

Kennebec County Budget Committee Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, March 19, 2025
5:58PM to 8:08PM in Augusta at Hill House 125 State Street

Members present: Eric Austin, Theresa Haskell, Kathryn Mills Woodsum, Lloyd Irland, Michael Perkins
Members excused absent: Garry Hinkley, Lee Trahan, Ashley Sennett, Kathleen Cutler.

Commissioners Present: Patsy Crockett, Joseph Pietroski.

1. Meeting was called to order by Commissioner Crockett at 6PM.
2. The purpose of tonight's meeting was to discuss the budgets presented and make any needed motions concerning line-item amounts in the budget. Each department was considered in the order presented in the budget packet.
3. Discussion was held and no motions were made in the following departments:
 - a. Deeds
 - b. Executive
 - c. Administration
 - d. Facilities
 - e. Finance
 - f. Treasurer
 - g. IT
 - h. Probate
 - i. Sheriff
4. Discussion was held and motions made in the following departments:
 - a. **DA: Motion** to: Reduce line A001-1015-5505 Books, from \$7,000 to \$4,500, due to lower costs, and to increase line A001-1015-7375 Computer Equipment and Software, from \$9,000 to \$36,100, due to Axon software proposed contract, made by Theresa Haskell, seconded by Lloyd Irland. Vote 5-0.
 - b. **EMA: Motion** to: Reduce line A001-1010-3104 Personnel, from \$190,000 to \$0, and decrease line A001-1010-4003 Insurance, from \$10,000 to \$0, and reduce line A001-1010-4205 Vehicle Fuel, from \$2,500 to \$0, and decrease line A001-1010-4211 Vehicle Repairs, from \$1,500 to \$0, and reduce line A001-1010-4614 Radio Repairs, from \$1,500 to \$0, and decrease line A001-1010-5105 Medical and Pharmacy Supplies, from \$4,500 to \$0, and reduce line A001-1010-5106 Medical Equipment and Repairs, from \$10,000 to \$0, and decrease line A001-1010-5405 Clothing, from \$1,500 to \$0, all due to defunding the MP3 program, made by Eric Austin, seconded by Michael Perkins. Vote 4-1 (Theresa Haskell opposed.)
 - c. **Jail: Motion** to: Increase line A002-1050-4025 Pre-Trial Services, from \$293,620 to \$295,344, due to increased rate, made by Theresa Haskell, seconded by Eric Austin. Vote 5-0.
 - d. **Jail: Motion** to: Increase line A002-1050-4704 Insurance-Risk Management, from \$202,567 to \$265,000, due to increased rate and FY25 shortfall from MCCA Risk Pool, made by Theresa Haskell, seconded by Eric Austin. Vote 5-0.
 - e. **Program Grants: Motion** to: Reduce line A001-2045-4715 KVCC Tourism, from \$9,000 to \$0, to defund advertising to save funds, made by Michael Perkins, seconded by Lloyd Irland. Vote 5-0.

5. Further discussion will be held at the next meeting for the following departments with input requested from the department heads:
 - a. DA: Line -4081 Security
 - b. Probate: Line -4081 Security
 - c. Jail: All lines affected by a decrease of 3 positions; Overtime; Line -3120 Program staff community coordinator; Line – 5214 Cleaning from \$85,000 to \$70,000
 - d. Sheriff: Line -4455 Body Cameras and Software; Overtime
 - e. Capital Expense funding: Lines A001-2075-7205 and -7206
6. Further discussion will be held on general items affecting all departments:
 - a. Wage increases and parity issues
 - b. Staffing and Overtime issues and amounts
 - c. Deficit spending at the Jail
 - d. Revenue
7. Note that the committee did not consider any minutes at this meeting.
8. Motion to adjourn at 9PM made by Lloyd Irland, second by Eric Austin. Approved by unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted by Kathryn Mills Woodsum, March 20, 2025.

Next agenda:

- Budget Committee member resignation acknowledgement
- Minutes of 3/12/25, 3/18/25, 3/19/25 meetings.
- We need to make this motion as a new invoice was received:
Professional: Motion to: Reduce line A001-2050-4720 Insurance-Risk Management, from \$105,950 to \$89,000, due to decreased rate from MCCA Risk Pool, made by, seconded by.
Vote.