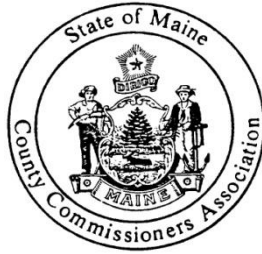


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Board of Directors' Meeting Minutes March 12, 2014

I. Call to Order, Introductions and Attendance

President William Blodgett called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

DIRECTORS PRESENT: *Androscoggin* – Commissioner Beth Bell; *Cumberland* – Commissioner Thomas Coward; *Franklin* – Commissioner Gary McGrane; *Hancock* – Commissioner Steven Joy; *Kennebec* – Administrator Robert Devlin for Commissioner George Jabar II; *Knox* – Commissioner Roger Moody; *Lincoln* – Commissioner William Blodgett; *Oxford* – County Administrator Scott Cole for Commissioner Steve Merrill; *Penobscot* – Commissioner Peter Baldacci; *Piscataquis* – County Manager Marilyn Tourtelotte for Commissioner James Annis; *Sagadahoc* – County Administrator Pam Hile for Commissioner Charles Crosby; *Somerset* – Commissioner Robin Frost; *Waldo* – Commissioner Amy Fowler; *York* – Commissioner Sallie Chandler; *MACCAM* – County Administrator Bill Collins; *MRDA* – Linda Smith; *MARP* – Kathleen Ayers; *MSA* – Sheriff Todd Brackett; and *MCAA* – Mark Westrum

OTHERS PRESENT: *Cumberland* – County Manager Peter Crichton; *Knox* – County Administrator Andrew Hart; *Lincoln* – County Administrator John O'Connell; and *Somerset* – County 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 February 12, 2014 Board of Directors' Meeting Minutes

*Comm. McGrane **moved** and Comm. Fowler **seconded** the approval of the February 12, 2014 minutes. The motion was approved unanimously.*

V. Old Business

Eight potential logo designs for MCCA were reviewed. After some discussion, it was agreed that variations on two of the designs would be considered at the next meeting.

VI. New Business

No new business was brought before the Board.

VII. Reports

A. Executive Director's & Financial Reports

The Commissioners reviewed the reports. Executive Director Rosemary Kulow touched on the completion of all MCCA dues for 2014, the anniversary of her first year as Executive Director, the State legislative update and the NACo conference. *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. The LPC meeting on Friday will be moved for those who would like to attend the 10:00 am work session that day. Some discussion took place on MCCA's position on whether or not the tax cap on Corrections should be raised. President Blodgett asked who was in favor of increasing the cap, and there was no support for increasing the tax cap at this time. Administrator Dawn DiBlasi followed the progress at the Legislature yesterday and believes a tax cap increase is no longer being considered.

The Board agreed that MCCA should continue to strengthen its relationship with the Maine Municipal Association as a partner and a resource. The information provided in the *Legislative Bulletin* each week is informative for county folks, as well.

It was agreed it would be beneficial to resolve the issue between the Board of Corrections and Somerset County. Discussion followed regarding how this could be accomplished. *Comm. Baldacci **moved** that MCCA should ask the Board of Corrections to reconsider its decision to appeal Supreme Court Justice Alexander's ruling on the Somerset County case; and the motion was **seconded** by President Blodgett. The vote was **in favor**, with one voting in opposition.*

County Administrator, Scott Cole, talked about LD 1177 An Act to Implement the Recommendations from the Discontinued and Abandoned Roads Stakeholder Group. Amendment language is being crafted and will be available soon. Some think the extra work required by this bill would cause an unfunded mandate and unfairly burden municipalities, while others think it's their job to maintain appropriate road records

and would also provide more revenue to County Registers of Deeds with the filing requirement.

C. Association Reports – No association reports were given.

D. Corrections Report – Col. Mark Westrum asked for guidance in how to proceed in fourth quarter with Appropriations. He explained three options and requested MCCA to take a position. After some deliberation, Comm. Peter Baldacci emphasized the growth rate formula needed to be set and applied to last year’s budget. President Bill Blodgett took a poll and it was agreed that the growth rate should be set at 2%.

E. Annual Convention Report (York County) – Comm. Sallie Chandler reported that classes were now being selected for the convention. Next week participants should be able to book rooms at the Cliff House in Ogunquit.

F. NACo Report – Vice President, Peter Baldacci, reported on the 2014 NACo Legislative Conference he attended with County Manager, Peter Crichton and Executive Director, Rosemary Kulow. Comm. Baldacci, who is a member of the Public Safety Steering Committee, heard from speaker Karol Mason, Assistant U.S. Attorney General, who said her department was focusing on more community integration, better bail decisions and reduced recidivism. FEMA’s Dep. Admin., Tim Manning, spoke about FEMA’s becoming more survivor-centric and mentioned that county workers utilized for disaster work could do so at “straight time” pay. Flood insurance was another hot topic, as they are redeveloping flood zone assessment guidelines. Comm. Baldacci urged all counties to become members of NACo and take advantage of the services it offers. Currently, three of Maine’s sixteen counties are not NACo members: Aroostook, Franklin, and Piscataquis.

VIII. Other Business

Mark Westrum asked for guidance on a position for FY15 corrections budgets. Two-thirds of those present indicated they support budgets using a growth factor, rather than flat-funding them.

IX. Adjournment

Motion for adjournment was made by Comm. Amy Fowler, **seconded** by Comm. Steven Joy and **approved** unanimously at 11:55 a.m. The group adjourned to lunch.

Respectfully submitted,

Lauren Haven, Administrative Assistant

Date: _____

Attested:

Thomas Coward, Secretary/Treasurer

Date: _____