

~ Meeting Minutes~
Androscoggin County Budget Committee
September 22, 2021
Budget Committee Meeting
6:00 p.m.

I. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: at 6:00 p.m. by Chair Alicia Rea

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. ROLL CALL

Budget Committee: Chair Alicia Rea, Vice-Chair Allen Ward, Michael Stephanak, Larry Pelletier, Stephen Morgan, Lisa Cesare, Caleb Roebuck, Phillip Crowell Jr., Mark Lunt, Andrew Titus, Kevin Nichols, Stephen Milks, Budget Committee Absent: Walter Hill, Anthony Reny.

Other: County Administrator Larry Post, Treasurer Clarice Proctor, Chris Seddon, Melissa McGray, Sandy Berube, Sun Journal Steve Sherlock, Register of Probate Thomas Reynolds, Register of Deeds Tina Chouinard, Western Maine Transportation Craig Zurhorst, AVCOG Amy Landry, Horticulture Professional Lynne Holland, Office Manager Melissa Freeman, Vice-Chair Andro/Sag. Viviana Mendoza, Soil Conservation MacKenzie Richard, Project Director Emma Lorusso, Commissioner Sally Christner.

IV. CONSIDERATION & CONFIRMATION OF NEW COMMITTEE MEMBERS

On motion of Andrew Titus, seconded by Larry Pelletier, it was

VOTED:

(025-2021) to confirm Councilor Caleb Roebuck as District 2 Councilor-Budget Committee member and Stephen Milks as District 5 Councilor-Budget Committee member.

VOTE: 10-0-2

Abstained: Roebuck, Milks

V. CONSIDERATION OF SEPTEMBER 15, 2021 BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES FOR APPROVAL

On motion of Andrew Titus, seconded by Lisa Cesare, it was

VOTED:

(026-2021) to approve the September 15th minutes as presented.

VOTE: 11-0-1

Abstained: Nichols

VI. REVIEW BUDGETS & REVENUES

On motion of Kevin Nichols, seconded by Lisa Cesare, it was

VOTED:

(027-2021) to approve the *Western Maine Transportation Budget 2020* at \$42,500.

VOTE: 9-3

Opposed: Titus, Ward, Milks

On motion of Allen Ward, seconded by Andrew Titus, it was

VOTED:

(028-2021) to approve the *Twin County Extension Service Budget 2005* as presented at \$51,154.

VOTE: 12-0

On motion of Stephen Morgan, seconded by Phillip Crowell Jr., it was

VOTED:

(029-2021) to approve the *AVCOG Budget 2002* as presented at \$7,750.

VOTE: 11-1

Opposed: Titus

On motion of Larry Pelletier, seconded by Caleb Roebuck, it was

VOTED:

(030-2021) to approve the *Androscoggin Soil Conservation Budget 2035* as presented at \$14,000.

VOTE: 12-0

On motion of Allen Ward, seconded by Andrew Titus, it was

VOTED:

(031-2021) to reduce the *Employee Benefits Budget 2025* by -\$30,000 (from \$2,502,745 to \$2,472,745).

VOTE: 12-0

On motion of Stephen Morgan, seconded by Larry Pelletier, it was

VOTED:

(032-2021) to approve the *Registry of Deeds Budget 1065* as presented at \$202,974.

VOTE: 12-0

On motion of Allen Ward, seconded by Phillip Crowell Jr., it was

VOTED:

(033-2021) to approve *Revenue 9075 Fees of Office – Registry of Deeds* as presented at \$600,000.

VOTE: 12-0

On motion of Allen Ward, seconded by Stephen Morgan, it was

VOTED:

(034-2021) to approve the *Registry of Probate Budget 1070* as presented at \$199,639.

VOTE: 12-0

On motion of Allen Ward, seconded by Andrew Titus, it was

VOTED:

(035-2021) to accept *Revenue 9125 Fees of Office - Registry of Probate* as presented at \$150,000.

VOTE: (No vote)

Friendly Amendment

On motion of Allen Ward, seconded by Andrew Titus, it was

VOTED:

(035-2021) to increase *Revenue 9125 Fees of Office - Registry of Probate* by +\$10,000 (from \$150,000 to \$160,000).

VOTE: 12-0

On motion of Andrew Titus, (No second)

VOTED:

(036-2021) to decrease the *Commissioners line 1020-3120 Salaries and Wages* by -\$7,000 (from \$160,871 to \$153,871).

VOTE: (No vote)

On motion of Lisa Cesare, seconded by Allen Ward, it was

VOTED:

(036-2021) to reduce the *Commissioners Budget 1020-4015 Professional Fees* by -\$2,000 (from \$10,000 to \$8,000) and to approve the *Commissioners Budget 1020* at \$197,171.

VOTE: 12-0

On motion of Kevin Nichols, seconded by Lisa Cesare, it was

VOTED:

(037-2021) to approve *Human Resources 1021* as presented at \$5,100.

VOTE: 12-0

VII. ADJOURN

On motion of Stephen Morgan, seconded by Lisa Cesare, it was

VOTED:

(038-2021) to adjourn at 7:55 p.m.

VOTE: 12-0

Sandra Berube