

OXFORD COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES

June 5, 2025

Meeting Convened

At the Court of Oxford County Commissioners begun and held at Paris, Maine within and for the County of Oxford at 9:00am on Thursday, June 5, being a workshop, there were present:

Timothy G. Turner	Chairman
Lisa M. Keim	Commissioner
H. Sawin Millett	Commissioner

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Minutes Approval

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

May 20 approved with amendments

Agenda Adopted

The agenda was adopted with the addition of an executive session to discuss union contract negotiations.

Personnel Updates and Actions

The Commissioners authorized the status change of part-time Dispatcher Amanda Hebert to full-time effective June 22, 2025 with a wage rate of \$23.14/hr (1st year rate).

The Commissioners entered an executive session (1 M.R.S.A. § 405-6 A) to discuss a personnel matter. No action was needed upon returning to open session.

The Commissioners entered an executive session (1 M.R.S.A. § 405-6 D) to discuss union contract negotiations. No action was needed upon returning to open session.

Matters Pertaining to the Sheriff's Office

The Commissioners authorized a rate for School Resource Officers of \$30.00/hr for the 2025-2026 school year with the understanding that the School districts will pay for the increase.

Sheriff Wainwright let the Commissioners know he intends on selling three cruisers and will have bids for their review at an upcoming meeting.

It was noted that the Administration Office spoke with Marc Roy regarding the budgeted deputy count and clarified that there are 23 full-time deputies, including the RSU 56 full-time SRO position. Adding in the one UT position, the total count is 24. This confirms the authorized number of positions to be: 24 full-time deputies (union), 4 full-time detectives (union), three part-time SROs (non-union), and two part-time patrol deputies (non-union). Administrator Zane Loper

will meet with the Sheriff to relay the state's stipulations of that UT funded position. It was agreed that UT funds designated specifically for that patrol position should be applied to the Sheriff's budget.

The Commissioners authorized the acceptance of criminal forfeiture funds in the amount of \$2,330 (State of Maine v. Jordan L. Bennett).

The Commissioners authorized the use of the drug fund account to pay for departmental training from Liberty Firearms Academy in New Vineyard in the amount of \$7,000.

The Commissioners considered the application submission for a COPS grant on behalf of RSU 56 for a full-time SRO position. It was determined that more time was needed to review the proposal and will be discussed further on June 17. Commissioner Keim was concerned about the County putting time and effort into a position for a specific school district and whether or not it is responsible for the County to utilize its resources for this if they are not going to do so on behalf of all districts within the County. The Sheriff is concerned about waiting until the 17th in case the submission does not get approved and therefore time would be wasted working on the application in the meantime. The Commissioners authorized the Sheriff to gather more information for further discussion on the 17th before submission is approved.

The Commissioners authorized the carry-over of excess vacation time for Deputy Errol Andrews to be used within the next six months due to planned leave.

The Commissioners entered an executive session (1 M.R.S.A. § 405-6 D) to discuss union contract negotiations. No action was needed upon returning to open session.

Adjournment

The Commissioners adjourned at 12:28pm.



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.*