

**State of Maine  
Androscoggin County**

**Minutes of Budget Committee  
Meeting of  
October 22, 2014**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Norman Beuparlant, Ralph Caldwell, Don Fournier, Joseph Grube, Michael Lachance, Mark Lunt, Michael Marcotte, Tony Reny, Nancy Richard, Andrew Titus, Emily Tuttle, Jeffrey Wakeman.

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Donald D'Auteuil, Vacant Seat District 5 – Auburn.

**OTHERS PRESENT:** County Commissioner Randall Greenwood, County Commissioner Elaine Makas, County Commissioner Beth Bell, Sheriff Guy Desjardins, Chief Deputy Nelson Peters, Captain Raymond Lafrance, Lieutenant Glenn Holt, Emergency Management Agency Director Joanne Potvin, Candidate for County Commissioner Alfreda Fournier, Candidate for County Commissioner Tom Reynolds, Candidate for County Commissioner Matt Roy, Charter Commission Member Richard Grandmaison, Charter Commission Member Richard Gross and County Clerk Patricia Fournier.

Meeting was called to order at 6:08 p.m. by Chairman Marcotte.

On motion of Mr. Beuparlant, seconded by Mr. Reny, it was

**VOTED:**

**(034-2014)** To accept the minutes of the October 1, 2014 meeting.

**VOTE: 11-0**

On motion of Mr. Reny, seconded by Mr. Fournier, it was

**VOTED:**

**(035-2014)** To accept the minutes of the October 8, 2014 meeting.

**VOTE: 11-0**

Mr. Lunt was welcomed by Chairman Marcotte and asked what his goals and expectations were for this committee. Mr. Lunt stated his goal is to keep the budget below the rate of inflation.

Mr. Marcotte referred to an article in the Sun Journal on October 19, 2014 that made reference to the preliminary figures suggested that the annual Social Security cost-of-living adjustment would be less than 2 %. Mr. Marcotte noted that, if this year falls below 2%, it will be the fifth time in six years.

There was discussion regarding section 5.5.2. of the charter. Mr. Gross and Mr. Grandmaison confirmed that the committee can change a line item in the budget with 11 votes, out of 14 votes.

Commissioner Greenwood concurred that the super majority would and the Board would have final authority under 5.5.4.

Mr. Gross said it was the Charter Commission's intention that the Budget Committee would set the elected officials salary and benefits and that the Commissioners could not change that. Mr. Gross specifically said that it was their intent that the Budget Committee would have the final vote on the elected officials salary and benefits.

Mr. Reny - "In a nutshell" for salaries it is binding.

Mr. Caldwell – The composition of the Board of Commissioners will change in a few weeks.

Emily Tuttle joined the meeting at 6:30 p.m.

**At this time, Department 1078/Communication was reviewed**

On motion of Mr. Titus, seconded by Mr. Marcotte, it was

**VOTED:**

**(036-2014)** To reduce 1078/Salaries &Wages/3120 to \$330,600.00.

Friendly amendment: to set line 3120/Salaries & Wages to \$335,600.00.

**VOTE: 8-4**

**Beuparlant, Grube, Richard, Wakeman opposed**

On motion of Mr. Reny, seconded by Mr. Lachance, it was

**VOTED:**

**(037-2014)** To set the following 1078/Communication budget lines to:

4110/Meals	\$200.00
4115/Lodging	\$200.00
4940/Training & Education	\$700.00
4630/Repairs,Equipment	\$200.00

**VOTE: 12-0**

On motion of Mr. Reny, seconded by Mr. Titus, it was

**VOTED:**

**(038-2014)** To set line 1078/Vacation Buy-Back/3235 to \$2,500.00.

**VOTE: 8-4**

**Beuparlant, Richard, Tuttle, Wakeman opposed**

**At this time, Department 1075/Sheriff’s Department reviewed**

On motion of Mr. Reny, seconded by Mr. Lachance, it was

**VOTED:**

**(039-2014)** To set line 1075/Stipend/3235 to \$7,000.00.

**VOTE: 10-2**

**Richard and Tuttle opposed**

On motion of Ms. Tuttle, seconded by Mr. Reny, it was

**VOTED:**

**(040-2014)** To set line 1075/Printing & Engraving/4840 to \$520.00

**VOTE:12-0**

On motion of Mr. Reny, seconded by Mr. Lachance, it was

**VOTED:**

**(041-2014)** To set line 1075/K-9 Support/4945 to \$4,000.00

Motion Withdrawn

On motion of Mr. Titus, seconded by Mr. Reny, it was

**VOTED:**

**(042-2014)** To set line 1075/Automobile Supplies/5310 to \$9,000.00.

**VOTE:12-0**

On motion of Mr. Wakeman, seconded by Mr. Titus, it was

**VOTED:**

**(043-2014)** To set line 1075/Printing & Reproducing/5345 to \$2,000.00.

**VOTE:12-0**

On motion of Mr. Lachance, seconded by Mr. Fournier, it was

**VOTED:**

**(044-2014)** To set line 1075/Automobile Supplies/5405 to \$14,000.00.

**VOTE:12-0**

On motion of Mr. Lachance, seconded by Mr. Wakeman, it was

**VOTED:**

**(045-2014)** To set line 1075/Meals/4110 to \$650.00 and 1075/Lodging/4115 to \$400.00.

**VOTE:12-0**

**At this time, Department 1077/Sheriff's Department-Death Benefit was reviewed**

On motion of Mr. Beauparlant, seconded by Ms. Richard, it was

**VOTED:**

**(046-2014)** To set 1077/Sheriff's Department Death Benefit at \$17,942.00.

**VOTE: 12-0**

**At this time, Department 15-1075/Sheriff's Department-Maine Drug Enforcement Contract was reviewed**

On motion of Mr. Beauparlant, seconded by Ms. Reny, it was

**VOTED:**

**(047-2014)** To set 15-1075/Sheriff's Department MDEA Contract at \$78,418.00.

**VOTE: 12-0**

**At this time, Department 1076/Civil Division was reviewed**

The Sheriff advised the Budget Committee that since the time he had submitted his budget, he was comfortable in making recommendations to cut a few lines in his budget.

The Sheriff recommended that the budget lines be set as follows:

4105/Automobile Mileage	\$ 50.00
4205/Gas-Oil-Grease	\$10,150.00
4315/Telephone	\$ 1,200.00
5315/Cleaning/Disinfecting Sup	\$ 400.00

On motion of Mr. Wakeman, seconded by Ms. Richard, it was

**VOTED:**

**(048-2014)** To set lines 4105, 4205, 4315 and 5315 as recommended by the Sheriff.

**VOTE: 12-0**

On motion of Ms. Tuttle, seconded by Mr. Lachance, it was

**VOTED:**

**(049-2014)** To set line 4840/Printing & Engraving/1076 to \$650.00.

**VOTE: 12-0**

On motion of Mr. Grube, seconded by Ms. Richard, it was

**VOTED:**

To adjourn at 9:03 p.m.

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Patricia Fournier, County Clerk