

~Meeting Minutes~

Androscoggin County Commissioners

September 2, 2020

Public Hearing and Regular Meeting 5:15 p.m.

I. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER – by Chair John Michael at 5:15 P.M.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. ROLL CALL

Commissioners: Chair John Michael, Vice-Chair Sally Christner, Noel Madore, Terri Kelly, Isaiah Lary, Marc Roy, Brian Ames.

Other: Administrator Larry Post, Treasurer Clarice Proctor, District Attorney Andrew Robinson, Facilities Dave Cote, Chris Seddon, I.T. Director Douglas Butler, Sheriff Eric Samson, Chief Deputy William Gagne, Register of Deeds Tina Chouinard, Register of Probate Thomas Reynolds, Communications Director Martin Fournier, Jail Administrator Jeff Chute, Patrol Director Mark Cornelio, EMA Director Angela Molino, EMA Deputy Director Paul Leonard, Budget Committee members Allen Ward and Alicia Rea, Sun Journal Steve Sherlock, citizens.

IV. Public Hearing

A. Overview of Budget

Administrator Larry Post presented the budget.

B. Public Comments

Lewiston budget committee member Allen Ward stated that he expected the budget to come in at zero rather than 3.6 % increase.

Bernice-Minot citizen noted that she feels there is a lot in the budget that can be cut.

Lewiston City Councilor and budget committee member Alicia Rea explained that they were aiming to scale the budget back from 3.6% to lessen the tax levy burden.

Letter read by Commissioner Christner-Lewiston Ward 6 Councilor Lee Clement-requested that there be no increase in taxes.

C. End Public Hearing

V. Finalize Preliminary Budget

Motion: to reduce *D.A.'s Superior Court line 10-1005-4835 Postage* (by -\$100) from \$200 to \$100.

Roy-Lary 6-1

Opposed: Madore

Motion: to approve the *D.A.'s Superior Court 1005 Budget* at \$11,100.

Lary-Ames 7-0

Motion: to take up the salaries for all non-union employees.
Lary-Kelly 7-0

Motion: to give non-union employees a 1% raise.
Lary-(no second)

Motion: to reduce *EMA's line 10-1010-4105 Automobile Mileage* (by -\$500) from \$500 to \$0.
Christner-Lary 6-1
Opposed: Madore

Motion: to reduce *EMA's line 10-1010-4115 Lodging* (by -\$150) from \$500 to \$350.
Lary-Roy (no vote)

Friendly amendment to motion: to reduce *EMA's line 10-1010-4115 Lodging* (by -\$225) from \$500 to \$275.
Lary-Roy 6-1
Opposed: Madore

Motion: to reduce *EMA's line 10-1010-4120 Other Travel Expenses* (by -\$100) from \$100 to \$0.
Christner-Roy 6-1
Opposed: Madore

Motion: to reduce *EMA's line 10-1010-4205 Gas/Oil/Grease* (by -\$250) from \$500 to \$250.
Christner-Lary 6-1
Opposed: Madore

Motion: to reduce *EMA's line 10-1010-4315 Telephone* (by -\$1000) from \$6,654 to \$5,654.
Kelly-Michael 6-1
Opposed: Madore

Motion: to reduce *EMA's line 10-1010-4305 Electricity* (by -\$180) from \$4,180 to \$4,000.
Christner-Lary 6-1
Opposed: Madore

Motion: to go line by line...“to run though the list and if there is something that a Commissioner wishes to change, they would speak up, if not, we can move on to the next line item.”
Lary-Kelly 5-2
Opposed: Michael, Roy

Motion: to reduce *EMA line 10-1010-4306 Gas* (by -\$130) from \$2,930 to \$2,800.
Christner-Lary 6-1
Opposed: Madore

Motion: to reduce *EMA line 10-1010-4610 Repairs, Building* (by -\$200) from \$500 to \$300.
Lary-Roy 5-2
Opposed: Madore, Kelly

Motion: to reduce *EMA line 10-1010-4630 Repairs, Equipment* (by -\$400) from \$800 to \$400.
Christner-Lary 6-1
Opposed: Madore

Motion: to reduce *EMA line 10-1010-4655 Repairs, Base Radio* (by -\$1,500) from \$2,000 to \$500.
Christner-Roy 6-1
Opposed: Madore
Motion: to reduce *EMA line 10-1010-4820 Dues* (by -\$50) from \$50 to \$0.
Lary-Kelly 6-1
Opposed: Madore

Motion: to reduce *EMA line 10-1010-4930 Registration/Enrollment* (by -\$50) from \$50 to \$0.
Lary-Kelly 4-3
Opposed: Michael, Christner, Madore

Motion: to reduce *EMA line 10-1010-5325 EOC Maintenance* (by -\$150) from \$500 to \$350.
Kelly-Lary 6-1
Opposed: Madore

Motion: to reduce *EMA line 10-1010-5335 Office Supplies* (by -\$600) from \$1200 to \$600.
Roy-Lary 6-1
Opposed: Madore

Motion: to reduce *EMA line 10-1010-5345 Printing & Reproducing* (by \$-1,111) from \$2,411 to \$1,300.
Christner, Kelly (no vote)

Motion: to reduce *EMA line 10-1010-5375 Training Supplies* (by -\$200) from \$400 to \$200.
Lary-Roy 6-1
Opposed: Madore

Motion: to reduce *EMA line 10-1010-5505 Books/Periodicals/Subscriptions* (by -\$260) from \$260 to \$0.

Christner-Lary (Withdrawn)

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Lary-Kelly 4-3

Opposed: Michael, Christner, Madore

Motion: to reduce *EMA line 10-1010-5405 Clothing & Uniforms* (by -\$100) from \$100 to \$0.

Lary-(no second)

Motion: to reduce *EMA line 10-1010-7310 Communications* (by -\$100) from \$100 to \$0.

Lary-Roy (withdrawn)

Motion: to reduce *EMA line 10-1010-7325 Furniture/Fixtures* (by -\$1,800) from \$1,800 to \$0.

Christner-Lary 4-3

Opposed: Kelly, Michael, Madore

Motion: to reduce *EMA line 10-1010-7345 Motor Vehicles* (by -\$9,900) from \$10,000 to \$100.

Christner-Roy (no vote)

Chair John Michael- "Skipping motor vehicles for now"

Motion: to reduce *EMA line 10-1010-7375 Computer Software/Hardware Equipment* (by -\$1,000) from \$3,500 to \$2,500.

Lary-Kelly (no vote)

Amendment to motion: to reduce *EMA line 10-1010-7375 Computer Software/Hardware Equipment* (by -\$2,000) from \$5,500 to \$3,500.

Lary-Kelly 6-1

Opposed-Madore

Friendly amendment to motion (from page 1): to adjust/increase *EMA line 10-1010-4105 Automobile Mileage* (by +\$200) from \$0 to \$200.

Christner-Lary 7-0

Friendly amendment to motion: to reduce *EMA line 10-1010-7345 Motor Vehicles* (by -\$10,000) from \$10,000 to \$2000 (that would cover repairs or other things).

Lary-Michael (no vote)

Commissioner Roy noted that if the \$2,000 is to be for repairs, it should be under the *Repairs, Automobile* line.

Friendly amendment: to move the previous motion from *Motor Vehicles* to *Repairs, Automobile* (to set *EMA line 10-1010-4210 Repairs, Automobile* at \$2,000)
Lary-Roy 7-0

Friendly amendment: to reduce *EMA line 10-1010-7345 Motor Vehicles* (by -\$10,000) from \$10,000 to \$0.
Lary-Michael 6-1
Opposed-Madore

Motion: to pass *the EMA Budget* in the amount of \$200,979.
Christner-Roy 7-0

Motion: to move the discussion to budget number rather than line item.
Ames-Roy (no vote)

Motion: to leave *1013 Restitution Specialist Budget* as presented in the amount of \$69,302.62.
Christner-Madore 6-1

Motion: to reduce the *District Attorney Budget 1015*, (by -\$5000) from \$714,667 to \$709,667.
Madore-(withdrew)

Motion: to reduce the *District Attorney Budget 1015* (by -\$14,667) from \$714,667 to \$700,000.
Roy-Madore 7-0

Motion: to approve the *District Attorney Joint Budget 1018* as presented at \$14,600.
Lary-Roy 7-0

Motion: to reduce the *District Attorney Budget 1019* (by -\$315) from \$87,051.36 to \$86,736.36.
Lary-Roy 6-1
Opposed: Madore

Motion: to reduce the *Commissioners Budget 1020* (by -\$6,199) from \$196,199 to \$190,000.
Lary-Roy (no vote)

Amendment to motion: to reduce the *Commissioners Budget 1020* (by -\$15,524) from \$196,199 to \$180,675.
Christner-Lary (no vote)

Amendment to amendment: to reduce the *Commissioners Budget 1020* (by -\$13,199) from \$196,199 to \$183,000.
Christner-(Lary withdrew second) (no vote)

Amendment to motion: to reduce the *Commissioners Budget 1020* (by -\$11,169) from \$196,199 to \$185,030.
Christner-Roy 7-0

Motion: to approve the *Human Resources Budget 1021* as presented at \$4,100.
Lary-Kelly 7-0

Motion: to approve the *Treasurer's Budget 1025* as presented at \$167,760.
Kelly-Roy (no vote)

Friendly amendment to motion: to reduce the *Treasurer's Budget 1025* (by -\$2,760) from \$167,760 to \$165,000.
Kelly-Roy 7-0

Motion: to reduce the *Building Budget 1040* (by -\$12,300) from \$450,619 to \$438,319.
Lary-(no second) (no vote)

Amendment to motion: to reduce the *Building Budget 1040* (by -\$76,300) from \$450,619 to \$374,319.
Lary-Christner (no vote)

Friendly amendment to amendment: to reduce the *Building Budget 1040* (by -\$46,300) from \$450,619 to \$404,319.
Lary-Christner 6-1
Opposed: Madore

Motion: to approve the *Jail Budget 1050* as presented at \$7,465,686.
Madore-Roy 6-1
Opposed: Lary
Commissioner Lary would like the minutes to reflect that he thinks it's very irresponsible for the state to force us to tax people when we could be using money from reserves.

Motion: to reduce the *I.T. Budget 1060* (by -\$15,268) from \$170,268 to \$155,000.
Lary-(no second)

Motion: to reduce the *I.T. Budget 1060* (by -\$10,268) from \$170,268 to \$160,000.
Madore-Roy 6-1
Opposed: Lary
Commissioner Lary would like the minutes to reflect that \$16,800 is a waste at a time like this.

Motion: to approve the *Registry of Deeds Budget 1065* as presented at \$195,070.50.
Madore-Kelly (no vote)

Amendment to motion: to reduce the *Registry of Deeds Budget 1065* (by -\$800) from \$195,070.50 to \$194,270.50.

Lary-Roy (no vote)

Commissioner Madore requested to move the question.

(Return to) Amendment to motion: to reduce the *Registry of Deeds Budget 1065* (by -\$800) from \$195,070.50 to \$194,270.50.

Lary-Roy 6-1

Opposed: Madore

Motion to approve amended motion: to approve the *Registry of Deeds Budget 1065* (by -\$800) from \$195,070.50 to \$194,270.50.

Lary-Roy 7-0

Motion: to accept the *Registry of Probate Budget 1070* as presented at \$184,756.

Roy-Kelly (no vote)

Amendment to motion: to reduce *Registry of Probate Budget 1070* (by -\$5,350) from \$184,756 to \$179,406.

Lary-(no second)

Amendment to motion: to reduce the *Registry of Probate Budget 1070* (by -\$1,000) from \$184,756 to \$183,756.

Roy-Kelly 6-1

Opposed: Lary

Motion: to accept the *Sheriff's Budget 1075* as presented at \$2,066,785.

Ames-Christner 6-1

Opposed: Lary

Motion: to reduce the *Civil Process Budget 1076* (by -\$2,000) from \$251,690 to \$249,690.

Lary-Roy 7-0

Motion: to accept the *Law Enforcement Death Benefit Budget 1077* as presented at \$17,942.

Madore-Lary 7-0

Motion: to approve the *Communications Budget 1078* as presented at \$828,618.

Madore-Ames (no vote)

Amendment to motion: to reduce the *Communications Budget 1078* (by -\$3,200) from \$828,618 to \$825,418.

Lary-Roy 5-2

Opposed: Michael, Madore

Motion to approve amended motion: to reduce the *Communications Budget 1078* (by -\$3,200) from \$828,618 to \$825,418.

Lary-Roy 7-0

Motion: to approve the *Auditing Budget 1090* as presented at \$14,500,
Madore-Christner (motion withdrawn)

Motion: to reduce the *Auditing Budget 1090* (by -\$2,000) from \$14,500 to \$12,500.

Lary-Roy 7-0

Motion: to accept the *Interest Budget 2000* as presented at \$80,000.

Roy-Lary 7-0

Motion: to reduce the *AVCOG Budget 2002* (by -\$7,500) from \$7,500 to \$0.

Lary-Kelly 4-3

Opposed: Kelly, Madore, Roy

Motion: to reduce the *Twin County Extension Budget 2005* (by -\$20,000) from \$51,799 to \$31,799.

Lary-Kelly 2-4-1

Opposed: Ames, Michael, Madore, Roy

Abstained: Christner

Motion: to increase the *Twin County Extension Budget 2005* (by +\$18,201) from \$31,799 to \$50,000.

Madore-Roy (no vote)(motion withdrawn-see below)

Amendment to motion: to decrease the *Twin County Extension Budget 2005* (by -\$51,799 to \$0.

Lary-Kelly (no vote)

Commissioner Madore called the question.

~~Amendment to~~ Motion: to decrease the *Twin County Extension Budget 2005* (by -\$51,799) from \$51,799 to \$0.

Lary-Kelly 4-3

Opposed: Michael, Madore, Roy

(Commissioner Madore withdrew his original motion, therefore the amendment to motion becomes a motion.)

Motion: to decrease the *Western Maine Transportation Budget 2020* (by -\$40,000) from \$40,000 to \$0.

Lary-Ames (no vote)

Friendly amendment to motion: to decrease the *Western Maine Transportation Budget*

2020 (by -\$15,000) from \$40,000 to \$25,000.

Kelly-Roy (no vote)

Amendment to friendly amendment: to decrease the *Western Maine Transportation Budget 2020* (by -\$10,000) from \$40,000 to \$30,000.

Kelly-Lary 1-6

Opposed: Ames, Michael, Christner, Kelly, Madore, Roy

Motion: to approve the *Western Maine Transportation Budget 2020* as presented at \$40,000.

Madore-Roy 6-1

Opposed: Lary

Commissioner Lary would like the minutes to reflect, "This is socialism, it should not be tolerated. It's a waste of money."

Motion: to accept the *Employee Benefits Budget 2025* as presented at \$2,372,400.

Christner-Roy 6-1

Opposed: Lary

Motion: to reduce the *Androscoggin Soil Conservation Budget 2035* (by -\$14,000) from \$14,000 to \$0.

Lary-(no second)

Motion: to accept the *Androscoggin Soil Conservation Budget 2035* as presented at \$14,000.

Madore-Roy 5-2

Opposed: Lary, Christner

Motion: to reduce the *Insurance Budget 2050* (by -\$2,000) from \$102,000 to \$100,000.

Lary-Michael 7-0

Amendment to motion: to accept the *Insurance Budget 2050* as presented at \$102,000.

Madore-Christner 5-2

Opposed: Roy, Lary

Motion: to accept the *Insurance Budget 2050* as presented at \$102,000.

Madore-Michael 6-1

Opposed: Lary

Motion: to reconsider the funding for the *Twin County Extension Budget 2005*.

Michael-Roy 6-1

Opposed: Lary

Motion: to increase the *Twin County Extension Service Budget 2005* (by +\$45,000) from \$0 to \$45,000.

Madore-Roy (no vote)

Amendment to motion: to increase the *Twin County Extension Service Budget 2005* (by +\$30,000) from \$0 to \$30,000.

Lary-Kelly (no vote)

Friendly amendment to amendment: to increase the *Twin County Extension Service Budget 2005* (by +\$35,000) from \$0 to \$35,000.

Lary-Kelly 5-2

Opposed: Madore, Roy

Motion as amended: to increase the *Twin County Extension Service Budget 2005* (by +\$35,000) from \$0 to \$35,000.

Lary-Kelly 6-1

Opposed: Christner

Motion: to reconsider *AVCOG Budget 2002*.

Michael-Roy 5-1-1

Opposed: Lary

Abstained: Christner

Motion: to increase the *AVCOG Budget 2002* from \$0 to \$3,500.

Lary-(no second)

Motion: to increase *AVCOG Budget 2002* from \$0 to \$7,500.

Roy-Madore 4-3

Opposed: Christner, Kelly, Lary

Motion: to extend the meeting (due to time being past 10:00 p.m.)

Lary-Madore 6-0-1

Abstained: Christner

Motion:

* to increase 9000 Estimated Surplus to \$380,000

* to increase 9000 Transfer County Reserve to \$100,000

* to reduce 9025 A.E.M.A Matching Funds to \$133,922

Roy-Ames 6-1

Opposed: Lary

Motion: 2.75 increase (for non-union salaries).

Lary-(no second)

Motion: to make no change to what is currently budgeted for wages and salaries.

Madore-Ames 6-1

Opposed: Lary

Commissioner Lary would like the minutes to reflect that, "There's going to be a lot of people looking for work and hurting and they're not going to get any raises and I think it would have been at least appropriate for us to have gone for a lower amount."

Motion: to pass the entire budget and send it to the budget committee.
Michael-Madore 7-0

Commissioner Madore suggested moving the payroll warrants ahead of the other items and table the other items.

VI. MINUTES

a. Meeting Dates: August 19th regular and budget meeting. August 26th, 2020 Budget Meeting.

Motion: to accept and approve with a waiver of reading the minutes of the August 19th regular and budget meeting and the August 26th, 2020 budget meeting.

Kelly-Michael 5-1-1

Opposed: Lary

Abstained: Ames

VII. WARRANTS

Motion: to review and approve all bills, part-time deputies' payroll, Warrants: Payroll, Manual Warrants, 2041. Corrections Division Warrants: 2104J.

Madore-Kelly 6-1

Opposed: Lary

Motion: to table the rest of the agenda until the next meeting.

Christner-Lary 7-0

Tabled

VIII. REPORTS

A. MCCA

B. Central/Western Maine Workforce Board

C. Administrator's Report

IX. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

X. OLD BUSINESS

XI. DISCUSSION ITEMS (Commissioners Only)

XII. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

XIII. ADJOURN

Motion: to adjourn at 10:55 p.m.

Lary-Kelly 7-0

Larry Post, County Administrator