PISCATAQUIS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING

October 6, 2026

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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 Commissioner Adam Coover 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 15, 2026 meeting. M: Adam Coover S: Andrew Torbett 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 $62,748.34. M: Andrew Torbett S: Adam Coover V: 3-0-0

4. Piscataquis County Commissioners reviewed for approval the Jail expenditures in the amount of $20,583.58. M: Adam Coover S: Andrew Torbett V: 3-0-0

5. Piscataquis County Commissioners reviewed for approval the Special Jail expenditure in the amount of $27,766.39 for the roofing project. 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 $190,163.11. M: Andrew Torbett S: Adam Coover V: 3-0-0

7. Piscataquis County Commissioners reviewed for approval the Payroll Warrant for September 24, 2026 in the amount of $175,115.82. M: Adam Coover S: Andrew Torbett V: 3-0-0

8. Piscataquis County Commissioners reviewed for approval the Employee Benefit Warrant in the amount of $140,220.48. M: Andrew Torbett S: Adam Coover V: 3-0-0

9. Piscataquis County Commissioners reviewed and signed the Road Side Mowing Contract for 2026-2030 with Lambert's Diesel & Welding. M: Adam Coover S: Andrew Torbett V: 3-0-0

10. Piscataquis County Commissioners reviewed and approved the liquor license renewal for Woody's Bar, LLC, located at 2 Industrial Park Road, Greenville Junction and owned by Nicole Jennison. M: Adam Coover S: Andrew Torbett V: 3-0-0

11. Piscataquis County Commissioners did not move the EMA Office request to transfer $20,000.00 from account E#140-01-01-030 (Payroll Deputy Director) to account E#140-01-03-160 (Professional Fees) to cover the cost for a contractor to update the County Hazard Mitigation Plan which is due in March of 2028. The motion died due to a lack of a second to the motion made by Commissioner Andrew Torbett.

12. Department Heads:
    a. County Manager, Michael Williams
        - The Maple Road work in Atkinson is done. The holes by the cemetery still need to be patched.
        - The Mountain Road in Big Moose has been repaired. The contractor filled/rolled the bad spots by the culverts, 50-100 feet up the road, per Road Commissioner Carl Henderson. Commissioner Paul Davis will take a trip up this weekend to look at the work.
        - The pavers are marking the center guideline for the John Doore & Dyer Roads in Atkinson and the Blanchard Road in Blanchard.
        - Contractors have started putting up their sand for the winter.
        - Elliotsville has some more road work that needs to be done which was shown to the contractor, Arvo Korsman, to get completed.
        - Checking to see about putting more gravel on the John Doore Road by the dip in the culverts which is still getting muddy even though we are dry. Must be a spring in the ground there.

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

    c. Jail Administrator, Jean Larson
        - Jail Administrator Jean Larson said the Jail has 14 boarders with 7 being FEDS and we have seven of our own with the total count being 21.
        - Mountain View is still helping with kitchen duties due to one staff member being out. Mountain View is still not billing us because this is a temporary situation.
        - Chief Deputy Todd Lyford stated that we are down one position in the Jail due to one member being deployed. We have to keep that position open for five years but we would like to hire a full-time temporary position with the benefits package. Commissioner Andrew Torbett made the motion to approve the hiring with Commissioner Adam Coover seconding and it was unanimous. M: Andrew Torbett S: Adam Coover V: 3-0-0

    d. Sheriff, Robert Young-did not attend.
        - Chief Deputy Todd Lyford said the patrol side of things have been very busy with serious accidents with one person dying plus some domestic disputes.
        - With the resignation up north, we have a replacement, Dale Brown who is a retired Sergeant and works for the Waterville PD and for us part-time. He lives near Brooks. Commissioner Adam Coover said he is very educated and teaches at the academy. Chief Deputy Todd Lyford said we will ultimately keep him in the position up north. Commissioner Chair Paul Davis asked if he would be able to take the cruiser home and Chief Deputy Todd Lyford said yes, the Sheriff is fine with it, as keeping this position filled up north is very important. Commissioner Andrew Torbett made the motion to hire Dale Brown for the Northern position full-time with Commissioner Adam Coover seconding. It was unanimous. M: Andrew Torbett S: Adam Coover V: 3-0-0

    e. EMA Director, Debra Hamlin
        - EMA Director Debra Hamlin said there was nothing new to report.

    f. Probate Register, Donna Peterson
        - Probate Register Donna Peterson said all is good in Probate, busy, but good.

    g. Deeds Register, Gail Clark
        - Not good news today, the September revenue compared to 2025 decreased all together 9.82%. Recording fees increased but the County transfer tax was $4,589 less than September of 2025

so declined year over year. People are not buying homes and there are more foreclosures which is very tough. County Manager Michael Williams said he talked with the Deeds Register Gail Clark about making adjustments to the budget to compensate for the State taking .8%. The legislature may try to submit a bill to take all of the mansion tax again at some point. Any sale over a million, we get $3.80 per $500 over a million.

h. District Attorney Office, Corina Rackliff

- Office Manager Corina Rackliff apologized for being late but said they are really busy but doing well.

i. Head of Maintenance, Joshua York

- Maintenance Head Joshua York said the roofing project for the Jail has been completed. We had a heavy rain right after with some leaks so the contractor came right back and fixed the spots higher up the wall at no additional cost to us. Checked after our last rain fall and it was bone dry. Maintenance Head Joshua York said he is very happy with their work and we have a warrantee on the work.

OTHER BUSINESS

RECESS 8:53 AM

EXECUTIVE SESSION(S)

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

Time in: 8:54 AM

Time Out: 9:22 AM

Action: No action, for information only.

Piscataquis County Commissioners to enter executive session, per MRSA 1, section 405, personnel 6 A., personnel matter. (Canceled per Department Head)

Meeting adjourned at 9:23 AM - M: Adam Coover S: Paul Davis V: 3-0-0