PISCATAQUIS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING

March 3, 2026

DOVER-FOXCROFT

Minutes

8:30 AM PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

1. Piscataquis County Commissioners reviewed and approved the minutes of the February 17, 2026 meeting. M: Andrew Torbett S: Adam Coover V: 3-0-0

2. Piscataquis County Commissioners had no adjustments to be made to the agenda.

3. Piscataquis County Commissioners reviewed for approval the County expenditures in the amount of $121,423.11. M: Adam Coover S: Andrew Torbett V: 3-0-0

4. Piscataquis County Commissioners reviewed for approval the Special County expenditures in the amount of $14,905.94 for the Sheriff's Office Cruiser repairs. M: Adam Coover S: Andrew Torbett V: 3-0-0

5. Piscataquis County Commissioners reviewed for approval the Jail expenditures in the amount of $10,827.93. 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 $156,909.19. M: Andrew Torbett S: Adam Coover V: 3-0-0

7. Piscataquis County Commissioners reviewed for approval the Payroll Warrant for February 26, 2026 in the amount of $168,294.37. M: Andrew Torbett S: Adam Coover V: 3-0-0

8. Piscataquis County Commissioners reviewed for approval the Employee Benefit Warrant in the amount of $136,976.50. M: Adam Coover S: Andrew Torbett V: 3-0-0

9. Department Heads:
   a. County Manager, Michael Williams
      - The UT roads are being posted by the Road Commissioner especially with the warmer temps coming this weekend.
      - During the Budget Committee season, the Greenville Town Manager said he wanted to discuss our fire service. We just received an MOU with a 10% increase year over year for our transfer station services and 5% for fire services. They expect us to sign without discussing. We are in the same boat for the transfer station service for Atkinson and Barnard through the Town of Dover-Foxcroft with a 35-37% increase with no explanation. Waiting to hear back from Town Managers. I do have a meeting with the Monson Town Manager this Thursday to talk about transfer/fire services which is the way it should be done.
      - Today is the work session for LD2124. The State will take 91.8% with the Counties getting 8.2% ($62 million vs $5.5 million). Nine Counties will get less than last year and that includes Penobscot and Washington with financial problems. We are one of the lucky seven counties and a big thank you to Deeds Register Gail Clark for all of her hard work. They said this would

be a win fall for the Counties and it amounts to about $80 a County. It is a win fall for the State. Commissioner Andrew Torbett said the Counties do all the work and the State confiscates the money with no penny involved. County Manager Michael Williams said no one is covering this in the press and it needs to get out to the people. Commissioner Adam Coover said for folks to reach out to their representatives.

b. County Treasurer, Trisha White-did not attend.

c. Jail Administrator, Jean Larson-did not attend.

- Sheriff Robert Young stated the Jail is doing well at 21 with 8 boarders. The populations in the Jails are down everywhere.
- We have a follow-up inspection with DOC tomorrow.

d. Sheriff, Robert Young

- The Patrol side of things are going well. We filled the Greenville position and Deputy Chris Cyr has been a tremendous asset and we appreciate his experience. We still have another open position that we are waiting for the right person to fill.

e. EMA Director, Debra Hamlin

- We are getting the word out about the Free Cyber Awareness Presentation on March 11 from 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM at the Commons with free lunch buffet provided. A Cyber Intelligence Analyst from Augusta will share expert insights about recognizing scams, protecting yourself online and smart steps to take if targeted.
- Training Opportunity: Public Assistance (PA) Process Documenting and Reporting Damages, March 12 at 1:00 PM, virtual meeting via Zoom. The meeting will cover Federal Disaster Declaration Process, Determining Eligibility, and the Damage Assessment Process. The course is free and no prerequisites are required to attend.

f. Probate Register, Donna Peterson

- We are busy in Probate and are already up to 30 new files this year.

g. Deeds Register, Gail Clark

- What Mike said in his update and hope the word gets out. LD2124 is a disaster for property owners. We are sitting pretty good and are up a bit in transfer tax due to the over a million in sales/Mansion tax.

h. District Attorney Office, Corina Rackliff

- We are okay but it is a busy month. The next meeting on the 17th will be extremely busy in the parking lot due to jury selection so come early to find your parking spot.

i. Head of Maintenance, Joshua York

- Busy, getting the prep work done at the Bunker for the flooring which is our major project amongst all of the other stuff that breaks.

OTHER BUSINESS

Commissioner Adam Coover asked the County Manager Michael Williams to explain what the Bunker is used for. He said the bunker is set-up to run the County out of it if something drastic happened here at the County Complex. NOAA has controls that monitor flood waters there and they help pay for the electricity. Dispatch could move there if they had to due to an emergency. It is a great cold storage offsite location for software. EMA Director Debra Hamlin said it is an Alternate Emergency Operation Service. It was utilized during COVID where we could switch back and forth to work. It is a mirror of here and is very well set-up.

EXECUTIVE SESSION(S):

Meeting adjourned at 8:56 AM - M: Andrew Torbett S: Adam Coover V: 3-0-0. Commissioner Chair Paul Davis said we will take a five-minute break prior to starting the Public Hearing on the Property Abatement.