

Minutes

Franklin County Budget Advisory Committee Meeting

The meeting was held via: Zoom

June 4, 2026

PRESENT: Rupert Pratt, Richard Morton, Scott Landry, Dennis O’Neil, Janet White, LeeAnn Dalessandro, Austin Foss, Tom Goding, Morgan Dunham, Jay Reynolds, and Tiffany Maiuri (Present – Zoom).

AUDIENCE: Mt. Blue T.V, Jake Nichols, Commissioner Carlton, Commissioner Saviello, Commissioner Gilbert, Commissioner Fowler, Nathan Hiltz, Renee Whitley, Craig Zohurst, Scott Nichols, Hart Daley, Steven Lowell, Caroline Verrill, Susan Black, Heidi Jordan, Janis Walker, Lauren Robinson, Pam Prodan, Noelle Coyne, Mary Redmond-Luce, Lee Ireland, Lexi Daggett, Susan Pratt, Shawn O’Leary, Karen Rea, and Jamie Sullivan.

ZOOM: Tiffany Maiuri, Tara Marble, and Marc Roy.

The meeting was called to order by Rupert Pratt at 4:00 p.m.

1. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Opening Comments from the Chair
3. Acceptance of the meeting Minutes of May 27, 2026 – **Motion to Approve the Minutes of May 27, 2026: Scott Landry/Janet White (11/0).**
4. FY2027 Budget – Vote
 - A. 10 – EMA – **Motion to approve funding in the amount of \$312,521, which includes the addition of \$1.00 being added to line 10-7224, Consultants: Richard Morton/Tiffany Maiuri (11/0).**
 - B. 15 - District Attorney – **Motion to approve funding in the amount of \$380,250: Tiffany Maiuri/Richard Morton (11/0).**
 - C. 16 – Superior Court – **Motion to approve funding in the amount of \$3,000: Richard Morton/Jay Reynolds (11/0).**
 - D. 20 – Commissioner’s Office – Sue provided the Budget Committee with information regarding the impact of hiring an Interim Administrator. She recommended not making any changes to the Department Head line. **Motion to approve funding in the amount of \$430,812: Richard Morton/Tiffany Maiuri.** A discussion was held regarding the salary and flex benefits of the commissioners along with the overhead and administrative burden. It was indicated that if the Commissioners wanted to have flex benefits, then additional reductions would have to be made for the Budget Committee to consider. The Commissioner’s COLA was also discussed. **Amend Motion to approve funding in the amount of \$427,706, changing line 20-7000 to \$60,600, line 20-7050 to \$16,107 and line 20-7075 to \$21,475: LeeAnn Dalessandro/Tiffany Maiuri (7/3/1) Dennis O’Neil, Jay Reynolds and Morgan Dunham opposed, Rupert Pratt recused himself from the vote.** Point of Order by Richard Morton regarding the Chair voting on the Commissioner’s Department due to the Interim

Administrator being his spouse. The Chair indicated he would recuse himself from voting on it.

- E. 25 – Treasurer’s Office – **Motion to fund in the amount of \$320,674: Richard Morton/Scott Landry: 11/0.**
- F. 30 – Technical Services – **Motion to fund in the amount of \$689,218: Richard Morton/LeeAnn Dalessandro (11/0).**
- G. 40 – Facilities – Sue provided information to the Budget Committee regarding the Commissioner’s accepting the option of changing the Facilities Manager position to a supervisor’s position with a savings being \$6,746 at the last Commissioner’s meeting. The committee proposed to change line 40-7005 to \$59,528, line 40-7050 to \$9,052 and line 40-7075 to \$12,070. **Motion to approve funding in the amount of \$444,690: Jay Reynolds/Scott Landry (11/0).**
- H. 65 – Registry of Deeds – **Motion to approve funding in the amount of \$273,357: Richard Morton/LeeAnn Dalessandro (11/0).**
- I. 70 – Registry of Probate – **Motion to approve funding in the amount of \$318,194: Richard Morton/Morgan Dunham (11/0).**
- J. 75 – Sheriff’s Office – **Motion to approve funding in the amount of \$3,437,501: Richard Morton/Jay Reynolds (11/0).**
- K. 80 – Communications – **Motion to approve funding in the amount of \$1,507,381: Richard Morton/LeeAnn Dalessandro (11/0).**
- L. 100 – Jail – **Motion to approve funding in the amount of \$4,086,418: LeeAnn Dalessandro/Richard Morton (11/0).**
- M. County-Wide
 - i. Personnel
 - a. Paid Family Leave - **Motion to approve funding in the amount of \$28,500: Richard Morton/Morgan Dunham (11/0).**
 - b. Longevity/Salary Pay - **Motion to approve funding in the amount of \$16,800: Richard Morton/LeeAnn Dalessandro (11/0).**
 - c. Worker’s Compensation - **Motion to approve funding in the amount of \$129,000: Richard Morton/LeeAnn Dalessandro (11/0).**
 - d. Unemployment - **Motion to approve funding in the amount of \$5,000: LeeAnn Dalessandro/Richard Morton (11/0).**
 - ii. Services
 - a. Consultants - **Motion to approve funding in the amount of \$0.00: Richard Morton/Tom Goding (11/0).**
 - b. Other Professional Services - **Motion to approve funding in the amount of \$0.00: Richard Morton/Tom Goding (11/0).**
 - c. General Liability Insurance - **Motion to approve funding in the amount of \$136,000: Richard Morton/LeeAnn Dalessandro (11/0).**
 - d. Volunteer Firemen Insurance - **Motion to approve funding in the amount of \$1,950: Richard Morton/LeeAnn Dalessandro (11/0).**
 - iii. Expenditures
 - a. Franklin County Food Pantry – **Motion to approve funding in the amount of \$20,000: Jay Reynolds/Morgan Dunham (8/3) Richard Morton, LeeAnn Dalessandro and Tom Goding opposed.** A discussion was held regarding the distribution of those funds.

- b. Franklin County Extension Association - **Motion to approve funding in the amount of \$72,476: Richard Morton/LeeAnn Dalessandro (11/0).**
- c. Franklin County Soil & Water Conservation - **Motion to approve funding in the amount of \$36,000: Richard Morton/LeeAnn Dalessandro (11/0).**
- d. Franklin County Children's Task Force - **Motion to approve funding in the amount of \$15,000: Richard Morton/LeeAnn Dalessandro (11/0).**
- e. Franklin County Adult and Community Education - **Motion to approve funding in the amount of \$10,000: Richard Morton/LeeAnn Dalessandro (11/0).**
- f. Western Maine Community Action - **Motion to approve funding in the amount of \$56,000: Richard Morton/LeeAnn Dalessandro (11/0).**
- g. Seniors Plus - **Motion to approve funding in the amount of \$40,000: Richard Morton/LeeAnn Dalessandro (11/0).**
- h. SAPARS - **Motion to approve funding in the amount of \$20,000: Richard Morton/LeeAnn Dalessandro (11/0).**
- i. Andwell Health Partners - **Motion to approve funding in the amount of \$30,000: Richard Morton/LeeAnn Dalessandro (11/0).**
- j. Greater Franklin Development - **Motion to approve funding in the amount of \$1.00: Richard Morton/Tom Goding (10/0/1) Tiffany Maiuri abstained (she sits on the board).**
- k. Franklin County Firemen's Association - **Motion to approve funding in the amount of \$3,700: Richard Morton/Tom Goding (11/0).**
- l. Western Maine Transportation - **Motion to approve funding in the amount of \$45,000: Richard Morton/LeeAnn Dalessandro (11/0).**
- m. Safe Voices - **Motion to approve funding in the amount of \$25,000: Richard Morton/LeeAnn Dalessandro (11/0).**
- n. Franklin County Healthy Community Coalition - **Motion to approve funding in the amount of \$10,000: Richard Morton/LeeAnn Dalessandro (11/0).**
- o. Debt Services Principal - **Motion to approve funding in the amount of \$47,694: Richard Morton/LeeAnn Dalessandro (11/0).**
- p. Debt Services Interest - **Motion to approve funding in the amount of \$2,314: Richard Morton/LeeAnn Dalessandro (11/0).**
- iv. Total FY2027 Budget - **Motion to approve the amount of \$8,864,927 for the General Fund Budget: Richard Morton/Scott Landry (10/1) Morgan Dunham opposed.**
Motion to approve \$4,086,418 for the Jail Fund Budget: Richard Morton/Jay Reynolds (11/0).
- 5. Other Business – Next meeting scheduled for June 11, 2026, at 4:00 p.m. to be held at the Franklin County Emergency Operations Center.
- 6. Adjournment – **Motion to Adjourn at 4:58 p.m.: Scott Landry/Tom Goding (11/0).**

A recording is available for this meeting.