PISCATAQUIS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING

September 15, 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 the meeting. Commissioner Chairman Paul Davis asked Sheriff Robert Young to open the meeting with a prayer. The meeting was available online on Zoom.

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

2. Piscataquis County Commissioners did not have any additional items to add to the agenda.

3. Piscataquis County Commissioners reviewed for approval the County expenditures in the amount of $44,252.04. M: Adam Coover S: Andrew Torbett V: 3-0-0

4. Piscataquis County Commissioners reviewed for approval the Special County expenditure in the amount of $34,423.05. M: Adam Coover S: Andrew Torbett V: 3-0-0

5. Piscataquis County Commissioners reviewed for approval the Jail expenditures in the amount of $7,113.70. 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 $54,042.42. M: Andrew Torbett S: Adam Coover V: 3-0-0

7. Piscataquis County Commissioners reviewed for approval the Payroll Warrant for September 10, 2026 in the amount of $158,443.01. M: Adam Coover S: Andrew Torbett V: 3-0-0

8. Department Heads:
   a. County Manager, Michael Williams
      - The contractor will be paving the John Doore and Dyer Road with a top coat the end of next week as long as no rain delays them in MDI and then the Blanchard Road the following week.
      - The patching is done on Snow's Corner on the Maple Road and the far end of the needed road work is completed.
      - The Purchase Order was signed and sent to the contractor for the Mountain Road Project in Big Moose. We do not have a timeline yet. The contractor is paving Route 15 so is right in the area and so should be sooner rather than later.
      - Next week is the MCCA Fall Conference at Sunday River.
      - In Williamsburg, we are trying to purchase a piece of land for the tower project. Due to the time that the LUPC takes to process and shuffle paperwork, I would like to compensate the land owners, who have been losing the rent money of $750 for about five months now. Commissioner Adam Coover made the motion to pay them the rent of $3k with Commissioner Andrew Torbett seconding and it was unanimous. M: Adam Coover S: Andrew Torbett V: 3-0-0
      - Handed out a copy of the RFP for the certain number of buildings needed for the tower project. Instead of using the CDS grant we will be using the leftover ARPA funds for this. We probably

need a minimum of 4 buildings with an optional additional building which is the same as what Penobscot County did a few years ago. We will do whatever is the cheapest way such as using chip board on the inside of them. Penobscot County's cost may have been around $12-14k per building. Commissioner Adam Coover asked if we needed a motion. County Manager Michael Williams said once the bids come back, we will then have the Commissioners make a motion.

- Our next meeting is Tuesday, October 6 at 8:30 AM.

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

- Deputy Treasurer Johanna Turner attended and stated that all is good; this is budget season and next is tax season.

c. Jail Administrator, Jean Larson

- Jail Administrator Jean Larson said the Jail count is 25 including 16 boarders with 6 being FEDS and 10 from other Counties.
- One of their kitchen staff just had a baby so they are working with Mountain View to help do two meals a day on her shift. Mountain View orders in bulk and we may look into getting some things from them.

d. Sheriff, Robert Young

- Sheriff Robert Young said the Sheriff's Office is doing well and Dispatch is doing well too but our northern deputy, Chris Cyr, just gave his resignation. The commute from northern Maine is getting to be too much. We will be down two positions at the end of the month.

e. EMA Director, Debra Hamlin

- EMA Director Debra Hamlin said all is good in EMA.

f. Probate Register, Donna Peterson-excused, vacation.

g. Deeds Register, Gail Clark-excused, appointment.

h. District Attorney Office, Corina Rackliff

- Office Manager Corina Rackliff said we are okay other than the Sheriff trying to poach my staff, ha-ha. One of her staff helped the Sheriff's Office with seeing a hit and run and collecting information for them. Seriously, we are holding up well and projects are going well.

i. Head of Maintenance, Joshua York

- Maintenance Head Joshua York said the Jail roof supplies are here. The contractor is a bit behind with the rain and running into some roof rot at their current job but should hopefully be here sometime this week to start the Jail roofing.

OTHER BUSINESS

Commissioners met at Pleasant River Lumber Company in Dover-Foxcroft at 10:00 AM.

Meeting adjourned at 11:12 AM - M: Adam Coover S: Paul Davis V: 3-0-0