

**State of Maine  
Androscoggin County**

**Minutes of Budget Committee  
Meeting of  
October 29, 2014**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Norman Beauparlant, 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 Beth Bell, County Commissioner Elaine Makas, Treasurer Robert Poulin, and County Clerk Patricia Fournier, Dan Hartill, Sun Journal reporter, Richard Gross, Chairman of the County Charter Commission, Tina Chouinard, Register of Deeds, Melissa Brackley, Registry of Deeds Clerk, Michael Dubois, Judge of Probate, Leslie Dubois, Matt Roy, Candidate for County Commissioner, Alfreda Fournier, Candidate for County Commissioner, Sally Hebert, Greene Deputy Town Clerk, Anna Bell.

Meeting was called to order at 6:04 p.m. by Chairman Marcotte.

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

**VOTED:**

**(050-2014)** To accept the minutes of October 15, 2014 as presented.

**VOTE:  
12-0**

Emily Tuttle wanted to bring attention to a letter from October 24, 2014 regarding the intent of the charter. Ms. Tuttle pointed out the ability of a super majority of 11 to override County Commissioners on individual line items.

Mr. Gross, chairman of the Charter Commission stated that it was the Charter Commission's intent, that by a vote of 11 members of the budget committee, the Budget Committee could change a line item in the budget, and the commissioners would have to accept that.

Commissioner Greenwood offered to ask all of the charter commission members (board of 9 members) to clarify the intent of 5.5.4.

**At this time, Department 1020 County Commissioners was reviewed**

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

**VOTED:**

**(051-2014)** To set line 1020/Salaries and Wages/3120 at \$154,393.00.  
Friendly amendment to set line 1020/Salaries and Wages/3120 at \$159,643.00, which would set the Commissioners' annual salary at \$2,750.00 and \$500.00 additional for the Chairperson.

**VOTE:  
10-2**

**Richard – Beauparlant opposed**

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

**VOTED:**

**(000-2014)** To reduce 3120 by \$5,000.00 from the salary of the administrator.  
Motion withdrawn.

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

**VOTED:**

**(052-2014)** To set the following budget lines to:

4315/Telephone	\$1,000.00
4110/Meals	\$ 500
4115 Lodging	\$1,500
4105 Auto	\$1,000

It was moved and seconded to move the question

**VOTED:  
12-0**

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

**VOTED:**

**(053-2014)** To set line 1020/Office Equipment/7325 to 9,000.00.

**VOTE:  
12-0**

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

**Voted:**

**(054-2014)** To set 1020/Printing and reproducing/5345 at \$800.

**VOTE:  
12-0**

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

**VOTED:**

**(055-2014)** To set 1020/Office Supplies/5335 at \$500.

**VOTE:**

**11-1**

**Marcotte opposed**

**At this time, Department 1025 Treasurer was reviewed**

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

**Voted:**

**(056-2014)** To set line 1025/Salaries and Wages/3120 at \$134,296.

**VOTE: 9-3**

**Reny, Grube, Wakeman opposed**

**At this time, Department 2025 Employee Benefits was reviewed**

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

**Voted:**

**(057-2014)** To set line 2025/Health and Dental Insurance/4724 to \$1,200,420.

Ms. Tuttle requests specific health and dental information regarding how many family plans, how many single, what is specified by union contract, elected officials, and retired elected officials.

It was moved and seconded to move the question

**VOTE: 10-2**

**Caldwell, Richard opposed**

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

**Voted:**

**(058-2014)** To increase 1020/Salaries and Wages/3120, by adding \$1,750.00, which would be \$250.00 more per Commissioner, making the stipend \$3,000.00 per Commissioner.

**VOTE: 9-3**

**Fournier, Titus, Lachance opposed**

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

**Voted:**

To adjourn at 9:15p.m.

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Patricia Fournier, County Clerk