

**WALDO COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT SESSION
(SPECIAL SESSION)
APRIL 22, 2020**

PRESENT: Commissioners Betty I. Johnson, Amy R. Fowler, and William D. Shorey. County Clerk Barbara Arseneau took minutes.

Call to Order: Commissioner William Shorey called the court session to order at 10:00 a.m.

ELECTION OF NEW CHAIRMAN 2020:

****A. Fowler nominated, W. Shorey seconded for W. Shorey to serve as 2020 Chairman for the Board of Waldo County Commissioners.**

****B. Johnson moved for nominations to cease.**

Motion for nomination of William Shorey to serve as 2020 Chairman passed unanimously.

VACANCY IN DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE:

The Commissioners discussed the upcoming vacancy in the Prosecutorial Assistant position now that current P.A. Dean Jackson's last day is April 30, 2020. Current Victim/Witness Advocate Eric Harvey has asked to apply for this position. E. Harvey has indicated that he can do the job in the hours that he can work. A. Fowler thought this transition could be good, the pay would be less, and there would be other cost savings. She noted that perhaps there wasn't the need for two full-time legal secretaries. Several people could assume more of the responsibility and perhaps one of the secretaries would be part-time, but it also needs to be considered that these are union positions and there may need to be some additional discussion.

B. Johnson said she felt it might be the District Attorney's job to revamp the office and make a recommendation to the Commissioners. B. Johnson said the proposal had been presented and could work well, but believed that it was the D.A's responsibility to sort it out and make a recommendation.

The Commissioners briefly discussed the status of the two laptops that have been ordered for the D.A.'s office, whether or not those are now needed, and that there would be a \$600.00-plus return fee. The purchase cost might also be considered a COVID-19-related expenditure. B. Johnson reminded the board that the D.A. intended for the laptops to be purchased from the District Attorney's budget for that department and would be used after COVID-19 restrictions are over.

The Commissioners tentatively scheduled a court session to meet with the District Attorney and staff on April 27, 2020 starting at 10:00 a.m. via Zoom teleconference.

****B. Johnson moved, A. Fowler seconded to adjourn the court session at 10:19 a.m. Unanimous.**

Respectfully submitted by *Barbara L. Arseneau* Waldo County Clerk
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