

~Meeting Minutes~
Androscoggin County Commissioners
September 13, 2023
Public Hearing 5:15 p.m.

I. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER – by Chair Sally Christner at 5:20 P.M.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. ROLL CALL

Commissioners: Chair Sally Christner, Roland Poirier, Brian Ames, Andrew Lewis.
Tardy: Vice-Chair Terri Kelly, Garrett Mason. Absent: Edouard Plourde.
Other: County Administrator/Treasurer Clarice Proctor, Hillary Nadeau, Sheriff Eric Samson, Chief Deputy William Gagne, Patrol Director Mark Cornelio, Facilities Director David Cote, Communications Director Martin Fournier, DA Office Administrator Michael Perry, Jail Administrator Jeff Chute, Sandy Berube, Craig Zorhorst, Sun Journal’s Steve Sherlock, Izzy Viselli, Janice Moore, citizens.

IV. APPROVE BUDGET MINUTES FOR SEPTEMBER 6TH.

Motion: to approve the September 6, 2023 budget minutes.
Ames-Lewis 4-0

V. PUBLIC HEARING

A. Overview of Budget – N/A

B. Public Comments

Janice Moore - Lisbon resident, Master Gardener Volunteer and Treasurer for the Androscoggin/Sagadahoc Counties Extension Association.

Ms. Moore supported the request made by the Extension Association and encouraged continued financial assistance for their budget request. She stressed how well the budget is managed and shared her belief in the value of their contributions to the community.

Commissioners Mason & Kelly arrived during the public comments.

C. End Public Hearing

VI. FINALIZE PRELIMINARY BUDGET

(Starting Total Expenditures Tally: \$18,518,494.29)

Motion: to decrease *14040 County Building department, line 70100 Building & Building Improvements* (by -\$229,000) from \$257,000 to \$28,000.

Mason-Poirier (Ames seconded after Poirier) (no vote)

Amendment to Motion: to decrease *14040 County Building department, line 70100 Building & Building Improvements* (by -\$249,000) from \$257,000 to \$8,000.

Mason-Ames 4-2

Opposed: Lewis-Poirier

Total Expenditures Tally: \$18,518,494.29 - \$249,000 = **\$18,269,494.29**

Motion: to increase *17075 Public Safety department, line 51000 Salary & Wages* (by a total of +\$72,000) from \$1,825,500 to \$1,897,500.

Breakdown of \$72,000 increase:

\$60,000 New Route 4 Patrol Deputy (due to number of accidents on Route 4)

\$2,000 Uniform expense for new Patrol Deputy (to be added to Uniform line 63035)

\$5,000 Sheriff's salary

\$5,000 Chief Deputy's salary

Lewis-Kelly 6-0

Total Expenditures Tally: \$18,269,494.29 + \$72,000 = **\$18,341,494.29**

Motion: to increase *17074 – 777 Center Street Revenues* by (+ \$8,000) from \$40,000 to \$48,000.

Lewis-Ames 6-0

Total County Revenues Tally: \$2,122,368 + \$8,000 = **\$2,130,368.00 (County Revenues)**
(Jail Revenues = \$2,623,248.00)

Motion: to increase *12030 Interest, Tax Anticipated Note* by (+ \$10,000) from \$60,000 to \$70,000.

Lewis-Ames 6-0

Total Expenditures Tally: \$18,341,494.29 + \$10,000 = **\$18,351,494.29**

Motion: to reduce *19202 AVCOG* by (- \$8,197.29) from \$8,197.29 to \$0 (Zero).

Ames-Mason 5-1

Opposed: Poirier

Total Expenditures Tally: \$18,351,494.29 - \$8,197.29 = **\$18,343,297.00**

Motion: to approve *Preliminary Budget Total Expenses* at **\$18,343,297.00**

(Note: total reduction of -\$175,197.29)

Ames-Lewis 6-0

VII. ADJOURN

Motion: to adjourn at 7:17 p.m.

Ames-Mason 6-0

Clarice Proctor, County Administrator