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STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-SEVEN

1 Resolve, for Laying of the County Taxes and
2 Authorizing Expenditures of
3 Washington County for the Year 1987
4 and Authorizing the County to Raise
5 up to \$350,000 for Expenses in
6 Conjunction with Jail Construction.
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8 Emergency preamble. Whereas, Acts and resolves
9 of the Legislature do not become effective until 90
10 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies;
11 and

12 Whereas, Washington County has certain expenses
13 and liabilities which must be met as they become due;
14 and

1 Whereas, it is necessary that the taxes for the
2 year 1987 hereinafter mentioned be immediately as-
3 sessed in order to provide the required revenue for
4 the county; and

5 Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature,
6 these facts create an emergency within the meaning of
7 the Constitution of Maine and require the following
8 legislation as immediately necessary for the preser-
9 vation of the public peace, health and safety; now,
10 therefore, be it

11 **PART A**

12 **Sec. 1. Washington County; taxes apportioned.**

13 **Resolved:** That the following sum is granted as a tax
14 on Washington County to be apportioned, assessed,
15 collected and applied to the purposes of paying debts
16 and necessary expenses of the county as authorized
17 herein, and for other purposes of law, for the calen-
18 dar year 1987:

19 **1987 TAX**

20 **\$1,264,244**

21 ; and be it further

22 **Sec. 2. General Fund expenditures authorized.**

23 **Resolved:** That the following sums, based on the
24 county budget filed in the office of the Secretary of
25 State, are authorized as General Fund expenditures by
26 the county during the calendar year 1987, in the
27 specific total amounts of expenditures for personal
28 services, contractual services, commodities and capi-
29 tal expenditures for each account in the county bud-
30 get:

31 APPROPRIATION

32 ACCOUNT NUMBER

APPROPRIATIONS

33	1005 - Superior Court	
34	Contractual Services	\$ 63,036
35	1010 - Civil Emergency Preparedness	
36	Personal Services	3,885
37	Contractual Services	3,025

1	Commodities	175
2	1015 - District Attorney	
3	Personal Services	43,793
4	Contractual Services	20,500
5	Commodities	2,500
6	Capital Expenditures	350
7	1020 - County Commissioners	
8	Personal Services	25,355
9	Contractual Services	18,065
10	Commodities	3,250
11	Capital Expenditures	50
12	1025 - County Treasurer	
13	Personal Services	18,600
14	Contractual Services	2,525
15	Commodities	500
16	1035 - Courthouse	
17	Personal Services	29,306
18	Contractual Services	12,720
19	Commodities	10,700
20	Capital Expenditures	6,250
21	1040 - Cooper Street Building	
22	Contractual Services	2,160
23	Commodities	3,200
24	1050 - Jail - Support of Prisoners	
25	Personal Services	101,025
26	Contractual Services	259,625
27	Commodities	14,700
28	Capital Expenditures	5,250
29	1060 - Telecommunications	
30	Personal Services	68,944
31	Contractual Services	30,665
32	Commodities	950
33	1065 - Register of Deeds	
34	Personal Services	42,873
35	Contractual Services	46,775
36	Commodities	1,145
37	1070 - Register of Probate	
38	Personal Services	47,632

1	Contractual Services	4,710
2	Commodities	2,300
3	Capital Expenditures	3,000
4	1075 - Sheriff	
5	Personal Services	140,823
6	Contractual Services	44,280
7	Commodities	5,600
8	Capital Expenditures	13,500
9	1090 - Auditing	
10	Contractual Services	5,000
11	2000 - Interest	
12	Contractual Services:	
13	Tax Anticipation Notes	20,000
14	Bond Anticipation Notes	142,800
15	2005 - Extension Service	
16	Contractual Services	27,970
17	2010 - Washington Regional Planning	
18	Contractual Services	10,800
19	2025 - Employee Benefits	
20	Contractual Services:	
21	Maine State Retirement System	24,000
22	Social Security	37,450
23	Workers' Compensation	18,000
24	Group Insurance	750
25	Blue Cross/Blue Shield	70,000
26	2035 - Soil and Water Conservation	
27	Contractual Services	2,250
28	2045 - Program Grants	
29	Contractual Services:	
30	Washington County Homemakers	4,922
31	Downeast Resource and	
32	Conservation District	2,992
33	Bookmobile Service	900
34	Eastern Area Agency on Aging	2,250
35	Womankind	1,800
36	Washington County	
37	Children's Program	90
38	Community Health and	
39	Counseling	4,500

1	International Border	
2	Firemen's Association	2,205
3	Association for Retarded	
4	Citizens	3,600
5	Eastern Maine Development	
6	District	11,649
7	Washington-Hancock	
8	Community Agency	1,221
9	Downeast Camp Corporation	1,800
10	2050 - Insurance	
11	Contractual Services	48,323
12	2055 - County Dues	
13	Contractual Services	2,650
14	2060 - Airports	
15	Contractual Services:	
16	Eastport Airport	2,000
17	Machias Airport	2,000
18	Lubec Airport	2,000
19	Princeton Airport	2,000
20	2090 - Miscellaneous	
21	Contractual Services	<u>250</u>
22	Total Appropriations	\$1,559,914
23	Available Credits:	
24	Estimated Revenue	\$ 190,148
25	Transfer from Surplus	<u>105,522</u>
26	Total Available Credits	295,670
27	Amount to be raised by taxation	<u>\$1,264,244</u>

28 **PART B**

29 **Sec. 1. Additional bond issue for jail**
30 **renovations authorized. Resolved:** That, notwith-
31 standing the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 30, sec-
32 tions 404 and 406, and in addition to the amount au-
33 thorized to be raised and expended under Private and
34 Special Law 1983, chapter 73, and Private and Special
35 Law 1985, chapter 79, the county commissioners of the
36 County of Washington are authorized to raise and ex-
37 pend, by issuing bonds or notes, an additional sum

1 not exceeding \$350,000 for additional expenses in-
2 volved in the renovation and construction of the
3 Washington County jail; and be it further

4 **Sec. 2. Aid from other sources. Resolved:** That
5 the county commissioners of Washington County are au-
6 thorized to borrow any portion of the sums authorized
7 in this Part from or through any agency or department
8 of the State and of the Federal Government. The
9 county commissioners are authorized to receive grants
10 of money and other assistance from or through any
11 agency or department of the State and of the Federal
12 Government for any of the purposes authorized in this
13 Part; and be it further

14 **Sec. 3. Bonds. Resolved:** That, to provide
15 funds for expenses related to the renovation and con-
16 struction of the jail, the treasurer of Washington
17 County, with the approval of the county commission-
18 ers, may borrow from time to time upon the full faith
19 and credit of the county such sums not exceeding in
20 the aggregate \$350,000 as may be necessary and may
21 issue self-liquidating bonds therefor which shall
22 bear on their face the words "Washington County Capi-
23 tal Improvement Bonds Act of 1987." Each authorized
24 issue shall be payable in such annual installments,
25 beginning not more than 2 years from the date thereof
26 and not earlier than the year 1989, as will extin-
27 guish each loan in not more than 20 years from its
28 date. The bonds shall be signed by the treasurer of
29 the county and countersigned by the chairman of the
30 county commissioners. The bonds shall be valid with-
31 out first obtaining the consent of the county, as
32 provided in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 30,
33 sections 302 and 404. The county may sell these se-
34 curities at public or private sale upon such terms
35 and conditions as the county commissioners may deem
36 proper, but at not less than par and accrued inter-
37 est; and be it further

38 **Sec. 4. Temporary notes. Resolved:** That the
39 county treasurer, with the approval of the county
40 commissioners, may issue temporary notes of the coun-
41 ty, payable in not more than one year from their
42 dates, in anticipation of the issue of bonds under
43 this Part and may renew the same, but the time within
44 which these bonds shall become due and payable shall

1 not be extended, by reason of these temporary notes,
2 beyond the term fixed by this Part. Any notes issued
3 in anticipation of the bonds shall be paid from the
4 proceeds of the bonds; and be it further

5 **Sec. 5. Issuance and expenditure. Resolved:**
6 That, if any bonds have not been issued within 5
7 years of the effective date of this resolve, those
8 bonds shall not be issued. If any proceeds from the
9 sale of the bonds have not been expended within 10
10 years after the date of sale, those proceeds shall
11 lapse to the county's debt service account; and be it
12 further

13 **Sec. 6. No referendum required. Resolved:**
14 That, notwithstanding the Maine Revised Statutes, Ti-
15 tle 30, sections 302 and 404, this Part shall become
16 valid upon enactment without being submitted to the
17 voters of Washington County.

18 **Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited
19 in the preamble, this resolve shall take effect when
20 approved.

21 **STATEMENT OF FACT**

22 This is the regular yearly resolve for the laying
23 of taxes in Washington County. In addition, it pro-
24 vides for an authorization to raise \$350,000 to cover
25 expenses associated with jail renovations and con-
26 struction.

27 In 1984, a bond issue for \$1.4 million was autho-
28 rized by the Legislature and the county voters for
29 renovation and additions to the Washington County
30 jail. Subsequently, the lowest bid received was for
31 \$2.1 million. Therefore, in 1986, the Legislature
32 authorized an additional \$700,000 in funding. In or-
33 der to obtain badly needed space quickly and to be
34 able to accept the bid within the specified time pe-
35 riod, the resolve authorizing this money removed the
36 need for the normal voter referendum.

37 Construction was begun in 1986 and \$338,000 in
38 additional expenses were incurred and will be in-

1 curred that were not planned for in the original
2 bonding proposals. These expenses are:

3	Rental of buildings and equipment for	
4	temporary jail	\$56,000
5	New computer	14,000
6	Jail and telecommunication furniture	6,000
7	and fixtures	
8	Jail reserve	263,000
9	Salary-Clerk of the Works	\$20,000
10	Bond counsel	3,000
11	Architects' fees	30,000
12	Construction change orders	160,000
13	Furnishing and expenses for new	
14	jail	50,000

15 To place these expenses in the county budget
16 would have resulted in a 48% increase. Therefore,
17 the decision was made to borrow the necessary funds
18 by adding to the current bond issue and this resolve
19 requests \$350,000 for this purpose. This will raise
20 the total authorized funding for the jail construc-
21 tion to \$2,450,000. There is currently an agreement
22 with the Farmers Home Administration for 20-year
23 bonds at a 5% rate of interest. This is the county's
24 only bonded indebtedness and this indebtedness with
25 interest will total \$3,932,260.

26 Because construction is currently underway, be-
27 cause temporary notes have already been issued
28 against the original bond authorization and because
29 permanent financing cannot be obtained until con-
30 struction is completed, it is not felt feasible to
31 make this additional funding contingent on the normal
32 voter referendum. Therefore, this resolve removes
33 that requirement.

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