

MINUTES

AROOSTOOK COUNTY FINANCE COMMITTEE ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING MARCH 20, 2025 – ADMINISTRATIVE HEARING ROOM – CARIBOU COURTHOUSE

PRESENT

Sue Powers, Chair, Finance Committee
Ryan Bushey, Vice Chair, Finance Committee
Richard Fortier, Secretary, Finance Committee
Nelson Jandreau, Finance Committee
Donald Savage, Finance Committee
Michael Greenlaw, Finance Committee
Michelle Raymond, Finance Committee - Zoom
Kai Libby, Finance Committee – Zoom
Steve Pelletier, ARPA Administrator
Daniel Deveau, County Commissioner
Paul J. Underwood, Chair, County Commissioner - Zoom
William T. Dobbins, County Commissioner
Ryan D. Pelletier, County Administrator
Dana Gendreau, Finance Director
Leigh Smith, Treasurer
Tammy Pelletier, Operations Assistant
Cynthia Hutchinson, Town Manager, Linneus - Zoom

- ART. 1. The meeting was called to order by Finance Committee Chair Sue Powers at 9:01 AM.
- ART. 2. Motion by Richard Fortier and seconded by Nelson Jandreau to approve the Public Hearing minutes of May 14, 2024. So voted.
- ART. 3. Motion by Nelson Jandreau and seconded by Donald Savage to elect Sue Powers as Chair, Ryan Bushey as Vice Chair, and Richard Fortier as Secretary. So voted.
- ART. 4. Sue Powers read the Finance Committee Rules/Procedures. Commissioner Paul Underwood suggested a change to Section 3 (h) to reflect the new fiscal year of July 1-June 30. Motion by Ryan Bushey and seconded by Michael Greenlaw to adopt the rules as read. So voted.
- ART. 5. Finance Director Dana Gendreau presented an overview of the County FY 2024, UT and Jail budgets for the current year. Budgets are all on track for the current FY.
- ART. 6. County Administrator Ryan Pelletier presented a preliminary overview of the budget requests for the Fiscal Year 2025-2026. Items of significance include Enterprise Fleet management; deputies contract and reopening of the NCEU contract for dispatch details. Closely monitoring the jail funding bills and reciprocity for law enforcement training to de-incentivize departments from recruiting from other departments. UT ambulance expenses have increased and there is one area still in need of service that is being worked on.

ART. 7. Sue Powers reviewed the upcoming meeting dates for budget work sessions and the Public Hearing. Finance Committee members are encouraged to attend the work sessions on April 8 and April 11; and are required to attend the work session on April 29 and the Public Hearing on May 13.

ART. 8. No questions or comments.

ART. 9. Other Business:
Richard Fortier inquired if we would see a decrease in the budget. Discussions included comments on inflation and how the costs of all services were increasing, which makes it more challenging to reduce the budget.

Commissioner Deveau commented on the LUPC Commissioner appointment bill which includes having 4 commissioners appointed directly by the Governor's office and excludes the requirements for experience or the need to live in the LUPC area.

ART. 10. Motion by Donald Savage and seconded by Richard Fortier to adjourn at 9:50 AM. So voted.



Richard Fortier, Secretary Finance Committee