

1 **COMMISSIONERS MEETING**

2 **April 6, 2022**

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8 At an ARPA workshop of the County Commissioners of the County of York, begun and  
9 holden at the York County Government Building in Alfred, within and for the County of York,  
10 being held on Wednesday, April 6, 2022 A. D. at 3:00 P. M.

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13 **COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:**

- 14 Richard R. Dutremble
- 15 Richard Clark-excused
- 16 Robert Andrews
- 17 Allen Sicard
- 18 Donna Ring

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23 County Manager Gregory Zinser and Deputy County Manager Linda Corliss were present at the  
24 meeting.

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27 **YOU ARE INVITED TO RISE AND SALUTE THE FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES**

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29 1. Save our Shores to present request for dredge purchase-Commission Board Chairperson  
30 Sicard explained that this group had appeared before us in October and we tasked them to contact  
31 the fourteen York County coastal towns to see if there was a need (for the dredge).  
32 Kevin Roche, President of Save our Shores addressed the Board. He explained that there is an  
33 emergency situation along the Saco Bay shorelines and there is now a plan for all shoreline towns  
34 in York County. Mr. Roche informed all that David Plavin (VP of SOS) was present and had  
35 created a regional plan. Bill Doyle, Saco’s mayor and Rick Mallard, Saco shoreline commission  
36 chair was also present at the meeting. He added that Dan Chadbourne, Saco Harbor Master and  
37 Steve Miller from Ellicott Dredges LLC were present to answer any technical questions on  
38 dredging.  
39 Kevin Roche continued that Mayor Cassavant was present via ZOOM as well as Paul  
40 Schumacher from SMPDC who’s report from 2018 served as a key road map for them.  
41 Mr. Roche informed all that they had received letters of support for the dredge from Saco,  
42 Scarborough, OOB, Biddeford, Kennebunk and Wells. He added that they had engaged interest  
43 in almost all of the harbor masters in coastal York County. The private sector also is engaged as  
44 the University of New England has shown interest. Mr. Roche stated that interest will come if we  
45 have the dredge. The Army Corp. will still have responsibilities and could also be a customer.  
46 Fishing, recreational and tourism will flourish and up tax rates for real estate, also stated Mr.  
47 Roche.  
48 Mr. Roche asked if there were any questions. Commissioner Dutremble stated that while he  
49 supports the dredge, he has some concerns. Commissioner Dutremble commented that the issue

50 he has is some are under the impression that the York County Commissioners will purchase the  
51 dredge. We are responsible for giving you the money to buy the dredge. The party (requesting  
52 the funds) is responsible for the purchase and will need to obtain three bids as per policy. Permits  
53 will be needed down the line. There are lots of issues before we finally vote, stated  
54 Commissioner Dutremble.

55 Kevin Roche explained that if the Commissioners move forward with approval contingent on this,  
56 we are agreeable with government guidance. We will, together with your assistance, get three  
57 bids. We will set up an entity and get a tax i.d. # and set up a quasi-entity like the transit  
58 authority.

59 Commissioner Dutremble replied that with other projects we have accepted, the people in charge  
60 of the projects bring forth the information and the Commissioners review it. You need to give us  
61 the information. We are not going to do the work for you, explained Commissioner Dutremble.

62 Kevin Roche responded that he understood that and that he will be talking to each of these dredge  
63 companies to get bids.

64 Commissioner Dutremble added then the County Manager and County Attorney will review the  
65 information.

66 Commissioner Sicard stated that these funds will be audited. A quasi- governmental  
67 corporation will make the purchase. The initial purchase is in the county's name.

68 Commissioner Dutremble commented that he was a Biddeford City Councilor when they created  
69 the transit authority so he knows how it works. Three communities did the work.

70 Mr. Roche responded that they have made no assumptions that the county would be doing that  
71 work.

72 Commissioner Sicard stated that if at first it's Saco and the County, it would be okay.

73 Commissioner Dutremble replied that the county is not in the business to purchase equipment.  
74 They have lawyers also. Mayor Doyle also knows what to do. We shouldn't be using our  
75 resources.

76 Commissioner Sicard clarified that we said we were not buying a dredge for the City of Saco.

77 Commissioner Dutremble agreed but stated that they have the expertise to do this. Commissioner  
78 Sicard stated that we won't sign off from anything before having our attorneys review it.

79 He added that we asked for a board seat on this entity.

80 Commissioner Andrews asked if this dredge would be suitable for all communities along the  
81 coast?

82 Mr. Roche responded that there are different consistencies of sand, but we highly believe they  
83 will work on all.

84 Steve Miller from Ellicott Dredges, LLC addressed the Board and informed them that Barnstable  
85 County purchased their dredge from them. He added that he toured the York County coast today  
86 and agreed that there is a compromised shoreline. He recommends the 3-section hull dredge as a  
87 long- term solution size.

88 Commissioner Sicard asked if the Cape Cod system is making a profit? Mr. Miller (Ellicott  
89 Dredges, LLC) explained that Barnstable County had to up their contribution outside of the  
90 county and they did have to hike up their rates to pay for fuel.

91 Commissioner Andrews asked how long did the engineer estimate it would take to do the area  
92 we are looking at? Also, would the dredge have to spend so much time in Saco that it wouldn't  
93 be able to do work in other counties?

94 Mr. Miller replied that they will perform calculations of cubic yards of material along with the  
95 output of the dredge and come up with a schedule.

96 Commissioner Andrews replied that his question can't be answered anytime soon.

97 Commissioner Sicard commented that once an area is stabilized, the dredge wouldn't be needed  
98 in that area for another two years. Then, they would move on to another community.

99 Mr. Miller continued that Barnstable does 9 or 10 jobs in a season with two dredges.

100 Commissioner Dutremble asked Mr. Roche of Save our Shores if he knew why Biddeford's

101 Harbor Master did not support the dredge purchase. Mr. Roche of SOS replied that he thought he  
102 was misguided in his thoughts. He said he was going back to 1979. He was referencing some  
103 sort of private marina job. Mr. Roche stated that he puts his full faith in his (Saco) harbor master.  
104 Mr. Roche stated that they have buy in from seven or eight of the other York County shoreline  
105 communities.  
106 Mr. Roche informed all that Saco Mayor Doyle had already pushed forward to have our harbor  
107 master be a full-time position.  
108 Mayor Doyle approached the Board and stated that the City of Saco is going through their budget  
109 process. He added that his office submitted an ARPA request in the amount of \$700,000 (from  
110 the city of Saco's ARPA funds). This amount is probably not needed all in the first year, stated  
111 Mayor Doyle and it is not approved yet but will go before council. He continued that the Council  
112 won't put an earmark in for \$700,000 if there isn't infrastructure there. The council will then  
113 vote on the budget to approve it. Mayor Doyle suggested looking to build a quasi-governmental  
114 agency (for the dredge) with it's own staff and own executive director.  
115 Commissioner Sicard asked Mayor Doyle if he felt comfortable monies might remain in the Saco  
116 budget?  
117 Major Doyle replied that the city council unanimously supported to re- enter into a contract with  
118 the Army corps to build a spur jetty and they also voted unanimously for the dredge. He stated  
119 that he feels very confident they will support funding for year one. He added that dredging is a  
120 short season. Commissioner Sicard stated that there is probably no revenue until '23 and '24.  
121 Commissioner Sicard continued that it won't just be Saco and the county moving forward but you  
122 will be looking for other York County communities.  
123 Mayor Doyle replied that three communities currently all fund (Biddeford, Saco, OOB) all fund  
124 for a transportation system. We are looking to establish a funding network much like that.  
125 Everyone would put an equal amount in. Also, Mayor Doyle stated that he doesn't think we have  
126 an issue crossing county lines.  
127 Commissioner Sicard stated that he didn't think the Commissioners have to wait for  
128 Commissioner Clark to weigh in.  
129 Commissioner Ring asked Mayor Doyle how many towns are actually committed to this? Have  
130 any towns committed any of their ARPA funds to this program?  
131 Mayor Doyle replied that they didn't ask for dollars only for support. Kennebunk did not give us  
132 a letter nor did Kennebunkport but said they were interested. Commissioner Ring asked so, no  
133 quasi contract with other towns? Saco is taking full responsibility? Mayor Doyle replied, yes.  
134 Commissioner Ring asked what do employees do for the other six months when there is no  
135 dredging? Mayor Doyle responded, training, upkeep of equipment.  
136 Commissioner Sicard commented that he did not realize it can be private entities as there are  
137 many marinas and private places that have needs.  
138 Commissioner Ring asked how many staff are needed for one dredge? Mr. Miller replied, four.  
139 Commissioner Ring asked Mayor Doyle if you were to enter into a corporation with the City of  
140 Saco and other cities decided to jump on board, would you divide up costs between other towns?  
141 Mayor Doyle explained that in year one, the executive director role would be to put together a  
142 budget and reach out to other communities like the transit system does. This might be a little  
143 different as they will have the opportunity to perhaps make money.  
144 Commissioner Ring asked if it was accurate that if the county approves this dredge, you provide  
145 us with a budget and a contract that you go by and everything else is up to Saco except for one  
146 seat on the Board.  
147 Commissioner Sicard stated that it was his guess that the towns will come in a year or two before  
148 they need the dredge.  
149 Commissioner Ring responded that concerns her that they might commit for only the year they  
150 need it.

151 Mayor Doyle replied that he was sure each community will have to enter into a contract with the  
152 organization.

153 Commissioner Dutremble asked what happens after the second year, when only a couple of  
154 groups want the dredge , where do you get the money?

155 Mr. Roche replied that we are under the assumption that one or two communities will need  
156 dredging right away. Scarborough budgets \$1 million a year.

157 Mayor Doyle added that the Army Corps dredging in Scarborough costs \$5 million every 5 years.  
158 Through us it will be much less costly.

159 Mayor Doyle informed all that costs (to purchase a dredge) will go up so you don't want to wait.  
160 Time is off the essence.

161 Commissioner Sicard stated that the Commissioners can make contingencies in any motion.

162 Commissioner Dutremble replied that we have one Commissioner missing so one week won't  
163 make a difference. Commissioner Ring stated that she agreed with Commissioner Dutremble as  
164 this is a large commitment so we should afford Commissioner Clark the opportunity to weigh in.

165 Commissioner Andrews stated that Commissioner Clark won't have the experts here to ask  
166 questions.

167 Commissioner Ring reminded all that this is workshop so we wouldn't make any motions.

168 Commissioner Sicard commented that (1) the RFP must go out. Commissioner Dutremble stated  
169 that is not coming from us. (2) a Corporation is formed. The attorneys from the city and our  
170 attorney looks at a model and come back with an agreement and (3) the money stays in and is  
171 approved in Saco's budget.

172 County Manager Zinser asked a process related question and for process clarification. In the past,  
173 with the other funding requests that the Commissioners have approved, they presented you with a  
174 program, etc. and we made them abide by every federal requirement. What is the expectation?  
175 The outcome matters in terms of who is going to do this, stated County Manager Zinser. This  
176 (process) is different than how we have been operating.

177 It is being stated that the County will purchase the dredge and we will do the RFP? There is no  
178 entity set up to do this. It really has to be the county is going to do this. We can't ask SOS to do  
179 the bidding for a county purchase. It would be on our asset list. Are you giving the money to  
180 SOS or to the City of Saco or are we retaining it? I'm hearing a little bit of confusion on our end.  
181 I was thinking we were giving the money to the entity requesting it, stated the County Manager.

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183 Kevin Roche stated that the third half involves one of the contingencies, there being an entity.  
184 The County could purchase it for the \$1.8 million and then the County transfers it over to the new  
185 entity.

186 County Manager Zinser clarified that what he is saying here is that we would ask our attorney to  
187 develop some type of quasi-municipal organization on the side similar to a housing authority.

188 Keven Roche stated that in terms of a timeline, you won't know about Saco until mid- May.  
189 The wild card will be the bid process with three bids needed.

190 Kevin Roche continued that we didn't know if Saco would have to own the dredge. Insurance  
191 would be an issue.

192 Commissioner Sicard asked the County Manager if he is comfortable working with SOS to  
193 prepare RFPs?

194 Kevin Roche stated that a vote today or next week is fine but we need that vote before Saco's  
195 May budget.

196 Commissioner Sicard thanked everyone for their time and invited the Save our Shores people  
197 back at 3:00 next week.

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199 10- minute break before regular county meeting.

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202 **COMMISSIONERS' REGULAR MEETING (directly following the ARPA workshop at**  
203 **4:30 p.m.)**

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205 **04-06-22 ITEM**

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207 **1 PUBLIC COMMENT(S) ON ANY ITEM(S)**

208 None

209 **2 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE FOLLOWING MEETINGS:**

210 a. Commissioners meeting of March 16, 2022  
211 Commissioner Dutremble motioned to approve the minutes. Commissioner  
212 Ring seconded the motion. Vote 4-0.

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214 **3 TO APPROVE TREASURER'S WARRANTS**

215 a. Warrants to be approved on March 16, 2022, in the amount of \$404,599.45  
216 Commissioner Dutremble motioned to approve the warrants. Commissioner  
217 Ring seconded the motion. Vote 4-0.

218 b. Warrants to be approved on March 23, 2022 in the amount of \$541,604.84  
219 Commissioner Dutremble motioned to approve the warrants. Commissioner  
220 Ring seconded the motion. Vote 4-0.

221 c. Warrants to be approved on March 30, 2022 in the amount of \$649,195.91  
222 Commissioner Dutremble motioned to approve the minutes. Commissioner  
223 Ring seconded the motion. Vote 4-0.

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225 **4 TO HEAR ANY REPORTS FROM THE COUNTY**  
226 **COMMISSIONERS**

227 Commissioner Andrews asked for a moment of silence for Representative Ted  
228 Kryzak ( District 21) who recently passed away.

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231 **5 NEW BUSINESS**

232 a. H.R. Director Linda Corliss to request approval for the following new  
233 hires/transfer:

234 i. Scott Corey in the position of full-time school resource officer/patrol  
235 deputy in the Sheriff's Office with a start date of 4-11-22-

236 H.R. Director Linda Corliss requested the hiring of Scott Corey as referenced  
237 above.

238 Commissioner Ring motioned to approve the hiring of Scott Corey in the position  
239 of full-time school resource officer/patrol deputy in the Sheriff's Office with a start  
240 date of 4-11-22. Commissioner Andrews seconded the motion.

241 Vote 4-0.

242 ii. Dennis Chagnon in the position of courthouse security within the  
243 civil division of the Sheriff's Office with a transfer date of 4-11-22

244 Commissioner Ring motioned to approve the transfer of Dennis Chagnon into the  
245 position of courthouse security within the civil division of the Sheriff's Office with  
246 a transfer date of 4-11-22. Commissioner Andrews seconded the motion. Vote 4-  
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248 iii. Jeanette Greeley in the position of full-time legal secretary within the District  
249 Attorney's Office with a start date of 4-19-22-

250 Commissioner Ring motioned to approve the hiring of Jeanette Greeley in the  
251 position of full-time legal secretary within the District Attorney's office with a start  
252 date of 4-19-2022. Commissioner Andrews seconded the motion. Vote 4-0.

253 iv. Robert Brown, Jr. in the reserve position of Fire Instructor II in EMA with a  
254 start date of 4-11-22

255 Commissioner Ring motioned to hire Robert Brown, Jr. in the position of full-time  
256 legal secretary within the District Attorney's office with a start date of 4-19-2022.  
257 Commissioner Andrews seconded the motion. Vote 4-0.

258 b. Recognition of EMA (receipt of award along with YCC)-

259 Chief Hooper approaches the Board and explained that he recently attended the  
260 Maine Fire Chiefs Assoc. conference. The Maine State Fire Services  
261 Commission awarded York County EMA and YCC with an award for the  
262 existence of a standing incident management team for 5 years now. This award  
263 recognized our response to the vaccination efforts to COVID 19. This team  
264 was activated December of 2020 when our team was first activated for this.  
265 The Commissioners congratulated EMA. Chief Hooper tells all that this is a  
266 county wide effort.

267 c. Begin review of FY'2023 budget

268 i. County Manager to present administrative budgets- County Manager Zinser  
269 reviewed the summary and informed all that the proposed budget reflects an overall  
270 increase of 3.89% with a tax increase of 2.97%. You will see some investments  
271 within personnel lines. These lines show a lot of increases as well as increases in  
272 computer software. The County Manager explained that this is the first year that  
273 we are paying for a lot of software. There are requests for four additional positions  
274 in the general fund. County Manager Zinser explained that he is proposing to give  
275 \$500,000 back in terms of use of reserve funds to buy down the mill rate. He  
276 added that budget is under the LD1 limit under by \$187,000.00.

277 ii. Register of Probate Carol Lovejoy to present budget-County Manager Zinser  
278 informed the Board that the Probate budget shows a 5.66% increase of \$39,031.  
279 increase. Register of Probate Carol Lovejoy addressed the Board. Deputy Register  
280 of Probate Casey Hartford was also present as well as Judge Houde on ZOOM.  
281 Register of Probate Lovejoy explained her department's professional services line  
282 and added that 95% of contested cases are resolving without trial. She explained  
283 there were a couple of increases in her office supply line and in other equipment  
284 due to costs rising.

285 Commissioner Ring asked if Register Lovejoy could provide any type of annual  
286 statistics for her department for the Board to review? Register Lovejoy stated, yes  
287 and added that there has been a significant increase in the number of cases since  
288 2021.

289 Register Lovejoy informed the Board that she had no increase in staff requests.  
290 Commissioner Ring asked Register of Probate Lovejoy if she requested the wage  
291 increases? County Manager Zinser responded that wage increases are given to  
292 the department heads as these are costs they don't have any control over.

293 Commissioner Ring responded that in some of the other budgets, (the  
294 wage) increases vary. She added that she doesn't understand.

295 Commissioner Dutremble motioned to approve the probate budget as presented.

296 Commissioner Ring seconded for discussion.

297 DISCUSSION: Commissioner Ring asked if there is a way to make a motion that  
298 we can make changes down the road? Commissioner Dutremble replied that we  
299 usually don't go back.

300 Commissioner Ring stated that she would like to withhold votes until  
301 Commissioner Clark can vote.  
302 Commissioner Dutremble withdrew his motion.

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304 iii. Register of Deeds Nancy Hammond to present budget- Register of Deeds  
305 Nancy Hammond explained that she is eliminating one position. This is due to  
306 changes we've made in our office environment and work received virtually we can  
307 handle with our current staff. She continued that we've been carrying the position  
308 for a couple of years in anticipation of not knowing what we would need going  
309 forward. I am confident that we are okay. Register of Deeds Nancy Hammond  
310 informed the Commissioners that there is basically no increase in her lines.  
311 She continued that a couple of projects are nearing completion. 100% of  
312 documents will now be available digitally.  
313 We have seen an increase with almost 4400 additional documents recorded year to  
314 date. Commissioner Dutremble commented that deeds recording is budgeted at  
315 \$14 million over last year. The year to date reports show \$1.2 million over the \$1.4  
316 million on the ytd report. Commissioner Dutremble stated that he thinks we  
317 should increase the revenue side \$50,000 more.  
318 Register of Deeds Nancy Hammond replied that part of the problem York County  
319 will encounter is the lack of inventory.

320 Commissioner Dutremble stated that he saw a report in the Portland Press Herald  
321 that sales are 78% less but values are up 18%.  
322 County Manager Zinser responded that he and Register Hammond had this  
323 conversation and we can do that if Board recommends.  
324 Commissioner Ring asked what our share of transfer tax is? Register Hammond  
325 stated that 90% goes to the State. There is some concern as the State has opened a  
326 portal to receive tax payments. We sit on that money for 30 days. The State sees a  
327 huge percentage of interest. A change would require legislation.  
328 Commissioner Sicard told Register of Deeds Hammond that she and her  
329 department are doing a great job. The digitization job is amazing and your  
330 department is the only one that generates revenue.

331 iv. Facilities Manager Richard deRochemont to present budget- Facilities  
332 Manager Rick deRochemont explained that the increases in his budget are contract  
333 obligations or cost increases. The cost of propane has doubled in the past year.  
334 Computer software is an additional \$5,000. Commissioner Ring asked if it is  
335 correct that you are asking for a new position not in this budget? County Manager  
336 Zinser responded that is correct.  
337 That position is in addition to this budget, asked Commissioner Ring.  
338 Commissioner Dutremble commented that he believes he needs the new employee.

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340 v. Layman Way budget presentation-not discussed tonight-they will be here  
341 next week, explained County Manager Zinser.

342 vi. Sheriff William King to present Sheriff's Office and jail budgets-Sheriff King  
343 stated that Chief Deputy Forbes will present the budget.  
344 Chief Deputy Forbes explained that there are three open patrol positions and we are  
345 trying to add another one. Last time we added one was in 2016. We have two  
346 deputies in CID and there are supposed to be three. Chief Deputy Forbes informed  
347 all that there are many forced shifts.  
348 Commissioner Ring asked if there are any statistics for the Sheriff's Office for  
349 calls for service by town? She also asked for numbers that the Detectives unit has  
350 done for calls as well as what contract deputies have handled in their towns.

351 Commissioner Dutremble questioned the \$35,000 vehicle equipment? Chief  
352 Deputy Forbes explained that prices have gone up.  
353 Commissioner Ring asked if the canine officer is reflected in this budget. Chief  
354 Deputy Forbes stated that there is none in the general budget as it is funded by the  
355 grant.  
356 Commissioner Ring asked about the large increase in computer software.  
357 County Manager Zinser explained there are many computer programs used.  
358 Commissioner Ring asked about the telephone line increase of \$13,000.  
359 Chief Deputy Forbes explained that reflects cell phones upgrades, air cards, and  
360 the watch guard software program.  
361 Commissioner Ring commented that IT support caused an increase.  
362 Commissioner Ring asked about the new major position request vs. office manager.  
363 In the organizational chart contained in the budget, that change from civilian  
364 position to a law enforcement position is an additional \$80,000 to the county  
365 budget. That position requires a vehicle, equipment, travel costs to do work that  
366 was done by civilian people. She again stated that she does not support that.  
367 Chief Deputy Forbes replied that a civilian can only do so much work.  
368 Right now, we uncovered issues with police reports not being complete.  
369 Major Mitchell does a lot more than being in charge of patrol. Myself and the  
370 major are buried. I am a firm believer in getting on the road and seeing what the  
371 deputies are doing. Right now, we can't get on the road, stated Chief Deputy  
372 Forbes.  
373 Commissioner Ring responded that the Sheriff's Office hasn't had an office  
374 manager either as you didn't post the positions. They can do most of the work. I  
375 did it.  
376 Chief Deputy Forbes stated that they are trying to accredited.  
377 Commissioner Ring asked that's why you believe you need another major?  
378 Chief Deputy Forbes replied, that is one of many reasons.  
379 County Manager Zinser commented that this ( Major) is pretty much in line with a  
380 lot of other major agencies.  
381 Sheriff King stated that his department needs two majors, one just managing the  
382 grants and then technology, staffing intensive. We are dropping the ball on some  
383 things.  
384 Commissioner Dutremble stated that he agrees they need someone else as State  
385 Police are exiting coverage soon. York County is growing.  
386 Chief Deputy Forbes reminded all that the Sheriff's Office is covering all of the  
387 towns from 11:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m. He added that 17% of our calls are from State  
388 Police towns.  
389 Jail Budget- Jail Administrator Major Nate Thayer approached the Board. He  
390 stated that the jail budget has major increases and decreases. He explained that  
391 there is a new medical contract with CPS. With the cost of inflation, we are going  
392 to pay more, explained J.A. Thayer. We rearranged things differently than in other  
393 contracts. In our new contract individual medical services are paid by CPS. We  
394 were paying separately before. If we are not utilizing all of the services or staffing,  
395 it will be settled quarterly. He explained that they found another pharmacy that is  
396 significantly cheaper.  
397 Commissioner Ring asked about the increase in the computer software budget line.  
398 Jail Administrator Thayer explained that it is the same explanation as in the  
399 Sheriff's Office.  
400 Jail Administrator Thayer informed all that last year's pre-trial services statistics  
401 are quite impressive. They've been able to keep many people out of our jail. They

402 did have some increases on their side of the house of 18% resulting in a cost  
403 increase \$37,800.  
404 Commissioner Ring asked if it was possible for Major Thayer to pass on the  
405 statistics?  
406 Jail Administrator Thayer replied, yes.  
407 Commissioner Ring asked what the daily average population was last year?  
408 Jail Administrator Nathan Thayer replied that he didn't know the end of the year as  
409 there was a major fluctuation because of COVID but he would estimate about 175  
410 in house in the last 6 months.  
411 Even with diversion in place, there are about 7 people in intake today, explained  
412 Major Thayer.  
413 Commissioner Sicard stated that municipal officers are now making arrests that  
414 they might not have been during COVID.  
415 Sheriff King stated that they are going to come up with different guidance by the  
416 end of the week and will start taking all OUIs. We will eventually open up all  
417 services. COVID is still a threat and staffing is still down, explained the Sheriff.  
418 Commissioner Dutremble asked how many CO's we have. Jail Administrator  
419 Thayer replied, 56 but there have just received two resignations.  
420 County Manager Zinser reminded all that the number includes majors and  
421 sergeants.  
422 We are in the 20s for vacancies, explained Jail Administrator Thayer but we do  
423 have five in the academy right now.  
424 We do have three ready to go for the next class.  
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426 Commissioner Ring asked about the civil budget? County Manager Zinser  
427 explained that is a self- sustaining enterprise fund.  
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429 Administrative Budget-County Manager Zinser explained the administrative  
430 budget computer software is really the only increase other than wages and benefits.  
431 Commissioner Ring commented that most of the increases on this budget are  
432 wages.  
433 County Manager Zinser replied, the same as most of the budgets.  
434 Commissioner Ring stated that she will wait for Commissioner Clark to discuss  
435 that.  
436 Communications Budget-County Manager Zinser reviewed the communications  
437 budget and explained that the increase (for dispatch) is contractually built in.  
438 He continued that the Medical/Dental budgets are up over 10% due to the cost.  
439 Public Agencies, continued the County Manager show an increase in Southern  
440 Maine Regional Planning & Dev of an extra \$1000.00  
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443 Commissioner Dutremble stated that he is not for the increase in salaries shown in  
444 the Commissioners' budget and that he has always been against the increase.  
445 Commissioner Ring agreed and stated that it is 8% over what we are making right  
446 now and 11% for the Chair.  
447 County Manager Zinser replied that what we have been doing for others we do for  
448 Commissioners.  
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451 Commissioner Ring asked what the COLA given was. County Manager Zinser  
452 said he would be happy to talk to the Commissioners about this. This is the year to

453 address paycales, stated the County Manager. He added that the Commissioners  
454 can increase and decrease.

455 We are bargaining with one Union and most likely will be receiving a re-opener  
456 with another Union.

457 He added that he has reached out to the MSEA Business Agent as we need to look  
458 at where we are and probably have to do a whole scale increase.

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460 Corrections are good where they need to be, he stated.

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**6 OLD BUSINESS**

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**7 TO CONDUCT AN EXECUTIVE SESSION ON PERSONNEL  
468 ISSUES PURSUANT TO 1 M.R.S.A. §405 (6) (A), ACQUISITION OF  
469 REAL PROPERTY OR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PURSUANT  
470 TO 1 M.R.S.A. § 405 (6) (C), LABOR NEGOTIATIONS PURSUANT  
471 TO 1 M.R.S.A. § 405 (6) (D) AND CONSULTATION WITH LEGAL  
472 COUNSEL PURSUANT TO 1 M.R.S.A. § 405 (6) (E), REVIEW OF  
473 CONFIDENTIAL RECORDS PURSUANT TO 1 M.R.S.A. § 405 (6) (F)**

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**8 PUBLIC COMMENT(S) ON ANY ITEM(S)**

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Sheriff King commented that an IT person was hired a couple of months ago and  
478 that he has already been on the scene taking care of a virus. He added that it is  
479 money well spent and that he appreciates the Commissioners hiring someone to  
480 help Todd.

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**9 ADJOURN**

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Commissioner Ring motioned to adjourn. Commissioner Dutremble  
484 seconded the motion. Vote 4-0. Meeting adjourned at 6:00.

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