

Minutes

Franklin County Budget Advisory Meeting May 21, 2025

PRESENT: Tiffany Maiuri, Rupert Pratt, Dennis O’Neil, Morgan Dunham, Dean Collins, Janet White, Jay Reynolds, Richard Morton, Earl Martin, and LeeAnn Dalessandro. (Mike Wells not present)

AUDIENCE: Mt. Blue T.V., Steve Lowell, Randy Gauvin, Bob Carlton, Tim Hardy, Brad Timberlake, Joyce Morton Janice Walker, Nathan Hiltz, Meg Hatch, Doug Hiltz, Hunter Lowell, Hart Daley, Erica LaCroix, Craig Zurhorst, Tara Marble, Donna Perry, Pam Prodan, Amy Bernard, Tiffany Baker, Jamie Sullivan and Brenda Bitle.

Zoom: Rene Whitely, Corie Willard, Amanda Simoneau and Marc Roy

The meeting was called to order by Tiffany Maiuri at 4:30 p.m.

- 1. Pledge of Allegiance**
- 2. Opening Comments from Chairperson** – The Chair discussed the purpose of the Budget Committee for the Public Hearing and went over the purpose of the Public Hearing as well as the rules and procedures of the Public Hearing.
- 3. Open Public Hearing at 4:32 p.m.**
 - A. Superior Court** – No Comment
 - B. Emergency Management Agency** – No Comment
 - C. District Attorney’s Office** – No Comment
 - D. Commissioner’s Office** – Nathan Hiltz, Wilton, expressed his thanks for the information that was provided on website, specifically, Budget Committee Requested Information.
 - E. Treasurer’s Office** – The Treasurer provided and informational sheet to the Budget Advisory Committee and advocated for full funding of her department.
 - F. Technical Services** – No Comment
 - G. Facilities** – No Comment
 - H. Registry of Deeds** - No Comment
 - I. Registry of Probate** – No Comment
 - J. Sheriff’s Department** – No Comment

K. Jail – No Comment

L. Communications – No Comment

M. County Wide – No Comment

End Public Hearing at 4:41 p.m.

4. Acceptance of Meeting Minutes of May 7, 2025 – Motion to Accept the May 7, 2025, Meeting Minutes: Janet White/Richard Morton (10/0).

5. Adopt Final Vote Discussion (to occur immediately vs set future date) – Motion to approve to move to adopt a final budget: Dean Collins/Jay Reynolds (10/0).

6. Adoption of Budget Committee Vote on Department Budgets, County Wide Services and Other Committee Proposed Considerations:

A. Superior Court - Motion to move to approve FY2026 budget of \$3,000: Dennis O'Neil/Ruper Pratt (10/0) Passed.

B. EMA – Motion to move to approve FY2026 budget of \$286,312: Dean Collins/Richard Morton, Amend Motion to increase the health insurance line to \$43,589, for a total personnel line of \$227,462 for a total budget of \$291,312 due to a life event of the new hire: Dean Collins/Jay Reynolds (10/0) Passed. This is an increase of \$5,000 from the Budget Advisory Committee's initial vote.

C. District Attorney - Motion to move to approve FY2026 budget of \$388,665: Rupert Pratt/LeeAnn Dalessandro (10/0) Passed.

D. Commissioners - Motion to move to approve FY2026 budget of \$399,220: Richard Morton/Dean Collins (9/1) Morgan Dunham opposed, Passed.

E. Treasurer - Motion to move to approve FY2026 budget of \$259,165: Richard Morton/Dean Collins (8/2) Morgan Dunham and Dennis O'Neil opposed, Passed.

F. Technical Services - Motion to move to approve FY2026 budget of \$504,717: Dean Collins/Richard Morton (10/0) Passed.

G. Facilities - Motion to move to approve FY2026 budget of \$439,879: Richard Morton/Jay Reynolds (10/0) Passed.

H. Registry of Deeds - Motion to move to approve FY2026 budget for \$250,961: Richard Morton/Dean Collins (10/0) Passed.

I. Registry of Probate - Motion to approve FY2026 budget for \$329,782: Richard Morton/Jay Reynolds (10/0) Passed.

J. Sheriff's Department - Motion to move to approve FY2026 budget for \$3,064,143: Dean Collins/Janet White (10/0), Passed.

K. Jail – Motion to move to approve FY2026 budget for \$3,536,649: Jay Reynolds/Rupert Pratt (10/0), Passed.

- L. Communications** - Motion to move to approve FY2026 budget for **\$1,396,669**: Richard Morton/LeeAnn Dalessandro (10/0) Passed.
- M. County Wide** – Motion to move approve FY2026 budget for **\$686,645**: Rupert Pratt/Dean Collins (10/0), Passed.
- N. Total Expenditures** - Motion to approve funding Total Expenditures for FY2026 in the amount of **\$8,014,157**: Dean Collins/Earl Martin (10/0), Passed. (General Fund)
- O. Total Expenditures** - Motion to approve funding Total Expenditures for FY2026 in the amount of **\$11,550,806**: Jay Reynolds/LeeAnn Dalessandro (10/0), Passed. (General Fund - \$8,014,157 and Jail - \$3,563,649)
- P. Estimated Revenues** – Motion to approve receiving revenues for the FY2026 budget in the amount of \$852,109 in General Funds Revenues and \$540,000 in Jail Revenues for a total Revenues of **\$1,392,109**: Dean Collins/Morgan Dunham (10/0), Passed.
- 7. Adopt Final Budget** - Motion to adopt and transmit final FY2026 budget to the Commissioners: LeeAnn Dalessandro/Earl Martin (10/0).
- 8. Other Business – None**
- 9. Adjournment** - Motion to adjourn at **5:10p.m.**: Jay Reynolds/Dean Collins (10/0).

A recording is available for this meeting.