PISCATAQUIS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING

October 20, 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 Administrative Assistant Lori Adkins 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 October 6, 2026 meeting. M: Andrew Torbett S: Adam Coover V: 3-0-0

2. Piscataquis County Commissioners added Spillman IT contract with Penobscot County discussion. County Manager Michael Williams met with the Penobscot County Administrator and IT Director last Friday morning. They agreed to stay at $65 per hour for IT labor instead of the requested $100 per hour if we paid 10% of the Spillman cost. Penobscot County currently pays $224,000 and we would have to pay close to that if we went out on our own as a County for the service. They have a standing contract so our 10% cost would be $22,400. Commissioner Andrew Torbett made the motion approving the County Manager Michael Williams to make an agreement with Penobscot County to help cover the cost of Spillman with Commissioner Adam Coover seconding and it was unanimous. M: Andrew Torbett S: Adam Coover V: 3-0-0

3. Piscataquis County Commissioners reviewed for approval the County expenditures in the amount of $50,193.47. M: Adam Coover S: Andrew Torbett V: 3-0-0

4. Piscataquis County Commissioners reviewed for approval the Jail expenditures in the amount of $13,970.90. M: Andrew Torbett S: Adam Coover V: 3-0-0

5. Piscataquis County Commissioners reviewed for approval the Unorganized Territory expenditures in the amount of $10,353.69. M: Adam Coover S: Andrew Torbett V: 3-0-0

6. Piscataquis County Commissioners reviewed for approval the Payroll Warrant for October 8, 2026 in the amount of $155,238.25. M: Andrew Torbett S: Adam Coover V: 3-0-0

7. Department Heads:
   a. County Manager, Michael Williams
      - The contractor put additional gravel on the County/Hamm Road which is at the end of Route 16 as the other end is okay. It was scrapped down by loggers. We will have to fix it in the spring.
      - The paving in Atkinson and Blanchard has been shimmed in/out and top coat will be added tomorrow.
      - Had some ditching done in KI and they put a couple steel culverts in replacing the plastic ones to help keep them down better.
      - Road Commissioner Carl Henderson reported that the Dyer Road was graded. Commissioner Andrew Torbett asked if it was a coincidence that Dover graded their parts of the road too and guess it was just a coincidence.
      - Waiting on the contractor to do the patching at the Snow's corner end of the Maple Road which is a never-ending battle.

- The Shirley Road in Blanchard has had some bad timing as a woods crew moved in. There is a 95% chance that they will tear up the road. Once the permit is posted Road Commissioner Carl Henderson will take a picture of it. Commissioner Adam Coover recommended reaching out to the contractor to see if they can hold off. County Manager Michael Williams said they do not know who it is.

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

c. Jail Administrator, Jean Larson
   - The Jail has 18 inmates with seven being FEDS and one from another County. We are working on trying to add additional beds.
   - Our new correction officer starts the academy this week and we have correction officer interviews tomorrow.

d. Sheriff, Robert Young
   - We are doing well. Drew Hurst is halfway through at the academy and doing well. Kyle Wilson is a fire arms instructor and he was at the academy last week.

e. EMA Director, Debra Hamlin – did not attend (excused).

f. Probate Register, Donna Peterson
   - We are good but busy and getting lots of contested guardianships. This will put our budget out of whack next year.

g. Deeds Register, Gail Clark
   - Nothing new to report but more foreclosures are coming into the office.

h. District Attorney Office, Corina Rackliff – did not attend (excused).

i. Head of Maintenance, Joshua York
   - We are very busy with a lot of repairs, especially at the Jail.
   - We are getting ready for winter.
   - Hydraulics locked up on the skid steer so hoping to get that fixed this week.
   - Sheriff Robert Young thanked Josh and his crew for all they do. They have saved us a lot of money in the Jail. Inmates plug things up. We used to have to call the plumber but they now do the work saving us lots of money. Maintenance Head Joshua York said it saves the County Jail about $1,000 each time.

OTHER BUSINESS

RECESS 8:46 AM

EXECUTIVE SESSION(S)

Piscataquis County Commissioners to enter executive session, per MRSA 1, section 405, personnel 6 A., personnel matter. M: Andrew Torbett S: Adam Coover V: 3-0-0

Time in: 8:47 AM Time Out: 8:57 AM Action: No action, for information only.

Meeting adjourned at 8:58 AM - M: Adam Coover S: Andrew Torbett V: 3-0-0