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

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

Vice President Tom Coward called the meeting to order at 10:45 a.m. The attendees recited the Pledge of Allegiance and all present introduced themselves.

DIRECTORS PRESENT: *Androscoggin* – Comm. Beth Bell; *Aroostook* – Comm. Norman Fournier; *Cumberland* – Comm. Thomas Coward; *Franklin* – Comm. Gary McGrane; *Knox* – Comm. Roger Moody; *Lincoln* – Comm. William Blodgett; *Oxford* – Administrator Scott Cole proxy for Comm. Steven Merrill; *Penobscot* – Administrator Bill Collins proxy for Comm. Peter Baldacci; *Piscataquis* – Comm. James Annis; *Somerset* – Comm. Newell Graf; *Waldo* – Comm. Amy Fowler; and *York* – Comm. Michael Cote.

OTHERS PRESENT: *Androscoggin* – Comm. Sally Christner and Comm. Alfreda Fournier; *Cumberland* – Comm. Steve Gordon; *Knox* – Administrator Andy Hart; *Lincoln* – Administrator Carrie Kipfer; *Piscataquis* – County Manager Tom Lizotte; *Somerset* – Administrator Dawn DiBlasi; *EMAD* – Sean Goodwin; *MACT* – David Parkman;

DIRECTORS ABSENT: *Hancock* – Comm. Steven Joy; *Kennebec* – Comm. George Jabar II; *Oxford* – Comm. Steven Merrill; *Penobscot* – Comm. Peter Baldacci; *Sagadahoc* – Comm. Charles Crosby III; *Waldo* – Comm. Amy Fowler; 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

Administrator Scott Cole requested an addition to the agenda concerning a threat to the Oxford County Communications Center. Comm. Moody moved and Comm. Graf seconded approving the agenda with the additional item as V.B. The motion was approved unanimously.

III. Approval of July 13, 2016 Board of Directors' Meeting Minutes

Comm. Fournier **moved** and Comm. Cote **seconded** approving the minutes from the Board of Directors' meeting on July 13, 2016. The **motion** was **passed** unanimously.

IV. Old Business

A. Host County for 2017 MCCA Conference

Waldo County has generously offered to host the 2017 convention. Inquiries have been made to Point Lookout for potential dates in the fall. Oxford and Androscoggin are options for 2018 and will be revisited at a later date.

V. New Business

A. Discussion – Legislation Ideas from Counties

Legislation could be developed concerning the insurance coverage of county employees drawing blood for drug testing.

Bill Collins is writing a letter regarding the standardized fire protocols in emergency centers. There is an unfunded mandate to follow the new protocols. In order to do this communication centers need to acquire specific software, which should be eligible for existing state funding.

Comm. Moody suggested developing a net metering proposal for solar panel farms.

Comm. Fournier intends to submit legislation to remove the tax cap on jail budgets. The group discussed the idea of removing the jail tax cap and the position of each county. The majority of counties (8-3) were in favor of removing the tax cap enabling counties to decide, but keeping tax increases tied to the LD1 growth factor. Administrator Dawn DiBlasi suggested reaching out to the members of the MMA LPC to make them aware of the jail funding issue for counties. Executive Director Rosemary Kulow will obtain the list and distribute it.

B. Oxford County Communication Center Threat (added to the agenda in item II.)

Administrator Scott Cole stated that the Oxford County Communication Center recently received several threatening phone calls one evening. Even more disturbing than the nature of the calls was that a county employee, yet to be identified, divulged the Spillman data to the media which prompted more damage control than would have been necessary otherwise. Administrator Cole asked that county commissioners speak to their employees about this matter.

VI. Reports

A. Executive Director's & Financial Reports

Executive Director Rosemary Kulow presented her report and invited questions. Comm. McGrane **moved** and Comm. Cote **seconded** placing the report on file. The motion was **unanimously approved**. The group then reviewed the financial reports. Comm. Moody **moved** to approve the reports as written. Comm. McGrane **seconded** the motion which was **approved** without opposition.

B. Legislation Development Committee Report

The minutes of the Legislation Development Committee (LDC) meeting were reviewed. The group revisited the idea of drafting a bill related to blood draws by County employees.

C. Professionalism in Management Committee (PMC) Report

Comm. Cote reported the committee is working on a one day training course to occur in early December before newly elected officials take office. The content will focus on subjects such as the Freedom of Access Act, risk management, etc. Ms. DiBlasi suggested the Board of Directors approve the curriculum to assure statutory accuracy. Comm. Cote said the curriculum would be checked by legal counsel. Treasurer David Parkman asked if all newly elected officials would be able to attend. Comm. Cote said the curriculum would be geared toward commissioners, but all newly elected officials would be eligible to participate. The committee plans to meet for the last time in October to approve the syllabus.

D. Association Reports

EMAD: Sean Goodwin reported there are no public funds available for private road maintenance.

Securing FEMA money is an ongoing battle to deal with the remnants of the ice storm damage.

MACCAM: Administrator Bill Collins reported the group met in July. The jail tax cap was discussed during the meeting. The next meeting will be at the MCCA convention.

MACT: No report was given other than the group plans to meet at the convention.

No reports were given for the following associations:

MARP
MECCA
MRDA
MSA

E. Corrections Report – Administrator Bill Collins reported that Sheriff Morton will be replaced as the MCCA representative from MSA.

F. Annual Convention Report

Administrator Bill Collins reported that registration is open for attendees. Sixteen vendors and sponsors have registered for the convention. Ms. Kulow offered that MCCA staff could provide copies of registration forms to bring back to counties. Bill Collins reminded commissioners that each county brings two gifts to be raffled off to attendees during the convention.

G. NACo Report

NACo's Annual Conference was attended by Comm. McGrane and Executive Director Rosemary Kulow in Long Beach, CA. Both were involved in meetings and workshops during the

event. Of particular note, they had an opportunity to see the Queen Mary ocean liner. There were approximately 2,500 attendants at the conference.

VII. Other Business

The board members were reminded that the next monthly MCCA meeting will not be the second Wednesday of September, but instead it will be held at the convention on September 30th at 10:00 am following the Risk Pool meeting at 9:00 am.

VIII. Adjournment

Comm. Fournier made a **motion** to adjourn at 11:50 a.m.; Comm. Cote 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