

Minutes

PRESENT: Commissioner Carlton, Commissioner Fowler (absent), Commissioner Gilbert, Commissioner Saviello, and Commissioner Skolfield

The meeting was held via: Zoom

**Franklin County Commissioners' Meeting
February 24, 2026**

The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Carlton at 10:00 a.m.

AUDIENCE: Mt. Blue T.V, Sue Pratt, Nathan Hiltz, David Rackliffe, Jake Ducharme, Ryan Close, Shawn O'Leary, Dick Nemi, Noreen Nemi, Earl Martin, Doug Hiltz, Stephen Sullivan, Lisa Whynot, Robert Tabor, Jennifer McCoy, Jake Nichols, Pam Prodan, Amy Bernard, Jamie Sullivan and Karen Rea.

ZOOM: Gene Libby, Esq., Brad Timberlake, Jennifer Stone, Audra Swanson, Deeds, Donna Perry, Leeanna Targett, Maureen Haley

10:00 a.m.

NOTICE OF TAX ABATEMENT APPEAL HEARING IN THE MATTER OF: *Petitioners Robert Tabor and Kathleen Lynch v. Respondent Town of Phillips*

Motion to reduce the land valuation by \$50,100: Tom Skolfield/Jeff Gilbert (3/0/1) Commissioner Saviello abstained.

Motion for Attorney Libby to prepare the Finding of Facts: Tom Skolfield/Bob Carlton (4/0).

Recess @10:38 a.m.

End Recess @ 10:56 a.m.

11:00 a.m.

NOTICE OF TAX ABATEMENT APPEAL HEARING IN THE MATTER OF: *Petitioner Noreen R. Nemi v. Respondent State of Maine, Maine Revenue Service, Property Tax Division – Unorganized Territories*

Motion to grant the abatement at an assessed value of \$496,140: Tom Saviello/Tom Skolfield (3/0/1) Commissioner Gilbert abstained.

Motion for Attorney Libby to prepare the Finding of Facts: Tom Saviello/Tom Skolfield (3/0).

12:30 p.m.

NOTICE OF TAX ABATEMENT APPEAL HEARING IN THE MATTER OF: *Petitioner Jennifer McCoy v. Respondent Town of Kingfield*

Motion to deny abatement: Tom Saviello/Bob Calrton (3/1) Commissioner Gilbert opposed.

Recess @ 1:57 p.m.

End Recess @ 2:02 p.m.

Motion for Attorney Libby to prepare the Finding of Facts: Tom Saviello/Tom Skolfield (4/0).

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Administrator's Report - Motion to accept the Administrator's Report: Tom Skolfield/Tom Saviello (4/0).**
Motion to have John Welch take the tree remains at the courthouse: Tom Saviello/Tom Skolfield (4/0).
Motion to hire Shawn O'Leary for the HR Director position: Tom Saveillo/Tom Skolfield (4/0).
Motion to pay Shawn O'Leary the salary of \$86,913.64: Tom Saviello/Tom Skolfield
Friendly amendment to include Grade 8, Step 13: Tom Saviello/Tom Skolfield: (3/1)
Commissioner Saviello opposed.
2. **Minutes – Motion to approve the February 3, 2026, and February 10, 2026, Minutes: Tom Skolfield/Tom Saviello (4/0).**
3. **Treasurer's Report - Motion to Table: Tom Saviello/Tom Skolfield (4/0).**
4. **Opioid Settlement Committee – Application –** The Opioid Settlement Committee received two applications for funding: Family Focused Yoga - \$4,675 and Access Direct Recovery - \$21,600. The committee recommended to the Commissioner's funding both programs for the requested amounts. **Motion to approve funding \$4,675 to Family Focused Yoga out of the Opioid Settlement Fund: Tom Saviello/Tom Skolfield (4/0).**
Motion to approve funding \$21,600 to Access Direct Recovery out of the Opioid Settlement Fund: Tom Saviello/Tom Skolfield (4/0).
5. **Road Posting – UT –** Due to the anticipation of the warm weather to come in the next few weeks, the Administrator and the Road Supervisor have requested that the roads in the UT be posted when surrounding towns begin posting. **Motion to authorize the Road Supervisor to post the road when he deems necessary: Tom Saviello/Bob Carlton (4/0).**
6. **Bureau of Highway Safety Grant – Sheriff's Office –** The Sheriff's office is requesting to apply for a Bureau of Highway Safety Grant. The focus of this grant is to reduce speed-related crashes in Franklin County. **Motion to approve the Sheriff's Office apply for the Bureau of Highway Safety Grant: Tom Saviello/Tom Skolfield (4/0).**

OLD BUSINESS: - None


MISCELLANEOUS:

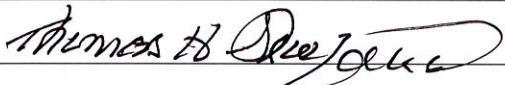
1. Nathan Hiltz discussed the uncertainty of the status of the Franklin County Budget Committee seats and had questions regarding the timeline, terms, and district caucus/countywide caucus.

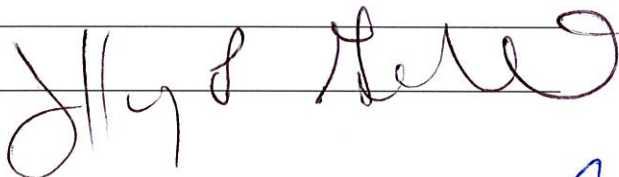
WARRANTS: County AP, TIF, Payroll & UT - Motion to sign Warrants: Tom Skolfield/Jeff Gilbert (5/0).

ADJOURNMENT: Motion to adjourn at 2:48 p.m.: Tom Skolfield/Jeff Gilbert (5/0).

A recording is available for this meeting.







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ATTEST:  _____, CLERK