

Kennebec County Budget Committee Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, February 12, 2025
6PM to 6:55PM in Augusta at Hill House 125 State Street

Members present: Eric Austin, Garry Hinkley, Theresa Haskell, Kathryn Mills Woodsum, Lloyd Irland, Michael Perkins, Ashley Sennett.

Members excused absent: Kathleen Cutler, Lee Trahan.

Commissioners Present: Patsy Crockett, Joseph Pietroski, George Jabar.

1. Meeting was called to order by Commissioner Crockett at 6PM.
2. New business.
 - a. Election of Officers.
 - i. Motion to elect Lloyd Irland as Chair made by Garry Hinkley, Second by Eric Austin. Vote: Unanimous.
 - ii. Motion to elect Kathryn Mills Woodsum as Recording Secretary by Garry Hinkley, Second by Eric Austin. Vote: Unanimous.
 - b. Set Meeting Dates.
 - i. Motion to meet on 2-26, 3-5, 3-12 & 3-19 made by Kathryn Woodsum, Second by Garry Hinkley. Discussion, no vote.
 - ii. Amendment to motion to hold public hearings the week of 3-24 by Kathryn Woodsum, Second by Eric Austin. Discussion, no vote.
 - iii. Withdrawal of motion and amendment by Kathryn Woodsum.
 - iv. Motion to meet on Wednesdays February 26th, March 5th, March 12th, March 19th & March 26th, and to hold a public hearing in Waterville on Monday March 17th and a public hearing in Augusta on Tuesday March 18th made by Kathryn Woodsum, Second by Eric Austin. Vote: Unanimous.
 - c. Commitments Sought from Members
 - i. Chair opened discussion concerning members visiting the agencies we review. This was received well by the committee members and various agents present. Suggestion was made to visit at least one and possibly two sites. Lloyd provided more detail in writing after the meeting. Sites are:
 1. Jail: A tour can be accommodated any time.
 2. Sheriff: Ride with a deputy and visit the office. Of special interest is what is done with the \$865,000 of overtime; see detail on sheet.
 3. District Attorney: Attend a trial or arraignment and possibly the office. They are in need of a software system.
 4. Probate Office: Visit and possibly meet with Judge Libby Mitchell.
 5. Registrar of Deeds: Visit office. Ask how they utilize revenue.
 6. Emergency Management Agency: Visit office and see what they do and how they are funded.
 7. Executive and Facilities Offices: Visit office. Ask about Capital Projects, possibly tour to see them. What is the 5-to-10-year schedule.
 8. Program Grants. What is Tourism grant of \$10,000 for.
 9. Information Technology: Visit office.
 - ii. Chair asked for everyone to consider a visit and suggested we schedule it soon. After the meeting the Chair submitted a form for scheduling and asked for a brief memo describing your visit afterwards to be shared with the committee. Form will be sent out from the County Administrators office.
 - d. Motion to adjourn at 6:55PM made by Michael Perkins, Second by Eric Austin. Vote: Unanimous.

Respectfully submitted by Kathryn Mills Woodsum, February 13, 2025; Approved Feb 26, 2025