PISCATAQUIS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING

January 6, 2026

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Minutes

8:30 AM PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Piscataquis County Commissioner Chairman Andrew Torbett called the meeting into session at 8:30 AM in the Chambers. Commissioner Paul Davis and Commissioner Adam Coover attended. The meeting was available online on Zoom.

1. Piscataquis County Commissioners elected Commissioner Paul Davis as Chairman for the year 2026. M: Andrew Torbett S: Adam Coover V: 3-0-0. Piscataquis County Commissioners elected Commissioner Adam Coover as Vice-Chairman for the year 2026. M: Andrew Torbett S: Paul Davis V: 3-0-0

2. Piscataquis County Commissioners reviewed and approved the minutes of the December 16, 2025 meeting. M: Andrew Torbett S: Adam Coover V: 3-0-0

3. Piscataquis County Commissioners added an Executive Session to the agenda - MRSA 1, section 405, paragraph 6 C., contract matter.

4. Piscataquis County Commissioners reviewed for approval the County expenditures in the amount of $25,294.25. M: Adam Coover S: Andrew Torbett V: 3-0-0

5. Piscataquis County Commissioners reviewed for approval the Jail expenditures in the amount of $16,224.54. M: Adam Coover S: Andrew Torbett V: 3-0-0

6. Piscataquis County Commissioners reviewed for approval the Unorganized Territory expenditures in the amount of $142,094.59. M: Andrew Torbett S: Adam Coover V: 3-0-0

7. Piscataquis County Commissioners reviewed for approval the Payroll Warrant for December 18, 2025 in the amount of $143,412.75. M: Adam Coover S: Andrew Torbett V: 3-0-0

8. Piscataquis County Commissioners reviewed for approval the Payroll Warrant for December 31, 2025 in the amount of $150,600.21. M: Andrew Torbett S: Adam Coover V: 3-0-0

9. Piscataquis County Commissioners reviewed for approval the Employee Benefit Warrant in the amount of $167,608.22. M: Adam Coover S: Andrew Torbett V: 3-0-0

10. Piscataquis County Commissioners reviewed for approval the Renewal Liquor License for Allagash Headwaters Lodge, TWP 07 R11, and owned by Sheralyn and Jason Bouchard. M: Adam Coover S: Andrew Torbett V: 3-0-0

11. Piscataquis County Commissioners opened the only sealed bid for the Curtis Climate Control System 200 psi Compressor with air dryer from Edward Hamel of KE Customs for $108.88. The Commissioners agreed to accept the bid and it was unanimous. M: Andrew Torbett S: Adam Coover V: 3-0-0

12. Department Heads:

a. County Manager, Michael Williams

- UT Road Commissioner Carl Henderson has been down and out since last Wednesday with the flu. Today is his first day back to work and he has not had any complaints. Commissioner Chair Paul Davis said he was in Greenville with his son for the lights and had a nice talk with Carl Henderson.
- The Gazette is no longer in publication so you will start seeing higher charges for advertising. Our only local options will be the Piscataquis Observer and/or Bangor Daily News which will cost about 50-60% more for advertising.

b. County Treasurer, Trisha White

- Everything is going well.

c. Jail Administrator, Jean Larson

- We are looking at changing pharmacies and have a quote to save about 10% ($9k-$10k) with the pharmacy Diamond. We will be reviewing the paperwork.
- Our Jail count is 27 with 12 being boarders (5 from Androscoggin and 7 FEDS).

d. Sheriff, Robert Young - did not attend.

- Chief Deputy Todd Lyford said it has been a busy year. There was a skidder/tractor theft in Barnard and it was recovered in Bradford with a search warrant. Arrested the subject with more arrests and charges to come. Commissioner Adam Coover said good job on this case!

e. EMA Director, Debra Hamlin

- EMA Director Debra Hamlin said she wanted to thank the dispatchers for giving us the road closure information to get out to the first responders so they can do what they do and helps us get the information posted for the public so thank you very much, we appreciate it!
- Commissioner Chair Paul Davis said he appreciates the weather reports but wishes it was for better weather, ha-ha.

f. Probate Register, Donna Peterson

- We had 190 new files opened last year and things are going smoothly.
- Thank you to everyone that donated supplies to Partners for Peace. I will get delivered this week.

g. Deeds Register, Gail Clark

- We had a halfway decent 2025. Our total revenue was up $30k+ from 2024. The County portion of the transfer tax was up almost $30k+. Good news! We had one Mansion tax property sold in Blanchard with our share being $17,600. We had $936,411 in transfer tax and the State's was over $800k for 2025.
- County Manager Michael Williams thanked Gail for the printer she gave to the admin office.

h. District Attorney Office, Corina Rackliff

- We had 714 cases in 2025 with 981 offences and 682 cases closed out and the numbers keep going up. When the Sheriff's Office arrests, we keep prosecuting.

i. Head of Maintenance, Joshua York

- Nothing new to report but also wishes EMA Director Debra Hamlin had better weather reports.

Recess 8:46 AM

EXECUTIVE SESSION(S):

Piscataquis County Commissioners entered executive session, per MRSA 1, section 405, paragraph 6 C., contract matter. M: Andrew Torbett S: Adam Coover V: 3-0-0

Time in: 8:47 AM

Time Out: 8:51 AM

Action: Commissioner Andrew Torbett made the motion to allow the County Manager Michael Williams to secure the Williamsburg Baily Hill tower site with Commissioner Adam Coover seconding and it was unanimous. M: Andrew Torbett S: Adam Coover V: 3-0-0

OTHER BUSINESS

Manada Stewart from PACC attended and said hopefully the pool will be ready for the public by mid-February.

Commissioner Adam Coover was asking the County Manager Michael Williams how many more tower sites do we need to lock up? County Manager Michael Williams said he would need to speak to Chris Lavoie but he knows the Sheriff's Office is working on the one for Blair Hill. We are tying up the Moose Mountain one with the State. We have one of our own at the Bunker. Dover-Foxcroft has the one at the airport, there is the one on Charleston Hill and one in Monson. Commissioner Adam Coover said he is willing to show up, participate and have conversations with Chris Lavoie to get things done because he knows we have a time frame and the other Commissioners agreed to participate if needed as well.

Meeting adjourned at 8:54 AM - M: Andrew Torbett S: Adam Coover V: 3-0-0