

## Aroostook County Finance Committee Meeting

April 23, 2024 – Caribou Courthouse – Caribou

### Minutes

#### **Present:**

Sue Powers, Vice Chair, Finance Committee  
Richard Fortier, Secretary, Finance Committee  
Michael Greenlaw, Finance Committee  
Donald Savage, Finance Committee  
Nelson Jandreau, Finance Committee  
Michelle Raymond, Finance Committee - Zoom  
Kai Libby, Finance Committee – Zoom  
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

Vice Chair Sue Powers called the meeting to order at 9:00 am.

A motion was made by Richard Fortier and seconded by Nelson Jandreau to approve the meeting minutes of March 26, 2024. All were in favor.

#### **Overview of the Budgets**

Mr. Paul Bernier provided an overview of the 2024-2025 Unorganized Territory Fund budget. Larger increases were mainly due to solid waste and ambulance services. Most snow contracts remained the same or had small increases. The largest budget increase is for the new Sinclair Fire Station.

Mr. Ryan Pelletier provided an overview of the 2024-2025 General Fund budget. The budget includes a 3.3% COLA for all non-union employees and the new paid family medical leave tax.

Mr. Ryan Pelletier provided an overview of the 2024-2025 Jail Fund budget. Correction contract negotiations are in process. Boarding fees for prisoners unable to be housed at the jail have been removed from the operating budget and added to the Capital budget. Supplemental funding has been approved by the Governor and it is expected that our allocation would be approximately \$125,000.

#### **Deliberation of the 6-month 2024 County General Fund Budget**

After much deliberation and discussion, a motion was made by Nelson Jandreau and seconded by Michael Greenlaw to recommend the 2024-2025 County General Fund Budget as presented. All were in favor.

After much deliberation and discussion, a motion was made by Nelson Jandreau and seconded by Michael Greenlaw to recommend the 2024-2025 Jail Fund Budget as presented. All were in favor.

After much deliberation and discussion, a motion was made by Donald Savage and seconded by Michelle Raymond to recommend the 2024-2025 Unorganized Territory Fund Budget as presented. All were in favor.

**Other Business**

No other business.

Vice Chair Sue Powers informed the Finance Committee that the Public Hearing on the proposed 2024-2025 General Fund, Jail Fund, and UT Funds will be held on Tuesday, May 14th at 4:30 pm in the District Courtroom at the Caribou Courthouse.

**Adjournment**

A motion was made by Michelle Raymond and seconded by Richard Fortier to adjourn the meeting at 10:11 am. All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,



Richard Fortier  
Secretary