

Sagadahoc County Commissioners
Minutes
March 28, 2017

A special meeting of the Sagadahoc County Commissioners was held at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 28, 2017, in the County Commissioners' Meeting Room, 752 High Street, Bath, Maine 04530.

Present: Commissioners Grose and Crosby; County Administrator Hile; Attorney Rick Hornbeck.

Absent: Commissioner Dawson

Chair Grose called the meeting to order at 5:07 p.m. and established the presence of a quorum.

Upon **motion** by Commissioner Crosby and second by Commissioner Grose, the Board voted unanimously to enter **into executive session at 5:07 p.m. pursuant to Title 1, Chapter 13, Section 405, 6., D of the M.R.S.A. for the purpose of discussing union negotiations**

The Board left executive session at 5:22 p.m.

Upon **motion** by Commissioner Crosby and second by Commissioner Grose, the Board voted unanimously **to authorize Attorney Hornbeck to sign a Section 408-A Record Request Withdrawal on behalf of the Commissioners.**

Upon **motion** by Commissioner Crosby and second by Commissioner Grose, the Board voted unanimously to enter **into executive session at 5:23 p.m. pursuant to Title 1, Chapter 13, Section 405, 6., A of the M.R.S.A. for the purpose of discussing personnel matters.**

The Board left executive session at 5:35 p.m.

Discussion of FY 2017-18 Proposed Budget

1. The Administrator presented a request from the chair of the Bowdoinham Browntail Moth Committee to fund a portion of a University of Maine study to determine the efficacy and safety of aerial spraying to address the browntail moth infestation in portions of the County. An additional \$30,000 is needed, and several counties, towns and private individuals have been approached for donations. The Commissioners discussed the request at length, questioning if this research has already been done; how any subsequent aerial spraying would be funded; and similar issues. Commissioner Crosby recommended that input be sought from the Budget Advisory Committee; however, the Commissioners concurred that 1.) any money for this project would likely be taken from the contingency account rather than be included in the budget, and 2.) no County funds should be advanced until the entire amount has been raised.

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2. The Administrator advised that there were two capital projects that were not addressed at the recent work session. The first was the need to replace the thirty year old fire alarm system in the Courthouse. Funds from a project budgeted but not undertaken in the current fiscal year would be transferred into this reserve, with a total of \$10,000 per year set aside for the next 5 years. The second project was the installation of lighting in the Courthouse parking lot. The Administrator explained that employees leaving their offices at the close of business during the winter months did so in the dark, which presented potential safety concerns. An estimate of \$16,600 has been received for a “turn-key” project. In response to a query from Commissioner Grose, it was confirmed that quote included in the budget packet was for informational purposes only, and that the project would be bid prior to any contract award. Commissioner Crosby commented that it seemed a reasonable price for all of the work entailed.

3. The Administrator advised that Commissioner Dawson had expressed his thoughts that the Maintenance vehicle not be replaced until clearly necessary. Commissioners Grose and Crosby concurred, noting that the County would continue to put money into the reserve fund, but not acquire the vehicle through lease/purchase at the present time.

4. The Commissioners briefly discussed the pros and cons of leasing lawn care and other equipment versus purchasing it. The matter will be revisited at another time.

The Commissioners determined that the proposed FY 2017-18 budget should be forwarded to the Budget Advisory Committee with no changes.

Upon **motion** by Commissioner Crosby and second by Commissioner Grose, the meeting was **adjourned** by unanimous acclamation at 5:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Pamela A. Hile, County Administrator

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