

FRANKLIN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING AGENDA

LOCATION: Franklin County Superior Courtroom

DATE AND TIME: October 24, 2024 @ 3:30 P.M.

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APPOINTMENTS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1. Clerk's Report**
- 2. Treasurer's Report**
- 3. Farmington Downtown Association – Courthouse Tree/holiday lights**
- 4. UT Budget – Review**
- 5. Jail- Medical Addition Funding**
- 6. ARPA Applications**

OLD BUSINESS:

MISCELLANEOUS:

WARRANTS: County AP, UT, ARPA, TIF and Payroll

EXECUTIVE SESSION – Labor negotiations 1 M.R.S.A. § 405(6)(D) - NCEU

EXECUTIVE SESSION – Consultation with legal counsel 1 M.R.S.A. § 405(6)(E) - Legal

ADJOURNMENT:

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**County Commissioner's Meeting
Agenda Discussion and Analysis
October 24, 2024**

Appointments: None

Recommended:

Agenda Item: Clerk's Report

Comments: Minutes from the October 8, 2024, meeting

- Congratulations to Austin Couture was promoted to Sergeant on October 21, 2024
- MDOT is requested a letter of support for the MDOT Application to the UDOT FY2023 – 2026 Bridge Investment Program (BIP) Bridge Grant Project
- Within the next week the new cameras for the new security system will start to be installed by next week.
- The Emergency Operations center at County Way is progressing, and I would like to schedule a walk through for the commissioners on November 19th meeting.
- The third requisition (payment) to FJ Scott for the EOC is in the flower folder for the chair to sign.

Recommended: Motion to approve and sign the October 8, 2024, Minutes.

Treasurer's Report: Included in Commissioners Packet

Recommendation:

3. Farmington Downtown Association – Courthouse Tree/holiday lights

Comments: We received an e-mail from the Downtown Association requesting to put lights on the Courthouse tree again this year. They are planning to have it lit for Chester Greenwood day and remove them at the end of the year. She has confirmed that the Farmington Fire Department is willing to assist with putting the lights up and promised that lights will be all the same matching white color.

Recommendation: Motion to allow the Farmington Downtown Association to decorate the Courthouse tree with holiday lights.

4. UT Budget

Comments: A draft budget for the FY26 UT Budget is enclosed in your packet. I have invited the Town of Philip to come again and discuss their requests with no justification. I have done some research on the call numbers and used the CMP data for solid waste. The Commissioners need to decide on a date for the UT Budget Public Hearing Possibly November 12th or 19th. I am required to submit a preliminary UT budget to the State by November 7th.

Recommendation: Motion authorize the County Administrator to submit draft UT FY26 Budget to the State.

Set the Public Hearing for the UT budget for November 12th or 19th at 3:30 pm

5. Jail- Medical addition Funding

Comments: The County started this project in early 2022, when the Jail medical space was identified and sub-par at best. The Commissioner hired an architect to design the new medical space. That took 2 years to go out to bid and the commissioners awarded the bid to E.J. Perry as they were the lowest bidder in amount \$698,798.00. We discussed how we are going to fund this at the last meeting, and it is confusing. Please see enclosed spreadsheet for the amounts and sources of the funds to cover the cost of the project.

Recommendation: Motion: authorize the use of MAT (State) funding of 107,635 and State Jail funding of \$172,372.30 to cover the cost of the project.

6. ARPA Applications

Comments: The Commissioners have hard copies of the 16 ARPA applications, the applicants are planning to attend the meeting to briefly summarize the projects submitted and answer questions from the commissioners.

Recommendation: None at this time.

PAM PRODAN, TREASURER – October 24, 2024

Current cash and investment (CDARS) balances

General Fund Operating Cash \$3,358,234.34

General Fund Payroll Cash \$216,959.54

General Fund CDARS \$753,856.73

ARPA Fund Cash \$443,970.73

ARPA Fund CDARS \$2,204,762.80

UT General Fund Cash \$699,472.64

UT General Fund CDARS \$1,021,693.31

UT TIF Fund Cash \$237,500.80

UT TIF CDARS: \$3,678,096.01

Interest rates - NOTE: No change yet to CDARS rates, but they will go down.

General Fund Operating Cash 3.75% 9/30/2024 All invested with Intrafi Cash Service at Androscoggin Savings Bank

General Fund CDARS 4.92698% 9/30/2024 All invested at Androscoggin Savings Bank

ARPA Fund Cash 3.49% 7/31/2024 All invested with Intrafi Cash Service at Franklin Savings Bank

ARPA Fund CDARS 3.70% 9/5/2024 All invested at Franklin Savings Bank

UT General Fund Cash \$3.75% 9/30/2024 All invested with Intrafi Cash Service at Androscoggin Savings Bank

UT General Fund CDARS 4.92698% 9/30/2024 All invested at Androscoggin Savings Bank

UT TIF Fund Cash 3.75% 9/30/2024 All invested with Intrafi Cash Service at Androscoggin Savings Bank

UT TIF CDARS: 4.92698% 9/30/2024 All invested at Androscoggin Savings Bank

Town Tax Payments

First tax payment was due September 1, with a grace period until interest starts on November 1. I sent reminder letters to the Select/Assessor Boards not yet paid, with their calculated per diem interest on tax payments once delinquent. As of Monday, October 21, 2024, these taxes are paid:

AVON \$42,511.00

NEW VINEYARD \$87,479.50

CARRABASSETT VALLEY \$802,937.00

PHILLIPS \$84,671.00

CARTHAGE \$63,222.50

RANGELEY \$610,040.00

COPLIN PLANTATION \$41,423.00

SANDY RIVER PLANTATION \$127,954.50

DALLAS PLANTATION \$137,503.00

STRONG \$85,619.00

EUSTIS \$180,260.00

TEMPLE \$86,848

INDUSTRY \$105,698.50

WELD \$125,006.00

JAY \$343,669.50

WILTON \$283,290.50

KINGFIELD \$138,766.50

Warrants

AP Warrants for signatures 10/24/2024 (Amounts are as of noon Monday before the meeting):

AP County Warrant \$112,626.17

AP UT Warrant \$134,490.51

AP ARPA Warrant \$11,843.76

Payroll Warrant

Pay period from 9/29/2024 to 10/12/2024 \$196,434.18

Jamie Sullivan

From: Amy Bernard
Sent: Wednesday, October 16, 2024 2:15 PM
To: Haggan, Patty
Cc: Jamie Sullivan
Subject: RE: Court House Tree

Patty,

Yes, I will have it on the agenda.

Amy

Amy Bernard
(She/her/hers)

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From: Haggan, Patty <Patty.Haggan@afmforest.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 16, 2024 1:20 PM
To: Amy Bernard <ABernard@franklincountymaine.gov>
Subject: Court House Tree

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Hi Amy

We're trying to get our act together a little earlier this year for holiday decorations. Would it be possible to ask if the commissioners will allow the Farmington Downtown Association and the Town of Farmington to put lights on the courthouse lawn tree again this year? We would plan to light it up on Chester Greenwood Day and probably leave it decorated until the end of the year. Phil Hutchins (Town of Farmington Public Works director) has confirmed that the Farmington Fire Dept. is willing to aid in getting the lights on it again and he promises that they will all be the same matching white color this year LOL 😊

I'll leave it up to you when to put in on any meeting agenda, before or after elections, just let me know if I or Phil need to be present at that particular meeting.

County of Franklin

FY 2025-26

Unorganized Territory Budget Comparison

<u>Snow Removal</u>	Budget 7/1/23 - 6/30/24	Budget 7/1/24 - 6/30/25	Budget 7/1/25 - 6/30/26
Madrid	94,500.44	101,520.00	101,520.00
Langtown	15,450.00	15,450.00	15,000.00
Washington-Perkins	129,347.40	136,000.00	136,000.00
West Freeman	97,948.37	97,948.37	84,125.00
Freeman-Salem	332,360.05	388,567.00	388,567.00
Salt		52,000.00	52,000.00
Total Snow Removal	669,606.25	791,485.37	777,212.00

Waste Disposal

Phillips (Madrid)	22,935.08	32,825.00	36,107.50
Eustis (Coburn Gore)	65,000.00	75,000.00	80,000.00
Kingfield (Salem)	68,000.00	75,000.00	80,000.00
Rangeley (north)	15,496.27	28,429.46	29,396.06
Weld (Wash/Perkins)	5,126.69	5,212.14	5,152.86
Wilton (Wash/Perkins)	4,663.00	5,222.56	4,663.00
Total Waste Disposal	181,221.04	221,689.16	235,319.42

Fire Protection

Phillips (Madrid)	18,282.37	27,300.00	30,030.00
Kingfield (Salem/Freeman, Foster Hill)	10,000.00	12,000.00	12,000.00
Rangeley (Northwest U.T.)	26,612.16	38,574.78	42,713.78
Strong (West Freeman)	24,570.00	24,570.00	26,879.00
Salem (Coverage)	26,588.00	46,800.00	49,000.00
Weld (Perkins)	10,414.25	5,716.00	6,667.40
Wilton (Washington)	2,875.00	3,220.00	3,220.00
Eustis (Coburn Gore etc)	50,000.00	55,500.00	58,500.00
Misc Cost for change in services	10,000.00		
Total Fire Protection	179,341.78	213,680.78	229,010.18

Unorganized Territory Budget Comparison

<u>Ambulance Services</u>	Budget 7/1/23 - 6/30/24	Budget 7/1/24 - 6/30/25	Budget 7/1/25 - 6/30/26
NorthStar	46,016.00	56,000.00	51,786.00
Total Ambulance Services	46,016.00	56,000.00	51,786.00

Cemeteries

Freeman Ridge	2,000.00	2,065.00	2,000.00
MT Abram Salem	2,065.00	2,065.00	2,726.95
Madrid	2,200.00	3,000.00	3,000.00
UT General	6,000.00	6,000.00	6,300.00
Total Cemeteries	12,265.00	13,130.00	14,026.95

Street Lights

Coburn Gore Madrid	1,500.00	2,500.00	2,500.00
		2,500.00	2,500.00

E-911

E- 911 Salary	16,000.00	16,800.00	18,000.00
		16,800.00	18,000.00

RESERVES

E-911	12,000.00	16,800.00	17,640.00
Paving	150,000.00	150,000.00	100,000.00
Road/Bridges	0.00	0.00	375,000.00
Fleet Vehicles	1,500.00	0.00	20,000.00
Communication Maint / towers	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,500.00
Total Capital Outlay	168,500.00	171,800.00	518,140.00

Animal Control

Animal Control	500.00	500.00	20,000.00
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	Budget 7/1/23 - 6/30/24	Budget 7/1/24 - 6/30/25	Budget 7/1/25 - 6/30/26
Administration		94,894.27	121,846.95
Summer Roads	239,772.00	279,000.00	350,000.00
Audit	3,000.00	3,000.00	4,500.00
Kingfield Library	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00
U.T. Deputy		112,800.00	188,444.49
U.T. Cruiser Equipment	12,000.00	12,500.00	25,000.00
Total Budget	1,532,722.07	1,992,779.58	2,558,785.99

Authorized by:

Dated: _____

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Medical Space Funding	
\$ 250,000.00	ARPA
\$ 172,372.30	Additional Revenue for Jail
\$ 107,635.00	MAT
\$ 168,790.70	Additional ARPA
\$ 698,798.00	TOTAL
\$ 698,798.00	BID FROM EJ PERRY

\$5,865,802.00	Total ARPA
\$5,321,079.76	Obligated ARP-10.24.24
\$544,722.24	Left to obligate

New Proposed Projects:

1. New Sharon Water District- Emergency Power and Support Equipment- - \$55,000
2. Franklin County Dispatch- Replacement of Dispatch Consoles- \$91,857.90
3. Franklin County Technology Dept,-Cloud Migration for data- \$67,350
4. Franklin County EMA- Generators-\$8,000
5. Wilton Lion's Club- Prep for Warming Center- \$65,000
6. Sargent Family Community Fund- Health and Safety Property repairs- \$50,000
7. Facilities Department-Window sills and windows- \$181,332.38
8. Facilities Department-Ceiling Fan Installation- \$17,000
9. Seniors Plus-Meals on Wheels Facility- \$125,000
10. Beth Brunswick Memorial Fund for Children- Rangeley Child Care Center-\$50,000
11. Madrid Historical Society- Community Facility- \$50,000
12. Kemandkeag Lodge- Community Center renovations- \$50,000
13. Rangeley Water District- Generator to run system- \$66,000
14. Rangeley Radio-Upgrade- \$39,794
15. Center for Entrepreneurial Studies-Staff to manage core operations-\$230,048
16. Rangeley Lakes Snowmobile Club-Safety Kiosk at trailhead- \$50,000

Total funding requested: \$ \$ 1,196,381.38