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THIS WEEK IN THE COUNTY: Cumberland County Government had another week of serving the taxpayers of The County in several ways. Following is a brief synopsis of County activity for the week ending 1/25/08:

- The Maine County Commissioners Association continued to work diligently with the State Dept. of Corrections to develop a viable plan for jail consolidation. At the time of this printing, discussions were on-going regarding a potential “compromise” plan which would benefit all parties involved, and particularly the taxpayers of Maine.
- The combined Civic Center Task force, comprising representatives from the County, the civic Center Trustees, the City of Portland, and the Portland Pirates, continued to work together with renowned architect / designer Janet Marie Smith to study the feasibility of re-developing the Civic Center. Revised drawings will be presented in early February.
- The bidders meeting for the County-wide Radio system was postponed last week due to bad weather, but will be re-scheduled in early February. The manufacturers will need to have their bids submitted to The County on February 29 for review. This is a result of the overwhelming voter approval of the \$1.7 million bond in November. It is hoped the new system will be operating this fall.
- The committee working to improve conditions for the inmate medical staff and inmates has made improvements in the current facility and will continue to upgrade as much as possible with available funds, the inmate medical facility at the County jail.
- The next County Commissioners meeting will be held Monday, January 28th at 530 PM in the Peter J. Feeny conference Room at the Courthouse.

For more information or details on any of these items, contact Bill Whitten, Assistant County Manager at 871-8380, or Whitten@cumberlandcounty.org.

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