

Roll Call -

Chair Cushing opened the meeting at 11:03 AM from the Commissioners Chambers with all Commissioners, Treasurer Mower, Administrator Adkins and Director Dyer present.

Pledge of Allegiance – Former UT Director Barbara Veilleux led the pledge.

County Commissioners and TIF Committee Workshop

UT Director Buswell presented the following:

- Introduction of TIF committee members were introduced: Dee Williams, Greg Fuller, Brent Folster, Barbara Veilleux, County Administrator Adkins, UT Director George Buswell, UT Deputy Director Tina Morrison and Finance Director Brenda Palmer.
- Review of the original Passadumkeag Wind Park Omnibus Municipal Tax Increment Financing (TIF) District & Development Program dated July 1, 2016
- Current TIF budget was reviewed and discussed.
- Review memo from Rudman & Winchell (findings on use of UT TIF revenue)
- Review memo from Rudman & Winchell (UT TIF reporting requirements for triggers or caps).
- Review the TIF Funds getting used only on (non-profit) and eliminate (for-profit).
- Discussion on implementing a Scholarship Program.
- Discussion on marketing these funds.
- Funding preference –
 - Fund 100% of a request
 - Fund the majority of a request with the applicant responsible for the deficit
 - Fund the deficit with the applicant getting the majority elsewhere
- Discussion on construction funding.
- Loan business? Competing with all other available loan options?

Approval of Meeting Minutes -

Commissioner Marshall made a motion to approve the April 15th and April 22nd, 2025 meeting minutes. Commissioner Tremble seconded the motion. A vote to approve passed 3-0. Signed.

Public Comment – None

Sheriff’s Office – AWD Cargo Ford Transit Van Bid Opening

Commission Chair Cushing opened the bids for the Sheriff’s Office – AWD cargo Ford transit vans. The following two vendors submitted their bid by the May 5thnd deadline.

Vendor			Vendor	
Quirk Ford of Augusta	2024 \$52,897 in stock 2025 \$57,750 out of stock		Quality Vans & Specialty Vehicles	\$122,640

Sheriff's Office – AWD Cargo Ford Transit Van Bid Opening – Continued:

Commissioner Tremble made a motion to approve the bid from Quirk Ford of Augusta. Commissioner Marshall seconded the motion. Vote to approve passed 3-0.

Sheriff's Office –

Sheriff Morton presented the following:

- The Jail Medical RFP went out last week; bids will be opened at our May 20th Commissioners Meeting.
- Discussion on Robins Rule.
- After discussing an electronic monitoring system for people out on bail, Commissioner Tremble moved to approve using an add on system with our current vendor **Securus**. Commissioner Marshall seconded the motion. A vote to approve passed 3-0.
- Sheriff reported that the Patrol division is currently fully staffed; Corrections is down seven personnel.
- ARPA expenditures will be discussed at our next meeting.
- After discussion of bids on Tahoe Patrol Vehicles from the April 1st meeting, Commissioner Tremble moved to approve Sheriff's recommendation of purchasing up to ten law enforcement vehicles from Colonial Motor Group. Commissioner Marshall seconded the motion. A vote to approve passed 3-0.
- After discussion, Commissioner Marshall moved to approve Sheriff's recommendation of Angela Walker participating as part of the newly formed Opioid Committee. Commissioner Tremble seconded the motion. A vote to approve passed 3-0.
- The first Opioid Committee meeting will be held Monday, May 12th

UT – Road Salt Purchasing Bid Opening

Commission Chair Cushing opened the bids for the UT Road Salt Purchasing. The following four vendors submitted their bid by the May 2nd deadline.

Vendor	Northern Region 5,618	Southern Region 3,912
Cargill	<i>NO BID</i>	<i>NO BID</i>
Eastern Salt Company	<i>\$103.95</i>	<i>\$93.45</i>
Morton Salt	<i>\$88.05</i>	<i>\$78.10</i>
New England Salt, LLC	<i>\$81.03</i>	<i>\$72.49</i>

Commissioner Marshall moved to accept New England Salt, LLC bid per Director Buswell's recommendation. Commission Tremble seconded the motion. A vote to approve passed 3-0.

Public Hearing –

Chair Cushing opened the hearing at 12:50 PM for the New England Whitewater Center, Inc. / DBA Kataadn Resorts Event Center Liquor License Renewal. No public comment. Public hearing closed at 12:51 PM Commissioner Marshall made a motion to approve the request for the New England Whitewater Center, Inc. liquor license renewal. Commissioner Tremble seconded the motion. A vote to approve passed 3-0. Signed.

UT Update –

Director Buswell and Deputy Morrison presented the following:

- After discussion, Commissioner Marshall moved to approve the East Millinocket Fire Protections Agreement as presented. Commissioner Tremble seconded the motion. A vote to approve passed 3-0. Signed.
- After discussion, Commissioner Marshall moved to approve the East Millinocket Ambulance Agreement as presented. Commissioner Tremble seconded the motion. A vote to approve passed 3-0. Signed.
- The Food Sovereignty Ordinance was reviewed with modifications from the last meeting. Signed.
- After discussion, Commissioner Marshall moved to approve the 2025-2030 Septic Disposal Agreement as presented. Commissioner Tremble seconded the motion. A vote to approve passed 3-0. Signed.
- Director Buswell reported that he is still not prepared to sign any contract with EPEC as he is awaiting legal counsel.

IT Update –

Director Tenney presented the following:

- After discussion, Commissioner Marshall moved to approve an RFP for the County Website Upgrade to go out to bid. Commissioner Tremble seconded the motion. A vote to approve passed 3-0.
- Our commissioner meetings are currently live streamed on Facebook. Facebook has reported that it will no longer support archiving streamed videos for more than one month. Director Tenney will look other streaming options and report back with his findings.

United Way Request -

Matthew Donahue, United Way Vice President & Chief Impact Officer reported to the commission that a property has been found to purchase. After discussion, Commissioner Tremble moved to approve \$100K from ARPA Interest funds for this project. Commissioner Marshall seconded the motion. A vote to approve passed 3-0.

ARPA Update –

Grant Manager Dana presented the following:

- Updates on monies that have been spent and outstanding on Sub-recipient awards.
- Updates on County unexpended monies.
- Discussion on communication from Patten Library.

Approval of Warrants-

Payroll Warrant	04.18.25	\$ 329,610.45	04.25.25	\$ 332,935.62	05.02.25	\$ 375,749.16
A/P General Fund	04.22.25	\$ 69,164.02	04.29.25	\$ 872,248.26	05.06.25	\$ 336,518.26
A/P PRCC Bond	04.22.25	\$ 45,763.58	04.29.25	\$ 9,500.00	05.06.25	\$ N/A
A/P Unorg Terr	04.22.25	\$ 14,976.14	04.29.25	\$15,941.02	05.06.25	\$ 39,048.66
A/P UT TIF	04.22.25	\$ 50,000.00	04.29.25	\$ N/A	05.06.25	\$ 5,662.25
A/P ARPA	04.22.25	\$ 27,129.21	04.29.25	\$ 186,133.48	05.06.25	\$ 180,560.00

Commissioner Tremble made a motion to approve the warrants per Item L on the agenda. Commissioner Marshall seconded the motion. A vote to approve passed 3-0. Signed.

Executive Session---Commissioner Tremble made a motion to go into Executive Session at 1:18 PM under 1 M.R.S.A. § 405 (6) (C) Acquisition of Real Property. Commissioner Marshall seconded the motion. A vote to approve passed 3-0. Present were: Commissioners, Treasurer Mower, CA Adkins, HR Director Dyer, Timothy Pease, David Hughes, and Director MacDonald
Session ended at 2:15PM

Action Taken - Commissioner Tremble moved to approve \$20K on an option agreement for land for a correctional facility. Commissioner Marshall seconded the motion. The vote to approve passed 3-0.

Facilities Update –

Director MacDonald presented the following:

- Discussion in the Franklin Street Renovations. Director MacDonald will be submitting an RFP once more information is available.
- Discussion on the HVAC for the County Building. After discussion, the Commissioners agreed to have this go out to RFP.
- Discussion on the storage building & security fencing in the back portion of the parking lot.
- Discussion on Commissioners Chambers relocation and renovations to the Probate Court for shared space.
- Discussion on the jail porcelain bathroom fixtures that need to be replaced due to safety hazards with stainless steel.
- New valves were installed in the hot water tanks.

Treasury and Finance – Due to the lateness of the meeting, this report will be presented on May 20th

Payroll status changes signed for: Christopher Bouchard, Kristi Short, Job Johnson, Natasha Martin, Mariyah Castigliero, Jolene Fearon, George Harrison, Joshua Legassie, Maxime Pierre, Joshua Marotta, Garrett Watt, Matthew Buck, Jonathan Neel, Tammy Adams, Reed Kiah and Jesse Gee.

Administrative Update –

Administrator Adkins stated there will be an RFP prepared for May 20th on the Old Y Marketing Property.

Due to the lateness of this meeting, the Executive Session- 1 M.R.S.A. § 405 (6) (A) / Personnel was cancelled.

Commissioner Marshall moved to adjourn the meeting at 3:00 PM. Commissioner Tremble seconded the motion. A vote to approve passed 3 -0.

Certified By:

Administrator, Scott Adkins

Andre E. Cushing, III, Chair

Daniel J Tremble, Commissioner

David S. Marshall, Commissioner