

OXFORD COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES

August 6, 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 Thursday, August 6, being a workshop session, there were present:

Sawin Millett	Commissioner
Timothy Turner	Commissioner

Lisa Keim, Chair, was absent due to an emergency family matter out of state but listened in via Teams.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Minutes for Approval

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

July 21 approved

Agenda Adopted

The agenda was adopted as written.

Public Comment

None.

Matters Pertaining to the Sheriff's Office

The Commissioners and Sheriff Christopher Wainwright discussed proposals submitted for a workforce study and awarded the bid to Municipal Resources, Inc of Plymouth, New Hampshire in the amount of \$9,900 with the understanding that add-ons may be purchased as the project carries out.

The Commissioners tabled the discussion of the enhanced patrol contract with Mexico to the August 18 meeting.

The Commissioners discussed legal bills for the Sheriff's Office, specifically with Brann Law who names the Sheriff as the client and Oxford County as the billing office. County Administrator Zane Loper relayed Commissioner Keim's concern about oversight, noting that if the County isn't the client then it can't review the services being rendered and paid for. She's also concerned about what topics are being discussed and if they were authorized.

Sheriff Wainwright argued that it should be set up this way because his position and the County's position are separate, and therefore the County shouldn't have access to his legal discussions.

Commissioner Turner suggested Administrator Loper call Attorney Tarasevich for his opinion on the matter. Commissioner Millett agreed. It was noted that there is no signed contract with County

Administration, only with the Sheriff, therefore no bills have been paid yet. Further discussion about the contract and payment of the bills will occur on August 18.

The Commissioners authorized Major Dana Thompson to apply for various routine MBHS grants.

Recess

The Commissioners took a 20-minute recess until the 10:00am AVCOG Presentation.

AVCOG Presentation

Catherine Mardosa of Androscoggin Valley Council of Governments (AVCOG) and Tamra Benson of the Center for Ecology-Based Economy (CEBE) expressed interest in involving more townships in the Community Resilience Partnership program.

The Commissioners adopted two CEBE letters of support; one on behalf of Albany and one on behalf of Batchedlers Grant, Riley, and Mason.

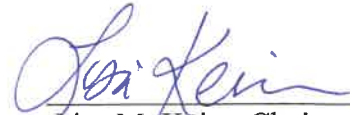
The Commissioners adopted an AVCOG letter of support on behalf of Magalloway and Milton.

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

1. The Commissioners set September 3rd as the next Open House for local municipal officers.
2. The Commissioners authorized the hiring of Laura Stone as a full-time Dispatcher with the following confirmed:
Effective Date: September 8, 2026
Wage Rate: \$23.27/hr (entry rate)
Special Conditions: none
3. The Commissioners authorized the hiring of Jerrod Warren as a full-time Dispatcher with the following confirmed:
Effective Date: September 9, 2026
Wage Rate: \$23.27/hr (entry rate)
Special Conditions: none
4. The Commissioners authorized the following special conditions for newly hired Dispatcher Katie Maxfield: approved unpaid leave for previously planned vacations September 2-7 and October 4-11.
5. The Commissioners reviewed proposals to demolish the apartment building at 14 Western Avenue and awarded the bid to Everett Excavation in the amount of \$37,350 which includes removal and filling of the foundation.
6. The Commissioners authorized “no-cost extension requests” on the opioid settlement projects that were funded this past year. It was noted that this does not increase the amount of funding, it just allows further time to complete their projects.
7. The Commissioners entered an executive session (1 M.R.S.A. § 405-6 D) with Major Dillingham to discuss recent union contract negotiations. No action was needed upon returning to open session.

Adjournment

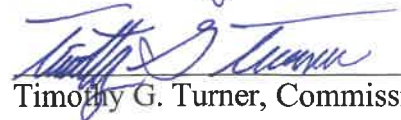
The Commissioners adjourned at 11:01am.



Lisa M. Keim, Chair



H. Sawin Millett, Commissioner



Timothy G. Turner, 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.*