

MINUTES

2024-2025 BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING – MAY 14, 2024 - 4:30 P.M.
DISTRICT COURTROOM - COURTHOUSE - CARIBOU

PRESENT

Ryan Bushey, Chair, Finance Committee
Sue Powers, Vice Chair, Finance Committee
Richard Fortier, Secretary, Finance Committee
Nelson, Jandreau, Finance Committee
Donald Savage, Finance Committee
Kai Libby, Finance Committee
Michelle Raymond – Finance Committee-Conference Call
Paul J. Underwood, Chair, County Commissioner
Norman L. Fournier, County Commissioner
William T. Dobbins, County Commissioner
Ryan D. Pelletier, County Administrator
Tammy Pelletier, Operations Assistant
Darren Woods, Director, EMA
Derrick Ouellette, Deputy Director, EMA
Peter Johnson, Sheriff
Paul Bernier, Director, Community Services
Melissa Richardson, Registrar of Deeds
Kari Bradstreet, Homeless Services of Aroostook
Jamie Chandler, ACAP
Pam Hickey, UMCE/ACEA
Willie Winslow, UMCE/ACEA
Clint Deschaine, Aroostook Agency on Aging
Scott Wardwell, Presque Isle International Airport
Christy Daggett, AMHC
Penny Thompson, City Manager, Caribou

- ART. 1. The meeting was called to order by Finance Committee Chair Ryan Bushey at 4:30 P.M. The Public Hearing notice was read. The Finance Committee members introduced themselves to the public.
- ART. 2. The County Commissioners introduced themselves to the public.
- ART. 3. Presentation of the 2024-2025 County Budgets by Ryan D. Pelletier, County Administrator.

The General Fund Budget was presented as follows:

- Total Expenditures -	\$10,844,933
Departmental Revenues	\$2,201,758
Total Tax Assessment	<u>\$8,643,175</u>
- Total Revenue	<u>\$10,844,913</u>

The Jail Fund Budget was presented as follows:

- Total Expenditures -	\$5,944,091
Departmental Revenues	\$2,236,163
Total Tax Assessment	<u>\$3,707,928</u>
- Total Revenue	<u>\$5,944,091</u>

The Unorganized Territory Fund Budget was presented as follows:

- Total Expenditures -	\$2,920,158
Departmental Revenues	\$587,200
Total Tax Assessment	<u>\$2,332,958</u>
- Total Revenue	<u>\$2,920,158</u>

ART. 4. Public Comments:

Penny Thompson, Caribou City Manager, read her written comments that were submitted prior to the hearing. She suggested that the County look at the possibility of offering dispatch as a County service to help out smaller communities struggling to maintain their police departments.

Clint Deschaine, Aroostook Agency on Aging, commented on how grateful their organization is for the continued financial support and how it helps provide services to the communities.

Courtney Chasse, Hope & Justice Project, commented on how thankful their organization is for the continued financial support and how it helps provide services at their 3 shelter locations which had over 6,000 bed days in 2023.

Chair Ryan Bushey read into the record the written comments received prior to the hearing (copies are attached):

Allen Mulherin, Town of Limestone
Michael Gahagan, Caribou Chief of Police
Chris Hayes, Presque Isle Chief of Police
Jamie Pelletier, Madawaska Chief of Police
Donna Turner, Town Manager, Washburn
Michael DeLena, Fort Kent Chief of Police

Finance Committee Secretary, Richard Fortier, thanked Penny Thompson for bringing her suggestion forward regarding dispatch services, and he would like to see the County look into this further.

ART. 5. Finance Committee Chair, Ryan Bushey adjourned the Public Hearing at 5:10 P.M.

ART. 6. A joint meeting of the Finance Committee and County Commissioners was convened by Paul J. Underwood, Chair, County Commissioners, and Ryan Bushey, Chair, Finance Committee.

ART. 7. Motion by Nelson Jandreau and seconded by Michelle Raymond to approve the minutes of the April 23, 2024 Finance Committee Meeting. So voted.

ART. 8. Motion by Sue Powers and seconded by Nelson Jandreau to approve the 2024-2025 County budget. So voted.

Motion by County Commissioner William Dobbins and seconded by County Commissioner Norman Fournier to approve the 2024-2025 County budget as approved by the Finance Committee. So voted.

Motion by Richard Fortier and seconded by Michael Greenlaw to approve the 2024-2025 Jail budget. So voted.

Motion by County Commissioner William Dobbins and seconded by County Commissioner Norman Fournier to approve the 2024-2025 Jail budget as approved by the Finance Committee. So voted.

Motion by Nelson Jandreau and seconded by Donald Savage to approve the 2024-2025 Unorganized Territory budget. So voted.

Motion by County Commissioner William Dobbins and seconded by County Commissioner Norman Fournier to approve the 2024-2025 Unorganized Territory budget as approved by the Finance Committee. So voted.

ART. 9.

Motion by Nelson Jandreau and seconded by Richard Fortier to adjourn at 5:15 P.M. So voted.
Motion by County Commissioner Norman L. Fournier and seconded by Commissioner William T. Dobbins to adjourn the joint meeting at 5:15 P.M. So voted.


Richard Fortier, Secretary Finance Committee