

Aroostook County Finance Committee Meeting

October 24, 2023 – Caribou Courthouse – Caribou

Minutes

Present:

Ryan Bushey, Chair, Finance Committee
Sue Powers, Vice Chair, Finance Committee - Zoom
Richard Fortier, Secretary, Finance Committee
Michael Greenlaw, Finance Committee
Donald Savage, Finance Committee
Nelson Jandreau, Finance Committee
Michelle Raymond, Finance Committee
Kai Libby, Finance Committee
Paul J. Underwood, Chair, County Commissioner
Norman L. Fournier, County Commissioner
William T. Dobbins, County Commissioner
Ryan Pelletier, County Administrator
Dana Gendreau, Finance Director
Tammy Pelletier, Operations Assistant
Paul Bernier, Community Services Director
Penny Thompson, City Manager, Caribou

Chair Ryan Bushey called the meeting to order at 9:00 am. All attendees introduced themselves.

A motion was made by Nelson Jandreau and seconded by Donald Savage to approve the meeting minutes of September 21, 2023. All were in favor.

Overview of the Budgets

Mr. Ryan Pelletier provided an overview of the special 6-month County Budget (General Fund) for January 1-June 30, 2024. He explained that the towns will get their tax bill the same as usual in February 2024 for the 6-month period, but will have the choice to pay in full, or pay over a 3-year period. Letters will go out with the tax bills detailing the options. The budget process will begin again in February 2024 and towns will get their tax bill in May 2024. Both tax bills will be due in October 2024. Only the 6-month bill can be paid over 3-year period, the 12-month bill must still be paid in full by the due date.

Deliberation of the 6-month 2024 County General Fund Budget

After much deliberation and discussion, a motion was made by Donald Savage and seconded by Michael Greenlaw to recommend the 6-month 2024 County General Fund Budget as presented. All were in favor.

Other Business

Mr. Pelletier reminded the committee that we will begin this process again for the 12-month budgets for General Fund, Unorganized Territory, and Jail beginning in February, ending with a Public Hearing in May.

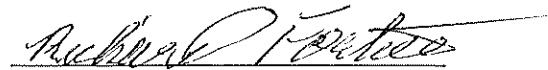
Commissioner Fournier thanked the committee members for their participation as it helps the commissioners with their decisions regarding the budget.

Chair Ryan Bushey informed the Finance Committee that the Public Hearing on the proposed 6-month County General Fund will be held on Tuesday, November 14th at 4:30 pm in the District Courtroom at the Caribou Courthouse.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Nelson Jandreau and seconded by Kai Libby to adjourn the meeting at 9:50 am. All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Richard Fortier", written over a horizontal line.

Richard Fortier
Secretary