

**OXFORD COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
MEETING MINUTES**

**December 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, December 4, being a special session, 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:

November 18	tabled
November 21	approved

**Agenda Adopted**

The agenda was adopted with the addition of three executive sessions to discuss personnel matters.

**2025 Spirit of America Awards**

The Commissioners recognized the 2025 Spirit of America winners and presented them with certificates:

Jess Davis of Brownfield	Donald Roach of Peru
Thomas Carabine of Denmark	Roland Patneau de Roxbury
Thomas Klinepeter of Fryeburg	Dina Thoma of Hartford
Gilbert Dunham of Greenwood	John Eli White of West Paris
Sylvia Pease of Hiram	Wade Rainey of West Paris
Todd Sawyer of Waterford	William Gardner of West Paris
Bob and Carol Everett of Bethel	Woodstock Election Officials (Jenifer Chase,
Brenda Lee Gross of Hanover	Wendy Coffin, Ruth Feeney, Judy Seames,
Jamie O’Leary of Mexico	Robert McQueeney, Jane Chandler,
Jack Arseneault of Mexico	Diane York, Alice Deegan, & Linda Stowell)

**Personnel Updates and Actions**

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.

Deeds Registrar Cherri Crockett asked if the Commissioners would consider increasing the part-time Deeds Clerk from 16 hours per week to 20 hours per week in 2026. The Commissioners

denied considering the request as they have already made a plan to monitor the reduced hours over the next year and revisit the position again next budget season and noted that the 16 hours was already a compromise on terminating the position completely.

The Commissioners supported a purchase request for a secure workstation to keep in the hallway to allow easier access for the public to access the computer for land record research.

Sheriff Christopher Wainwright requested two full-time hires but was questioned on the number of open positions as one of them hasn't had a resignation yet.

The Commissioners authorized a status change for Deputy Rebekah Hill from part-time to full-time effective December 4 with a wage rate of \$30.62 (entry).

The Commissioners tabled the second full-time hiring to December 16 when a resignation is expected.

The Commissioners authorized Corrections Officer Bode Gray to work as a part-time Sheriff's Deputy effective December 6 with a wage rate of \$22.00 (part-time uncertified rate).

It was noted that the third executive session was no longer needed.

#### **Presentation on Dixfield Project**

Representatives from Western Maine Energy Storage gave a presentation on an upcoming environmental project in Dixfield.

#### **Items for Discussion and Action**

- Tabled discussion regarding the enhanced patrol contract with Mexico as the Town has not yet responded to the latest correspondence.

#### **Adjournment**

The Commissioners adjourned at 1:32pm.



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.*