

## COMMISSIONERS WORKSHOP

November 16, 2011

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At a workshop of the County Commissioners of the County of York, begun and holden at the York County Courthouse first floor courtroom in Alfred, within and for the County of York, being held on Wednesday, November 16, 2011 A. D. following the regular Commissioners' meeting.

### COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Sallie Chandler  
Daniel C. Cabral  
Richard R. Dutremble  
David Bowles  
Gary Sinden

County Manager Gregory Zinser was also present at the workshop.

Workshop was called to order by Chairperson Sallie Chandler.

Manager Gregory Zinser explained to the Commissioners the purpose of the workshop was to review priorities for York County Government.

County Manager Zinser reminded the Board that one of their priorities was external relations with other Maine counties as well as York County cities and towns. Mr. Zinser informed the Commissioners that he had circulated an e-mail to them with information on a meeting with Cumberland County on December 8<sup>th</sup>. He added that he had recently spoken to Mangers regarding professional development. Other topics of importance to Mr. Zinser are:

1. Have an organizational management study performed as flat funding the budget year after year is unsustainable. He has seen many redundancies in departments here in York County and feels some jobs could be consolidated.
2. County Manager Zinser sees professional development an important ongoing function. He added that York County Government has approximately two hundred employees and no Human Resource Director.
3. Work with municipalities i.e., other Maine Counties and York County cities and towns.

Commissioner Bowles stated that his first priority would be to have York County's fiscal year changed to June. Commissioner Sinden agreed.

The County Manager will research the issue and report back to the Commissioners with his findings.

Commissioner Sinden added that he felt it important for the County to expand the services it offers to York County cities and towns. He further explained that he felt the various services should be offered on an as is basis only and that the County is now in a position to do so. Commissioner Sinden suggested IT services as one option. Commissioner Chandler agreed adding this would generate more money for the County which is greatly needed.

County Manager Zinser responded that a list of needed services should be developed.

Commissioner Bowles added that York County's website needed to be improved. Commissioner Sinden gave examples of website templates that could be used by the County.

Commissioner Sinden stated that he was opposed to any new position at this time that does not have an identifiable revenue stream.

Lastly, Commissioner Sinden asked the County Manager to look into the possibility of York County leaving Maine County Commissioners' Association and obtaining insurance elsewhere.

**ITEM 9    ADJOURN**

Commissioner Bowles motioned to adjourn. Commissioner Cabral seconded the motion. Vote 5-0.

**Minutes taken by Executive Administrative Assistant**

**SIGNED:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Kathryn A. Dumont**

**ATTEST:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Sallie V. Chandler-Chair**