

# M.C.C.A.

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## MAINE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS ASSOCIATION MCCA Board of Directors' Meeting Minutes MCCA Offices Augusta, May 9, 2018

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

President Thomas Coward called the meeting to order at approximately 10:30 a.m. following the MCCA Risk Pool meeting. Attendees recited the Pledge of Allegiance and all present introduced themselves.

**DIRECTORS PRESENT:** *Androscoggin* – Comm. Zachary Maher; *Aroostook* – Comm. Norman Fournier; *Cumberland* – Comm. Thomas Coward; *Hancock* – Comm. Percy Brown; *Kennebec* – Admin. Bob Devlin proxy for Comm. George Jabar; *Knox* – Comm. Carol Maines; *Lincoln* – Comm. William Blodgett; *Penobscot* – Comm. Peter Baldacci; *Piscataquis* – Comm. James Annis; *Sagadahoc* – Admin. Pamela Hile proxy for Comm. Charles Crosby III; *Somerset* – Admin. Dawn DiBlasi proxy for Comm. Newell Graf; *Waldo* – Comm. Amy Fowler; *Washington* – County Manager Betsy Fitzgerald proxy for Comm. Chris Gardner and *York* – Comm. Michael Cote.

**OTHERS PRESENT:** *Cumberland* – Comm. Steve Gorden; *Lincoln* – Admin. Carrie Kipfer; *MACCAM* – Bill Collins; *MACT* – David Parkman; *MECCA* – Owen Smith; and *MSA* – MaryAnne LaMarre.

**DIRECTORS ABSENT:** *Kennebec* – Comm. George Jabar; *Oxford* – Comm. Steven Merrill; *Sagadahoc* – Comm. Charles Crosby III; *Somerset* – Comm. Newell Graf; and *Washington* – Comm. Chris Gardner

**STAFF PRESENT:** Executive Director Charles Pray, Risk Pool Manager Malcolm Ulmer and Office Manager Lauren Haven.

### II. Approval of/Additions to the Agenda

*Comm. Baldacci moved and Comm. Fowler seconded approving the agenda with no additions. The motion was approved unanimously.*

### III. Approval of April 11, 2018 Board of Directors' Meeting Minutes

Comm. Baldacci moved to approve the minutes from the Board of Directors' meeting on April 11, 2018 with no changes nor additions. County Manager Betsy Fitzgerald seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

### IV. Strategic Plan Review

President Coward suggested assembling an ad hoc committee to review and fine tune the document and return recommendations for consideration. He then asked members who would like to join the Strategic Planning Committee. Betsy Fitzgerald, Steve Gorden and Bill Blodgett volunteered. Comm. Baldacci moved to close nominations and approve the three volunteers. Comm. Fournier seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Comm. Fournier thanked Lauren for her work and helpful notes on the history of the current strategic plan.

### V. June 13<sup>th</sup> Workshop Outline

After some discussion, the group decided to adhere to the usual schedule with the Risk Pool meeting at 9:00 am and the MCCA Board of Directors' meeting at 10:00. Lunch will follow. The jail funding workshop with commissioners, MACCAM and MSA representatives will commence at 1:00 pm and conclude at 4:30 pm.

### VI. Reports

#### A. Executive Director and Legislative Report

The group continued conversations prompted by the report presented by Executive Director Charles Pray.

MSA Executive Director Mary-Anne LaMarre requested assistance from commissioners in obtaining detail from sheriffs and jail administrators on two scenarios: the short-term impact this year, and the long-term impact beyond this year on jails if funding is not provided in the budget. She stated there *has* been a recent victory as legislators did accept the jail budget numbers presented to them by county representatives. We need to build on this and use the answers to those two questions to paint a realistic picture of the horrific implications of what zero jail funding could look like.

Mr. Pray said we should launch a media campaign and ask candidates specifically about jail funding which will add pressure. Mr. Coward said we need a bullet list of talking points to keep everyone on the same page, saying the same things. He recommended the two executive directors work on this together and invited a motion. Comm. Maher moved to authorize the media campaign. Comm. Baldacci seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

#### B. Financial Reports

Office Manager Lauren Haven presented the April financial reports. She invited questions about the reports. Hearing none, Comm. Baldacci moved and Comm. Maines seconded approving the financial reports. The motion was approved.

### **C. Legislative Report**

There was no further discussion on legislative matters at this point in the meeting.

### **D. Association Reports**

*MACCAM*: Admin. Bill Collins stated the association members have been meeting every other month. At the association meeting on April 30<sup>th</sup>, there was a presentation by Kennebec Savings about investing. The salary survey is well underway. Comm. Fowler asked if the salary for resource officers could be included. Admin. Bob Devlin said it would simply be the deputy wage. Comm. Brown said the job of a resource office could be adequately filled by ex-military personnel. Mr. Collins mentioned additional monies were needed to pay for the funeral expenses for Corporal Cole. A *Go Fund Me* account has been set up to accept donations. Approximately \$5,100 is outstanding.

*MACT*: Treasurer David Parkman said there was nothing of significance to report.

*MECCA*: Communications Director Owen Smith said the association members attended the NENA conference last week at the Double Tree by Hilton Portland. Tammy Barker was named Director of the Year. In the past five years, four people have received this recognition and all of them were Communications Directors.

*MSA*: Executive Director Mary-Anne LaMarre stated the group will participate in a presentation on Thursday, May 17<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 am for the fallen officer memorial. The names of Maine's fallen officers are engraved in granite on the Maine Law Enforcement Officers Memorial in Augusta, next to the State House. Corporal Cole's name will be added to the wall in honor of his sacrifice. She encouraged county representatives to attend.

### **E. Annual Convention Report**

Office Manager Lauren Haven reported the Convention Planning Committee met on April 5<sup>th</sup> at the MCCA offices in Augusta. The committee working on educational sessions and speakers. Vendor registration has opened. Invitations have been mailed to past vendors and potential vendors who have come to other Maine conferences. The Committee is scheduled to meet next on May 31<sup>st</sup> at the MCCA offices. More details can be found in the meeting minutes enclosed in the agenda packet. Executive Director Charles Pray suggested inviting Firooza Pavri, Director of the Muskie School of Public Service, to speak at the opening ceremony on Friday evening

### **F. NACo Report**

Comm. Baldacci reported on a conference call he participated in last week. Other areas of the country have issues in common with Maine counties in trying to find the best way handle the placement of arrested individuals who may be better serviced in recovery than jail. Charleston North Carolina has set up a Stabilization Center where people can be placed to detox. The facility is a joint venture being financially supported by the local hospitals and three area counties. Everyone was able to see the cost savings in working together on the project.

On the call the group also discussed, HR3356 Prison Reform and Redemption Act, and House bill 4004 involving patient protection and the Affordable Care Act. During this conversation they talked about treating opioid addiction with a non-addictive medication called Vivitrol. They also

talked about the Workforce Investment Boards with work being led by staff person Daria Daniels.

Comm. Baldacci said he and Comm. Fowler plan to attend the annual conference in July which will be in Nashville this year. Comm. Fowler commented the one advantage to her not being on the NACo Board of Directors, is she can attend some of the other meetings available at the conference.

**XIII. Other Business**

Comm. Michael Cote invited commissioners and other county representatives to come to the open house for York County's new recovery center on May 18<sup>th</sup>.

**XIV. Adjournment**

President Thomas Coward invited a **motion** to adjourn at approximately 12:05 a.m. Comm. Blodgett made the **motion** seconded by Comm. Fowler, and the **motion** was unanimously **approved**. The group adjourned to lunch.

Respectfully submitted,

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MCCA Office Manager, Lauren Haven

Attested:

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MCCA Secretary-Treasurer, Carol Maines