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MAINE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS ASSOCIATION MCCA Board of Directors' Annual Meeting Minutes Buker Community Center, February 15, 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 Legislative Breakfast and the MCCA Risk Pool meeting. Attendees recited the Pledge of Allegiance and all present introduced themselves.

DIRECTORS PRESENT: *Androscoggin* – Comm. Zachary Maher; *Aroostook* – Comm. Paul Underwood proxy for Comm. Norman Fournier; *Cumberland* – Comm. Thomas Coward; *Hancock* – Admin. Scott Adkins proxy for Comm. Percy Brown; *Kennebec* – Comm. Nancy Rines proxy for Comm. George Jabar; *Knox* – Comm. Carol Maines; *Lincoln* – Admin. Carrie Kipfer proxy for Comm. William Blodgett; *Penobscot* – Comm. Peter Baldacci; *Piscataquis* – Comm. Jim Annis; *Sagadahoc* – Admin. Pamela Hile proxy for Comm. Charles Crosby III; *Somerset* - Comm. Newell Graf; *Waldo* – Comm. Amy Fowler; *Washington* – Comm. Chris Gardner; and *York* – Comm. Michael Cote.

OTHERS PRESENT: *Androscoggin* – Admin. Larry Post; *Aroostook* – Admin. Ryan Pelletier; *Cumberland* – Comm. Steve Gorden and Manager Jim Gailey; *Hancock* – Admin. Scott Adkins; *Kennebec* – Admin. Bob Devlin; *Penobscot* – Comm. Laura Sanborn; *Piscataquis* – Manager Tom Lizotte; *Somerset* - Comm. Robert Sezak, Comm. Cyprien Johnson, and Admin. Dawn DiBlasi; *York* – Comm. Cynthia Chadwick Granger; *MACCAM* – Bill Collins; and *MSA* – Troy Morton.

DIRECTORS ABSENT: *Androscoggin* – Comm. Sally Christner; *Hancock* – Comm. Percy Brown; *Kennebec* – Comm. George Jabar; *Lincoln* – Comm. William Blodgett; *Oxford* – Comm. Steven Merrill; and *Piscataquis* – Comm. Jim Annis

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

II. Approval of/Additions to the Agenda

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

III. Approval of January 10, 2018 Board of Directors' Meeting Minutes

Comm. Cote **moved** to approve the minutes from the Board of Directors' meeting on January 10, 2018 with the addition of County Manager Greg Zinser to the list of attendees. Comm. Fowler **seconded** the motion and it was passed.

IV. Reports

A. Executive Director and Legislative Report

Executive Director Charles Pray presented information about the DOC report recommending another county jail takeover. He believed, judging by numerous conversations with key legislative committee members and leadership, there will be very little support. Comm. Baldacci stated we have the facts and we need to present the impact on counties. The group discussed communicating with legislators about county jail funding and the arrangement with MSA to agree on certain overall financial numbers to demonstrate solidarity among the organizations. The MSA letter we expected to pass out with the MCCA letter at the Legislative Breakfast did not arrive. The group agreed counties should show strong and unanimous support for Washington County as Governor LePage has moved to close the Down East Correctional Facility in Machiasport laying off employees without warning and secretly moving the inmates at the end of last week. A bill to keep the prison open is pending in the Legislature.

Mr. Pray recommended MCCA invite Chief justice Leigh Saufley to speak at the opening ceremonies at the annual convention. Attendees were in favor. He will notify the board of her decision to accept or decline.

WIOA (Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act) funding progress has been made as the judge in the case ordered the release of the funds being held.

Mr. Pray reminded board members they accepted an invitation at the January meeting from Sheriff King to hold MCCA's March Board meeting at the MSA conference at the Pepperell Mill Campus on March 15th. MCCA staff will follow up and distribute more information when it becomes available.

B. Financial Report

Office Manager Lauren Haven presented the January financial reports and highlighted one or item updates. Counties have been invoiced for MCCA membership dues. Ads were entered in the Directory of Maine Counties for the first time, bringing in about \$4,000 in unbudgeted revenue. She invited questions about the reports. Hearing none, Comm. Graf **moved** and Comm. Fowler **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 their association members, particularly Admin. Bob Devlin, worked very diligently to gather and display the necessary data for the MCCA jail operating cost document. Meeting attendees were appreciative.

MSA: Sheriff Troy Morton said all is well and was looking forward to commissioner participation at the MSA conference in March.

E. Annual Convention Report

Office Manager Lauren Haven reported the Convention Planning Committee met on January 25th at the 2018 convention venue, the DoubleTree, for a walk through and food tasting. The committee was interested in having Kevin Hancock, CEO of Hancock Lumber be the lunch speaker on Friday. Hancock Lumber has been voted one of the best places to work in Maine for four years running. Kevin talks about empowering every employee and finding life balance. The Committee is scheduled to meet next on March 1st at the MCCA offices. More details can be found in the meeting minutes enclosed in the agenda packet.

F. NACo Report

Comm. Baldacci reminded attendees of his upcoming trip to the NACo Legislative Conference March 3rd through March 7th in Washington D.C. He was planning to meet with Maine Senators and attend various meetings. The conversation veered to information and progress on topics and initiatives Comm. Baldacci might bring back to the board such as the budget as it affects counties, an infrastructure bill, and the opioid crisis. York County commissioners talked about a pilot program being developed to enter addicted individuals into recovery programs in lieu of jail incarceration.

XIII. Other Business

Office Manager Lauren Haven welcomed attendees to take copies of the 2018 Directory back to their counties. More copies will be printed and will be available at future meetings as needed. She announced lunch would be ready shortly after the close of the meeting.

XIV. Adjournment

*President Thomas Coward invited a **motion** to adjourn at approximately 11:20 a.m. Comm. Graf made the **motion** seconded by Comm. Baldacci, and the **motion** was unanimously **approved**.* The group adjourned to lunch.

Respectfully submitted,

MCCA Office Manager, Lauren Haven

Attested:

MCCA Secretary-Treasurer, Carol Maines