

~ Meeting Minutes~
Androscoggin County Budget Committee
September 29, 2021
Budget Committee Meeting
6:00 p.m.

I. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: at 6:02 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, Phillip Crowell Jr., Anthony Reny, Mark Lunt, Andrew Titus, Kevin Nichols, Stephen Milks, Stephen Morgan, Lisa Cesare, Caleb Roebuck. Budget Committee Absent: Walter Hill.

Other: County Administrator Larry Post, Treasurer Clarice Proctor, Facilities Director Dave Cote, Melissa McGray, Sandy Berube, EMA Director Angela Molino, Sheriff Eric Samson, Chief Deputy William Gagne, Patrol Director Mark Cornelio, Communications Director Martin Fournier, Jail Administrator Jeff Chute, Chair Sally Christner, Finance Clerk Hillary Nadeau, Patrol Deputy Nathan McNally.

IV. CONSIDERATION OF SEPTEMBER 22, 2021 BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES FOR APPROVAL

On motion of Kevin Nichols, seconded by Stephen Morgan, it was

VOTED:

(039-2021) to approve the September 22nd minutes as presented.

VOTE: 12-0-1

Abstained: Reny

V. REVIEW BUDGETS & REVENUES

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

VOTED:

(040-2021)

*to decrease *District Attorney line 1015-4305 Electricity* by -\$1,000 (from \$13,000 to \$12,000),

*to reduce *District Attorney line 1015-4315 Telephone* by -\$3,000 (from \$27,000 to \$24,000),

*to increase *Revenue 1015-9555 Deferred Disposition* by +\$10,000 (from \$40,000 to \$50,000),

*to decrease *Facilities line 1040-7300 Dept. Capital Reserve* by -\$25,000 (from \$25,000 to \$0),

*to decrease *Interest line 2000-4505 Interest/Tax Anticipation* by -\$20,000 (from \$80,000 to \$60,000),

*to decrease *Western Maine Transportation line 2020-4715* by -\$2,500
(from \$45,000 to \$42,500)

VOTE: (13-0)

On motion of Phillip Crowell Jr, seconded by Andrew Titus, it was

VOTED:

(041-2021)

*to decrease *EMA line 1010-5376 EOC Training & Exercise* by -\$8,000
(from \$10,000 to \$2,000),

*to decrease *EMA line 1010-4610 Repairs, Building* by -\$2,500
(from \$2,500 to \$0),

*to reduce *Revenue 9025 A.E.M.A. Matching Funds* by -\$5,250
(from \$143,045 to \$137,795),

*to reduce *EMA line 1010-7310 Communications* by -\$6,000
(from \$6,000 to \$0) to the lost revenue account out of ARPA.

VOTE: (no vote)

Amendment to motion:

On motion of Phillip Crowell Jr, seconded by Andrew Titus, it was

VOTED:

(041-2021)

*to decrease *EMA line 1010-5376 EOC Training & Exercise* by -\$8,000
(from \$10,000 to \$2,000),

*to decrease *EMA line 1010-4610 Repairs, Building* by -\$2,500
(from \$2,500 to \$0),

*to reduce *Revenue 9025 A.E.M.A. Matching Funds* by -\$5,250
(from \$143,045 to \$137,795),

*to accept the EMA bottom line at \$216,500 (\$227,000-\$10,500) and total
Revenues at \$137,795 (\$143,045-\$5,250).

VOTE: 13-0

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

VOTED:

(042-2021) to decrease *Sheriff's line 1075-7360 Public Safety* by -\$32,000 (from
\$33,500 to \$1,500) to the lost revenue account out of ARPA.

VOTE: (no vote)

Amendment to motion:

VOTED:

(042-2021) to decrease *Sheriff's line 1075-7360 Public Safety* by -\$33,500 (from
\$33,500 to \$0) to the lost revenue account out of ARPA.

VOTE: (12-1)

Opposed: Morgan

On motion of Andrew Titus, seconded by Anthony Reny (to discuss), it was

VOTED:

~~(043-2021)~~ to accept Administrator Post's recommendation to reduce the Sheriff's lines: *1075-3230 Overtime* by -\$125,000 (from \$125,000 to \$0), to reduce line *1075-4205 Gas/Oil/Grease* by -\$54,000 (from \$54,000 to \$0), to reduce line *1075-4210 Repairs/Automobile* by -\$32,000 (from \$32,000 to \$0), for a total of \$211,000 to the lost revenue account out of ARPA.)

VOTE: (no vote)

Amended Motion

On motion of Andrew Titus, seconded by Anthony Reny (to discuss), it was

VOTED:

~~(043-2021)~~ to reduce the Sheriff's lines: *1075-3230 Overtime* by -\$125,000 (from \$125,000 to \$0), to reduce line *1075-4205 Gas/Oil/Grease* by -\$54,000 (from \$54,000 to \$0), for a total of \$179,000 to the lost revenue account out of ARPA.

VOTE: (no vote)

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

VOTED:

~~(043-2021)~~ to reduce the Sheriff's lines: *1075-3230 Overtime* by -\$125,000 (from \$125,000 to \$0), to reduce line *1075-4205 Gas/Oil/Grease* by -\$54,000 (from \$54,000 to \$0), for a total of \$179,000 to the lost revenue account out of ARPA.

VOTE: 1-12

Opposed: Sephanak, Crowell, Lunt, Reny, Rea, Ward, Milks, Pelletier, Morgan, Cesare, Roebuck, Nichols

On motion of Anthony Reny, seconded by Kevin Nichols, it was

VOTED:

~~(044-2021)~~ to accept the Sheriff's bottom line at **\$1,953,185**.

VOTE: (no vote)

Amended Motion

On motion of Anthony Reny, seconded by Kevin Nichols, it was

VOTED:

~~(044-2021)~~ to accept the Sheriff's bottom line at **\$1,953,185**, and to approve Revenues as presented: *Revenue 9300 Insurance Reports-Sheriff's Dept.* at \$3,500, *Revenue 9370 RSU 16* at \$0, *Revenue 9375 Security Service* at \$20,000, *Revenue 9400 Poland Contract* at \$0.

VOTE: 12-1

Opposed: Titus

On motion of Anthony Reny, seconded by Lisa Cesare, it was

VOTED:

(045-2021) to accept *Sheriff's Civil Department 1076* as presented at \$260,190.00, and to accept *Revenue 9275 Civil Process Fees* as presented at \$220,000.

VOTE: 13-0

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

VOTED:

(046-2021) to accept *Sheriff's Death Benefit 1077* as presented at \$25,000.

VOTE: 13-0

On motion of Allen Ward, seconded by Anthony Reny, it was

VOTED:

(047-2021) to reduce *Sheriff's Communications line 1078-7300 Dept. Capital Reserve* by -\$20,000 (from \$20,000 to \$0).

VOTE: 12-1

Opposed: Rea

On motion of Anthony Reny, seconded by Kevin Nichols, it was

VOTED:

(048-2021) to accept Sheriff's Communications bottom line at \$839,400.

VOTE: (no vote)

Amended Motion

On motion of Anthony Reny, seconded by Kevin Nichols, it was

VOTED:

(048-2021) to reduce *Sheriff's Communications line 1078-7310 Communications* by -\$7,000 (from \$77,550 to \$70,550), with a bottom line of \$832,400.

VOTE: 12-1

Opposed: Rea

On motion of Allen Ward, seconded by Mark Lunt, it was

VOTED:

(049-2021) to reduce *Jail Reserve* by -\$200,000 and to increase *Support of Prisoners, Other Reserve* by +\$200,000 (from \$100,000 to \$300,000), and accept expenditures as presented.

VOTE: 11-2

Opposed: Rea, Pelletier

On motion of Phillip Crowell Jr., seconded by Andrew Titus, it was

VOTED:

(050-2021) to reduce *Jail line 3123 Officer Training Reimbursement* by -\$15,000 (from \$15,000 to \$0).

VOTE: 11-2

Opposed: Stephanak, Rea

On motion of Phillip Crowell Jr., seconded by Anthony Reny, it was

VOTED:

(051-2021) to reduce *Jail line 7205 Building and Building Improvement* by -30,000 (from \$70,000 to \$40,000) to the lost revenue account out of ARPA.

VOTE: 12-1

Opposed: Rea

On motion of Allen Ward, seconded by Anthony Reny, it was

VOTED:

(052-2021) to approve *Jail expenditures* at **\$7,621,094** and *Jail Revenues* at **\$2,429,114.**

VOTE: 13-0

On motion of Allen Ward, seconded by Anthony Reny, it was

VOTED:

(053-2021) to approve *Revenue 9345 Dispatch Services* as presented at \$284,601.

VOTE: 13-0

On motion of Phillip Crowell Jr., seconded by Anthony Reny, it was

VOTED:

(054-2021) to transfer the following expenditures to the lost revenue/ARPA:

EMA

*1010-7310 *Communications* -\$6,000

*1010-7325 *Furniture/ Fixtures* -\$1,700

*1010-7375 *Computer Soft/Hardware* -\$2,600

District Attorney

*1015-7375 *Computer Soft/Hardware* -\$12,900

*1015-7325 *Furniture* -\$1,600

Facilities

*1040-7205 *Building & Building Improvement* -\$12,000

I.T.

*1060-7375 *Computer Soft/Hardware* -\$36,408

Sheriff's

*1075-7375 *Computer Soft/Hardware* -\$2,500

*1075 *Reserve Account* -\$5,000

Total: \$80,708

VOTE: 13-0

Alicia Rea suggested cutting ARPA cost #6. Commissioner Meeting room (conference room) to enable social distancing & remote meetings \$150,000.

Phillip Crowell Jr. suggested opening up an application process for community services that are being provided county wide, ex: Tri-County Mental Health and Safe Voices.

Phillip Crowell Jr. also suggested monitoring & evaluating the #8 Jail Medical Contract \$291,366 to decide if we would like to move forward with this in 2025.

On motion of Allen Ward, seconded by Anthony Reny, it was

VOTED:

(055-2021) to increase *Revenue 9000 Estimated Surplus* by +\$50,000 (from \$150,000 to 200,000).

VOTE: 11-2

Opposed: Rea, Pelletier

On motion of Allen Ward, seconded by Anthony Reny, it was

VOTED:

(056-2021) to increase *Revenue 9000 Transfer-County Reserve* by + \$100,000 (from \$0 to \$100,000)

VOTE: 11-2

Opposed: Rea, Pelletier

On motion of Allen Ward, seconded by Anthony Reny, it was

VOTED:

(057-2021) to increase *Revenue 9100 Real Estate Transfer Tax* by + \$80,000 (from \$160,000 to \$240,000).

VOTE: (no vote)

Amendment to motion

On motion of Allen Ward, seconded by Anthony Reny, it was

VOTED:

(057-2021) to increase *Revenue 9100 Real Estate Transfer Tax* by + \$50,000 (from \$160,000 to \$210,000).

VOTE: (10-3)

Opposed: Lunt Pelletier, Morgan

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

VOTED:

(058-2021) to increase *Revenue 9775 Interest of Investments* by +\$15,000 (from \$5,000 to \$20,000)

VOTE: 12-1

Opposed: Morgan

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

VOTED:

(059-2021) to approve *Revenue 9525 Rental Office Space* as presented at \$6,030, *Revenue 9260 Jail Contractual-Custodial Services* as presented at \$55,000, *Revenue 9265 Jail Contractual I.T. Services* at \$15,000.

VOTE: 13-0

On motion of Phillip Crowell Jr., seconded by Anthony Reny it was
VOTED:
(060-2021) to approve the 2022 budget as amended.
VOTE: 13-0

VI. ADJOURN

On motion of Anthony Reny, seconded by Caleb Roebuck, it was
VOTED:
(061-2021) to adjourn at 9:25 p.m.
VOTE: 13-0

Sandra Berube