

COMMISSIONERS' MEETING

October 7, 2026

The regular meeting of the York County Commissioners was held on Wednesday, October 7, 2026, at 4:30 p.m. at the York County Government Building in Alfred.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Richard R. Dutremble
Richard Clark
Robert Andrews
Justin Chenette
Donna Ring

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:

None.

STAFF PRESENT:

County Manager Greg Zinser, Deputy County Manager/HR Director Linda Hutchins-Corliss, Facilities Director Rick deRochemont, EMA Director Art Cleaves, EMA Deputy Director Megan Arsenault (via Zoom), Register of Deeds Nancy Hammond, Finance Director Lori Lemieux, and RTC Director Rod Hooper.

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1. PUBLIC COMMENT(S) ON ANY ITEM(S)

Susan Wiswell, Kittery, asked for an update on the York County Substance Use Treatment and Recovery Center.

County Manager Zinser reported that construction is progressing well and remains on schedule for completion by December 10, 2026. Interior finishing work, including flooring and painting, is nearing completion, while exterior landscaping and paving are expected to begin shortly. Staff are actively working on licensing, MaineCare enrollment, and coordination with state agencies in preparation for opening detoxification services. Weekly tours will be available for interested individuals, and overall project progress continues to be positive.

2. MINUTES OF THE FOLLOWING MEETINGS

a. Commissioners' meeting of September 16, 2026

Commissioner Clark had one correction; line 43 change Commissioner Andrews moved... to Commissioner Clark moved.

MOTION: Commissioner Clark moved to approve the minutes of September 16, 2026, as amended. Commissioner Andrews seconded the motion.

Motion carried 3-0 with Commissioners Ring and Chenette abstaining

3. TO APPROVE TREASURER'S WARRANTS

- a. Warrants to be approved on September 16, 2026, in the amount of \$2,385,503.35

MOTION: Commissioner Clark moved to approve the warrant dated September 16, 2026, in the amount of \$2,385,503.35. Commissioner Andrews seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0

- b. Warrants to be approved on September 23, 2026, in the amount of \$990,264.80

MOTION: Commissioner Clark moved to approve the warrant dated September 23, 2026, in the amount of \$990,264.80. Commissioner Andrews seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0

- c. Warrants to be approved on September 30, 2026, in the amount of \$482,438.40

MOTION: Commissioner Clark moved to approve the warrant dated September 30, 2026, in the amount of \$482,438.40. Commissioner Andrews seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0

4. TO HEAR ANY REPORTS FROM THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Dutremble advised that he will be absent for a few weeks.

5. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Deputy County Manager/HR Director Linda Hutchins-Corliss to present New Hires/Transfers:
- i. To seek transfer approval of Jason Cote from the position of Disaster Assistance Response (DAR) I to the position of full time Logistics Coordinator in the EMA Office with an effective date of October 13, 2026.

MOTION: Commissioner Clark moved to approve the transfer of Jason Cote from the position of DAR I to the position of Logistics Coordinator in the EMA Office with an effective date of October 13, 2026. Commissioner Andrews seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0

- ii. To seek hiring approval of Sadique Nevins in the position of full time Corrections Officer in the Sheriff's Office with an effective date of October 13, 2026.

MOTION: Commissioner Clark moved to approve the hiring of Sadique Nevins in the position of full time Corrections Officer in the Sheriff's Office with an effective date of October 13, 2026. Commissioner Andrews seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0

- iii. To seek hiring approval of Hunter Cormier in the position of Reserve DAR III in the Emergency Management Agency with an effective date of October 13, 2026.

MOTION: Commissioner Clark moved to approve the hiring of Hunter Cormier in the position of Reserve DAR III in the Emergency Management Agency with an effective date of October 13, 2026. Commissioner Andrews seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0

- iv. To seek transfer approval of Rosario Cordoglio from the position of full time Court Security Officer II to the position of full time Corrections Officer in the Sheriff's Office with an effective date of October 19, 2026.

Commissioner Ring inquired about Mr. Cordoglio's probationary period. Deputy County Manager/HR Director Hutchins-Corliss reported that Mr. Cordoglio's probationary period concluded in July 2026.

MOTION: Commissioner Clark moved to approve the transfer of Rosario Cordoglio from the position of full time Court Security Officer II to the position of full time Corrections Officer in the Sheriff's Office with an effective date of October 19, 2026. Commissioner Andrews seconded the motion.

Motion carried 4-1 with Commissioner Ring opposing

- v. To seek hiring approval of Aaron Stacy in the position of full time Major of Administration in the Sheriff's Office with an effective date of October 19, 2026.

MOTION: Commissioner Clark moved to approve the hiring of Aaron Stacy in the position of full time Major of Administration in the Sheriff's Office with an effective date of October 19, 2026. Commissioner Andrews seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0

- b. Medical and Behavioral Health Division Health Insurance Policy review and possible approval

County Manager Zinser presented a proposed policy amendment allowing employees working 20-29 hours per week in the Integrated Medical and Behavioral Health Division to participate in the County health insurance plan with a 35% employee contribution. He stated the change is intended to support recruitment and aligns with common healthcare industry practices. Following discussion, it was clarified that the benefit would apply only to employees within the Division and would utilize the County's existing health insurance plan. The proposal is expected to affect approximately three employees and support staffing efforts at the Recovery Center. County Manager Zinser also reported that Human Resources is developing a comprehensive benefits manual for the Division, which will be provided to Commissioners upon completion.

MOTION: Commissioner Clark moved to approve the amendments to the Integrated Medical and Behavioral Health Division Health Insurance Eligibility Policy. Commissioner Andrews seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0

- c. Spirit of America Award Ceremony Nomination Process Expansion

County Manager Zinser announced a proposed expansion of the Spirit of America Award program to allow each Commissioner to nominate individuals or organizations from their district for recognition. He encouraged Commissioners to submit nominations promptly to allow time for plaque preparation and recipient notification, noting that nominations do not require Board action. During discussion, Commissioner Chenette expressed support for the expansion and inquired about nomination limits. County Manager Zinser responded that while one nominee per district is recommended, Commissioners may submit additional nominations at their discretion, subject to administrative and logistical considerations. He noted the initiative is intended as the first step in expanding the program.

- d. To Schedule Hearing date for Property Tax Abatement Denial Appeal (MacKenzie vs Town of Limington) suggested date of November 4, 2026.

Commissioner Dutremble noted he may not be available for the November 4, 2026, meeting.

MOTION: Commissioner Clark moved to schedule the Property Tax Abatement Denial Appeal for November 4, 2026. Commissioner Andrews seconded the motion.
Motion carried 5-0

- e. MOU with First County Foundation review and possible approval

County Manager Zinser presented a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between York County and the First County Foundation, noting it mirrors a previously approved agreement with the First Responders Foundation and was reviewed by legal counsel without recommended changes. The MOU establishes the terms governing the transfer and management of funds between the County and the Foundation. During discussion, County Manager Zinser reported that the Foundation has approximately \$220,000 in cash on hand, excluding pledged contributions, and recently received a \$25,000 bequest pending finalization. He further explained that the Foundation operates independently as a separate 501(c)(3) organization with its own finances and operations, while the County retains the right to request financial information under the MOU.

MOTION: Commissioner Clark moved to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the County and the First County Foundation and to authorize the County Manager to sign the MOU. Commissioner Andrews seconded the motion.
Motion carried 5-0

6. OLD BUSINESS

None.

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

- a. Executive Session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405 (6)(A) Personnel matters

MOTION: Commissioner Clark moved to enter executive session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405 (6)(A) to consider personnel matters. Commissioner Andrews seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0.

MOTION: Commissioner Clark moved to come out of executive session. Commissioner Andrews seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0

Commissioner Clark noted no actions were taken.

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

None.

9. ADJOURN

MOTION: Commissioner Clark moved to adjourn. Commissioner Andrews seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0

Meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Patricia Murray, Executive Assistant to the County Manager