

MINUTES

2018 COUNTY BUDGET, 2018/2019 UNORGANIZED TERRITORY BUDGET AND 2019 JAIL BUDGET
PUBLIC HEARING – NOVEMBER 14, 2017 - 4:30 P.M. - DISTRICT COURTROOM - COURTHOUSE -
CARIBOU

PRESENT

Reynold Raymond, Chair, Finance Committee
Durward Humphrey, Vice-Chair, Finance Committee
Nelson Jandreau, Secretary, Finance Committee
Richard Fortier, Finance Committee
Ryan Bushey, Finance Committee
Donald Savage, Finance Committee
Paul J. Adams, Chair, County Commissioners
Norman L. Fournier, County Commissioner
Ryan D. Pelletier, County Administrator
Anne-Marie Marquis, Financial Analyst
Various department heads and members of the public

EXCUSED

Paul J. Underwood, County Commissioner
Anthony "AJ" Edgecomb, Finance Committee
Sue Powers, Finance Committee

- ART. 1. The meeting was called to order by Finance Committee Chair Reynold Raymond at 4:30 P.M. The Public Hearing notice was read. The Finance Committee members were introduced to the public.
- ART. 2. The County Commissioners introduced themselves to the public
- ART. 3. An overview of the County Budget, Unorganized Territory Budget and the Jail Budget was presented by Ryan D. Pelletier, County Administrator. Mr. Pelletier reported that the County Commissioners and Finance Committee propose a 8.3% increase in the overall budget, with a tax increase of 11.6% for the 2018 County Budget. The primary increase is due to the implementation of the new non-union salary structure. It's the County's objective to establish and maintain a compensation system to attract, retain, and reward qualified personnel at all levels of responsibility. Other increases include health insurance rate and union negotiations. As far as the Unorganized Territory Budget for 2018/2019, the overall, proposed budget is up 6.09%, and the tax line is up 11.32%, primarily as a result of including a new Deputy position into our service area. The proposed Jail 2019 Budget represents a decrease of 6.72% and the tax line is down 6.54% over the current year budget. The
- ART. 4. Presentation of the County Budget, the Unorganized Territory Budget and the Jail Budget by Ryan D. Pelletier, County Administrator.

The County Budget was presented as follows:

- Total Expenditures -	\$8,590,256.00
- Departmental Revenues -	\$1,855,885.00
- Tax Assessment (excluding overlay) -	
Non-Correctional -	\$4,285,668.00
Correctional -	\$2,448,703.00
Total Tax Assessment	<u>\$6,734,371.00</u>
- Total Revenues -	<u>\$8,590,256.00</u>

The Unorganized Territory Budget was presented as follows:

- Total Expenditures -	\$1,846,526.00
- Departmental Revenues -	\$ 388,300.00
- Tax Assessment -	<u>\$1,458,226.00</u>

Total Revenues - \$1,846,526.00
The Jail Budget was presented as follows:

- Total Expenditures -	\$3,285,444.00
- Departmental Revenues -	\$ 919,522.00
- Tax Assessment -	<u>\$2,365,922.00</u>
- Total Revenues -	<u>\$3,285,444.00</u>

- ART. 5. Public testimony and comments were received from the audience.
- ART. 6. After addressing testimony and comments, Finance Committee Chair, Reynold Raymond, thanked everyone for their attendance and adjourned the Public Hearing at 4:57 P.M.
- ART. 7. A joint meeting of the Finance Committee and County Commissioners was convened by Paul J. Adams, Chair, County Commissioners, and Reynold Raymond, Chair, Finance Committee.
- ART. 8. Motion by Durward Humphrey and seconded by Donald Savage to approve the minutes of the October 31, 2017 Finance Committee Meeting. So voted.
- ART. 9. Motion by Nelson Jandreau and seconded by Donald Savage to approve to increase the tax levy limit as established by State law (LD1) for the 2018 County Budget. So voted.
- Motion by Norman L. Fournier and seconded by Paul J. Adams to approve to increase the tax levy limit as established by State law (LD1) for the 2018 County Budget. So voted.
- ART. 10. Motion by Richard Fortier and seconded by Durward Humphrey to approve the 2018 County Budget with Total Expenditures of \$8,590,256.00, Departmental Revenues of \$1,855,885.00, and Tax Assessment (excluding overlay) of \$6,734,371.00. So voted.
- Motion by Norman L. Fournier and seconded by Paul J. Adams to approve the 2018 County Budget as approved by the Finance Committee. So voted.
- ART. 11. Motion by Richard Fortier and seconded by Nelson Jandreau to approve the 2018-2019 Unorganized Territory Budget with Total Expenditures of \$1,846,526.00, Departmental Revenues of \$388,300.00 and Tax Assessment of \$1,458,226.00. So voted.
- Motion by Commissioner Norman L. Fournier and seconded by Commissioner Paul J. Adams to approve the 2018-2019 Unorganized Territory Budget as approved by the Finance Committee. So voted.
- ART. 12. Motion by Donald Savage and seconded by Durward Humphrey to approve the FY 2019 Jail Budget with Total Expenditures of \$3,285,444.00, Revenues of \$919,522.00, and Tax Assessment of \$2,365,922.00. So voted.
- Motion by Commissioner Norman L. Fournier and seconded by Commissioner Paul J. Adams to approve the FY 2019 Jail Budget as approved by the Finance Committee. So voted.
- ART. 13. Motion by Richard Fortier and seconded by Donald Savage to adjourn at 5:08 P.M. So voted. Motion by Norman L. Fournier and seconded by Paul J. Adams to adjourn the joint meeting at 5:08 P.M. So voted.


Nelson Jandreau, Secretary Finance Committee