

## **Minutes**

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

The meeting was held via: Zoom

**Franklin County Commissioners' Meeting**

**June 16, 2026**

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

**AUDIENCE:** Mt. Blue T.V, Lee Ireland, David St. Laurent, Steve Lowell, Scott Nichols, Jake Nichols, Earl Martin, Pam Prodan, Charlie Woodworth, Shawn O'Leary, Amy Bernarn, Susan Pratt, and Jamie Sullivan.

**ZOOM:** Gene Libby, Esq., Taylor Jordan, Jessica Westhaver, Charlie Sayward, Registry of Deeds.

9:00 a.m.

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

**Motion to assess the land value at \$67,200: Tom Saviello/Jeff Gilbert (4/0).**

**Attorney Libby will prepare the Finding of Facts.**

**RECOGNITION:** Amy Bernard was recognized and thanked for her time working for Franklin County.

**APPOINTMENTS: None**

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. **Administrator's Report – Motion to accept the Administrator's Report: Tom Saviello/Jeff Gilbert (5/0).**

**Motion to approve the hiring of Kyle Ellis as the Communications Director: Tom Saviello/Fen Fowler (4/0).**

2. **Minutes – Motion to approve the June 2, 2026, Minutes: Tom Saviello/Fen Fowler (4/0).**

3. **Treasurer's Report – Motion to accept the Treasurer's Reports: Tom Saviello/Jeff Gilbert (4/0).**

4. **Enterprise Rentals – Sheriff's Office -** Representatives from Enterprise presented the potential benefits of partnering with Enterprise Fleet Management to evaluate and manage the County's vehicle fleet. The discussion included opportunities to optimize vehicle replacement cycles, reduce maintenance and operating costs, improve fleet utilization, and

provide access to lifecycle management expertise. Enterprise Fleet Management will conduct a fleet assessment and present recommendations for consideration. **Motion to authorize Enterprise to prepare a proposal to send to the Sheriff and Chief for review and approval before sending it to the attorney for review: Tom Saviello/Jeff Gilbert (4/0).**

5. **Dark Sky Initiative – Nancy Perlson** – They were unable to attend. This will be added to a future agenda.
6. **Commit the Taxes for FY2027 - Motion to Commit the Taxes for FY2027: Fen Fowler/Jeff Gilbert (4/0).**  
**Motion to set delinquent tax rate at 7%: Fen Fowler/Jeff Gilbert (4/0).**
7. **Facilities – Supervisor Job Description – Motion to approve the new Facilities Supervisor job description and authorize the position to be posed both internally and externally at the same time: Tom Saviello/Fen Fowler (4/0).**
8. **County Administrator – Job Description** – The Commissioners were presented with two draft options for the County Administrator job description. The biggest difference in the two descriptions was Option One indicated that the Administrator acts as the UT Town Manager, and Option Two removed the UT Administrator role from its description. After reviewing and discussing the options. It was determined that Option One was the better option once the changes were made. **Motion to accept Option One with the edits: Jeff Gilbert/Tom Saviello. Commissioner Gilbert withdrew his motion. Commissioner Saviello withdrew his second. Motion to accept Option One as edited and post as soon as possible: Jeff Gilbert/Tom Saviello (4/0).**
9. **UT Temporary Bridge** – Representatives from the four road associations located in the IRA Mountain neighborhood attended the Commissioner's meeting and indicated that the privately owned bridge that serves the IRA Mountain residents (66 developed homes and 115 lots) is failing. Calderwood Engineering inspected the bridge and found structural concerns. The bridge is no longer reliable for continued service and must be replaced within a year. This inspection resulted in a reduction of the max load rate from 32 tons to 5 tons. They are requesting the use of the temporary bridge the County owns. **Motion to lease the temporary bridge of which the county will be held harmless of all responsibility of transferring, installing, maintaining the bridge and it will be returned to the county in normal wear and tear condition. The agreement is to be signed by all four road associations: Tom Saviello/Fen Fowler (4/0).**
10. **Risk Pool Audit Review** – Commissioner Carlton indicated that at the last MCCA – Risk Pool meeting they discussed the Risk Pool Audit. He indicated that it was clean, unmodified, no material weaknesses, no discrepancies, there were three adjusting journal entries made, internal controls were good, with no exceptions. **No Action Taken.**
11. **Summerfest – Use of parking lot on July 25, 2026 – Motion to allow the use of the parking lot after hours on July 24, 2026, and on July 25, 2026, for Summerfest: Tom Saviello/Jeff Gilbert (4/0).**
12. **Sheriff's Office – Vehicle Reserve Account Authorization** – In 2022, the Commissioners authorized the Sheriff's Office to sell their vehicles through Municibid and the proceeds from the sales would go into their Vehicle Reserve Account. A motion was not made and there were no minutes to indicate this process. To be compliant, there needs to be a motion for the proceeds from the sale of the Sheriff's Office vehicles to go into the Sheriff's Office Vehicle Reserve Account. **Motion to approve the proceeds of the sale from the Sheriff's**

**Office vehicles to be allocated to the Sheriff's Office – Vehicle Reserve Account: Tom Saviello/Jeff Gilbert (4/0).**

**OLD BUSINESS: None**

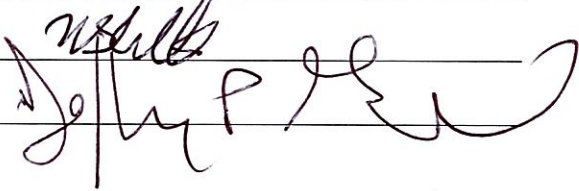
**MISCELLANEOUS:**

1. Meeting on June 23, 2026, will be a special meeting/workshop for the Commissioner's to go over their goals. Prior to the goals workshop, the Commissioner's will go into executive session with the County Attorney to discuss the Caribou Dam Project. There was also a discussion regarding who would go to the UT Meeting whether Amy or Sue would go along with Jamie. **Motion for Amy and Jamie to go to the UT Meeting and Sue to help the Commissioners with their goals: Fen Fowler/Jeff Gilbert (3/1) Commissioner Saviello opposed.**
2. Commissioner Fowler discussed the Cultural Evaluation and when it will be reviewed with the staff and requested it be included with their goals. This should be added to the July agenda.
3. LUPC – Madrid Pit Permit – No bids were received with respect to the RFP for the permitting application requested by the LUPC. The Commissioners requested that Administration reach out to Maine-Land Development for assistance with completing the permit. Motion to ask Maine-Land Development to draft the permit and submit it for the Madrid pit, Administration is to provide Maine-land with the information regarding the existence of the pit: Bob Carlton/Tom Saviello (4/0).
4. At the June 2, 2026 meeting, the Commissioners made a motion to send a letter of support on behalf of Major Daley's letter to Senator Collins regarding his request that money be spent on mental health, and money be diverted to the State of Maine for a northern, central and southern psychiatric facility for individuals to receive the treatment that they need rather than putting them in a maximum facility setting at the jail. **Motion to authorize Administration to prepare a letter in support and the Commissioner Chair to sign: Tom Saviello/Jeff Gilbert (4/0).**
5. The Sheriff's Office requested to apply for two grants. The Department of Justice is releasing \$700,000,000 in funding for the COPS Office. WE currently have two COPS grants. The Sheriff's Office is requesting to apply for two grants. The School Resource Officer for MSAD #58. This is a 75/25 grant. MSAD has agreed to absorb the 25%. **Motion to authorize the Sheriff's Office permission to apply for the School Resource Officer grant: Fen Fowler/Tom Saviello (4/0).** The second grant is the COPS Technology and Equipment Program. This grant would assist with the Watchguard systems, laptops, and software used for the CAD system. This program falls under the Congressional Direct Spending program. It was discussed that if we were awarded the grant that money be built into the budget for the treasurer's office to help with the cost of the audit and grant management. **Motion to authorize the Sheriff's Office permission to apply for the COPS Technology and Equipment Program: Tom Saviello/Bob Carlton (4/0).**

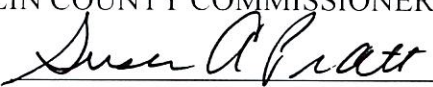
WARRANTS: County AP, Payroll & UT – Motion to sign Warrants: Fen Fowler/Jeff Gilbert (4/0).

ADJOURNMENT: Motion to adjourn at 12:12 p.m.: Fen Fowler/Jeff Gilbert (4/0).

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