

Aroostook County Finance Committee Meeting

April 29, 2025 – Caribou Courthouse – Caribou

Minutes

Present:

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

Chair Sue Powers called the meeting to order at 9:01 am.

All attendees introduced themselves.

A motion was made by Michelle Raymond and seconded by Ryan Bushey to approve the meeting minutes of March 20, 2025. All were in favor.

Overview of the Budgets

Mr. Ryan Pelletier provided an overview of the 2025-2026 General Fund, Jail Fund, and Unorganized Territory budgets. Projecting 10% increase in health insurance; 15% increase in property insurance; fuel cost decrease by 0.40/gallon across all facilities; following several bills in the legislature that could increase jail funding from the state; COLA was applied to Commissioners and Treasurer's salary; exempt and non-exempt pay scales were adjusted based on an independent salary survey; IT, new jail and Enterprise Fleet accounts were added.

Deliberation of the 2025-2026 County General Fund, Jail Fund, and Unorganized Territory Budgets

After much deliberation and discussion, a motion was made by Vice Chair Ryan Bushey and seconded by Michael Greenlaw to recommend setting up a subcommittee to review State/City/Municipal program funding for future budgets. 6 In Favor, 2 Abstentions.

Vice Chair Ryan Bushey suggested that the County look at private Maine Paid Family Leave vendors as a cost savings option for next year.

After much deliberation and discussion, a motion was made by Michelle Raymond and seconded by Vice Chair Ryan Bushey to recommend the 2025-2026 General Fund, Jail Fund, and Unorganized Territory budgets as presented. All were in favor.

Other Business

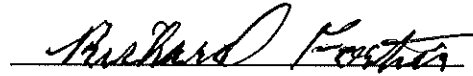
No other business.

Chair Sue Powers informed the Finance Committee that the Public Hearing on the proposed 2025-2026 General Fund, Jail Fund, and UT Funds will be held on Tuesday, May 13th at 4:30 pm in the District Courtroom at the Caribou Courthouse. Vice Chair Ryan Bushey and Michelle Raymond indicated they could not be present in person, but could be remote.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Richard Fortier and seconded by Mike Greenlaw to adjourn the meeting at 11:34 am. All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,



Richard Fortier
Secretary