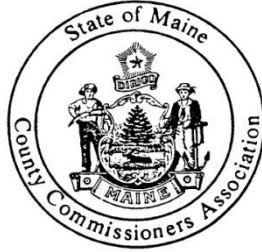


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Board of Directors' Meeting Minutes February 12, 2014

I. Call to Order, Introductions and Attendance

President William Blodgett called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m.

DIRECTORS PRESENT: *Androscoggin* – Commissioner Beth Bell; *Aroostook* – Commissioner Norman Fournier; *Franklin* – Commissioner Gary McGrane; *Kennebec* – Administrator Robert Devlin for Commissioner George Jabar II; *Knox* – Commissioner Roger Moody; *Lincoln* – Commissioner William Blodgett; *Oxford* – Commissioner Steve Merrill; *Penobscot* – Commissioner Peter Baldacci; *Piscataquis* – Commissioner James Annis; *Somerset* – Commissioner Robin Frost; *Waldo* – Commissioner Amy Fowler; *MACCAM* – Administrator Bill Collins; *MRDA* – Linda Smith; *MARP* – Kathleen Ayers; *MSA* – Sheriff Todd Brackett; *MACT* – David Parkman; and *MECCA* – Owen Smith

OTHERS PRESENT: *Knox* – Administrator Andrew Hart; *Lincoln* – Administrator John O'Connell; and *Somerset* – Administrator Dawn DiBlasi

STAFF PRESENT: Executive Director, Rosemary Kulow; Risk Pool Manager, Malcolm Ulmer; and Administrative Assistant, Lauren Haven

II. Pledge of Allegiance

All present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. Approval of/Additions to the Agenda

The agenda was approved as presented.

IV. Approval of January 8, 2014 Annual Meeting Minutes

Comm. McGrane moved and Comm. Moody seconded the approval of the January 8, 2014 minutes. The motion was approved unanimously.

V. Old Business

No old business was brought before the Board.

VI. New Business

A. Discussion of Structure of & Representation to the MCCA Legislative Policy Committee (*Requested by Commissioner Frost*)

Commissioner Frost expressed appreciation for being appointed to the Legislative Policy Committee. President Bill Blodgett explained the need for representation on the Committee in order to adequately reflect the point of view of MCCA. Comm. Beth Bell agreed to represent Androscoggin, and Comm. Jim Annis agreed to represent Piscataquis. Commissioners from two counties, Sagadahoc and York, will be approached regarding participating or appointing a representative to be on the Committee. Executive Director Rosemary Kulow stated that meetings are being moved to Friday mornings at 9:00 a.m. because of legislative meeting conflicts on Mondays.

B. Policy in Regard to Receiving Notification from Counties and Affiliated Associations when They Submit, Support or Oppose Legislation

Executive Director Rosemary Kulow explained she has requested notification when legislation is submitted so that the Legislative Policy Committee as well as the entire Board can be educated and informed on the reasoning behind the proposed legislation and be better prepared to take action if needed.

VII. Reports

A. Executive Director's & Financial Reports

The Commissioners reviewed the reports. Executive Director Rosemary Kulow touched on the MCCA newsletter's first issue, the Strategic Planning Committee progress and the finalization of MCCA's certification in the Social Security Program & Unemployment Compensation as well as county dues. She then explained the financial reports wrapping up the year 2013 and covering January of 2014. Comm. Amy Fowler moved to accept the reports as submitted, seconded by Comm. McGrane. The reports were approved unanimously.

B. Legislative Report

Executive Director Rosemary Kulow explained the list of current bills involving counties. In particular, the Commissioners discussed LD 222, An Act Designating the Chief of the State Police as the Only Issuing Authority of a Permit to Carry a Concealed Handgun. It was agreed that MCCA will be opposed if sheriffs are not included. MMA is also opposed.

LD 1177, An Act to Implement the Recommendations from the Discontinued and Abandoned Roads was also discussed. The Executive Director planned to attend a review at the Cross Building scheduled for 1:00 p.m. Register of Deeds representative, Linda Smith mentioned her involvement in helping with the language of the bill and the challenges associated with obtaining accurate information.

C. Association Reports

- **EMA** – No report was given.
- **MACCAM** – Administrator Bill Collins reported that MACCAM recommends that the By-Laws be amended to reflect that all counties should have their voting MCCA member be appointed to the MCCA LPC.
- **MACT** – No report was given.
- **MARP** – Register of Probate representative, Kathy Ayers, said she is serving as a special expert in the Guardian School Lunch Program. She supports the use of the program as it is fully funded through the Department of Agriculture.
- **MCAA** – No report was given.
- **MECCA** – Mr. Owen Smith gave a brief summary on the PSAP issue regarding the pressure to reduce the number of active communication centers. We should be watching the Bill 1714.
- **MRDA** – Register of Deeds representative, Linda Smith, reported that two members will be attending the PRIA Winter Conference (Property Records Industry Association). Four members are doing webinar training for e-recording documents.
- **MSA** – No report was given.

D. Corrections Report – No report was given.

E. Annual Convention Report (York County) – Penobscot County Administrator Bill Collins reported the intention to have more trainings made available during the 2014 Annual Convention. It has also been suggested that the Board of Directors should not meet during the convention in order to free up more time for training and educational programs.

F. NACo Report – Vice President, Peter Baldacci, reported he will be attending the 2014 NACo Legislative Conference on March 1st along with County Manager, Peter Crichton and Executive Director, Rosemary Kulow. Arrangements have been made to meet with our legislative delegation Monday and Tuesday. He plans to report back to the Board at the March meeting. Rosemary will also have the opportunity to meet with other county association directors and has been invited to attend a special orientation given by NACo for first time attendees.

VIII. Other Business

Administrator Bob Devlin announced Det. Sgt. John Bourque is this year's recipient of the Charles "Bud" Meeks Award for Deputy Sheriff of the Year 2013 for the National Sheriff's Association.

At this time there was a brief discussion involving the proposed draft of the new jail bill. It was agreed that everyone needed to review the draft, work on the language and be prepared to contribute when it comes up. Copies of the draft were made available to everyone at the meeting.

IX. Adjournment

Motion for adjournment was made by Comm. Gary McGrane, seconded by Comm. Amy Fowler, and approved unanimously at 11:50 a.m. The group adjourned to lunch.

Respectfully submitted,

Lauren Haven, Administrative Assistant

Date: _____

Attested:

Thomas Coward, Secretary/Treasurer

Date: _____