

**State of Maine
Androscoggin County**

**Minutes of Budget Committee
Meeting of
October 07, 2015**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chair Emily Darby, Norman Beuparlant, Steve Bolduc, Shane Bouchard, Ralph Caldwell, Guy Desjardins, Belinda Gerry, Joseph Grube, Michael Lachance, Mark Lunt, Michael Marcotte, Anthony Reny, Andrew Titus, Jeffrey Wakeman.

MEMBERS ABSENT: N/A.

OTHERS PRESENT: Register of Deeds Tina Chouinard, Deputy Register of Probate Julie Bertrand, Judge Michael Dubois, Facilities Director David Cote, EMA Director Joanne Potvin, Steve Sherlock-Sun Journal, Dick Clark-WGLT, Administrative Assistant Sandra Berube, Larry Post (future County Administrator beginning on October 19, 2015), Sheriff Eric Samson, Chief William Gagne, Leslie Dubois.

Meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Chair Emily Darby.

Budget Committee – Unanimously agreed to table the approval of the November 19, 2014 and the September 30, 2015 meeting notes until the next meeting.

RECAP OF COUNTY CHARTER AND UPDATE ON LEGAL STATUS

Chair Emily Darby – Noted that the Budget Committee is not involved in the lawsuit, but that the outcome of the lawsuit does affect how the Budget Committee will operate in the future. For now, the Budget Committee will operate as business as usual.

Chair Emily Darby – Read a letter dated October 5, 2015 from Attorney Peter Brann, the attorney for the 13 municipalities in the lawsuit. The letter provided a brief overview of the pending litigation between almost all of the Androscoggin County municipalities and Androscoggin County along with its County Commissioners.

The Budget Committee reviewed the Revenues.

The following departments are postponed until October 14, 2015

- 1005 Superior Court
- 1013 Victim Advocate
- 1015 District Attorney
- 1018 District Attorney Joint Budget
- 1019 Victim-Witness Advocate Grant

1065 REGISTRY OF DEEDS (Presented by Register of Deeds Tina Chouinard)

***Motion** of Michael Lachance, seconded by Anthony Reny:

To approve Department 1065 at Commissioner proposed \$183,644.00 with the option to revisit on October 29, 2015 especially revisit 2015 expenditures.

NO VOTE

Motion Withdrawn by Michael Lachance

On motion of Anthony Reny, seconded by Shane Bouchard, it was

VOTED:

(007-2015) To reduce line 10-1065-4835 Postage by -\$300.00 to \$1,800.00.

VOTE: 14-0

On motion of Anthony Reny, seconded by Jeffrey Wakeman, it was

VOTED:

(008-2015) To reduce line 10-1065-4840 Printing & Engraving by -\$100.00 to \$250.00 with the option to revisit.

Friendly amendment by Anthony Reny to reduce line 10-1065-4840 Printing & Engraving by -\$150.00 to \$200.00.

VOTE: 14-0

***Motion** of Jeffrey Wakeman, seconded by Anthony Reny:

To reduce line 10-1065-5345 Printing and Reproducing by -\$200.00 to \$400.00.

NO VOTE

Motion Withdrawn by Anthony Reny

***Motion** of Shane Bouchard, seconded by Michael Lachance:

To reconsider line 10-1065-4930 Registration/Enrollment

NO VOTE

(Reconsideration) On motion of Andrew Titus, seconded by Anthony Reny, it was

VOTED:

(009-2015) To increase line 10-1065-4930 Registration/Enrollment by +\$90.00 to \$250.00.

VOTE: 13-1

Opposed – Gerry

On motion of Michael Marcotte, seconded by Andrew Titus, it was

VOTED:

(010-2015) To approve Department 1065 Registry of Deeds at \$183,244.00 with the right to revisit any line item and the duty to revisit line items 3120 and 3230.

VOTE: 13-1
Opposed - Caldwell

1070 REGISTRY OF PROBATE (Presented by Deputy Register of Probate Julie Bertrand)

On motion of Michael Lachance, seconded by Anthony Reny, it was

VOTED:

(011-2015) To approve Registry of Probate's line item 10-1070-3120 Salaries & Wages, Department Head Proposed in the amount of \$105,876.00.

VOTE: 4-10
Opposed – Beauparlant, Bolduc, Bouchard, Caldwell, Darby,
Desjardins, Grube, Marcotte, Titus, Wakeman

On motion of Guy Desjardins, seconded by Michael Marcotte, it was

VOTED:

(012-2015) To approve Registry of Probate's line item 10-1070-3120 Salaries & Wages, Commissioners Proposed in the amount of \$108,485.00.

VOTE: 14-0

***Motion** of Michael Lachance, seconded by Belinda Gerry:

To reduce Registry of Probate's line item 10-1070-4020 Attorneys-Court Appointed by - \$9,500.00 to \$1,500.

NO VOTE

Motion Withdrawn by Michael Lachance.

On motion of Andrew Titus, seconded by Anthony Reny, it was

VOTED:

(013-2015) To reduce Registry of Probate's line item 10-1070-4020 Attorneys-Court Appointed by -\$1,000.00 to \$9,000.

VOTE: 13-1
Opposed - Desjardins

On motion of Anthony Reny, seconded by Michael Lachance, it was

VOTED:

(014-2015) To increase Registry of Probate's line item 10-1070-4315 Telephone by -\$100.00 to \$750.00.

VOTE: 12-1-1
Opposed – Marcotte
Out of room - Gerry

On motion of Andrew Titus, seconded by Steve Bolduc, it was

VOTED:

(015-2015) To decrease 10-1070-4630 Repairs/Equipment by -\$500.00 to \$500.00.

Friendly amendment by Andrew Titus to decrease 10-1070-4630 Repairs/Equipment by -\$250.00 to \$750.00.

VOTE: 13-1
Out of room - Gerry

On motion of Anthony Reny, seconded by Steve Bolduc, it was

Voted:

(016-2015) To reduce 10-1070-4665 Repairs Typewriter by -\$600.00 to \$ 0.00 (Zero).

VOTE: 13-1
Opposed – Desjardins

On motion of Michael Marcotte seconded by Belinda Gerry, it was

VOTED:

(017-2015) To reduce 10-1070-7325 Furniture & Fixtures by -\$200.00 to \$0.00 Zero.

VOTE: 4-10
Opposed - Beauparlant, Bouchard, Caldwell, Desjardins,
Grube, Lachance, Lunt, Reny, Titus, Wakeman

Michael Lachance – Stated for the record that last year there were valuable notes in the books, but this year department some notes are missing, heads are missing, and there are no Commissioners. Therefore, there is a lot more discussion.

On motion of Norman Beauparlant seconded by Andrew Titus, it was

VOTED:

(018-2015) To set 1070 Registry of Probate at a grand total of \$146,635.00.

VOTE: 14-0

1040 BUILDING (Presented by Facilities Director David Cote)

On motion of Anthony Reny, seconded by Joseph Grube, it was

Voted:

(019-2015) To reduce 10-1040-5610 Tools & Implements by -\$700.00 to \$500.00.

VOTE: 14-0

On motion of Anthony Reny, seconded by Jeffrey Wakeman, it was

VOTED:

(020-2015) To set 1040 BUILDING at a grand total of \$386,206.00.

VOTE: 13-1
Opposed - Marcotte

Chair Emily Darby - Asked members to consider use of the information request form.

Discussion regarding the consideration of the upcoming ballot measure regarding Androscoggin County Charter.

The Budget Committee made the following requests throughout the meeting:

1. That any updates in the budget be dated.
2. Note that no Commissioners are in attendance at this meeting.
3. The Commissioners attendance at the next meeting.
4. Detailed answers regarding zero amounts.
5. Auditor's Report for the fiscal year 2014 from the Treasurer.
6. Details regarding the Registry of Deeds surcharge account.
7. Explain increases over 1.7 in Revenues and Expenditures.
8. Explain what contingency can be used for and what are the remedies if it goes over.

On motion of Joseph Grube, seconded by Andrew Titus, it was

VOTED:

(021-2015) To adjourn at 10:15 p.m.

VOTE: 14-0

Patricia Fournier, County Clerk