

***KENNEBEC COUNTY CO KENNEBEC COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING***

**AGENDA**

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**DATE: March 5, 2019**

**WORKSHOP: 11:00 am**

**CALL TO ORDER: NOON**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES: February 5 and 19, 2019**

**REPORTS:**

**COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR**

**HUMAN RESOURCES**

**TREASURER**

**INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**

**DEEDS**

**DISTRICT ATTORNEY**

**E.M.A.**

**FACILITIES**

**PROBATE**

**SHERIFF'S OFFICE/CORRECTIONS**

**PROJECT UPDATES:**

**OLD BUSINESS**

- 1) Signature for approval of County Warrants
- 2) New hire and termination change of status forms for approval.

**FOLLOW UP ITEMS**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**ADJOURNMENT**

## Commissioners Minutes

February 5, 2019

**Present:** Chairman Patsy Crockett, Nancy Rines, Commissioner, George Jabar, Commissioner, Robert Devlin County Administrator, Terry York, Assistant County Administrator, Richard Davies, Treasurer, Peter Dunn, Finance Director, Tracie Lesperance, Finance/HR Assistant, Sheriff Ken Mason, Lt Chris Read, Richard Wurlpel, Jail Captain, Lt. Bryan Slaney, Beverly Bustin-Hatheway, Register of Deeds, Kathy Ayers, Register of Probate Sean Goodwin, EMA Director, Dave Hawke, IT, Maeghan Maloney, District Attorney

**Absent:**, James Saucier, Facilities Manager

	Discussion	Action
<b>Call to order</b>	12:00 pm	
<b>Minutes</b>	Motion and second to accept the minutes of January 15, 2019	3 in favor 0 opposed
<b>RCC/PSAP Discussion</b>	<p><b>Sheriff Ken Mason:</b> I have met with every town that is here, and explained the situation that I am in with the dispatch. I know what our costs are for law enforcement dispatch to come from Augusta PD, and I know what our cost would be if we all stayed at the RCC, with the new numbers provided by Director Wells. The dispatch issue affects four towns with four fire departments. I've met with all of them and they don't have interest in being dispatched by Augusta PD; they want to be dispatched by the RCC because things are okay with them and I get it. I told them in the beginning that they don't have to go, they can stay with RCC. However, the cost for the town set by Augusta PD is what would have to be paid by that town. I ran some numbers on Vassalboro, but I do have a question for Cliff on the number that you sent regarding the cost for four towns. For instance, Vassalboro was roughly \$15k. In your letter, it seemed that was the cost for dispatching fire, EMS and PSAP costs. I decided to break down these numbers. First, is the RCC's cost that we received from Cliff in January, which was \$640K; this brings everyone back together, including Gardiner. Vassalboro's portion is \$46, 966 which includes fire, EMS and law enforcement. The PSAP costs are approximate, Cliff doesn't break them down, and this is a rough number, \$10,215. The total cost is \$57,181 for the town of Vassalboro, which is an increase. Augusta PD's quote is \$367K, which doesn't include Gardiner because they can't handle bringing on Gardiner. Vassalboro's</p>	

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	<p>portion for law enforcement is \$33,254 and with your fees from the RCC with the fire department being dispatched, and PSAP costs is \$48,276, which is what the town of Vassalboro would be paying if Kennebec County moves to Augusta PD for dispatch.</p> <p><b>Cliff Wells, Director of Communication:</b> Since this has all started, some of the towns have notified me to let me know if they're in or out, wanted to know what happens to Gardiner and Kennebec County. Every there is a change, we go back to the spreadsheet; the rates are down, \$638 and \$821 right now; it's a moving target. If nothing changes, and we continue to dispatch for Kennebec County as is today, and we go forward on June 17<sup>th</sup>, which is the day we switch to the new software that does not talk to IMC. This is a business decision we made because we know that Kennebec County has not been happy with the interface; not enough information or incomplete information has come across, and that has been a big hurdle since this started. To spend \$350K if Kennebec goes to Augusta; we're not going to do it. If Kennebec stays with RCC, we would have to have a desk specifically for IMC, as well as man that desk. We would need five people, but they would need to be relieved during the course of the day. We've talked about it and decided we would need seven operators, the cost for that would be \$638K. If Gardiner stands alone with us, and we have to use IMC, we are back to square one. If someone changes and decides to go somewhere else, the price changes; it's fluid. <b>Question from the floor:</b> What would it cost for Gardiner and the Sheriff's Department to convert to Spillman? <b>Cliff Wells, Director of Communication:</b> I have no idea what the cost would be. The decision was made that we would not put any outside agencies on the state system. When we looked at the pros and cons of it, the cons were way too high. That would put a large amount of effort on our work staff to maintain. There is still discussion of Gardiner getting Spillman and if we could run two Spillman programs at the center. Earlier discussions were that unless both programs were identical, they wouldn't work. <b>Question from the floor:</b> The reason I mentioned the Sheriff's also in my previous question, was because approximately half of the counties sheriff's offices in the state, are on the Spillman system. There are approximately seventy agencies that use Spillman. That would create, or reduce the cost for a lot</p>	

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	<p>of communities. I know that one of the rejections is going from IMC to Spillman, you lose you historical data. I talked to a programmer that said you can out all that historical data on a separate server and not lose it. I just want the commissioners to think about it. <b>Sheriff Ken Mason:</b> Eighty percent of law enforcement agencies in the state of Maine use IMC. <b>Cliff Wells, Director of Communication:</b> The cost of a data conversion is more expensive that buying a new program, nor do they go well. <b>Sheriff Ken Mason:</b> Did any of this come about because the Gray barracks closed and all the work was being sent up here? <b>Cliff Wells, Director of Communication:</b> No, we didn't eliminate numbers; we took the authorized headcount and equipment and moved it up here and now we've got two separate units. What's going on here in the county has nothing to do with the Gray closure. <b>Sheriff Ken Mason:</b> As a county tax payer, I would feel like this is falling on the tax payers to support dispatch for southern Maine. <b>Cliff Wells, Director of Communication:</b> No, they pay for the municipal users down there and the state agencies are paying their rate across the state based on what they're being dispatched for. <b>Sheriff Ken Mason:</b> It would be very cost ineffective for us to change our system that works so well for law enforcement and the jail. That would cost about \$300K, not to mention all the training for the employees to use a new system, in addition to a dispatch fee. <b>George Jabar, Commissioner:</b> Cliff, what is your recommendation; where does RCC stand? <b>Cliff Wells, Director of Communication:</b> One thing that was in the Sheriff's email was to go to Augusta PD, and work on one application. I am concerned with what would happen if we went with two applications, as there is potential for an error rate. If the county does not go to Augusta PD, and stays with RCC, the towns bill rates will almost double. If they do go with Augusta PD, the towns will see and increase, but it will not be double. The fair option is, for them to open their own dispatch center and have Gardiner join right in this building; do your own dispatching. <b>Sheriff Ken Mason:</b> And that would cost over \$1million a year, which creates an issue because the state has been saying over the years that we should consolidate. We did</p>	

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	<p>that, and now we're being asked to leave. <b>Question from the floor:</b> Aside from the deputies that are out patrolling, what other departments in Kennebec County use IMC dispatch services?</p> <p><b>Tracie Lesperance, Finance/HR Assistant:</b> I actually wanted to touch on this. As of Friday when we did payroll, the jail and the sheriff's office had 180 employees, all of which use IMC. It is used for scheduling, payroll, at the jail; everyone at the jail and the sheriff's office uses IMC in one form or another, and therefore, it doesn't make sense to switch to another application.</p> <p><b>Question from the floor:</b> In addition to my first question, how is this funded? Kennebec County is a county level service; it shouldn't fall on 22 communities to pay for the residents of all 28 communities. This would be a much easier pill to swallow if it was funded at the county level, under your discretion. I think that if the county wants a different program, that it should be funded at the county level and not have the burden be placed on the communities. <b>Robert Devlin, County Administrator:</b> I've spoken to one Legislator who is also a town manager, and one idea is that it becomes part of the county tax but a separate assessment on those towns that use the service. So there would be two assessments to the town through the county tax, but the nonusers would not be taxed. <b>Don Pomerleau:</b> Sheriff, do you still cover shifts for Clinton? <b>Sheriff Ken Mason:</b> We do respond to calls for Clinton, and they have to pay as well, because we get dispatched since they are not a 24 hour service.</p> <p><b>Patricia Hart, Mayor, Gardiner:</b> My understanding for the reason we are all here today is because you two gentlemen didn't have clear communication about the intentions of Kennebec County. I would like to ask, that now that we have a new state administration, a new governor, is there any way we can fix this at the state level? It certainly benefits the entire state and all tax payers for us to be working together instead of what's happening right now. I feel like there has to be another option and that the state needs to own the fact that your business decisions have made it impossible for all of us to pay for a vital service. We're in a terrible spot all because you made a business decision <b>Robert Devlin, County Administrator:</b> Most people don't understand</p>	

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	<p>that the agencies have to pay for the system. Whatever they use, they pay for. <b>Cliff Wells, Director of Communication:</b> There is no general fund money to pay for this service, therefore, I can't go to the legislation and ask for more money. <b>Patricia Hart, Mayor, Gardiner:</b> I would like you to explore other options; perhaps go to the legislature and ask for some sort of relief. <b>George Jabar, Commissioner:</b> Even if you put the \$350K patch in, your still going to have increased costs t continue dispatching, is that correct? <b>Cliff Wells, Director of Communication:</b> If I do the interface, I should be able to do it with the existing four because I'm using the soul application so I don't have to have a standalone desk. However, the county will not get what they are looking for because you replace an interface that they would not be happy with. <b>Sheriff Ken Mason:</b> One of the reasons why this whole probable started is because we are not getting information when going to calls because it cuts off or getting disconnected. Some of the narratives are not completed and if there is important safety information in that narrative, the deputy does not get that information. It's a safety risk. <b>Question from the floor:</b> This question is for Cliff. What are the possibilities of postponing your Spillman upgrade? <b>Cliff Wells, Director of Communication:</b> I really don't want to, because there was a loss of officer safety issues between my state agencies and dispatch being on a different application. <b>Question from the floor:</b> Follow up question from the last meeting. There was discussion about using space at the RCC for IMC program. Has further conversation taken place since then? <b>Cliff Wells, Director of Communication:</b> One thing I think we're going to run into is that I have to check the contract, as I don't believe we can sublet, as we lease the floor space. <b>Robert Devlin, County Administrator:</b> And the idea of mixing two different groups in one center is not a good idea. . <b>Sheriff Ken Mason:</b> Who would supervise them? <b>Cliff Wells, Director of Communication:</b> Co-locations can sometimes be rough. <b>Sheriff Ken Mason:</b> I don't have all the answers; I came up with a solution for Kennebec County Sheriff's Office; I haven't been able to come up with any other solution except using RCC and having users dispatch from</p>	

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	<p>IMC. <b>Cliff Wells, Director of Communication:</b> The patch does not fix the problems they have had. <b>Question from the floor:</b> This is to the Commissioners; there are a couple of conditions of final approval, whatever the outcome may be. One, I would want to see every entity in Kennebec County served, assuming they want to be served by whatever that decision is. So goes the town of Gardiner, the town of Fayette, we all have the opportunity to be served in a manner that is fair and equitable. To further a point that Manager Devlin had made, about paying for services at the county level; I would want to see that cost fairly and equitably assessed in the county tax, and give the option to those communities that do not need the service to opt out so they're not unfairly charged or assessed for that service. Those are the two primaries whatever the end outcome of this is. This is a challenge, and it sounds like June 17<sup>th</sup> is the deadline. <b>Cliff Wells, Director of Communication:</b> We have a contract, and that's the date. <b>Sheriff Ken Mason:</b> And we're looking at an end date of July 1<sup>st</sup>. <b>Cliff Wells, Director of Communication:</b> If the Sheriff's office is not in place with Augusta PD by July 1<sup>st</sup>, we will continue dispatching; in the name of public safety, we can't just turn it off. <b>Sheriff Ken Mason:</b> Why can't you bring Gardiner on as a user on Spillman? <b>Cliff Wells, Director of Communication:</b> The state will not because of the work product. <b>Sheriff Ken Mason:</b> Because it takes two extra steps? <b>Cliff Wells, Director of Communication:</b> You have to create a whole agency within this application; there's a work product that goes behind that programming and ongoing maintenance. The state decided no outside agencies other than state agencies, because of the work product that is required by the state. <b>Question from the floor:</b> Where do we stand when it comes to digital radios? <b>Sheriff Ken Mason:</b> In three to five years, your agency would have to go to digital radios. If you stay with RCC, you can stay as you are; you won't have to switch. This would be before law enforcement; not fire or EMS. <b>Question from the floor:</b> This question is for Cliff; the millions of dollars collected for the E911, where does that money go? <b>Cliff Wells, Director of Communication:</b> Your phone bill surcharge goes to the 911</p>	

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	<p>bureau; they're responsible for the infrastructure of 911. They cover all the backroom equipment, the private network, the desktop equipment in the public safety answering center. It does not pay to the PSAPS for operator positions. <b>Robert Devlin, County Administrator:</b> E911 used to be part of the Department of Public Safety many years ago, but was separated in 2004 because there was intent to start using those fees for other things that were not 911, Legislators gathered and moved to the PUC to protect it. <b>Patsy Crockett, Chairman:</b> We also have two legislators here today, Representative Bradstreet, and Representative Pouliot . Do either of you want to say anything? <b>Cliff Wells, Director of Communication:</b> That money is strictly used for the state's 911 system. There's federal money that becomes available to states for 911 systems. If the state uses the money for anything other than the 911 system, you're automatically disqualified for the grants. <b>Question from the floor:</b> Gardiner has a possible solution. In order for everyone to stay on IMC, Gardiner is willing to pay more than what the assessment would be of \$100K; no billing changes, no PSAP, no radio changes. We are open to paying more so that everyone can stay there. We would have seven dispatchers paid for by our municipalities, for the twenty two towns to stay at RCC. The City of Gardiner is looking at significant costs to either stay with RCC because we have to buy Spillman plus our dispatch fees or we go somewhere else. Our proposal is to pay a little bit more if others are willing to pay a little bit more; somewhere in the ballpark of \$185K that we are open to pay. <b>Sheriff Ken Mason:</b> If you take \$640K and subtract that from \$185K, it would be \$455K. <b>Robert Devlin, County Administrator:</b> We should plug in the new numbers and get them out to the towns. <b>Sheriff Ken Mason:</b> If the other towns will get on board with that, I am okay with this suggestion. <b>Question from the floor:</b> I urge the commissioners to suggest to the legislature and emergency funding for this situation, and so that it can be a part of the county tax. <b>Robert Devlin, County Administrator:</b> I think the takeaway is we need new numbers; no matter what we do, the cost is increasing. We need to get these numbers out to the</p>	

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	towns. <b>Nancy Rines, Commissioner:</b> I think this is a perfect example of the problem which is a broken system that we're now going to have to carry. I know that the commissioners are interested in keeping IMC because it sounds like it's a better system for our needs. So for that reason alone, I say, let's go back to the table, and meet Thursday, February 14 <sup>th</sup> .	
<b>County Administrator</b>	<b>Robert Devlin, County Administrator:</b> I'm starting to schedule the caucuses for the budget committee; I have district one scheduled, I will be in touch with district two and three.	Update
<b>Human Resources</b>	<p><b>Terry York, Human Resources Manager:</b> I worked on several personnel issues.</p> <p>I swore in the Probate Judge from Androscoggin County</p> <p>All departments have turned in their budgets, so I have been working on them.</p> <p>I observed interviews for the new Administration Assistant, to replace Cathy Heil as she is retiring on Friday after 32 years of service. Jessica Quinn, who is the current programs coordinator, was selected for this position, and her former position has been posted.</p> <p>I am also working on the annual OSHA report.</p> <p>Worker's Compensation was fully reimbursed \$5,534 for medical costs regarding Deputy York, whose vehicle was hit from behind.</p> <p>I am processing a couple of applications for corrections. We have a corrections officer who has enlisted in the Army for air traffic control and will be gone for 6 years. His position will be treated as though he is still here for pay under USERRA; he will continue to receive annual increases, but will not be receiving monetary compensation.</p>	<p>Update</p> <p>Update</p> <p>Update</p>
<b>Treasurer</b>	<b>Richard Davies, Treasurer:</b> The County continues to be in a strong financial position. We have \$6.8 million in the cash pool	Update

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	<p>and \$2 million in the investment pool for a total of \$8.8 million. We are sixty percent of the way through the fiscal year.</p> <p>The warrant that you have today is for about \$282K; \$89K to Horizon Tech for mobile radios and accessories; \$43K for jail medical; \$35k for Maine Pretrial; and \$68k to all other bills.</p> <p><b>Peter Dunn, Finance Director:</b> We've been talking with the Treasurer, Terry and Bob, we discussed the possibility of doing away with offering the 457 retirement plans.</p>	<p>Update</p> <p>Update</p>
<b>Deeds</b>	<b>Beverly Bustin-Hatheway, Register:</b> We dropped down \$7,382 from last year, only because January went down in housing.	Update
<b>District Attorney</b>		Absent
<b>EMA</b>	<p><b>Sean Goodwin, EMA Director:</b> New tower in Gardiner, Libby Hill, waiting for paperwork/MOU to be signed. Paperwork being passed back and forth between lawyers.</p> <p>FY-2018 Homeland Security Grant Program, requests being filled, bills being paid.</p> <p>US Coast Guard, MEMA, Weather Service and State &amp; County EMAs have been meeting every two weeks to share info on the Kennebec River; meetings will take place till the winter ice is gone from the river.</p> <p>On-going planning and training with the schools in Gardiner and Readfield area.</p> <p>Flu-February and March can be the worst months of the flu season, so keep up with the hand washing and covering your mouth when you sneeze and cough .Influenza and Pneumonia deaths are up a bit in our state over last year.</p>	<p>Update</p> <p>Update</p> <p>Update</p> <p>Update</p> <p>Update</p>
<b>Facilities</b>		Absent
<b>Information Technology</b>	<b>Dave Hawke, IT:</b> Nothing to report	Update
<b>Probate</b>		Absent

	<b>Discussion</b>	<b>Action</b>
<b>Sheriff/Corrections:</b>	<b>Sheriff Ken Mason: Corrections:</b> We currently have 141 inmates; we continue to stay steady with that number.	Update
	<b>Sheriff Ken Mason: Law Enforcement:</b> The Patrol Division for the Kennebec County Sheriff's Office has made <b>52</b> arrests, these include summons and physical arrests.	Update
	Deputy Boudreau and K9 Vixen have been deployed to Waterville and other towns for their requests for a K9 search for drugs. They have also made numerous search of the correctional facility.	Update
	Deputies have made numerous trips to the Beckett house in Litchfield for an out of control juvenile (17) that has been damaging property and assaulting staff. Deputies have taken the juvenile to the hospital for evaluations and then back to the house after the staff could not handle the juvenile to transport them back to the house. Deputies had to return to the facility a short time later after the juvenile began damaging vehicles at the residence and again return him to the hospital. The JCCO would not place a hold on the juvenile the first few trips.	Update
	Deputy Kulakowski responded to a crash on Lakeview Dr in China at the school. The 57 year old driver attempted to turn into the school parking lot but missed the entrance. She showed signs of impairment and after tests was taken into custody and transported for a test. She returned a test in excess of 0.30 and was taken to the jail.	Update Update
	Deputy Madore responded to Farmingdale for a 35 year old male subject that was unresponsive and appeared to have overdosed. After numerous doses of Narcan the subject was transported to the hospital. A second subject found hiding in the residence was arrested on a warrant.	Update
<b>Project Updates</b>	None at this time	
<b>Old Business/ Follow Up Items</b>	None at this time	
<b>Warrants</b>	February 5, 2019	Signed

	<b>Discussion</b>	<b>Action</b>
<b>Change of Status</b>	New hire, termination, step increases	Signed
<b>New Business</b>	19-25) Motion by Commissioner Jabar, seconded by Commissioner Rines to discontinue offering the 457 retirement plans to new hires.	3 in favor 0 opposed.
<b>Executive Session</b>		No Action Taken
<b>Miscellaneous</b>	None at this time	
<b>Adjournment</b>	Adjourned at 1:47 pm	3 in favor 0 opposed

Terry York, Assistant Administrator

## Commissioners Minutes

February 19, 2019

**Present:** Chairman Patsy Crockett, Nancy Rines, Commissioner, Robert Devlin County Administrator, Terry York, Assistant County Administrator, Richard Davies, Treasurer, Peter Dunn, Finance Director, Tracie Lesperance, Finance/HR Assistant, Sheriff Ken Mason, Lt Chris Read, Richard Wurlpel, Jail Captain, Lt. Bryan Slaney, Beverly Bustin-Hatheway, Register of Deeds, Kathy Ayers, Register of Probate, Sean Goodwin, EMA Director, Dave Hawke, IT, Maeghan Maloney, District Attorney, James Saucier, Facilities Maintenance

**Absent:** George Jabar, Commissioner,

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<b>Call to order</b>	12:00 pm	
<b>Minutes</b>	Motion to delay the minutes from February 5, 2019 until the next meeting as they have not been adequately reviewed.	2 in favor 0 opposed
<b>County Administrator</b>	<p><b>Robert Devlin, County Administrator:</b> The budget committee caucuses are scheduled; tonight is Windsor for district one; Thursday is district 3 and 2 in Mt. Vernon at 5:30. Next week is district 3 in Clinton. I have draft budgets for you to look at.</p> <p><b>Nancy Rines, Commissioner:</b> What about the bill that wants to expand the number of commissioners for Kennebec County to five? <b>Robert Devlin, County Administrator:</b> I am not sure where that is at; we will have to track it. <b>Nancy Rines, Commissioner:</b> What else are we tracking? <b>Robert Devlin, County Administrator:</b> The legislative meeting for the county was at 11 am today, as yesterday was a holiday. We were up on expanding blood draws bill that was the big one. There was a bill in to make any type of assault of a correctional officer inside the facility an aggravated assault. <b>Patsy Crockett, Chairman:</b> County Day at the legislature is coming right up; I think it is April 11<sup>th</sup>. After County Day, they're going to have a Spirit of America presentation of that at 4pm that day. Do we usually have a table? <b>Robert Devlin, County Administrator:</b> We usually do, but I haven't received any notification regarding a County Day.</p>	Update
<b>Human Resources</b>	<b>Terry York, Human Resources Manager:</b> I've been working on the budget.	Update

	<b>Discussion</b>	<b>Action</b>
	<p>I have been dealing with some personnel issues. I will be doing an orientation with a new patrol deputy, William Towle this week.</p> <p>I've been working on the 1095-C filings with Peter; those are a part of the Affordable Care Act that we have to report everyone who had health insurance for the entire year plus who came in or left part way through the year.</p> <p>We had a retirement party for Cathy Heil on Friday.</p> <p>I've been answering questions regarding the W2's as they look different this year because of Payroll Management.</p>	<p>Update</p> <p>Update</p> <p>Update</p> <p>Update</p>
<b>Treasurer</b>	<p><b>Richard Davies, Treasurer:</b> The County continues to be in a strong financial position. We have \$6.6 million in the cash pool and \$2 million in the investment pool for a total of \$8.6 million. We are sixty one percent of the way through the fiscal year.</p> <p>The warrant that you have today is for about \$262K; \$70K for jail medical contracts; \$32K for jail medical; \$29k for all county buildings natural gas; and \$85k to all other bills.</p> <p><b>Peter Dunn, Finance Director:</b> The audits for FY 18 are still under way.</p>	<p>Update</p> <p>Update</p> <p>Update</p>
<b>Deeds</b>	<p><b>Beverly Bustin-Hatheway, Register:</b> I'm working with Dave on developing a re-up with property info on the contract for the software.</p>	<p>Update</p>
<b>District Attorney</b>	<p><b>Maeghan Maloney, District Attorney:</b> We had a little celebration in the office Friday. I got ice cream bars and popsicles for everyone because I really wanted to celebrate an accomplishment of two Kennebec County employees: Diana Murphy who is the restitution clerk and Devon Parsons who is the IT associate. Through Diana's hard work, we can now get peoples tax returns if they owe victims money; this is something that she worked very, very hard to accomplish. Devon was able to handle all of the very complicated IT transactions to make Maine Revenue Services computers talk to our computers, and</p>	<p>Update</p>

	<b>Discussion</b>	<b>Action</b>
	<p>get all the list of names to transfer over as well as get the money to transfer over. It took a lot of extra work, and was something I never asked Diana to do; she learned that this was possible and put in the extra time and enlisted Devon to put in the extra time with her. We wanted to recognize their hard work, so we gave them each a certificate and a coin.</p> <p>Evan Fisher started today; our new Assistant District Attorney and he is a graduate of the University of Minnesota Law School and are very excited to have him join us.</p>	Update
<b>EMA</b>	<p><b>Sean Goodwin, EMA Director:</b> The National Weather Service has been out on the ice on the river in Richmond and Gardiner by the boat landing. The center channel in Richmond only has 9 inches of ice on it. There's six inches on one side, one foot on the left bank. At the Gardiner boat landing, the right bank has six inches, the center channel is a foot and the left bank is 1.2 feet. It's all solid, good black ice and it has a little bit of snow on it which will insulate it so the water underneath the ice will be able to work on the ice above it. That's a good thing, and if it continues on, we shouldn't have any problems at all.</p>	Update
<b>Facilities</b>	<p><b>James Saucier, Facilities Maintenance:</b> I've been moving snow; we used the tractor and the trash truck as the dump truck to clear snow out of the parking lot.</p>	Update
<b>Information Technology</b>	<p><b>Dave Hawke, IT:</b> We're doing good downstairs; we had a few password resets this weekend.</p>	Update
<b>Probate</b>	<p><b>Kathy Ayers, Register of Probate:</b> We are right on schedule for money. We have had some cancellations for hearings due to the storms; so we will be doing an extra day for a hearing to make up the lost time.</p> <p>I've been spending a lot of time at the legislature; there are going to be are new notarization rules for notaries; we talked about the reorganizing of the probate court; there is also a bill to have every person who is subject to guardianship in a hearing, have an appointed attorney and that bill would cost counties more money. I am in the process of getting some numbers together from all the counties regarding the number of proceedings we had in the</p>	Update  Update

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	<p>guardianship area. We are also getting a new code that will make more hearings in that area, so it will be hard to say what it will be going forward. One of the things that is very concerning is the mandatory appointment of an attorney for those who do not want an attorney, and they have to pay for it. So does that I mean I am going to have to chase people force them to pay for an attorney that they never wanted in the first place? Smaller counties have a hard time finding an attorney to do this for sixty dollars; even we have a hard time finding attorneys who will do it at little cost.</p> <p><b>Nancy Rines, Commissioner:</b> So what are the other issues that are before the legislature? <b>Kathy Ayers, Register of Probate:</b> There are quite a few amendments to the new code; and one is about selling real estate, the reorganization of the probate courts which is getting rid of elected part time judges and they want to keep the registrars at the county level. They also want to get rid of our computer system which is an issue; it has been changed against our will by the Supreme Court committee. They have taken over the contract, but you pay the bill. We have spent the last ten years putting old records on so that people can see them, and I don't know how that would be converted. They want us all to be on their system, which is not open to the public; our system is.</p>	Update
<p><b>Sheriff/Corrections:</b></p>	<p><b>Sheriff Ken Mason: Corrections:</b> We have 161 inmates in our facility as of this morning; we are up a little bit from our last meeting. <b>Richard Wurpel, Jail Captain:</b> I have the contract we talked about regarding classifications. It is 30 day opt out if we want to terminate the contract, It's a twelve month contract, if everything goes well, it will automatically renew for another 12 month period. Right now it is \$5k a year. <b>Sheriff Ken Mason:</b> This type of a classification system has access to the courts, unlike our other system. This new program does reduce our risk. <b>Richard Wurpel, Jail Captain:</b> As far as risk management goes or law suits, this system stands up in court, and will help us to explain why this person was housed with another person. The system we currently have is a human based system where decisions are made based on answers to several questions The</p>	Update

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	<p>new software is computer generated it; it gets entered in, and what needs to happen. Officers will be trained on how to use this new classification system; it's the best system right now in the United States.</p> <p><b>Sheriff Ken Mason:</b> We have three corrections officers at the academy in training.</p> <p><b>Sheriff Ken Mason, Law Enforcement:</b> Last Friday we had a very unfortunate call in Sidney where a year and a half old passed away from medical issues; very tragic event. That can be trying on the deputies, especially the younger ones that have young children.</p> <p>Deputy William Towle is our newest deputy from Randolph, he started on February 11th. He is training with Deputy York</p>	<p>Update</p> <p>Update</p> <p>Update</p>
<b>Project Updates</b>	None at this time	
<b>Old Business/ Follow Up Items</b>	<p>Follow up on discussion regarding the community meeting on the dispatch. <b>Sheriff Ken Mason:</b> Myself, the Lieutenant and the Chief all have concerns in regards to public safety; the citizens and deputies. I don't think it is best for Kennebec, but for the time being and until we can really get our feet underneath of us, and figure out what we really should do and what is best for Kennebec, is to move forward. I'm a little concerned because we have zero control. <b>Nancy Rines, Commissioner:</b> It seems to me that there was a worthy resolution from our last meeting and that gives everyone involved with this an opportunity to deal with the issue before us. In the past, all the communities had a voice, which right now, it doesn't seem that exists anymore.</p> <p><b>Sheriff Ken Mason:</b> I really think we should move forward into something that benefits all of us and I am not so sure that this does it. It only puts a band aid on the problem at a cost. <b>Pasty Crockett, Chairman:</b> I think that everyone should realize that for many months now, you've worked hard and you have a number of issues to work on in addition, but you've worked hard for the citizens of Kennebec County on this dispatch issue. I feel that some of the issues during these months have been a lack of</p>	<p>Update</p>

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	<p>communication on the state level and maybe at the county level, but I do believe that both the state and the county want to find a solution to provide good reliable dispatch services. I think we all want the same thing; we want our citizens, our deputies and everyone to be safe. As a commissioner, we also want to provide service that is at a reasonable price; we want our towns to be able to keep their taxes low, and I want all the citizens of Kennebec County to have access to the same county services. Gardiner citizens should have the same protection for their citizens as all the other towns. For now, I feel that the best option for all concerned is to continue with the state RCC. I don't know that five years from now, or maybe even one year from now, that the solution that we think is right today, will be the best answer at that time. But I do feel that as of today, it is. We will simply continue with our agreement with RCC and it's our understanding that the RCC will send an agreement to Gardiner and to all the other towns in which they have a choice to sign or not. I also fully support the legislature to reestablish the oversight board; their charge should be to analyze both IMC and Spillman dispatch programs. Also, from my perspective, I want to say a special thank you to Chief Jared Mills and the City of Augusta, They stepped up from day one to help Kennebec County when we had a problem; they were there to help. They didn't wait until the last minute to jump in with their idea of a solution. As a Kennebec County Commissioner, I thank them for their support, and as an Augusta resident, I am proud of them.</p> <p><b>Ken Mason, Sheriff:</b> I too am grateful to have the great working relationship with them that we do. They were our solution to the problem that we had at the time.</p>	
<b>Warrants</b>	February 19, 2019	Signed
<b>Change of Status</b>	New hire, termination, step increases	Signed
<b>New Business</b>	None at this time	
<b>Executive Session</b>	None at this time	
<b>Miscellaneous</b>	None at this time	
<b>Adjournment</b>	Adjourned at 1:47 pm	3 in favor 0 opposed

Terry York, Assistant Administrator