

~ Meeting Minutes ~
Androscoggin County Budget Committee
October 9, 2024
Budget Committee Meeting
6:00 p.m.

I. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: by Lisa Cesare at 6:00 p.m.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. APPOINT MEMBERS FROM VACANT DISTRICTS

On motion of Tim Gallant, seconded by David Chittim, it was

VOTED:

(008-2024) to appoint the following Budget Committee members:

District 2 Resident Aleya Caron, Lewiston

District 6 Councilor Leroy Walker, Auburn

VOTE: 10-0-1

Abstained: Walker

IV. ROLL CALL (with Introductions)

Denis D'Auteuil – Assistant City Manager, Auburn

Tim Gallant – City Councilor for Ward 7, Lewiston

Leroy Walker – City Councilor for Ward 5, Auburn

William Kuhl – Ward 4, Lisbon Falls

Susan Longchamps – City Councilor for Ward 2, Lewiston

David Chittim – Councilor for Ward 6, Lewiston

Paula Masselli – Ward 6, Lewiston

Chair Lisa Cesare – Selectperson for Minot

Vice-Chair Kevin Nichols – Selectperson for Turner

Deirdre Smith – Lisbon Resident

Aleya Caron – Lewiston Resident

Absent:

John DeSantis – Selectperson for the Town of Poland

Robert Reed – Ward 7 Resident

Gordon Bell – Auburn Resident

Other: County Administrator Jeff Chute, Treasurer Clarice Proctor, Facilities Director David Cote, Sandy Darling, EMA Director Chris Dillman, District Attorney Neil McLean, Office Administrator Mike Perry, Register of Deeds Tina Chouinard, Register of Probate Thomas Reynolds, Citizen, Sun Journal Steve Sherlock

V. CONSIDERATION OF OCTOBER 2, 2024 BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES FOR APPROVAL

On motion of David Chittim, seconded by Kevin Nichols, it was

VOTED:

(009-2024) to approve the October 2, 2024 Budget Committee minutes as presented.

VOTE: 11-0

VI. REVIEW BUDGETS

Note: The Registry of Probate was taken out of order.

Registry of Probate

On motion of David Chittim, seconded by Tim Gallant, it was

VOTED:

(010-2024) to increase Probate Revenues from \$190,000 to \$210,000.

VOTE: 7-4

Opposed: Walker, Masselli, Cesare, Nichols

On motion of Kevin Nichols, seconded by Paula Masselli, it was

VOTED:

(011-2024) to increase Probate Revenues from \$190,000 to \$200,000.

VOTE: 11-0

On motion of Kevin Nichols, seconded by Paula Masselli, it was

VOTED:

(012-2024) to approve the Probate Expenditures at \$235,925 and the Revenues at \$200,000.

VOTE: 11-0

Emergency Management Agency (EMA)

On motion of Tim Gallant, seconded by Paula Masselli, it was

VOTED:

(013-2024) to increase the following EMA lines:

63015-Training & Education from \$1,200 to \$2,500 (increase of \$1,300).

63025-EOC Training & Exercise from \$1,200 to \$2,500 (increase of \$1,300).

65012-EOC Maintenance from \$0 to \$1,000 (increase of \$1,000).

65015-EOC Equipment from \$0 to \$800 (increase of \$800).

(Total increase of \$4,400 + \$253,663 = \$258,063)

VOTE: 10-1

Opposed: Walker

On motion of David Chittim, seconded by Tim Gallant, it was

VOTED:

(014-2024) to increase EMA Revenues from \$151,072 to \$152,495.

VOTE: 11-0

Superior Court

On motion of Kevin Nichols, seconded by Paula Masselli, it was

VOTED:

(015-2024) to accept Superior Court Revenues as presented at \$11,000 and Expenditures at \$11,100.

VOTE: 11-0

Victim/Advocate Restitution Specialist

On motion of Paula Masselli, seconded by Leroy Walker, it was

VOTED:

(016-2024) to accept Restitution Specialist Revenues as presented at \$36,025 and Expenditures at \$81,837.

VOTE: 11-0

District Attorney

On motion of Paula Masselli, seconded by Tim Gallant, it was

VOTED:

(017-2024) to accept District Attorney Revenues as presented at \$50,000.

VOTE:11-0

On motion of Paula Masselli, seconded by David Chittim, it was

VOTED:

(018-2024) to accept District Attorney Expenditures as presented at \$915,455.

VOTE: 11-0

District Attorney-Joint Budget

On motion of David Chittim, seconded by Tim Gallant, it was

VOTED:

(019-2024) to increase the DA's Joint Budget lines:

62020 Lodging from \$4,000 to \$6,500 (\$2,500 increase).

63070 Dues from \$4,000 to \$4,400 (\$400 increase).

Total Expenditure increase (\$2,900 + \$18,100) = \$21,000

VOTE: 10-1

Opposed: Nichols

Victim-Witness Advocate Grant

On motion of David Chittim, seconded by Paula Masselli, it was

VOTED:

(020-2024) to accept the Victim-Witness Advocate Grant Revenues as presented at \$55,000.

VOTE: 11-0

On motion of David Chittim, seconded by Paula Masselli, it was

VOTED:

(021-2024) to accept the Victim-Witness Advocate Grant Expenditures as presented at \$99,219.

VOTE: 11-0

Registry of Deeds

On motion of Paula Masselli, seconded by Tim Gallant, it was

VOTED:

(022-2024) to accept the Registry of Deeds Revenues as presented at \$720,000.

VOTE: 11-0

On motion of Paula Masselli, seconded by Tim Gallant, it was

VOTED:

(023-2024) to accept the Registry of Deeds Expenditures as presented at \$235,991.

VOTE: 11-0

VII. ADJOURN

On motion of Kevin Nichols, seconded by Leroy Walker, it was

VOTED:

(024-2024) to adjourn at 7:05 p.m.

VOTE: 11-0

Sandra Darling