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MAINE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS ASSOCIATION MCCA Board of Directors' Meeting Minutes MCCA Offices Augusta, July 11, 2018

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

President Thomas Coward called the meeting to order at approximately 10:25 a.m. following the MCCA Risk Pool meeting. Attendees recited the Pledge of Allegiance and all present introduced themselves. The President welcomed Oxford's Interim County Administrator, Tom Winsor.

DIRECTORS PRESENT: *Aroostook* – Comm. Norman Fournier; *Cumberland* – Comm. Thomas Coward; *Hancock* – Comm. Percy Brown; *Knox* – Comm. Carol Maines; *Lincoln* – Comm. William Blodgett; *Penobscot* – Comm. Peter Baldacci; *Waldo* – Comm. Betty Johnson proxy for Comm. Amy Fowler; *Washington* – County Manager Betsy Fitzgerald proxy for Comm. Chris Gardner and *York* – Comm. Michael Cote.

OTHERS PRESENT: *Cumberland* – Comm. Steve Gorden; *Lincoln* – Admin. Carrie Kipfer; *MACCAM* – Bill Collins; *MACT* – David Parkman; *MECCA* – Owen Smith; and *Oxford* – Interim County Administrator Tom Winsor.

DIRECTORS ABSENT: *Androscoggin* – Comm. Zachary Maher; *Kennebec* – Comm. George Jabar; *Oxford* – Comm. Steven Merrill; *Piscataquis* – Comm. James Annis; *Sagadahoc* – Comm. Charles Crosby III; *Somerset* – Comm. Newell Graf; *Waldo* – Comm. Amy Fowler; and *Washington* – Comm. Chris Gardner

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

II. Approval of/Additions to the Agenda

Comm. Cote moved and County Manager Betsy Fitzgerald seconded approving the agenda with no additions. The motion was approved unanimously.

III. Approval of June 13, 2018 Board of Directors' Meeting Minutes

Comm. Cote **moved** to approve the minutes from the Board of Directors' meeting on June 13, 2018 with revisions. Comm. Fournier **seconded** the motion and it **passed unanimously**.

IV. Reports

A. Executive Director and Legislative Report

Executive Director Charles Pray presented his report with updates on various topics. The group discussed items on his report, particularly LD 1862, HP 1297, *An Act To Establish municipal Cost Components for Unorganized Territory Services*. Mr. Pray mentioned the decision on jail funding was still pending and sheriff's potential participation in the jail funding workshop scheduled for August 8th was contingent upon the outcome of the MSA retreat this month. Tom Winsor, long time member of the Appropriations Committee shared some insights. There was also some discussion around working with the next governor to establish a reasonable level of financial support from the state to sustain the criminal justice system.

B. Financial Reports

Office Manager Lauren Haven presented the June financial reports. She mentioned the receipt payments from vendors beginning to register for the convention. More payments are expected when attendee registration opens later this month. There were no concerns at this time. Ms. Haven invited questions about the reports. Hearing none, Comm. Blodgett **moved** and Comm. Cote **seconded** approving the financial reports. The motion was **passed** with no opposition.

C. Association Reports

MACCAM: Penobscot Admin. Bill Collins stated the association members met in Augusta. He reported they talked about jail funding of course, educating incoming legislators this fall, and the challenges of managing unorganized territories. President Coward thanked the group for their work in securing appropriate jail funding, stating that fact-based arguments are particularly effective when stating our case regarding needed funding.

MACT: Treasurer David Parkman reported the association would be meeting on July 26th in Winslow. They planned to meet with a representative (or representatives) from the Internal Revenue Service.

MECCA: Communications Director Owen Smith thanked the Risk Pool for the \$1,500 sponsorship allocated to their association training which will be held in Bath and Bangor. Mr. Smith mentioned the communication centers are training in preparation for the new feature of public access to 911 via text message.

D. Annual Convention Report

Office Manager Lauren Haven reported the Convention Planning Committee met on June 15th at the MCCA offices in Augusta. The committee has been working on finalizing educational sessions and speakers. Vendor registrations were in progress. Attendee registration will open as soon as the educational session details are confirmed. The Committee is scheduled to meet next on July 27th at the MCCA offices. More details can be found in the meeting minutes enclosed in the agenda packet.

E. NACo Report

Comm. Baldacci reported he and Comm. Fowler will be attending the annual NACo conference in July which will be in Nashville, TN this weekend. He will take part in the Justice & Public Safety Steering Committee meetings, resolutions to Congress, and more. Comm. Fowler will participate in a wide variety of informative meetings, trainings and discussions. There will also be networking opportunities throughout the event with representatives from counties across the United States. He expects to be engaged in discussions about jail issues and the opioid epidemic, successful PILT funding, and cyber security services as a NACo member benefit. The latter, discussed at previous Board of Directors' meetings, involves the partnership with the Multi-State Information Sharing and Analysis Center (MS-ISAC) to promote increased cybersecurity protections for county governments. The MS-ISAC is the US Department of Homeland Security's key resource for cyber threat prevention, protection, response and recovery for state and local governments. At no cost, counties can get involved in this cybersecurity program, which can provide essential services.

XIII. Other Business

Comm. Gorden brought up the need to improve the relationship between counties and their District Attorney offices. It's important to keep an eye on the number of days a person is at the county jail waiting for their trial. Information sharing, and open communication are other areas with an opportunity for improvement. Administrator Bill Collins suggested we might want to introduce a law giving Maine citizens the right to a speedy trial.

Office manager Lauren Haven reported Androscoggin Comm. and MCCA Board member Zachary Maher had accepted a position as Town Manager for Mechanic Falls which will begin in August. He notified MCCA he will be resigning from his position as County Commissioner later this month. Lauren will inquire about his replacement on the Board.

XIV. Adjournment

President Thomas Coward invited a **motion** to adjourn at approximately 11:50 a.m. Comm. Baldacci made the **motion** seconded by Comm. Maines, and the **motion** was unanimously **approved**. The group adjourned to lunch.

Respectfully submitted,

MCCA Office Manager, Lauren Haven

Attested:

MCCA Secretary-Treasurer, Carol Maines