

OXFORD COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES

September 4, 2025

Meeting Convened

At the Court of Oxford County Commissioners begun and held at Paris, Maine within and for the County of Oxford at 9:00 am on Thursday, September 4, being a workshop, there were present:

Timothy Turner	Chair
Lisa Keim	Commissioner
Sawin Millett	Commissioner

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Minutes Approval

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

August 19 approved

Agenda Adopted

The agenda was adopted with the addition of meeting with MCCA President Andre Cushing at 11:00am and a discussion regarding special counsel for the Sheriff during upcoming grievance hearings.

Personnel Updates and Action

The Commissioners authorized the payout of up to a week of excess vacation time for Deputy Derek MacDonald per contract.

The Commissioners authorized a one-time carryover of excess vacation time for Maintenance Worker Marc Rainey due to not being able to utilize it because of an extended leave in that department.

The Commissioners entered an executive session (1 M.R.S.A. § 405-6 A) with Sheriff Christopher Wainwright to discuss his request for legal counsel at upcoming grievance hearings. They took no action upon returning to open session.

Commissioners Keim followed up to a comment Sheriff Wainwright made in executive session regarding Commissioners being prohibited from speaking to employees directly, specifically Sheriff's Office employees, under title 30A. She asked that he provide specific reference to that statute, because after reviewing the statute it only appears that Commissioners cannot direct his employees, but nothing implies they cannot speak to them.

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

1. The Commissioners entered an executive session (1 M.R.S.A. § 405-6 A) with Sheriff Christopher Wainwright to discuss a personnel matter. The Commissioners returned to open session to continue the public portion of discussion regarding an enhanced patrol

contract with the Town of Bethel. The Commissioners reiterated statutory requirements to pass on the full cost of the contract to Bethel, and not to supplement it through the general tax levy. Commissioner Keim explained that Administration and the Commissioners have spent extensive time and money on determining the true costs of the contract.

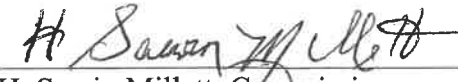
2. MCCA President and Penobscot County Commissioner Andre Cushing spoke on behalf of the County Commissioners Association, specifically the upcoming conference and plans to hopefully expand MCCA in the near future.
3. The Commissioners scheduled their review of the 2026 Budget for 9:00am on October 23.
 - o Deeds Register Cherri Crockett suggested that specific question regarding departmental budgets be asked during regular meetings instead of saving them for the public hearing so that there is sufficient time to respond and to also show the public that the County is operating as a united team.
4. The Commissioner scheduled a meeting to determine and announce the opioid settlement funding awards at 9:00am on September 15.
5. The Commissioners scheduled a brief meeting for September 8 at noon via Teams.

Adjournment

The Commissioners adjourned at 12:06pm.


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.*