

Kennebec County Budget Committee Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, January 28, 2026

4PM to 5:13PM in Augusta at Hill House 125 State Street

Members present: Eric Austin, Ray Bates, Kathryn Mills Woodsum, Lloyd Irland, John Beekman.

Members absent: Charlie Hippler, Shawn Dixon, Michael Perkins.

Others present: Scott Ferguson, County Administrator; Scott Adkins, County Finance Director

Commissioners Present: Patsy Crockett, Joseph Pietroski.

1. Meeting was called to order by Commissioner Crockett at 4PM.
2. Commissioner Crockett read the opening part of Maine State Law regarding County Budget Committees.
3. The purpose of tonight's meeting was to get acquainted, and see a broad overview of the FY 27 budget to date and discuss meeting dates and responsibilities.
4. Motion to elect Lloyd Irland as Chair of the Kennebec County Budget Committee made by Kathryn Mills Woodsum, second by Eric Austin, vote in favor 5-0.
5. Motion to elect Kathryn Mills Woodsum as Recording Secretary of the Kennebec County Budget Committee by Lloyd Irland, second by Eric Austin, vote in favor 5-0.
6. Meetings: After discussion we set Wednesday afternoons from 4PM to 6PM as our meeting dates. Not sure of exact schedule but dates listed below. Will need to have 2 public hearings, 1 in Augusta and 1 in Waterville.
 - a. 2-4-26. We will meet at Hill House and go on a tour of the County Facilities led by Dan Brunell, Director of Facilities. Dress warmly as we will be walking outside between buildings.
 - b. 2-11-26. No formal meeting. Please take time this week to visit a department or to ride with a Deputy Sheriff or visit the jail. Contact Scott Ferguson, County Administrator, for contact information for folks you'd like to meet with. We can also provide this information on 2-4 when we meet for the Facilities tour.
 - c. 2-18-26. No meeting week.
 - d. 2-25-26. First budget review meeting.
 - e. 3-4-26. Second budget review meeting.
 - f. 3-11-26 Third budget review meeting.
 - g. 3-18-26
 - h. 3-25-26
 - i. 4-1-26
 - j. 4-8-26