

# Minutes

## Franklin County Budget Advisory Committee Meeting

The meeting was held via: Zoom

April 30, 2026

**PRESENT:** Richard Morton, Scott Landry, Dennis O’Neil, Janet White, LeeAnn Dalessandro, Rupert Pratt, Tom Goding, Austin Foss, Tiffany Maiuri, and Jay Reynolds.

**AUDIENCE:** Mt. Blue T.V, Commissioner Carlton, Commissioner Fowler, Commissioner Saviello, Commissioner Skolfield, Amanda Simoneau, Sarah Caton, Neil McLean, Susan Black, Pam Prodan, Heidi Jordan, Margot Joly, Jake Nichols, Scott Nichols, Steve Lowell, Steven Marcotte, Ryan Close, David St. Laurent, Amy Bernard, Shawn O’Leary, Karen Rea and Jamie Sullivan.

**ZOOM:** Jake Ducharme and Lauren Robinson

The meeting was called to order by Bob Carlton/Rupert Pratt at 3:36 p.m.

1. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Opening comments from Chairperson
3. Acceptance of meeting minutes of April 21, 2026 – **Motion to accept the Minutes: Dennis O’Neil/Rupert Pratt (10/0).**
4. Review FY2027 Budget Proposals: The Commissioners and the Budget Advisory Committee had the opportunity to listen to the Department Heads’ presentations and ask questions relating to their requested budget for FY2027. The Department Heads also discussed potential cuts and/or increases to their budget.
  - A. **75 – Sheriff’s Office** – Amount requested - \$3,507,201
  - B. **15 – District Attorney** - Amount requested - \$380,250
  - C. **16 - Superior Court** Amount requested - \$3,000
  - D. **20 – Commissioner’s Office** - Amount requested - \$470,616
  - E. **25 – Treasurer’s Office** - Amount requested - \$320,674
  - F. **40 – Facilities** - Amount requested - \$512,937
  - G. **65 – Registry of Deeds** - Amount requested - \$265,114
  - H. **70 – Registry of Probate** - Amount requested - \$308,263
  - I. **10 – EMA** - Amount requested - \$342,520
  - J. **County-Wide**
    - a. **Other Expenditures** – Personnel \$165,800 and Services \$187,950
    - b. **Debt Services Principal** - \$47,694
    - c. **Debt Services Interest** - \$2,314

5. Schedule next Meeting – The following meetings and times were scheduled: **May 7, 2026, at 3:00 p.m. at the Emergency Operations Center and May 14, 2026, at 3:00 p.m. at the Emergency Operations Center.**
6. Other Business –
  - A. It was recommended to have a discussion regarding moving the Treasurer’s position from being elected to being appointed.
  - B. Commissioner Skolfield indicated that he would be proposing a \$600 stipend be included in the Commissioner Chair’s salary.
7. Adjournment – **Motion to adjourn at 7:15 p.m.: LeeAnn Dalessandro/Dennis O’Neil (10/0).**