

Minutes

PRESENT: Commissioner Carlton, Commissioner Fowler, Commissioner Gilbert, Commissioner Saviello, and Commissioner Skolfield

The meeting was held via: Zoom

Franklin County Commissioners' Meeting

April 2, 2026

The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Carlton at 9:00 a.m.

AUDIENCE: Mt. Blue T.V, Richard Wilde, Jake Nichols, Emery Bubier, Amy Bernard, and Jamie Sullivan.

ZOOM: Gene Libby, Esq., Jessica Westhaver

9:00 a.m.

NOTICE OF TAX ABATEMENT APPEAL HEARING IN THE MATTER OF: *Petitioners Emery J. Bubier v. Respondent Town of Phillips*

Motion to find the property has been over assessed: Tom Saviello/Fen Fowler (2/3) Commissioner Carlton, Commissioner Skolfield and Commissioner Gilbert opposed. The abatement is hereby denied.

Motion for Attorney Libby to prepare the Finding of Facts: Tom Saveillo/Tom Skolfield (5/0).

10:00 a.m.

NOTICE OF TAX ABATEMENT APPEAL HEARING IN THE MATTER OF: *Petitioner Michael Canney and June Locklin v. Respondent Town of Phillips*

The Town of Phillips did not provide supporting documents in a timely manner for the County to forward documents onto all parties for review.

Motion to Table: Tom Saviello/Tom Skolfield (5/0).

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Copier RFP – Open Bids** – The County went out to bid for new copiers for the Jail, Probate, Registry Deed and the Commissioner's office. Four bids were received:
 - A. Budget Document Technology – KM Bizhub for \$24,555 for the four units with a standard monthly maintenance contact for \$138.28 plus overages.
 - B. Budget Document Technology – Lexmark for \$21,995 for the four units with a stand monthly maintenance cost of \$126.60 plus overages.

- C. Ricoh – provided two options i. \$21,964.16 for the four units, plus maintenance fees.
ii. \$15,764.16 for the four units, plus maintenance fees.
- D. Max Office Automation – Toshiba for \$14,196.00 for the four units, plus maintenance fees.

Motion to Administration for their review: Fen Fowler/Tom Saviello

Motion to award bid to Max Office Automation for the Toshiba copiers: Tom Skolfield/Tom Saviello (5/0).

OLD BUSINESS: - None

MISCELLANEOUS:

1. Commissioner Saviello discussed his expectations with respect to the FY2027 Budget and non-profits. He would like to flatline the Budget and use last years amounts for the non-profits. A discussion was held with respect to the two new non-profits request for funds.
2. Commissioner Fowler informed the Commissioners that the Report for his Sandy River Watershed project was completed and provided them with a copy of the report. He indicated that a meeting on April 22, 2026, from 5:00 to 8:00 was going to be held to explore options to raise money for a geomorphic study of the Sandy River. Representatives from AVCOG and KVRPC will be in attendance.
3. Commissioner Fowler indicated that he was going to propose a motion at the Commissioner Meeting on April 7, 2026, to forward the FY2027 proposed budget to the Budget Committee without the Commissioner's recommended cuts. Indicating that they would work collectively with the Budget Committee and make a final recommendation prior to the public hearing.

Recess at 11:29 a.m.

End Recess at 12:00 noon


Executive Session 1 M.R.S. § 405(6)(A) – Personnel Matter – Administrator's Annual Review

Motion to enter Executive Session 1 M.R.S. § 405(6)(A) – Personnel Matter – Administrator's Annual Review at 12:00 p.m.: Tom Saviello/Tom Skolfield (5/0).

Motion to end Executive Session 1 M.R.S. § 405(6)(A) – Personnel Matter – Administrator's Annual Review at 1:55 p.m.: Tom Saviello/Jeff Gilbert (5/0).

ADJOURNMENT: Motion to adjourn at 1:55 p.m.: Tom Saviello/Jeff Gilbert (5/0).

A recording is available for this meeting.



Thomas H. Saviello

