

COMMISSIONERS' MEETING

May 6, 2026

The regular meeting of the York County Commissioners was held on Wednesday, May 6, 2026, at 4:30 PM at the York County Government Building in Alfred.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Richard R. Dutremble
Richard Clark
Robert Andrews
Donna Ring

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:

Justin Chenette

County Manager Greg Zinser, Deputy County Manager/HR Director Linda Hutchins-Corliss, Facilities Director Rick deRochemont, EMA Director Art Cleaves (via Zoom), RTC Director Roger Hooper, Finance Director Lori Lemieux, Sheriff William King and Treasurer Stacy Kilroy (via Zoom) were present at the meeting.

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ITEM

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

David Plavin (SOS Saco) expressed regret over the resignation of Chris McCall, EMA Emergency Preparedness Coordinator, and noted the significant impact of his work, particularly in expanding the county's role in dredging, beach management, and shoreline resilience, areas not previously addressed at the county level.

He emphasized the importance of continuing this progress and encouraged the county to maintain sustainability expertise. Local municipalities, including Biddeford, Saco, and Old Orchard Beach, are actively developing beach management and resilience plans and are seeking to align these efforts with county initiatives.

Mr. Plavin voiced confidence in current leadership, highlighted the importance of continuing dredging efforts, and offered municipal support to advance these initiatives.

2. TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE FOLLOWING MEETINGS

- a. Commissioners' meeting of April 8, 2026

Commissioner Clark requested a clarification regarding the placement of his report in the minutes. Although he spoke under Public Comment, the report was moved to "Reports from the County Commissioners" for clarity.

**MOTION: Commissioner Clark moved to approve the minutes of April 8, 2026, as amended. Commissioner Andrews seconded the motion.
Motion carried 4:0**

3. TO APPROVE TREASURER'S WARRANTS

- a. Warrants to be approved on April 8, 2026, in the amount of \$614,204.17

**MOTION: Commissioner Clark moved to approve the warrant dated April 8, 2026, in the amount of \$614,204.17. Commissioner Andrews seconded the motion.
Motion carried 4:0**

- b. Warrants to be approved on April 15, 2026, in the amount of \$1,275,195.71

**MOTION: Commissioner Clark moved to approve the warrant dated April 15, 2026, in the amount of \$1,275,195.71. Commissioner Andrews seconded the motion.
Motion carried 4:0**

- c. Warrants to be approved on April 22, 2026, in the amount of \$1,294,131.68

**MOTION: Commissioner Clark moved to approve the warrant dated April 22, 2026, in the amount of \$1,294,131.68. Commissioner Andrews seconded the motion.
Motion carried 4:0**

- d. Warrants to be approved on April 29, 2026, in the amount of \$661,737.57

**MOTION: Commissioner Clark moved to approve the warrant dated April 29, 2026, in the amount of \$661,737.57. Commissioner Andrews seconded the motion.
Motion carried 4:0**

4. TO HEAR ANY REPORTS FROM THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Clark acknowledged the recent grand opening of the York County Regional Training Center, commending those involved, particularly Roger Hooper, Director of the Regional Training Center, County Manager Greg Zinser, and Commission Chair Dutremble. He noted the strong turnout of fire and police personnel and highlighted positive feedback regarding the quality of the facility and its training capabilities. Commissioner Ring concurred.

5. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Deputy County Manager/HR Director Linda Hutchins-Corliss to present new hires/transfers:
- i. To seek hiring approval of Caroline Baldacci in the position of temporary Law Student Intern 1st Year in the DA's office with an effective date of June 1, 2026, through August 31, 2026.

Commissioner Ring requested clarification on the compensation for the position.

HR Director Hutchins-Corliss explained that compensation is approximately \$18–\$20 per hour. Hours are limited and variable, with some weeks reaching up to 40 hours and others significantly less, depending on scheduling factors such as summer classes.

MOTION: Commissioner Clark moved to approve the hiring of Caroline Baldacci in the position of temporary Law Student Intern 1st Year in the DA’s office with an effective date of June 1, 2026, through August 31, 2026. Commissioner Andrews seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5:0

- ii. To seek hiring approval of Olivia Gardner in the position of temporary Law Student Intern 1st Year in the DA’s office with an effective date of June 1, 2026, through August 31, 2026.

MOTION: Commissioner Clark moved to approve the hiring of Olivia Gardner in the position of temporary Law Student Intern 1st Year in the DA’s office with an effective date of June 1, 2026, through August 31, 2026. Commissioner Andrews seconded the motion.

Motion carried 4:0

- iii. To seek hiring approval of Sierra Clark in the position of temporary Law Student Intern 2nd Year in the DA’s office with an effective date of May 26, 2026, through August 31, 2026.

MOTION: Commissioner Clark moved to approve the hiring of Sierra Clark in the position of temporary Law Student Intern 2nd Year in the DA’s office with an effective date of May 26, 2026, through August 31, 2026. Commissioner Andrews seconded the motion.

Motion carried 4:0

- iv. To seek hiring approval of Amanda Violette in the position of temporary Law Student Intern 2nd Year in the DA’s office with an effective date of June 1, 2026, through August 31, 2026.

Commissioner Clark questioned the need for specifying an end date for temporary positions, noting that some individuals may be involved in ongoing projects and could benefit from extended employment.

HR Director Hutchins-Corliss explained that County policy requires all temporary positions to have defined start and end dates. Student roles are structured around academic terms (e.g., summer, first-year, second-year schedules). If additional time is needed, such as to complete projects, the department can bring the individual forward again under a new term (e.g., advancing a student to the next eligible period).

MOTION: Commissioner Clark moved to approve the hiring of Amanda Violette in the position of temporary Law Student Intern 2nd Year in the DA’s office with an effective date of June 1, 2026, through August 31, 2026. Commissioner Andrews seconded the motion.

Motion carried 4:0

- b. Update on Budget Process with Budget Committee

County Manager Zinser provided a brief update on the budget process, noting that the second budget meeting is scheduled for 6:00 p.m. following the current meeting. He reported that the previous meeting was productive, though it ran late.

He stated that the upcoming discussion will focus on the Sheriff's Office, jail, probate, and the District Attorney's Office. County Manager Zinser also explained that a recent adjustment increased the state's contribution to jail funding, which reduced the overall tax commitment by \$407,000. Updated budget figures reflecting this change will be presented at the meeting, and the latest budget documents were made available to attendees.

c. Approval and Acceptance of Forfeited Assets

MOTION: Commissioner Ring moved that now comes the County of York, Maine, by and through its legislative body, the York County Board of Commissioners, and does hereby grant approval pursuant to 15 M.R.S.A. § 5824(2) & § 5826(6) to the transfer of the above captioned Defendant(s) in Rem, namely \$1,000.00 U.S. Currency, or any portion thereof, on grounds that the York County Sheriff's Department did make a substantial contribution to the investigation of this or a related criminal case.

WHEREFORE, the York County Board of Commissioners does hereby approve of the transfer of the Defendants in Rem, or any portion thereof, pursuant to 15 M.R.S.A. § 5824(2) & § 5826(6) by vote of the Commissioners on or about May 6, 2026. Commissioner Chenette seconded the motion. Motion carried 4:0

d. Executive Session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405 (6) (A) - staffing discussion

County Manager Zinser requested an executive session under 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(A) for staffing. Treasurer Kilroy (via Zoom) requested to attend, citing financial oversight responsibilities; the County Manager and Chair determined the topic did not involve her role.

Treasurer Kilroy objected and asked to be included as an observer; her objection was noted for the record.

The Chair called for the motion and the Board proceeded into executive session without the Treasurer.

Motion: Commissioner Clark moved to enter executive session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. § 405 (6) (A) to discuss staffing. Commissioner Ring seconded the motion. Motion carried 4:0.

Motion: Commissioner Clark moved to come out of executive session noting no actions were taken. Commissioner Andrews seconded the motion. Motion carried 4:0

e. Integrated Medical and Behavioral Health Division

County Manager Zinser introduced the proposed Integrated Medical and Behavioral Health Division, combining Recovery Center operations and jail medical services into one department. He presented a salary and benefits proposal and noted implementation may require updates to current benefits to support 24/7 operations. The proposal was presented for Commissioner review and guidance prior to posting positions.

Commissioners discussed position classifications and staffing. County Manager Zinser clarified that the Program Support Specialist position is salaried due to its responsibilities and that staffing includes a mix of full- and part-time positions, with implementation to occur in phases over the next several months.

Commissioner Andrews clarified the CRMA role as a CNA with CRMA certification.

Motion: Commissioner Andrews moved to accept the Comprehensive Employee Salary and Benefits Proposal as presented. Commissioner Clark seconded the motion.

Motion carried 4:0

6. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Review/Discuss with possible approval RE: Referendum to eliminate elected treasurer's position

Motion: Commissioner Ring moved to take from the table the item concerning the review and discussion with possible approval regarding the referendum to eliminate the elected Treasurer's position. Commissioner Andrews seconded the motion.

Motion carried 4:0

County Manager Zinser noted the item had been tabled for additional review and was returned for action. He stated that any referendum must use the statutory question provided.

A motion by Commissioner Ring to postpone until a full board was present failed for lack of a second.

The Chair proceeded with discussion. Treasurer Kilroy requested to speak and was permitted limited time to comment. She expressed concerns regarding financial oversight and the role of the Treasurer.

Commissioners discussed the current financial management structure and expressed the view that the Treasurer position is no longer necessary under the existing model, indicating support for placing the question before voters.

Motion: Commissioner Clark moved to submit the question "Shall the position of elected county treasurer be abolished and replaced with a treasurer appointed by the county commissioners?" to the Secretary of State for inclusion on the November 3, 2026, ballot.

Commissioner Andrews seconded the motion.

Motion carried 4:0

Following the vote, County Manager Zinser clarified that, if approved by voters, the Treasurer position would become appointed and structured by the Commissioners.

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)

None.

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

Treasurer Kilroy, speaking as a member of the public, thanked the Commissioners for their service and experience, acknowledging that while there may be disagreements, she respects their knowledge and recognizes that the decision rests with them.

9. ADJOURN

**Motion: Commissioner Clark moved to adjourn. Commissioner Andrews seconded the motion.
Motion carried 4:0**

Meeting adjourned at 5:57pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Patricia Murray, Executive Assistant to the County Manager