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February 21, 2024

#### Dear Town Clerk:

Lincoln County was allocated \$6,727,248 in *American Rescue Plan Act* (ARPA) funding. The County Commissioners took steps in 2021 and 2022 to ask for input from Lincoln County Towns and other interested parties on the best use of these funds. A list of priorities was developed and actions to put these funds to good use was undertaken.

Here is a summary of how the funds have been allocated to date:

| • | Tuition payments for Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) training for Lincoln County residents | \$43,200    |
|---|---|-------------|
| • | Replacement of 9-1-1 Dispatch consoles & equipment  | \$213,440   |
| • | Replacement of Communication Tower microwaves & power supply banks                            | \$575,339   |
| • | Hazard Pay Stipends in 2021 and 2022 for Essential County employees                           |             |
|   | and Two Bridges Regional Jail employees   | \$366,010   |
| • | Funding for 50% of a Regional Water Study with the remaining funds                            |             |
|   | to be contributed by the State of Maine   | \$150,000   |
| • | Drinking water conservation project in Boothbay Region (3-yr project )                        | \$195,000   |
| • | Infrastructure Projects identified by each of the Sewer Districts in Lincoln                  |             |
| 8 | County  | \$800,000   |
| • | Matching funds for Broadband Infrastructure Projects identified by Town/Reg                   | ional       |
|   | Broadband Committees to leverage Maine Connectivity Authority grants                          | \$1,500,000 |
| • | Records Management Software replacement & conversion for all local Law                        |             |
|   | Enforcement agencies in Lincoln County  | \$594,165   |
| • | Countywide Community Navigator & Community Resource Council Navigator                         |             |
|   | funding (total cost of 3 years)   | \$470,029   |
| • | Matching funds for Affordable Housing Projects to leverage additional                         |             |
|   | Federal and State funds   | \$1,500,000 |
| • | Federal Single Audit & Grants Management Costs (to date)                                      | \$20,065    |
| • | Land Use Specialist position – limited 3-year term (currently on hold)                        | \$300,000   |
|   |   |             |

Many of the projects that received funding have been completed and we continue to make progress on longer-term projects. As the deadline to make allocations is quickly approaching (12/31/24), we are working to finalize our list of approved projects. Our intention is to make use of all of the ARPA funds for the betterment of Lincoln County as a whole.

Sincerely.

Carrie Kipfer

County Administrator

CC: County Commissioners

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December 13th 2023

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District Two William B. Blodgett Waldoboro, Maine

District Three Mary R. Trescot Damariscotta, Maine

Town of Damariscotta
Attn: Select Board
21 School St.
Damariscotta, ME 04543

Subject: FY 2024 Lincoln County Budget

Greetings Select Board Members,

Enclosed please find a copy of the Lincoln County Summary budget that was approved on 12/5/2023. This budget includes an 8.99% increase over last year's net budget. Almost half of that increase is due to increased funding for capital improvement projects.

Once we close our books for FY 2023, I will be evaluating our surplus levels to determine what the County can use to help offset some of the increase.

Sincerely,

Michelle Richardson

Lincoln County, Elected Treasurer

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| GIMAI                     | LINCOLN COUNTY<br>COUNTY BUDGET - 2024 |                 |              | 12/5/2023                   |
|---------------------------|--|-----------------|--------------|-----------------------------|
|                           | 2023<br>BUDGET                         | 2024<br>REQUEST | 2022 VS 2023 | Init. Req vs<br>Crnt Bdgt % |
| 1000 Courts               |  |                 |              |                             |
| Personnel Services        | 117,423                                | 122,706         | 5,283        | 4.50%                       |
| Employee Benefits         | 51,730                                 | 66,621          | 14,891       | 28.79%                      |
|                           | 169,153                                | 189,327         | 20,174       | 11.93%                      |
| Less Court Revenues       | -137,496                               | -140,661        | -3,165       | 2.30%                       |
| Net Impact                | 31,657                                 | 48,666          | 17,009       | 53.73%                      |
| 1010 Emergency Management |  |                 |              |                             |
| Personnel Services        | 147,258                                | 146,466         | -792         | -0.54%                      |
| Employee Benefits         | 85,121                                 | 85,052          | -69          | -0.08%                      |
| Contractual Services      | 64,185                                 | 64,025          | -160         | -0.25%                      |
| Commodities               | 10,060                                 | 10,025          | -35          | -0.35%                      |
| Capital Outlay            | 10,300                                 | 11,200          | 900          | 0.00%                       |
|                           | 316,924                                | 316,768         | -156         | -0.05%                      |
| Less EMA Revenue          | -68,692                                | -68,692         | 0            | 0.00%                       |
| Net Impact                | 248,232                                | 248,076         | -156         | -0.06%                      |
| 1015 District Attorney    |  |                 |              |                             |
| Personnel Services        | 251,682                                | 260,481         | 8,799        | 3.50%                       |
| Employee Benefits         | 137,546                                | 133,908         | -3,638       | -2.64%                      |
| Contractual Services      | 37,350                                 | 35,010          | -2,340       | -6.27%                      |
| Commodities               | 4,800                                  | 5,700           | 900          | 18.75%                      |
| Capital Outlay            | 5,500                                  | 5,500           | 0            | 0.00%                       |
| Total Impact              | 436,878                                | 440,599         | 3,721        | 0.85%                       |
| 1020 Administration       |  |                 |              |                             |
| Personnel Services        | 387,956                                | 423,623         | 35,667       | 9.19%                       |
| Employee Benefits         | 173,935                                | 190,908         | 16,973       | 9.76%                       |
| Contractual Services      | 90,050                                 | 115,220         | 25,170       | 27.95%                      |
| Commodities               | 9,100                                  | 11,250          | 2,150        | 23.63%                      |
| Capital Outlay            | 3,200                                  | 7,200           | 4,000        | 125.00%                     |
|                           | 664,241                                | 748,201         | 83,960       | 12.64%                      |
| Less TBRJ Contract        | 45,115                                 | -47,580         | -2,465       | 5.46%                       |
| Total Impact              | 619,126                                | 700,621         | 81,495       | 13.16%                      |
| 1035 Buildings            |  |                 |              |                             |
| Personnel Services        | 139,214                                | 140,380         | 1,166        | 0.84%                       |
| Employee Benefits         | 101,720                                | 78,070          | -23,650      | -23.25%                     |
| Contractual Services      | 182,350                                | 195,433         | 13,083       | 7.17%                       |
| Commodities               | 90,300                                 | 90,500          | 200          | 0.22%                       |
| Capital Outlay            | 20,000                                 | 25,000          | 5,000        | 25.00%                      |
| Total Impact              | 533,584                                | 529,383         | -4,201       | -0.79%                      |
| 1045 Jail Assessment      |  |                 |              |                             |
| Contractual Services      | 2,420,839                              | 2,420,839       | 0            | 0.00%                       |
| Total Impact              | 2,420,839                              | 2,420,839       | 0            | 0.00%                       |

|  | COUNTY BUDGET - 2024 |                 |              | 12/0/2020  |
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|  |                      |                 |              |  |
|  | 2023<br>BUDGET       | 2024<br>REQUEST | 2022 VS 2023 | Init. Req vs<br>Crnt Bdgt %  |
|  | BODGET               | MEQUEU.         |              | ome Duge 70  |
| 1050 Jail Transport                          |                      |                 |              |  |
| Personnel Services                           | 385,760              | 364,888         | -20,872      | -5.41%   |
| Employee Benefits                            | 202,077              | 202,317         | 240          | 0.12%  |
| Contractual Services                         | 213,705              | 310,988         | 97,283       | 45.52%   |
| Commodities                                  | 4,750                | 1,500           | -3,250       | -68.42%  |
|  | 806,292              | 879,693         | 73,401       | 9.10%  |
| Less Jail Transport Revenue                  | -346,761             | -307,645        | 39,116       | -11.28%  |
| Net Impact                                   | 459,531              | 572,048         | 112,517      | 24.49%   |
| 1060 Communications                          |                      |                 |              |  |
| Personnel Services                           | 1,054,040            | 1,076,005       | 21,965       | 2.08%  |
| Employee Benefits                            | 553,003              | 472,234         | -80,769      | -14.61%  |
| Contractual Services                         | 156,698              | 159,950         | 3,252        | 2.08%  |
| Commodities                                  | 18,600               | 18,600          | 0            | 0.00%  |
| Capital Outlay                               | 32,000               | 52,500          | 20,500       | 0.00%  |
|  | 1,814,341            | 1,779,289       | -35,052      | -1.93%   |
| Less Comm's Revenue                          | -72,288              | -72,288         | 0            | 0.00%  |
| Net Impact                                   | 1,742,053            | 1,707,001       | -35,052      | -2.01%   |
| 1065 Deeds                                   |                      |                 |              |  |
| Personnel Services                           | 106,912              | 112,321         | 5,409        | 5.06%  |
| Employee Benefits                            | 74,713               | 77,412          | 2,699        | 3.61%  |
| Contractual Services                         | 9,150                | 9,645           | 495          | 5.41%  |
| Commodities                                  | 2,000                | 2,000           | 0            | 0.00%  |
| Capital Outlay                               | 54,500               | 54,500          | 0            | 0.00%  |
| TOTAL  | 247,275              | 255,878         | 8,603        | 3.48%  |
| Less Deeds Revenue                           | -500,000             | -456,375        | 43,625       | -8.73%   |
| Net Impact                                   | -252,725             | -200,497        | 52,228       | 20.67%   |
| 1070 Probate                                 |                      |                 |              |  |
| Personnel Services                           | 170,735              | 163,200         | -7,535       | -4.41%   |
| Employee Benefits                            | 123,612              | 83,900          | -39,712      | -32.13%  |
| Contractual Services                         | 32,250               | 37,240          | 4,990        | 15.47%   |
| Commodities                                  | 3,100                | 3,300           | 200          |  |
| Capital                                      | 11,000               | 1,000           | -10,000      | 0.00%  |
|  | 340,697              | 288,640         | -52,057      | -15.28%  |
| Less Probate Revenue                         | -125,000             | -175,000        | -50,000      | 40.00%   |
| Net Impact                                   | 215,697              | 113,640         | -102,057     | -47.31%  |
| 407F Chariffle Department                    |                      |                 |              |  |
| 1075 Sheriff's Department Personnel Services | 2,499,360            | 2,611,412       | 112,052      | 4.48%  |
| Employee Benefits                            | 1,110,251            | 1,109,300       | -951         | -0.09%   |
| Contractual Services                         | 447,870              | 534,900         | 87,030       | 19.43%   |
| Commodities                                  | 72,000               | 71,700          | -300         | 0.00%  |
| Capital                                      | 62,200               | 67,000          | 4,800        | 0.00%  |
| σαριταί                                      | 4,191,681            | 4,394,312       | 202,631      | 4.83%  |
| Less Sheriff's Revenue                       | -160,942             | -214,942        | -54,000      | 33.55%   |
| Net Impact                                   | 4,030,739            | 4,179,370       | 148,631      | 3.69%  |
| FEET CONTRACTOR                              | -,,                  |                 |              | anni proprieta de la California de la Ca |

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| FUVAL                    | 2023<br>BUDGET | 2024<br>REQUEST | 2022 VS 2023         | Init. Req vs<br>Crnt Bdgt % |
|--------------------------|----------------|-----------------|----------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1095 Debt Service        |                |                 |                      |                             |
| Contractual Services     | 0              | 0               | 0                    | 0.00%                       |
| Bonds Payable            | 610,000        | 615,000         | 5,000                | 0.82%                       |
| Interest on Bonds        | 92,000         | 61,500          | -30,500              | -33.15%                     |
| TOTAL                    | 702,000        | 676,500         | -25,500              | -3.63%                      |
| Less Interest Revenue    | -35,000        | -25,000         | 10,000               | -28.57%                     |
| Net Impact               | 667,000        | 651,500         | -15,500              | -2.32%                      |
| 2010 Planning            |                |                 |                      |                             |
| Personnel Services       | 224,815        | 235,877         | 11,062               | 4.92%                       |
| Employee Benefits        | 58,545         | 89,827          | 31,282               | 53.43%                      |
| Contractual Services     | 20,525         | 19,975          | -550                 | -2.68%                      |
| Commodities              | 2,700          | 3,500           | 800                  | 29.63%                      |
| Capital Expenditure      | 2,000          | 1,500           | -500                 | 0.00%                       |
|                          | 308,585        | 350,679         | 42,094               | 13.64%                      |
| Less Planning Revenue    | -37,000        | -26,000         | 11,000               | 29.73%                      |
| Net Impact               | 271,585        | 324,679         | 53,094               | 19.55%                      |
| 2015 Recycling           |                |                 |                      |                             |
| Personnel Services       | 260,080        | 281,583         | 21,503               | 8.27%                       |
| Employee Benefits        | 168,375        | 149,559         | -18,816              | -11.18%                     |
| Contractual Services     | 126,150        | 135,250         | 9,100                | 7.21%                       |
| Commodities              | 27,800         | 34,500          | 6,700                | 24.10%                      |
| Capital Outlay           | 45,000         | 110,000         | 65,000               | 0.00%                       |
|                          | 627,405        | 710,892         | 83,487               | 13.31%                      |
| Less Recycling Revenue   | -284,000       | -200,000        | 84,000               | -29.58%                     |
| Net Impact               | 343,405        | 510,892         | 167,487              | 48.77%                      |
| 2025 Retiree Benefits    |                |                 |                      |                             |
| Contractual Services     |                |                 |                      |                             |
| Retiree Health Insurance | 112,854        | 115,253         | 2 200                | 2 120/                      |
| TOTAL                    | 112,854        | 115,253         | 2,399                | 2.13%                       |
| Less Retiree Revenue     | -23,975        | -24,467         |                      |                             |
| Net Impact               | 88,879         | 90,786          | -492<br><b>1,907</b> | 2.05%<br><b>2.15%</b>       |
|                          |                |                 |                      |                             |
| 2030 Community Programs  |                |                 |                      |                             |
| Contractual Services     | 99,020         | 109,037         | 10,017               | 10.12%                      |
| Total Impact             | 99,020         | 109,037         | 10,017               | 10.12%                      |
| 2050 Insurance           |                |                 |                      |                             |
| Contractual Services     |                |                 |                      |                             |
| Liability                | 98,692         | 108,561         | 9,869                | 10.00%                      |
| TOTAL                    | 98,692         | 108,561         | 9,869                | 10.00%                      |
| 2060 Contingency         |                |                 |                      |                             |
| Contractual Services     | 95,000         | 95,000          | 0                    | 0.00%                       |
| TOTAL                    | 95,000         | 95,000          | 0                    | 0.00%                       |
|                          |                |                 |                      |                             |

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| EIMAI                  | COUNTY BUDGET - 2024 |                 |              |                             |
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| ruval                  | 2023<br>BUDGET       | 2024<br>REQUEST | 2022 VS 2023 | Init. Req vs<br>Crnt Bdgt % |
| Capital Improvement    |                      |                 |              |                             |
| Capital Improvement    | 381,808              | 850,000         | 468,192      | 122.62%                     |
| TOTAL                  | 381,808              | 850,000         | 468,192      | 122.62%                     |
| Reserves               |                      |                 |              |                             |
| Wintess Fee Reserve    | 500                  | 0               | -500         | 100%                        |
| Legal Reserve          | 0                    | 20,000          | 20,000       | 100%                        |
|                        | 0                    | 25,000          | 25,000       | 100%                        |
| Training Reserve       | 0                    | 8,500           | 8,500        | 100%                        |
| Ask Program            | 40.000               |                 | 70,000       | 700.00%                     |
| IT Reserve             | 10,000               | 80,000          | •            |                             |
| Strategic Planning Rsv | 68,000               | 110,000         | 42,000       | 61.76%                      |
| TOTAL                  | 78,500               | 243,500         | 165,000      | 210.19%                     |
|                        |                      |                 |              |                             |
| Total Expenditure      | 14,445,769           | 15,502,351      | 1,056,582    | 7.31%                       |
| Revenue                | -1,836,269           | -1,758,650      | 77,619       | -4.23%                      |
| TOTAL                  | 12,609,500           | 13,743,701      | 1,134,201    | 8.99%                       |