



**Cumberland County**  
**Finance Committee**  
**Meeting Agenda - Final**

Meeting Location: Feeney Conference Room

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**Tuesday, January 21, 2025**

**5:00 PM**

**County Courthouse**  
**205 Newbury St**  
**Portland ME 04101**

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1. WELCOME

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

[FC 25-001](#) Approval of the minutes, December 10, 2024, meeting of the Cumberland County Finance Committee

**Attachments:** [Minutes Finance Committee - December 10 2024](#)

3. PUBLIC COMMENT RECEIVED

4. STAFF BUDGET UPDATE

5. FINANCE COMMITTEE DISCUSSION / RECOMMENDATION

6. ADJOURNMENT



# Cumberland County

142 Federal St  
Portland, ME 04101

## Position Paper

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**File #:** FC 25-001

**Agenda Date:** 1/21/2025

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**Title:**

Approval of the minutes, December 10, 2024, meeting of the Cumberland County Finance Committee

**Background and Purpose of Request:**

Review and approve the attached minutes.

**Staff Contact:** Katharine Cahoon, Executive Dept

# Maine Cumberland County

## FINANCE COMMITTEE

### MINUTES

Tuesday, December 10, 2024

3:00 PM

The Finance Committee met in person in the Feeney Conference Room in the County Courthouse, 205 Newbury St, Portland ME 04101

### Attendance

#### **Finance Committee**

Janice de Lima, Falmouth  
Tim Thompson, Cape Elizabeth  
Bob Vail, Cumberland  
Chair Dustin Ward, New Gloucester

#### **Cumberland County**

Alex Kimball, Deputy Manager  
Jim Gailey, County Manager  
Theresa Grover, Finance Director  
Commissioner Patti Smith  
Commissioner Steve Gorden  
Elizabeth Blackwell Moore, Dir of Public Health  
Melinda Fairbrother Dyer, Dir of CCRCC  
Sheriff Kevin Joyce  
Mike LoConte, CIA GM  
District Attorney Jackie Sartoris

1. Call to Order & Attendance  
Chair Dustin Ward asked to go around the room and introduce those in attendance.
2. Public Comment Received  
No Comments were received.
3. Budget Update  
No budget update by staff.
4. Presentation by Departments  
The Finance Committee requested the following departments to present their budgets and talk a little about what is happening in their departments. Four departments presented this evening.

#### **District Attorney's Office – District Attorney Jackie Sartoris**

District Attorney Sartoris presented information on her budget through a prepared slide deck.

Vail – Are you prosecutors based on your case load?

De Lima – Asked a question about new position in the Sexual Assault Kit Grant

Smith – How much is the grant for?

DA – 4k short of 2.5million  
Vail – Nurses funded how?  
DA – Nurses already funded. Grant will fund testing of the kits.  
Vail – Is there flow down training to the patrol car?  
DA – Yes, already started training  
Gorden – Of the anonymous group, what percentage of interest?  
Steve – Have the feds given you any numbers?  
DA – Budget wise, I'd like to expand restitution.  
Vail – Yellow Flag, need to engage the local councilors/select boards and Augusta delegation to push for Red Flag.  
Ward – What are some of the long-term items you want?  
DA – Restitution and Restorative Justice  
Kimball – Asked the DA to talk a little about Sharefile  
DA – Explained that Sharefile was a software program to handle Body Cam videos from local law enforcement agencies. Sharefile goes with Axion Justice.  
Ward – Axion hold video?  
Kimball – Yes, we are proposing to increase it to 88 TB.  
De lima – Asked about a joint purchase with Axion.  
Gailey – The 88 TB was for all towns to download to the DA Office.

### **Regional Communications Center – Melinda Fairbrother Dyer, Director**

Melinda went through a slide deck talking about the last year in Communications.

Vail – Has an 829-exchange gone to you?  
De lima – How many communities have their own dispatch?  
Thompson – Do you have further capacity?  
Ward – Call per person rate based on?  
Kimball – Total population.  
Vail – North Yarmouth pays 35k and Cumberland 220k  
Kimball – North Yarmouth has Sheriff Office  
De Lima – Asked a question on recruiting.  
Ward – Are all 19 communities up to date to be able to talk on the new radio?  
Gorden – Analog will be phased out by the industry  
De Lima – Can you offer remote work?  
Vail – Do street addresses pop up when you call 911?  
Vail – Do you monitor marine frequencies?  
De Lima – Asked a question about radio coverage maps.  
Vail – What can you do to reduce my costs? Is there a way to save the County money?  
Kimball – Frequency sharing  
De Lima – More towns would push the cost down.  
Gorden – a 911 call is dispatched by town, not who its closest too.

### **Public Health Department – Liz Blackwell Moore, Director**

Liz went through a slide deck talking about what Public Health has to offer and how it is funded.

Vail – 300k bargain for everything you do. How do we improve the early prevention?  
De Lima – Worried about federal dollars moving forward. How do we fill the gap?  
Moore – Think big picture and look at it at the larger community level.  
De Lima – County take a look at what towns/cities are doing nationally to bring happiness to the community.  
Moore – If there are ways the towns would like to work together with Public Health on specific areas, it will add capacity.

Vail – Wealthy communities have the programming in schools, but not all communities have high incomes.

Moore – We are working with communities that have excessive barriers.

Ward – Do you write your own grants? Have you thought about revenue ideas to offset?

Kimball – We are charging an indirect on grants and in some instances, Liz gets paid for her external work.

### **Cross Insurance Arena – Mike LoConte, General Manager**

Mike talked a lot about the different way he needs to budget being an enterprise account and events need to be booked to meet the expenditures.

Ward – Is there a deadline for shows?

Vail – Is there a value in the County retaining the asset?

De Lima – So many other venues attracting same artists. Cost benefit analysis done? Summer events?

Ward – Economic impact is majority of State. What is trending.

Thompson – Lot of positions at the arena. Three years in the black is great.

### **Sheriff Office, Civil Division & Jail – Sheriff Kevin Joyce**

The Sheriff went through a brief slide deck.

Vail – Triple crown – how does that stack up nationwide?

Vail – Does the accreditation trickle down to hiring?

De Lima – What are the standards for mental health and does the accreditation make recommendations?

Ward – Asked question about mental health calls for service

De Lima – Do you have mental health staff?

De Lima – K9 purchase question – training.

De Lima – Do we have a tank like Brunswick?

Ward – Asked about hiring process and training for certified out of state applicant.

Vail – How can we do things together and collectively?

Vail – So take over smaller departments for cost savings?

De Lima – How long do people stay in jail after being arrested?

## 5. Next Finance Committee Meeting

Jim announced that the next Finance Committee meeting would be Tuesday, January 21, 2025. Tim Thompson reminded everyone that he will be away and would need to video into the meeting. Jim said they could arrange that.

## 6. Adjournment

At 7:58 pm de Lima made a motion, seconded by Vail to adjourn. Vote 4-0

\*The meeting was recorded and can be found on the County's website.