OXFORD COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MEETING MINUTES

May 17, 2022

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, May 17, 2022 being a regular session, there were
present:

Timothy Turner Chairman
Steven Merrill Commissioner
David Duguay Commissioner

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

May 5 approved with amendments

Agenda Adopted
The agenda was adopted with the addition of “relocation of EMA” to discussion items.

Public Comment
None.

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.

Sheriff’s Report
Sheriff Christopher Wainwright updated the Commissioners on departmental matters.

The Commissioners approved a grant application submission to the fall cycle of the Ed
MacDonald Safety Enhancement program with Maine Municipal.

The Commissioners discussed the salary range of the Sheriff’s Clerk position and authorized an
hourly rate between $17.50/hr-$19.00/hr for a prospective candidate.

Treasurer’s Report
Treasurer Beth Calhoun provided written reports and updated Commissioners on the County’s
financial status.

Matters Pertaining to the Unorganized Territory
The Commissioners authorized the posting of an RFP for road maintenance in Magalloway
Township but noted that a “fuel escalation clause” should be added to the final agreement.

The Commissioners approved the submission of a liquor license renewal application from
Cupsuptic Lake Park and Campground.
The Commissioners approved a stipend amount of $600 per cemetery for three cemeteries for Sexton John Kimball of Albany Township.

Presentation from Glenn Holmes
Glenn Holmes of Buckfield asked the Commissioners to consider allocating $25k of ARPA funds to kick-start a local pilot program to assist with employment/labor stressors by assisting employees with their daily personal challenges. The program is being started by the Oxford Casino and Stephen's Memorial Hospital.

It was noted that Oxford County is currently assessing several projects that will utilize a large portion of the ARPA funds but will keep the request in mind once it's clearer how much of the funds have actually been allocated.

Personnel Updates and Actions
The Commissioners entered an executive session (1 M.R.S.A. § 405-6 D) to discuss union contract negotiations. They returned to open session and ratified a contract with the CID (criminal investigation division) bargaining unit.

Items for Discussion and Action – Considered as Time Permits Throughout Meeting
The Commissioners discussed the following and acted only as underlined.

1. Received update from Maine County Commissioners Association.
2. Reviewed and awarded the following bids:
   - Compensation study project: CMA (Portland, Maine)
   - Phone system upgrade project: NT&T (Scarborough, Maine)
   - Demolition project: Bedard Excavation (South Paris, Maine)
   All bids are available for inspection at the Commissioners Office.
3. Authorized relocation of EMA to the former Ainsworth Property

Adjournment
The Commissioners adjourned at 1:47pm

Timothy G. Turner, Chairman
Steven M. Merrill Commissioner
David A. Duguay 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.