

**OXFORD COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MEETING MINUTES**

January 20, 2026

Meeting Convened

At the Court of Oxford County Commissioners begun and held at Paris, Maine within and for the County of Oxford at 9:00 am on Tuesday, January 20, being a regular session, there were present:

Timothy Turner Chair
Sawin Millett Commissioner

It was noted that Commissioner Keim had previously let the Board know she would not be present for this meeting and would likely not have availability to connect remotely.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Minutes for Approval

The following action occurred regarding sets of minutes of previous meetings:

January 8 approved as amended (2-0, Commissioner Keim absent)

Agenda Adopted

The agenda was adopted as written.

Public Comment

West Paris resident Richard Gagne introduced himself and noted he is running for Oxford County Sheriff.

Hartford Resident Joan Kelly addressed comments made at another meeting by Sheriff Wainwright indicating that she has confidential information from the department. She assured the Board that everything she presented the Board with has been provided through FOAA requests. She said she is concerned that the Sheriff is either attempting to discredit her character or does not understand how FOAA requests work.

She asked the Board if they were aware that the previous County Administrator was investigating a private citizen. Commissioner Turner said he was not. She then asked if the Board was aware that the current County Administrator was investigating a private citizen. Commissioner Turner said he was not. Ms. Kelly questioned if the investigations were misstatements from the Sheriff or if they were legitimate and if they were, she requested copied of any documentation. She said that the Sheriff directed Major Thompson to call her and say he was opening an investigation into a private citizen (herself) and made several inaccurate statements that she corrected. She noted that she would not be harassed into silence.

She asked what call out time was in reference to payroll. Commissioner Turner explained that it was for an officer to remain available to be called out in an emergency. She also asked when overtime starts incurring. Administrator Loper explained that it is when a certain number of hours have been worked. She then asked why an officer who was on admin pay while not being a

certified officer was receiving on call and overtime pay if they were not able to perform regular duties. She also asked how the non-deputy services supposedly performed such as car detailing and taking photos for bid was occurring at night, triggering the shift differential and asked the Board if they should have been made aware that a deputy was non-certified for a period of time.

Administrator Loper Zane said he would get with sheriff to understand what the “investigation into a private citizen” means as he is not aware of what she is referring to and agreed to fulfill any FOAA requests submitted for relevant documents.

Department Heads

Department heads met with the Commissioners to discuss a variety of topics, some being unique to specific departments and other topics being of concern to several or all departments.

Commissioner Turner noted that this will be his last meeting serving as Chair and thanked all of the Department Heads in helping to make his time as Chair over the years memorable, especially during the COVID pandemic when the Department Heads really grouped together to help make and facilitate difficult decisions.

Sheriff's Report

Sheriff Christopher Wainwright was not present. Chief Deputy James Urquhart and Major Dana Thompson updated the Commissioners on departmental matters.

The Commissioners authorized five vehicles marked “trade” on the 01/16/2026 vehicle report to be sent to the Southern Maine Auto Auction (2-0, Commissioner Keim absent).

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Beth Calhoun and Finance Director Lindsay Kay were both tied up with other duties but submitted written reports in their absence.

Administrator Loper also shared some notes regarding year end budgetary figures that Finance Director Kay had prepared.

Items for Discussion and Action – Considered as Time Permits Throughout Meeting

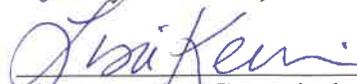
1. Reviewed Administrator's work sheet.
2. Reviewed quote for laptops for Commissioners and authorized purchase of up to three laptops for the Board if requested (2-0, Commissioner Keim absent).
3. Authorized the acceptance of an EMPG grant (2-0, Commissioner Keim absent).

Adjournment

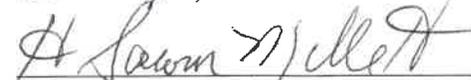
The Commissioners adjourned at 10:27am.



Timothy G. Turner, Chair



Lisa M. Keim, Commissioner



H. Sawin Millett, Commissioner

Notes:

- 1) These minutes are intended to be a brief description of meeting actions to provide, in a general sense only, an account of what was discussed.*
- 2) Unless otherwise noted, all votes taken by the Commissioners were unanimous.*