

MINUTES

FINANCE COMMITTEE ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING – TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2017 - 11:00 A.M. –
BOARD ROOM - NORTHERN MAINE DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION – CARIBOU

PRESENT

Reynold Raymond, Chair, Finance Committee
Anthony “AJ” Edgcomb, Finance Committee
Richard Fortier, Finance Committee
Donald Savage, Finance Committee
Sue Powers, Finance Committee
Paul J. Adams, Chair, County Commissioners
Norman L. Fournier, County Commissioner
Paul J. Underwood, County Commissioner
Ryan D. Pelletier, County Administrator
Anne-Marie Marquis, Financial Analyst
Sherrill Campbell, Administrative Assistant

EXCUSED

Durward Humphrey, Vice-Chair, Finance Committee
Nelson Jandreau, Secretary, Finance Committee
Ryan Bushey, Finance Committee

- ART. 1. The meeting was called to order by Chair Paul J. Adams at 11:05 a.m.
- ART. 2. Motion by Reynold Raymond and seconded by Richard Fortier to approve the minutes of the Budget Hearing held on November 15, 2016. Vote was unanimous.
- ART. 3. Motion by Richard Fortier and seconded by Sue Powers to nominate Reynold Raymond as chair, Durward Humphrey as vice-chair and Nelson Jandreau as secretary for 2017-2018. Vote was unanimous.
- ART. 4. Motion by Sue Powers and seconded by Donald Savage to accept the rules, procedures, and bylaws. Vote was unanimous.
- ART. 5. A review of current expenditures and the financial status of the County General Fund for 2017, the Unorganized Territory Fund for 2017-2018 and the Jail for 2017-2018 was presented by Ryan D. Pelletier, County Administrator.
- ART. 6. The itemized financial estimates and initial budget requests for the 2018 County Budget, the 2018-2019 Unorganized Territory Budget and the 2018-2019 Jail Budget were presented by Ryan D. Pelletier.
- ART. 7. Ryan D. Pelletier briefed the Finance Committee on the new salary structure that was developed from the salary study conducted by Laurie Bouchard. The study included nonunion and nonelected positions only. The process also included a modified Salary Administration Policy and a new salary structure with steps based on the responses of similar positions in local communities, and other county governments.

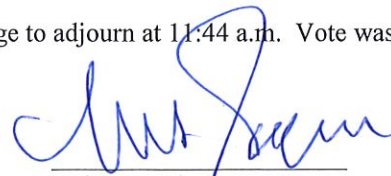
The county is currently involved with the collective bargaining agreement negotiations. The New England Police Benevolent Association Local 601 (NEPBA) Law Enforcement unit expires December 31, 2017 and the Teamsters' Local Union No. 340 Corrections/Dispatch/Cooks unit expired June 30, 2017.

Maine Municipal Health Trust has not proposed any FY18 health insurance premium increases at this time.

Norman Fournier briefed the Finance Committee on the tax assessment for correctional services. As of July 1, 2015, the counties were allowed to collect an amount that was more than base assessment limit. However, the additional amount each year could not exceed the base assessment limit as adjusted by the growth limitation factor established in section 706-A, subsection 3 or 3%, whichever was less. For FY19, the Department of Corrections approved the additional tax assessment to 4%. Other state recommendations for funding of county jails will be released February 15, 2018, which will be effective July 2018.

ART. 8. There was no other business.

ART. 9. Motion by Richard Fortier and seconded by Donald Savage to adjourn at 11:44 a.m. Vote was unanimous.



Nelson Jandreau, Secretary