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MCCA Board of Directors' Meeting Minutes 10:00 a.m., May 13, 2015

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

President William Blodgett called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m. The attendees recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

DIRECTORS PRESENT: *Androscoggin* – Comm. Sally Christner proxy for Comm. Beth Bell; *Aroostook* – Comm. Norman Fournier; *Cumberland* – Comm. Tom Coward; *Franklin* – Comm. Gary McGrane; *Kennebec* – Comm. George Jabar II; *Knox* – Comm. Roger Moody; *Lincoln* – Comm. William Blodgett; *Oxford* – Admin. Scott Cole proxy for Comm. Steven Merrill; *Penobscot* – Comm. Peter Baldacci; *Piscataquis* – Comm. James Annis; *Sagadahoc* – Admin. Pamela Hile proxy for Comm. Charles Crosby III; *Somerset* – Comm. Newell Graf; *Waldo* – Comm. Amy Fowler; *York* – Comm. Michael Cote; *MACCAM* – Bill Collins; *MACT* – David Parkman; *MECCA* – Owen Smith; *MRDA* – Susan Bulay; and *MSA* – Sheriff Todd Brackett.

OTHERS PRESENT: *Androscoggin* – County Clerk Pat Fournier; *Cumberland* – Comm. Stephen Gorden, County Manager Peter Crichton and Assistant County Manager Bill Whitten; *Kennebec* – Admin. Bob Devlin; *Knox* – Admin. Andrew Hart; *Lincoln* – Administrator John O'Connell; *Sagadahoc* – Sheriff Joel Merry; *Piscataquis* – Interim County Manager Tom Lizotte; *Sagadahoc* – Sheriff Joel Merry; *Somerset* – Admin. Dawn DiBlasi.

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

II. Approval of/Additions to the Agenda

Comm. Baldacci **moved** and Comm. Joy **seconded** approving the agenda as presented. The **motion** was approved unanimously.

III. Approval of Meeting Minutes

Comm. Fournier **moved** and Comm. Blodgett **seconded** approving the minutes as written. The **motion** was approved unanimously.

IV. Old Business

A. Select County Host of 2016 Annual MCCA Convention

Comm. Baldacci offered to host the 2016 convention in Penobscot County. By that time, there will be a Marriot hotel open next to the Cross Center sufficient to meet our needs. The preferred week days are Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. Comm. Fowler **moved** and Comm. Fournier seconded the **motion** to accept Penobscot's offer. The **motion** passed with a unanimous vote.

B. MCCA Counties Questionnaire

Executive Director Rosemary Kulow explained that a County Survey has been developed from the adopted strategic plan. Answers to the survey questions will help MCCA continue to move forward. The group discussed who should fill out the survey. It was agreed that in order to keep a balanced perspective, each county should submit one survey completed by a commissioner or county representative of their choosing.

C. Corrections Legislation Discussion

Assistant Manager Bill Whitten passed out a handout showing the impact on jail budgets if the boarding rate amount is determined to be \$50 per day, \$75 per day, or \$100 per day. The group discussed the Ricky Long Amendment and proposed changes to that amendment which have not been made public at this point. It is thought that there was a passing vote with the absentee ballots cast. After more discussion on the topic, Comm. Coward made a **motion** to instruct a lobbyist to work to retain some form of the BOC and having appropriate representation, control and appropriate funding \$17 to \$18 million going forward. Comm. Jabar seconded the **motion**. The **motion failed** six to ten. Comm. Fournier then made a **motion** to support the Sheriff's position, but with funding of \$17-\$18 million. Administrator Pam Hile seconded the **motion**. The **motion failed** with a vote of seven in favor, eight against and one abstention. Comm. Baldacci made a **motion** to support Representative Long's amendment, as amended by the committee's Democrats with the following revisions:

- The cap be removed right away for FY 15/16
- The cap be lifted for all future years
- And limited to the LD1 growth rate or 3%, whichever is less
- Any reference to the Flannagan report be struck
- State funding \$17.2 million, which is conservative and justifiable

Treasurer David Parkman seconded the **motion**, and it **passed** with a vote of twelve to three (12-3).

V. New Business

A. Discussion of MCCA Newsletter

Executive Director Rosemary Kulow requested stronger participation by the counties in contributing to the content of the MCCA newsletter. She suggested each county designate a contact who would work with Lauren to develop materials for articles on a regular basis.

B. Consideration of Online Payment Service

Ms. Kulow explained MCCA staff had been researching online payment service options and were ready to move forward with the project using the company “Square”. The primary benefit would be to give convention attendees the option to register and pay online. Administrator Scott Cole made a **motion** to approve entering into an agreement with Square, **seconded** by Comm. Fowler. The **motion** passed with a unanimous vote.

VI. Reports

Comm. Joy made a **motion** to place the reports on file. The **motion** was seconded by Comm. Baldacci and **passed** with a unanimous vote.

- A. Executive Director’s Report**
- B. Financial Report**
- C. Legislative Report**
- D. Association Reports**
- E. Corrections Report**
- F. Annual Convention Report**
- G. NACo Report**

VII. Other Business

No other business was brought before the Board.

VIII. Adjournment

Comm. Baldacci made a **motion** to adjourn at 12:29 p.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, Thomas S. Coward