check	2/18	3642	US Bank		275.00	-320.58
Bill Pmt -Check	2/18	3643	Camden National Bank	Invoice 298044918	320.58	0.00
Bill	2/19	2016-08	Bangor Payroll	Payroll for week 2/8 to 2/14/16	-1,866.78	-1,866.78
Bill Pmt -Check	2/19	EFT	Bangor Payroll	Payroll for week 2/8 to 2/14/16	1,866.78	0.00
Bill	2/26	2016-09	Bangor Payroll	Payroll for week 2/15 to 2/21/16	-5,419.79	-5,419.79
Bill Pmt -Check	2/26	EFT	Bangor Payroll	Payroll for week 2/15 to 2/21/16	5,419.79	0.00
Bill	2/29		Maine Farm Bureau	Office Rent	-1,497.17	-1,497.17
Bill Pmt -Check	2/29	3644	Maine Farm Bureau	Office Rent	1,497.17	0.00
Total Accounts Payable					0.00	0.00
1000-00 · Employee Health Insurance Contr						
Bill	2/5	2016-06	Bangor Payroll	EE Health Insurance Contributions	-290.68	-290.68
Bill	2/12	2016-07	Bangor Payroll	EE Health Insurance Contributions	-290.68	-581.36
Bill	2/19	2016-08	Bangor Payroll	EE Health Insurance Contributions	-290.68	-872.04
Bill	2/26	2016-09	Bangor Payroll	EE Health Insurance Contributions	1,162.65	290.61
Bill	2/26	2016-09	Bangor Payroll	EE Health Insurance Contributions	-290.61	0.00
Total 1000-00 · Employee Health Insurance Contr					0.00	0.00
1001-00 · MainePERS Employee Contribution						
Bill	2/5	2016-06	Bangor Payroll	Employee Contribution	-160.51	-160.51
Bill	2/12	2016-07	Bangor Payroll	Employee Contribution	-160.51	-321.02
Bill	2/19	2016-08	Bangor Payroll	Employee Contribution	-160.51	-481.53
Bill	2/26	2016-09	Bangor Payroll	Employee Contribution	-160.51	-642.04
Bill	2/26	2016-09	Bangor Payroll	EE MEPRS Retirement Contributions	642.04	0.00
Total 1001-00 · MainePERS Employee Contribution					0.00	0.00
4400-00 · Other Income						
Invoice	2/18	1989	US Communities	Income from any advertising performed by	-16.74	-16.74
Total 4400-00 · Other Income					-16.74	-16.74

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	Type	Date	Num	Name	Memo	Amount	Balance
4810-00 · Interest Earned	Deposit	2/17			Interest	-5.00	-5.00
	Deposit	2/29			Interest	-3.75	-8.75
						-8.75	-8.75
Total 4810-00 · Interest Earned							
5000-00 · Payroll Expenses	Bill	2/5	2016-06	Bangor Payroll	Processing fee	32.00	32.00
	Bill	2/12	2016-07	Bangor Payroll	Processing fee	32.00	64.00
	Bill	2/19	2016-08	Bangor Payroll	Processing fee	32.00	96.00
	Bill	2/26	2016-09	Bangor Payroll	Processing fee	40.00	136.00
Total 5020-00 · Payroll Fees							136.00
5030-00 · FICA	Bill	2/5	2016-06	Bangor Payroll	Taxes	152.58	152.58
	Bill	2/12	2016-07	Bangor Payroll	Taxes	152.58	305.16
	Bill	2/19	2016-08	Bangor Payroll	Taxes	145.73	450.89
	Bill	2/26	2016-09	Bangor Payroll	Taxes	145.61	596.50
Total 5030-00 · FICA							596.50
5040-00 · MainePERS Contributions	Bill	2/10		MainePERS	EmployER Retirement Contribution	479.42	479.42
						479.42	479.42
Total 5040-00 · MainePERS Contributions							
5050-00 · Salary-Office Manager	Bill	2/5	2016-06	Bangor Payroll	Administrative Assistant Salary	727.93	727.93
	Bill	2/12	2016-07	Bangor Payroll	Administrative Assistant Salary	727.93	1,455.86
	Bill	2/19	2016-08	Bangor Payroll	Administrative Assistant Salary	727.93	2,183.79
	Bill	2/26	2016-09	Bangor Payroll	Office Managers Salary	727.93	2,911.72
Total 5050-00 · Salary-Office Manager							2,911.72
5060-00 · Salary-Executive Director	Bill	2/5	2016-06	Bangor Payroll	Executive Directors Salary	1,412.31	1,412.31
	Bill	2/12	2016-07	Bangor Payroll	Executive Directors Salary	1,412.31	2,824.62
	Bill	2/19	2016-08	Bangor Payroll	Executive Directors Salary	1,412.31	4,236.93
	Bill	2/26	2016-09	Bangor Payroll	Executive Directors Salary	1,412.31	5,649.24
Total 5060-00 · Salary-Executive Director							5,649.24

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	Type	Date	Num	Name	Memo	Amount	Balance
Total 5000-00 · Payroll Expenses						9,772.88	9,772.88
5100-00 · Insurance							
5110-00 · Health Insurance							
Total 5110-00 · Health Insurance	Bill	2/26	2016-09	Bangor Payroll	ER Health Insurance Contributions	1,740.37	1,740.37
						1,740.37	1,740.37
5120-00 · Commercial, Crime, D&O Ins							
Total 5120-00 · Commercial, Crime, D&O Ins	Bill	2/10		Liberty Mutual Insurance	Commercial Insurance Package	364.00	364.00
						364.00	364.00
5140-00 · Unemployment Comp Ins							
Total 5140-00 · Unemployment Comp Ins	Bill	2/10		Maine Municipal Association	Unemployment	102.21	102.21
						102.21	102.21
Total 5100-00 · Insurance						2,206.58	2,206.58
6050-00 · Education and Training							
Total 6050-00 · Education and Training	Bill	2/17		MTCMA	Education and Training	75.00	75.00
						75.00	75.00
6110-00 · Convention Expense							
6118-00 · Meeting Exp.							
Total 6118-00 · Meeting Exp.	Bill	2/10		Hilton Garden Inn Bangor	Convention Venue Deposit	200.00	200.00
						200.00	200.00
Total 6110-00 · Convention Expense						200.00	200.00
6150-00 · Equipment - Office							
6152-00 · IT Services							
Total 6152-00 · IT Services	Bill	2/10		Capitol Computers/Main Security		125.00	125.00
						125.00	125.00
6153-00 · Photocopier Lease							
Total 6153-00 · Photocopier Lease	Deposit	2/10	114766	Gorham Leasing Group	Surplus Payoff	-144.42	-144.42
	Bill	2/17		US Bank	Invoice 298044918	275.00	130.58
						130.58	130.58

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	Type	Date	Num	Name	Memo	Amount	Balance
6154-00 · Printer & Supplies							
Total 6154-00 · Printer & Supplies	Bill	2/18		Camden National Bank	Toner	70.00	70.00
						70.00	70.00
Total 6150-00 · Equipment - Office						325.58	325.58
6170-00 · Meeting Expense							
6173-00 · Monthly	Bill	2/10		Haven, Lauren		52.08	52.08
Total 6173-00 · Monthly						52.08	52.08
Total 6170-00 · Meeting Expense						52.08	52.08
6180-00 · Mileage & Travel Expense							
Total 6180-00 · Mileage & Travel Expense	Bill	2/10		Kulow, Rosemary	Executive Director Mileage	24.95	24.95
						24.95	24.95
6195-00 · Office Space Rental							
Total 6195-00 · Office Space Rental	Bill	2/29		Maine Farm Bureau	Rent	1,497.17	1,497.17
						1,497.17	1,497.17
6235-00 · Supplies							
	Bill	2/10		Haven, Lauren		6.99	6.99
	Bill	2/18		Camden National Bank		84.60	91.59
Total 6235-00 · Supplies						91.59	91.59
6240-00 · Telephone, Fax & Internet							
6241-00 · Cell Phone	Bill	2/10		Kulow, Rosemary	Cell Phone Reimbursement	66.67	66.67
	Bill	2/10		Haven, Lauren	Cell Phone Reimbursement	49.23	115.90
Total 6241-00 · Cell Phone						115.90	115.90
6243-00 · Phone, Fax & Internet							
Total 6243-00 · Phone, Fax & Internet	Bill	2/18		Camden National Bank	Office Equipment	165.98	165.98
						165.98	165.98
Total 6240-00 · Telephone, Fax & Internet						281.88	281.88

**Maine County Commissioners Association
Expenses by Vendor Detail
February 2016**

	Type	Date	Account	Amount	Balance
Bangor Payroll					
	Bill	2/5	5050-00 · Salary-Office Manager	727.93	727.93
	Bill	2/5	5030-00 · FICA	152.58	880.51
	Bill	2/5	5020-00 · Payroll Fees	32.00	912.51
	Bill	2/5	5060-00 · Salary-Executive Director	1,412.31	2,324.82
	Bill	2/12	5050-00 · Salary-Office Manager	727.93	3,052.75
	Bill	2/12	5030-00 · FICA	152.58	3,205.33
	Bill	2/12	5020-00 · Payroll Fees	32.00	3,237.33
	Bill	2/12	5060-00 · Salary-Executive Director	1,412.31	4,649.64
	Bill	2/19	5050-00 · Salary-Office Manager	727.93	5,377.57
	Bill	2/19	5030-00 · FICA	145.73	5,523.30
	Bill	2/19	5020-00 · Payroll Fees	32.00	5,555.30
	Bill	2/19	5060-00 · Salary-Executive Director	1,412.31	6,967.61
	Bill	2/26	5050-00 · Salary-Office Manager	727.93	7,695.54
	Bill	2/26	5030-00 · FICA	145.61	7,841.15
	Bill	2/26	5020-00 · Payroll Fees	40.00	7,881.15
	Bill	2/26	5060-00 · Salary-Executive Director	1,412.31	9,293.46
	Bill	2/26	5110-00 · Health Insurance	1,740.37	11,033.83
Total Bangor Payroll				11,033.83	11,033.83
Camden National Bank					
	Bill	2/18	6235-00 · Supplies	84.60	84.60
	Bill	2/18	6243-00 · Phone, Fax & Internet	165.98	250.58
	Bill	2/18	6154-00 · Printer & Supplies	70.00	320.58
Total Camden National Bank				320.58	320.58
Capitol Computers/Main Security					
	Bill	2/10	6152-00 · IT Services	125.00	125.00
Total Capitol Computers/Main Security				125.00	125.00
Gorham Leasing Group					
	Deposit	2/10	6153-00 · Photocopier Lease	-144.42	-144.42
Total Gorham Leasing Group				-144.42	-144.42
Haven, Lauren					
	Bill	2/10	6241-00 · Cell Phone	49.23	49.23
	Bill	2/10	6173-00 · Monthly	52.08	101.31
	Bill	2/10	6235-00 · Supplies	6.99	108.30
Total Haven, Lauren				108.30	108.30
Hilton Garden Inn Bangor					
	Bill	2/10	6118-00 · Meeting Exp.	200.00	200.00
Total Hilton Garden Inn Bangor				200.00	200.00

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February 2016

	Type	Date	Account	Amount	Balance
Kulow, Rosemary					
	Bill	2/10	6180-00 · Mileage & Travel Expense	24.95	24.95
	Bill	2/10	6241-00 · Cell Phone	66.67	91.62
Total Kulow, Rosemary				91.62	91.62
Liberty Mutual Insurance					
	Bill	2/10	5120-00 · Commercial, Crime, D&O Ins	364.00	364.00
Total Liberty Mutual Insurance				364.00	364.00
Maine Farm Bureau					
	Bill	2/29	6195-00 · Office Space Rental	1,497.17	1,497.17
Total Maine Farm Bureau				1,497.17	1,497.17
Maine Municipal Association					
	Bill	2/10	5140-00 · Unemployment Comp Ins	102.21	102.21
Total Maine Municipal Association				102.21	102.21
MainePERS					
	Bill	2/10	5040-00 · MainePERS Contributions	479.42	479.42
Total MainePERS				479.42	479.42
MTCMA					
	Bill	2/17	6050-00 · Education and Training	75.00	75.00
Total MTCMA				75.00	75.00
US Bank					
	Bill	2/17	6153-00 · Photocopier Lease	275.00	275.00
Total US Bank				275.00	275.00
TOTAL				14,527.71	14,527.71

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Reconciliation Detail
Money Market Account, Period Ending 02/17/2016

	Type	Date	Num	Name	Clr	Amount	Balance
Money Market Beginning Balance							0.00
Cleared Transactions							
Deposits and Credits - 2 items							
	Transfer	02/10/2016			√	152,729.61	152,729.61
	Deposit	02/17/2016			√	5.00	152,734.61
Total Deposits and Credits						152,734.61	152,734.61
Total Cleared Transactions						152,734.61	152,734.61
Cleared Balance						152,734.61	152,734.61
Register Balance as of 02/17/2016						152,734.61	152,734.61
Ending Balance						152,734.61	152,734.61

L.D. Status Chart of County-Related Bills

BILL	TITLE	COMMITTEE	MCCA LPC POSITION	STATUS
LD 166	An Act To Allow York County To Better Provide Rescue and Ambulance Services <i>Amendment allows <u>all counties</u> to provide regional rescue service.</i>	SLG	SUPPORT	Voted OTP as amended 3/3 Unfinished Bus.
LD 195	An Act Regarding County Jails	CJPS	SUPPORT, if \$2.5 million sup. funding is included	2/18/2016 DEAD
LD 440	An Act To Create a Secure, Therapeutic Mental Health Unit	CJPS	OPPOSE	2/29 Voted Divided Report
LD 890	An Act To Ensure a Continuing Home Court for Cases Involving Children	JUD	OPPOSE	2/22 Voted OTP-AM/ONTP
LD 1030	An Act to Better Coordinate the Work of Mental Health Crisis Agencies with Law Enforcement Agencies	HHS	WATCH	Committee voted ONTP
LD 1206	An Act To Allow County Corrections Officers To Participate in the Retired County and Municipal Law Enforcement Officers and Municipal Firefighters Health Insurance Program	SLG	SUPPORT	Committee voted ONTP
LD 1325	An Act To Ensure a Public Process When Discontinuing or Abandoning a Public Road	SLG	Review amendment; support MMA's position	Committee voted OTP-AM
LD 1457	Resolve, Authorizing the State Tax Assessor To Convey the Interest of the State in Certain Real Estate in the Unorganized Territory	TAX	No Position	Committee voted OTP-AM
LD 1473	An Act To Increase Access to Opiate Addiction Treatment in Maine	HHS	SUPPORT	Committee voted OTP-AM
LD 1496	An Act To Support Maine People in Recovery	HHS	SUPPORT	Com. voted unanimously OTP-AM
LD 1528	An Act To Modernize & Consolidate Court Facilities	JUD	SUPPORT	3/1 Voted OTP-AM
LD 1537	An Act To Combat Drug Addiction Through Enforcement, Prevention, Treatment and Recovery	AFA, CJPS, & HHS	SUPPORT	Public Law Ch. 378
LD 1586	An Act To Implement Recommendations of the Right To Know Advisory Committee Concerning Remote Participation in Public Proceedings	JUD		3/2 Voted Divided Report
LD 1614	Resolve, To Provide Funding for the County Jail Operations Fund	CJPS	SUPPORT	3/2 Passed 10-1 Divided Report

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Legislative Documents (LDs):

LD 166 – An Act To Allow York County To Better Provide Rescue and Ambulance Services – SLG

SUPPORT – LPC voted unanimously to support Rep. Greenwood's amendment for the Minority Report that would allow all counties, rather than just York County, to provide regional ambulance service. **Committee voted OTP-AM**

This bill allows *all* counties to provide rescue services pursuant to the law governing county provision of ambulance services.

LD 195 – An Act Regarding County Jails – CJPS ***SUPPORT*** if used to request \$2,465,896 supplemental funding for jails. Sponsor - Senator Paul T. Davis

This bill allows the county jails to apply savings from the county's correctional budget to jail debt service without a reduction in payments from the State Board of Corrections. **Committee voted ONTP & will introduce new Resolve via a bill to request \$2.466 million per year supplemental funding for jails from the AFA. Watch for the new bill & subsequent public hearing and work sessions.**

LD 440 – An Act To Create a Secure, Therapeutic Mental Health Unit – CJPS ***OPPOSE***

This bill provides for the establishment of a secure, therapeutic mental health unit for defendants undergoing court-ordered assessments to determine their competency to stand trial or their criminal culpability and to provide therapeutic care for forensic patients. The bill establishes the unit as follows:

1. It directs the Commissioner of Corrections and the Commissioner of Health and Human Services to enter into an agreement to establish the unit with the sheriff of either Cumberland County or Somerset County.
2. It directs the Department of Corrections to provide security for the unit. Security staff must be dedicated to the unit and trained to provide security in a mental health hospital environment.
3. It directs the Department of Corrections to provide therapeutic mental health care for the unit. The therapeutic mental health care must meet standards established by a national organization on correctional facilities mental health standards. The Department of Health and Human Services may also provide mental health services to the unit upon agreement with the Department of Corrections and the county jail.
4. It requires that the population in a secure, therapeutic mental health unit be separated by sight and sound from the general jail population.
5. It specifies that a person under a court order to undergo a mental evaluation by the State Forensic Service must be admitted to the unit unless the Department of Health and Human Services determines that the person's mental health condition contraindicates admittance to the unit, the person is an inmate at a state correctional facility or there is not a suitable bed available. **WS 10:30 am, Monday, February 29-Divided Report**

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LD 890 An Act To Ensure a Continuing Home Court for Cases Involving Children Presented by Representative Monaghan of Cape Elizabeth, and cosponsored by Representative Gideon, Hobbins, McCreight, and Noon. – **JUD - OPPOSE**

This bill extends the jurisdiction of the District Court to be concurrent with the courts of probate over matters concerning custody or other parental rights of a child under the M.R.S., Title 18-A, including, but not limited to, adoption, termination of parental rights, change of name and guardianship of a minor. The District Court has exclusive, continuing jurisdiction over a matter concerning custody or other parental rights of a child if an interim or final order concerning the child was entered in the District Court and remains in effect, proceedings seeking such an order are pending in the District Court or a matter has been removed to the District Court from the Probate Court.

This bill provides that, in any matter concerning custody or other parental rights of a child, the judge of the District Court or the probate judge who is presiding require all parties to disclose whether they have knowledge of any interim or final order then in seeking such an order or other related actions currently filed or pending before any court of this or another state. If the proceeding is in a Probate Court and the judge determines that the District Court has exclusive, continuing jurisdiction, the judge of probate must transfer the case to the District Court.

Upon petition by a party to a proceeding involving guardianship, adoption, change of name or other matters concerning custody or other parental rights of a minor child brought in the court of probate, the proceeding may be removed to the District Court under such procedures as the Supreme Judicial Court may by rule provide if any civil matter involving the minor child is pending or has been finally adjudicated in the District Court. **Committee voted OTP-AM; Work session reconsidered; Ant. Div. Rep.**

LD 1030 – An Act to Better Coordinate the Work of Mental Health Crisis Agencies with Law Enforcement Agencies – HHS *NO POSITION, watch*
Committee voted ONTP at Feb. 10th work session.

LD 1206 – An Act To Allow County Corrections Officers To Participate in the Retired County and Municipal Law Enforcement Officers and Municipal Firefighters Health Insurance Program
presented by Rep. Tucker of Brunswick. **SLG SUPPORT**

This bill (LD 1206) allows county corrections officers to participate in the Retired County and Municipal Law Enforcement Officers and Municipal Firefighters Health Insurance Program and renames the program and related fund accordingly. **Committee voted ONTP at Feb. 10th work session.**

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LD 1325 – An Act To Ensure a Public Process When Discontinuing or Abandoning a Public Road
presented by Rep. Nadeau; cosponsored by Sen. Valentino. **SLG**

This bill changes the laws governing discontinued and abandoned roads.

Under current law, a presumption of abandonment exists if a municipality fails to keep a way passable for the use of motor vehicles at the expense of the municipality for a period of 30 or more years. This bill eliminates that presumption for ways that have not met that statutory requirement by January 1, 2020. Instead, for all other public ways, the bill provides a new discontinuance process, which will be the only means for a municipality to actively terminate its interests in a public way. The new discontinuance process specifies 5 steps a municipality must follow to discontinue a road: the notification of proposed discontinuance to the abutting property owners; a meeting of municipal officers to discuss the proposed discontinuance and the filing of an order of discontinuance specifying whether or not there will be a public easement and any public use restrictions or municipal maintenance and liability responsibilities for the public easement; a public hearing on the discontinuance; approval of the order of discontinuance by the municipal legislative body; and the filing of the certificate of discontinuance by the municipal clerk in the registry of deeds and with the municipality. The bill requires the abutters of a public easement that is discontinued to be granted a right-of-way. The municipality may charge a reasonable fee to fulfill any request for records obtained by the municipality from the registry of deeds.

The bill continues to exempt a municipality from liability for nonperformance of a legal duty with respect to a town or county way that has not been kept passable for the use of motor vehicles at the expense of that municipality for a period of 30 or more years.

It requires that a public easement must be retained in a discontinued road if abutting property owners need to use it to access their property. It also provides that a public utility easement will be in place whenever a road is discontinued, regardless of whether a public easement is retained.

A way that is presumptively abandoned retains a public easement, as is the default position under current law. The bill does not modify common law abandonment.

The bill allows a municipality to prepare a list of all town ways in that municipality that are currently maintained with public funds; a list of all town ways that have been discontinued since 1965 and whether or not a public easement was retained, if known; and a list of all town ways that have been abandoned since 1965 and whether or not a public easement was retained, if known. If a municipality prepares a list, the municipality must publish the list on its publicly accessible website or make copies available at the municipal office, for which the municipality may charge a reasonable fee. The municipality must record the list at the county registry of deeds. **Committee voted OTP-AM**

LD 1457 – Resolve, Authorizing the State Tax Assessor To Convey the Interest of the State in Certain Real Estate in the Unorganized Territory TAX **NO POSITION** **Committee voted OTP-AM**

LD 1473 – An Act To Increase Access to Opiate Addiction Treatment in Maine – HHS Sponsored by Sen. Woodsome **SUPPORT**

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This bill would increase access to opiate addiction treatment by setting the MaineCare reimbursement rate for outpatient methadone treatment at a level equal to the rates in effect prior to the 2010 and 2012 rate cuts. **Committee voted OTP-AM**

LD 1496 – An Act To Support Maine People in Recovery – HHS Sponsored by Rep. Maker
SUPPORT

This bill would provide funding for 3 new centers in different parts of the State to coordinate and run peer support programs to help persons in recovery from drug addiction. Two of these centers would be located outside of Maine's service centers, in order to serve populations in more rural parts of the State. Funding for each center would support the hiring of a coordinator who would support recovery group facilitation, peer mentoring and peer recovery resource connecting, and the centers could be coordinated and housed within existing health care settings, such as rural health care centers. **Committee voted unanimously OTP-AM**

LD 1528 – An Act To Modernize and Consolidate Court Facilities – AFA Sponsored by Sen. Valentino ***SUPPORT***

This bill would increase the maximum amount of securities that may be issued by the Maine Governmental Facilities Authority for specific allocation to the judicial branch. The increase would be used to fund projects for court facilities in Waldo, Oxford and York counties.

WS 1:00 pm, Tues., Mar. 1 Committee voted OTP-AM

LD 1537 – An Act To Combat Drug Addiction through Enforcement, Prevention, Treatment and Recovery presented by Senate President Thibodeau, co-sponsored by Speaker Eves and referred to the AFA Committee with CJPS and HHS. ***SUPPORT***

The purpose of this bill is to address drug addiction by increasing the number of drug enforcement agents and by increasing the availability of prevention, treatment and recovery programs.

1. Part A provides ongoing funding for 10 investigative agents in the Department of Public Safety, Maine Drug Enforcement Agency.
2. Part B directs the Department of the Attorney General to administer grants to local law enforcement agencies and county jails located in geographically diverse communities throughout the State to fund projects designed solely to facilitate pathways to community-based treatment, recovery and support services.
3. Part C directs the Department of Health and Human Services to provide grants to a substance abuse treatment entity to develop and operate a 10-bed social detoxification center located in the greater Bangor area.
4. Part D provides ongoing funding for annual grants to the Maine Association of Substance Abuse Programs for the establishment and expansion of peer support recovery centers and the coordination and provision of substance abuse prevention and education in schools and communities.

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5. Part E provides funding to increase substance abuse residential treatment and substance abuse outpatient services for the uninsured.
6. Part F transfers \$725,000 in fiscal year 2015-16 and \$1,775,000 in fiscal year 2016-17 from the funds received pursuant to the court order in State of Maine v. McGraw-Hill Companies, Inc. and Standard & Poor's Financial Services, LLC, Kennebec County Superior Court Docket No. BCD-CV-14-49, to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund.
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LD 1586 – An Act To Implement Recommendations of the Right To Know Advisory Committee Concerning Remote Participation in Public Proceedings – JUD Reported by Rep. Hobbins
NO POSITION - March 2 Committee Voted – Divided Report

Part A of this bill allows members of a body subject to the Freedom of Access Act to participate in meetings of the body through telephonic, video, electronic or other similar means of communication under certain conditions; however, the bill does not allow members of publicly elected bodies to participate in public proceedings unless physically present. The body must have adopted a written policy authorizing remote participation with criteria that must be met before a member may participate remotely, but the policy may not allow a member to participate remotely in an executive session of the body. The bill also requires that notice of the proceeding must be given as if no members were participating remotely, each member of the body must be able to hear and speak to all other members, members of the public must be able to hear all members of the body, each member participating remotely must identify anyone else present at the location from which the member is participating, documents or materials discussed or presented at the proceeding must have been received by or transmitted to members participating remotely, and all votes must be taken by roll call vote. A member who is not physically present may not vote in a quasi-judicial proceeding of the body. A quorum of the body must be physically present unless an emergency has been declared and the proceeding is necessary to address the emergency. If the body conducts proceedings with members participating remotely, the body must also hold at least one proceeding annually where no members participate remotely.

Under current law, the following state agencies are authorized to use remote-access technology to conduct meetings: the Finance Authority of Maine, the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices, the Emergency Medical Services' Board and the Workers' Compensation Board. Part B provides a specific exemption from the new requirements for the Emergency Medical Services' Board and the Workers' Compensation Board and does not affect the existing authority of those agencies or the Finance Authority of Maine or the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices to use remote-access technology to conduct meetings. **WS 1:00 pm, Wed., Mar. 2**

LD 1614 – Resolve, To Provide Funding for the County Jail Operations Fund – CJPS Reported by Senator Rosen ***SUPPORT - Committee passed 10-1 – Divided Report***

This resolve is submitted by a majority of the Joint Standing Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety for referral to committee and consideration by the committee pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 34-A, section 1402, subsection 13. This resolve provides funding for the operation of the State's county jails and regional jail in the amount of \$2,465,896 in fiscal years 2015-2016 and 2016-17. **PH 2:30 pm, Mon., Feb. 29; WS 1:30 pm, Wed., March 2**

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To the Members of the Maine Legislature's Joint Standing Committees of Appropriations & Financial Affairs and Criminal Justice & Public Safety:

Dear Maine Legislators:

I am writing as President of the Maine County Commissioners Association to provide some background information to assist your committees in dealing with the issue of supplemental Jail funding.

We believe that it is important to recognize the statutory role of County Commissioners in connection with County Jail Budgets. Commissioners are responsible by Maine Law, Title 30-A, Sec. 102, for final authority over the operation of all county offices by elected or appointed county officials. I have included below a footnote that provides the full text of Title 30-A, Sec. 102.

We work with the Sheriffs of this State to ensure that the funding the jails receive is administered properly and efficiently. The Sheriffs manage the jails administering budgets that we as County Commissioners, with our municipal budget committees provide final approval. We have worked and continue to work diligently with our Sheriffs to do more with less during these difficult budget times.


The operation of County Jails involves a partnership with the State and the Counties. We are impacted by legislation affecting sentencing and fines; by judicial decisions of State Judges and Prosecutors; and we take care of arrestees from the State Police, the Warden Service, and the Department of Probation, among others.

For the partnership to be successful, it is important that we be at the table and our voices heard. We have the final responsibility to ensure that our County Budgets are balanced. We cannot operate on a deficit basis as a means of doing business. So we ask to include us in discussions concerning funding of our jails. We have much to contribute to this effort and want you to know that it is an important priority for

Maine County Commissioners to see that the State and Counties are successful in ensuring that the system is working for all Maine citizens.

We request your support for the supplemental appropriation of \$2.45 million for each year of the biennium. It is vitally important for the safe and efficient operation of our jails. Thank you for your consideration and your public service to our State.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Rosemary E. Kulow for Peter K. Baldacci". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name and title.

Peter K. Baldacci
President, MCCA

Title 30-A, §102. County commissioners' authority states: "The county commissioners have final authority over the operation of all county offices by elected or appointed county officials, except in circumstances for which a County Personnel Board has been established under subchapter VII, article 2 with the powers and duties set forth in that article and in section 501. The county commissioners must act as a board and not on an individual basis in exercising this authority."