

Minutes

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

The meeting was held via: Zoom

Franklin County Commissioners' Meeting

June 8, 2026

The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Carlton at 3:00 p.m.

AUDIENCE: Mt. Blue T.V, Nathan Hiltz, Doug Hiltz, Jake Nichols, Richard Wilde, Lee Ireland, Kat Whitney, Pam Prodan, Mary Redmond-Luce, Hart Daley, Ryan Close, Steven Lowell, Earl Martin, Shawn O'Leary, Susan Pratt, Karen Rea and Jamie Sullivan.

ZOOM: Donna Perry, Noelle Coyne and Craig Zohurst.

RECOGNITION: None

APPOINTMENTS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

Review of Title 30-A

1. FY2027 Budget - Vote

- A. 10 – EMA – Motion to accept the EMA budget of \$312,512: Tom Saviello/Tom Skolfield (5/0).**
- B. 15 – District Attorney - Motion to accept the District Attorney budget of \$380,250: Tom Saviello/Tom Skolfield (5/0).**
- C. 16 - Superior Court - Motion to accept the Superior Court budget of \$3,000: Tom Saviello/Tom Skolfield (5/0).**
- D. 20 – Commissioner's Office – Motion to accept the Commissioner's Office budget of \$427,706: Tom Saviello/Tom Skolfield.** Commissioner Fowler discussed the history of the Commissioner's compensation. The need for a Judicial Center in Franklin County was also discussed. **Amend motion to approve funding in the amount of \$458,717 by reinstating the flex benefits for the Commissioners but not the COLA increase: Fen Fowler/Jeff Gilbert: (3/2) Tom Saviello and Jeff Gilbert opposed. Motion to approve funding in the amount of \$458,717 as amended: (4/1) Tom Saviello opposed.**
- E. 25 – Treasurer's Office - Motion to accept the Treasurer's budget of \$320,674: Tom Saviello/Tom Skolfield (5/0).**
- F. 30 – Technical Services - Motion to accept the Technical Services budget of \$689,218: Tom Saviello/Tom Skolfield (5/0).**
- G. 40 – Facilities – Motion to accept the Facilities budget of \$404,690 removing**

\$40,000 out of the building reserve account line 99-8502: Fen Fowler/Tom Skolfield (4/1) Tom Saviello opposed.

- H. 65 – Registry of Deeds - Motion to accept the Registry of Deeds budget of \$273,357: Fen Fowler/Tom Saviello. Amend Motion to change line 65-7000, Elected Officials, to \$63,056: Jeff Gilbert/Bob Carlton.** A discussion was held regarding the salaries of the elected officials. A discussion was also held regarding hiring a consultant to review and revise the salary structure. Jeff Gilbert withdrew his amended motion, Bob Carlton withdrew his second. **Amend Motion to approve funding in the amount of \$265,114: (2/3) Tom Saviello, Tom Skolfield and Fen Fowler opposed. Original Motion to accept the Registry of Deeds budget of \$273,357: (3/2) Bob Carlton and Jeff Gilbert opposed.**
- I. 70 – Registry of Probate - Motion to accept the Probate Court budget of \$318,194: Tom Saviello/Tom Skolfield. Amend Motion to fund in the amount of \$309,263 reducing payroll taxes, flex benefits and the elected officials' lines: Jeff Gilbert/Bob Carlton: (2/3) Tom Saviello, Tom Skolfield and Fen Fowler opposed. Original Motion to accept the Probate Court budget of \$318,194: (3/2) Bob Carlton and Jeff Gilbert opposed.**
- J. 75 – Sheriff's Office - Motion to accept the Sheriff's Office budget of \$3,437,501: Tom Saviello/Tom Skolfield (5/0).**
- K. 80 – Communications - Motion to accept the Communications budget of \$1,507,381: Tom Saviello/Tom Skolfield (5/0).**
- L. 100 – Jail - Motion to accept the Jail budget of \$4,086,418: Tom Saviello/Tom Skolfield (5/0).**
- M. County-Wide – Motion to accept the County-Wide budget of \$750,435: Tom Saviello/Tom Skolfield (5/0).**
 - i. Personnel**
 - a. Paid Family Leave
 - b. Longevity/Salary Pay
 - c. Works Compensation
 - d. Unemployment
 - ii. Services**
 - a. Consultants
 - b. Other Professional Services
 - c. General Liability Insurance
 - d. Volunteer Firemen Insurance
 - iii. Expenditures**
 - a. Franklin County Food Pantry
 - b. Franklin County Extension Association
 - c. Franklin County Soil & Water Conservation
 - d. Franklin County Children's Task Force
 - e. Franklin County Adult and Community Education
 - f. Western Maine Community Action
 - g. Seniors Plus
 - h. SAPARS
 - i. Andwell Health Partners

- j. Greater Franklin Development Corp.
 - k. Franklin County Firemen's Association
 - l. Western Maine Transportation
 - m. Safe Voices
 - n. Franklin County Healthy Community Coalition
 - o. Debt Services Principal
 - p. Debt Services Interest
- iv. Total FY2027 Budget – **Motion to approve the General Fund budget of \$7,936,930: Tom Saviello/Tom Skolfield (5/1).**
Motion to approve the Jail Fund budget of \$3,346,418: Tom Saviello/Tom Skolfield (5/0).
Motion to approve funding Overlay in the amount of \$30,000.
Motion to approve the Total Assessment of \$11,313,348: Tom Saviello/Tom Skolfield (4/1) Tom Saviello opposed.

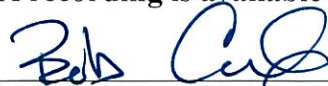
OLD BUSINESS: None

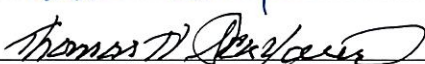
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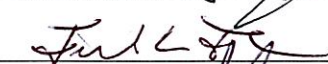
WARRANTS: None

ADJOURNMENT: Motion to adjourn at 4:03 p.m.: Tom Saviello/Tom Skolfield (5/0).

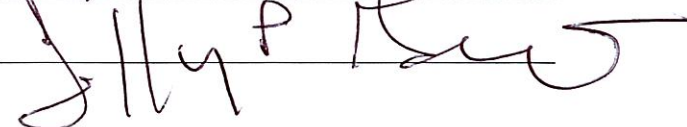
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ATTEST:  CLERK