



# Cumberland County

## Board of Commissioners

### Meeting Minutes - Final

27 Northport Dr  
Portland, ME 04103

The Board meets on the third Monday of each month at 5:30pm in the Sebago Lake Room unless otherwise noted.

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Thursday, May 7, 2026

3:30 PM

Virtual Meeting on Zoom

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**Special Meeting to amend the County budget on Zoom. Meeting link included on the agenda.**

#### CALL TO ORDER

The Board of Commissioners met for a special meeting on Zoom, the meeting was called to Order by Chair Patti Smith at 3:37 p.m.

#### ATTENDANCE

**Present:** 5 - Chair Patricia Smith, Commissioner Jean-Marie Caterina, Vice Chair Tom Tyler, Commissioner Stephen Gorden, and Commissioner James Cloutier

#### County Staff:

James Gailey, County Manager  
Breana Gersen, Deputy County Manager  
Theresa Grover, Director of Finance  
Alyssa Johnson, Finance and Budget Manager

#### NEW BUSINESS

[26-047](#) Amend the FY27 Budget

County Manager Gailey presented the changes to the FY27 Budget for the Commissioners consideration.

Commissioner Cloutier stated that legislative funding to reserves is a great idea given that the amount is unknown and its one-time. He is glad to hear about federal revenue from the modified contract and is in favor of the proposed budget as drafted.

Commissioner Caterina agreed with Commissioner Cloutier. She spoke about her work with the Legislature. She observed that though the Marshals contract is not final, she is happy to hear that the contract is moving forward. She is glad that there is less of a burden on the taxpayers.

Commissioner Gorden thanked County Manager Gailey and staff for their work. He observed that he does not like it but the county is reducing the tax impact. The \$4 million one-time money has been like that for the last four years. The State isn't committing to Jails despite all the mandates imposed, the state Jails should be getting \$13 million more, and the county is getting \$4 million. He noted that there is no priority in the budget for the mandates.

Commissioner Tyler commented that staff have done a great job, and any time they can reduce the impacts to communities is good.

Chair Smith thanked the Commissioners for their work on jail funding at the State. She asked County Manager Gailey for an overview of capital expenses and corresponding costs. She asked County Manager Gailey if Maine PFML is properly funded, County Manager Gailey confirmed that it will be. Chair Smith summarized that providing a reduction to the taxpayers is the right thing to do and is in favor of the motion.

County Manager Gailey read the motion:

County Expenditure \$31,968,285

Jail Expenditure \$25,948,810

Cross Insurance Arena \$2,714,557

Revenue \$ (13,103,575)

Designated Fund Balance \$ (300,000)

Jail Tax Stabilization \$ (200,000)

Tax Assessment \$47,028,077

Enterprise Funds \$16,605,624

Grants \$4,206,217

Summary Budget from all Sources-Gross \$81,443,493

Amended Percent Tax Increase 11.65%

*A motion was made by Commissioner Cloutier, seconded by Commissioner Caterina, that the Order be APPROVED. The motion carried by the following vote:*

**Yes:** 5 - Chair Smith, Commissioner Caterina, Vice Chair Tyler, Commissioner Gorden, and Commissioner Cloutier

**No:** 0

County Manager Gailey read the motion to allocate \$420,000 of the State Legislature funding to the County's Medical Assisted Treatment (MAT) Reserve and the remaining approximately \$320,000 to the Jail Capital Reserve.

*A motion was made by Commissioner Cloutier, seconded by Vice Chair Tyler, that the Order be APPROVED. The motion carried by the following vote:*

**Yes:** 5 - Chair Smith, Commissioner Caterina, Vice Chair Tyler, Commissioner Gorden, and Commissioner Cloutier

**No:** 0

**ADJOURNMENT**

*At 4:08 p.m. a motion was made by Stephen Gorden, seconded by Tom Tyler, to ADJOURN the meeting. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.*