September 10, 2026

Minutes of the Washington County Commissioners'
Regular Meeting
held September 10, 2026
in the Washington County Courthouse
Probate Courtroom
Machias, Maine

Attending the meeting were:
Commissioner David Burns, Chair
Commissioner Billy Howard
Commissioner Courtney Hammond
Renée Gray, County Administrator
Carla Manchester, Administration
Paul Sylvain, MVNO / Machias
Colleen Brown, Whiting
Rachel Worcester, D.A.'s Office
Paula Johnson-Rolfe, WCSO
Rich Rolfe, Jail Administrator / WCSO
Barry Curtis, Sheriff
Mike Crabtree, Chief Deputy
Josh Rolfe, RCC / WCSO
Candace Davidson, East Machias
Jeffrey Davidson, East Machias
Tammy Gay, Deeds
William Tuell, East Machias
Marianne Moore, Senator
David Bibber, Charlotte
Leigh MacKeen, Whitneyville
Lisa Hanscom, EMA
Megan Huffman, Finance
Darlene Perry, Probate

Executive Department business was called to order at 4:16 p.m.

Approval of the minutes for the Commissioners' Workshop of July 22, 2026 (Hammond / Howard, 3-0)

Approval of the Commissioners' Regular Meeting minutes of August 13, 2026 (Hammond / Howard, 3-0)

Approval of the minutes for the Special Meeting of the Commissioners of August 19, 2026 (Hammond / Howard, 3-0)

Approval of the minutes for the Special Meeting of the Commissioners of August 26, 2026 (Tabled)

Approval of the minutes of the Special Meeting of the Commissioners of September 2, 2026 (Tabled)

AGENDA ITEM: Old Business

- **Sheriff's App**

Jail Administrator Rich Rolfe stated it has been decided to move in a different direction for funding for the Sheriff's App.

AGENDA ITEM: County Manager's Report

County Manager Renée Gray submitted a written report. (See attached)

AGENDA ITEM: Finance Report

Provisional Treasurer Grace Falzarano submitted financial updates. (See attached)

Finance Director Jenny Windsor reported the FY 2024 Audit is in progress.

- **Transfer and Adjustment Requests**

Grace presented three Transfer of Funds requests for the Commissioners' approval.

- Transfer funds from U.T. Shellfish Special Project line to the Shellfish Warden Service line for November 5, 2025, February 7, 2026 and July 21, 2026 for a total transfer amount of $5,874.

MOTION **Commissioner Burns moved to approve the Transfer of Funds as presented. (Burns / Hammond, 3-0)**

- Budget Line Transfer funds from "Website Maintenance" to "IT Services" per EMA Director Lisa Hanscom. This is for the FlexCloud software. The total transfer amount is $39.95.

MOTION **Commissioner Burns moved to approve the Budget Line Transfer as presented. (Burns / Howard, 3-0)**

- Transfer funds from the General Account to the Probate Surcharge Account for January through May 2026 fees in the amount of $1,320.00.

MOTION **Commissioner Howard moved to approve the Transfer of Funds as presented. (Howard / Hammond, 3-0)**

AGENDA ITEM: Monthly and Quarterly Reports

The Commissioners were provided written reports from the Department Heads. (See attached)

EMA Director Lisa Hanscom gave an update on the Point Lepreau Traffic Plan. She stated she followed up with MEMA, as per requested by the Commissioners, to confirm the Maine State Police participation in the plan. She reported the Maine State Police does not have a presence in this area. Due to the response time, MEMA agreed that the Washington County Sheriff's Office would be a quicker and more appropriate resource for local emergency response. The plan has been updated to reflect the revised response responsibilities.

EMA Director Lisa Hanscom gave the Commissioners an update on live streaming the Commissioners meetings. She stated she has been researching other platforms that may provide better security while still allowing the public to view and participate in the meetings. Lisa gave the Commissioners her research results which are detailed and included in her written report. She recommended the Commissioners check with the County's General Counsel. Commissioner Burns asked if Lisa had checked with the State to see what platform they use. He reiterated that the County wants to be sure the public has access to meetings that are secure. Commissioner Hammond stated that he was made aware that someone had tried to attend a meeting and was unable to get in the building. Commissioner Burns directed the County Manager to make sure there is access to the building.

County Manager Renée Gray reported the Buildings and Grounds Department has rented a manlift and has been using it to clean up trees.

Register of Probate Darlene Perry reported the Probate Office has begun the preparations for Judge Lyman Holmes retirement. She reported the number of hearings that has been held during the month and stated Probate is still in need of help.

RCC Deputy Director stated he has obtained four quotes for replacing generators at 28 Center Street as previously discussed. The quotes are as follows:

- CMD Powersystems, Inc. $9,208.00 (one generator, installed)
- Border Electric Inc. $10,250.00 (one generator, installed)
- Riverside Electric Inc. $18,619.43 (this quote is for two, installed, payment due on date of installation)
- Pineo's True Value $6,499.99 (does not include Installation)

Josh stated he had originally considered installing the generators himself, but after talking with vendors he has learned that codes have changed. He stated he does not feel comfortable doing the installation. EMA Director Lisa Hanscom stated it is likely there is $20,000.00 of grant funding available for this purpose. She stated she will confirm this with FEMA. Josh recommended accepting the quote from Riverside Electric, Inc. This quote would replace both generators and he noted Riverside is a local vendor; they would be the ones servicing the generators. Commissioner Hammond stated he would like to see a quote from Border Electric for two generators. Commissioner Howard noted this would be changing the request for quotes. County Manager Renée Gray recommended requesting quotes from all vendors for the purchase and installation of two generators. Josh stated he can check with all vendors for new quotes. It was noted the generator quote from Riverside offers a 10-year warranty if purchased by the end September.

***MOTION* Commissioner Burns moved to direct RCC Deputy Director Josh Rolfe to obtain quotes for two generators from all vendors and prepare to accept the low bid provided permission is confirmed for the use of grant funding by FEMA. (Burns / Hammond, 3-0)**

Jail Administrator Rich Rolfe reported the jail population has leveled off.

AGENDA ITEM: Payroll Change Notices

During the last Commissioners' meeting, Matthew Stanhope was reclassified from Maintenance Worker II to Temporary Buildings and Grounds Supervisor effective August 13, 2026. A payroll change form was presented for the Commissioners' signatures to complete the process of the reclassification. The form was signed by all.

AGENDA ITEM: Signatures on Six-month Certificates

A six-month certificate was signed for ECS Madelyn Willey.

AGENDA ITEM: Award Bid for Bulk Salt

RFPs were sent to eight vendors to supply bulk salt for the 2026/27 season. Three bids were received. They are as follows:

- New England Salt Co., of Winterport, ME $86.00 per ton
- Cargill, Inc. of North Olmsted, OH NO BID
- Eastern Salt Company, Inc of Lowell, MA $97.85 per ton

County Manager Renée Gray's recommendation is to accept the bid from New England Salt Company as low bidder.

MOTION **Commissioner Hammond moved to award the Bulk Salt bid to New England Salt Co. as low bidder for a price of $86.00 per ton for all locations. (Hammond / Burns, 3-0)**

AGENDA ITEM: Award Bid for Oil

RFPs were sent to seven vendors to supply heating oil for the winter season 2026/27. The RFP was also posted on the Washington County Website and Facebook page. Two bids were received. They are as follows:

- Dead River - $4.489 / gallon
- R.H. Foster - $4.599 / gallon

Originally recommending the Commissioners accept the low bid from Dead River, County Manager Renée Gray stated there is a new recommendation. Finance Director Jenny Windsor made a recommendation that the Commissioners do not award the bid at this time. She stated that due to the volatility of the industry and prices being at an all time high, it would be best to not lock in a price at this time. She noted that based on the estimated consumption amount of 23,500 gallons at the bid prices received, the cost would be a $40,000.00 increase from last year. Jenny stated Renée has checked with other counties. They are all rejecting bids at this time in hopes prices will drop. Commissioner Burns asked what does the County pay in the meantime. Jenny responded the County would be paying current prices. Commissioner Howard asked if the prices could be checked by Supervisor Matt Stanhope daily to fulfill our heating oil needs. Jenny stated she will work with Buildings and Grounds to monitor the oil prices.

MOTION **Commissioner Burns moved to reject all bids at this point and wait for the prices to drop. (Burns / Hammond, 3-0)**

AGENDA ITEM: Tax Abatement Decision - Sarao vs. Town of Lubec

Commissioner Burns stated the tax abatement hearing for Sarao vs. Town of Lubec was held on July 9th, 2026. During the August meeting, the Commissioners denied the tax abatement request. The written decision has been prepared and was signed by the Board of Commissioners.

AGENDA ITEM: Discussion of Freezing the Sheriff's Office Over-time

Commissioner Howard stated that in light of audit numbers and findings the County cannot overspend lines. Commissioner Burns agreed steps must be taken to limit overtime. In defense of the Sheriff's Office budget, Chief Deputy Crabtree responded that monitoring the lines is all they can do. Chief Deputy Crabtree asked how can a freeze be placed on the Sheriff's overtime line when that office has an obligation to the public. Commissioner Howard stated it is important to keep on top of the situation. He reiterated he will not vote to overspend the budget. Sheriff Curtis commented that any complaints should be referred to his office. Chief Deputy Crabtree noted there are funds in other lines. He also stated the Sheriff's Office deals with an unpredictable service. Commissioner Burns stated the problem is when slots are filled that do not have to be filled. Chief Deputy Crabtree responded that scheduling is a difference of opinion. The discussion of freezing the Sheriff's Office over-time concluded with Commissioner Burns stating the Board could not come to a consensus on the matter.

AGENDA ITEM: Payment on the TAN

Provisional Treasurer Grace Falzarano stated the Finance team suggests a payment of $500,000.00 be paid towards the TAN. Accounts Payable/Payroll Clerk Megan Huffman provided a financial breakdown showing current funds, the amount of TAN used YTD and the amount still left on the TAN.

MOTION **Commissioner Burns moved to make a payment of $500,000.00 on the TAN per recommendation of the Finance team. (Burns / Hammond, 3-0)**

Estimates were requested for a metal roofing project for the jail garage roof, jail loading dock roof and protective roof above the jail AC units. Buildings and Grounds Supervisor stated vendors all received a scope of work. He also noted all bidding contractors were met in person and given ample time to view all three roofing projects that they

AGENDA ITEM: Quote for Seacoast Security for D.A.'s Office

Commissioner Howard stated there is a sprinkler system in the D.A.'s Office that has never been hooked up because there is no monitoring system. He noted that if something were to happen, insurance would not cover the damages. County Manager Renée Gray explained there is a cost to change the existing monitoring system and to activate it. The proposal received from Pye Barker for this service is $3474.40.

MOTION **Commissioner Howard moved to hook up the monitoring system as presented. (Howard / Hammond, 3-0)**

It was noted this expense will be paid out of the Buildings and Grounds Maintenance line.

AGENDA ITEM: Grants / Contracts / Agreements

- **None**

Commissioner Howard requested copies of the grant applications RCC and EMA. EMA Director Lisa Hanscom stated she will be able to provide this information.

AGENDA ITEM: Commissioner Issues and Comments

Commissioner Howard commented that he appreciated the work the Finance Office has done to prepare the proposed budget that was presented to the BAC today. He vocalized his concern in the proposed increase and concluded at some point the County may not be able to maintain all the services provided.

Commissioner Howard acquired a Buildings and Grounds Repair Plan list. He stated he had discussed the projects with Supervisor Matt Stanhope. Matt had listed the projects under "High Priority" and "Lower Priority". Commissioner Howard pointed out this is where he discovered the D.A.'s sprinkler and monitoring system that was not in

operation. Commissioner Howard noted there is a lot of projects that can be done to maintain the County buildings. Commissioner Burns if there was a timeframe for any of the projects. Commissioner Howard has asked Matt to work on acquiring quotes for some of the projects.

AGENDA ITEM: Public Comment

State Representative Tiffany Strout requested the Board of Commissioners report to complaints to the BAC so the committee will know what towns do not want services. She stated that it costs money to feel safe.

Colleen Brown gave an update on grant opportunities. She noted the biggest problem with applying for grants for the County Complex is that the County is not "grant ready". She explained that in order for the county to be "grant ready" the county should have a current assessment. Colleen stated she has been working with County Manager Renée Gray. Colleen has provided Renée with a list of contractors. Colleen noted another helpful point for obtaining grants is to show the local and state significance of the buildings. Renée stated she has a list of contractors that can do assessments. Commissioner Burns asked if this would be a cost item. Colleen Brown responded an assessment would be a cost item but is necessary in the process of obtaining grants. Renée noted the last assessment for a county building was done in 2018.

AGENDA ITEM: Executive Session: Personnel Issue pursuant to Title 1 MRSA § 405 (6)(A).

MOTION **Commissioner Burns moved to go into Executive Session. It was 5:30 p.m. (Burns / Hammond, 3-0)**

MOTION **The Commissioners declared themselves to have closed the Executive Session. It was 5:45 p.m. (Burns / Howard, 3-0)**

MOTION **Commissioner Burns moved to approve another Sargeant position in the Corrections Division as needed per Jail Administrator Rich Rolfe. (Burns / Hammond, 3-0)**

AGENDA ITEM: Executive Session: Personnel Issue pursuant to Title 1 MRSA § 405 (6)(E).

MOTION Commissioner Hammond moved to go into Executive Session. It was 5:45 p.m. (Hammond / Howard, 3-0)

MOTION The Commissioners declared themselves to have closed the Executive Session. It was 6:55 p.m. (Burns / Howard, 3-0)

MOTION Commissioner Burns moved to accept the settlement agreement negotiated by council in the matter of Gray vs. Washington County et al. (Burns / Hammond, 3-0)

MOTION Commissioner Burns moved to approve the amended Employment Contract with Administrator Renée Gray. (Burns / Hammond, 3-0)

ADJOURNMENT
7:00 p.m.

ATTEST: Carla J.R. Manchester
Carla J.R. Manchester, Admin. Asst.

County Manager Report
September 10, 2026

- Meetings attended August 27-September 10:

  - Sunrise County Council of Governments 8/18/2026
  - SCEC loan committee meeting 8/31/2026
  - Finance meeting with Sheriff's Office, Jail, RCC 9/1/2026
  - TIF Grant Committee 9/3/2026
  - Special Commissioners Meeting 9/2/2026
  - New general counsel for county attorney phone call 9/5/2026

- Worked with department heads getting updates.
- Posted Special Commissioners meeting on website and distributed agenda
- Canceled Perch accounts
- Training Matt to take over vouchers process for Buildings and Grounds department. Also planning to work on the county phone line assessment with Matt, Josh and Consolidated Communications. Updated Matt on deferred projects that were wait
- Met with Lisa Hanscom and Matt Stanhope to prepare the conference room at EMA/RCC building. Sent options to Budget Committee Brian Schuth and Ben Edwards, both approved of the location and set up for the budget advisory committee meetings.
- Responded to FOAA requests for information
- Currently reviewing the PFML and FML policy to ensure it complies with new laws and procedures. Many issues continue to arise concerning human relations. We are navigating through each scenario and will rely on the new county general counsel for advisement, and also other counties that may have already found solutions and are willing to share information.

Sincerely,
Renée Gray
County Manager
September 8, 2026

Updated as of August 31, 2026

2026 Financial Update

Description	Budget 2026	Expenses YTD 2026	Remaining Funds 2026	YTD	Balance
Dept: 602 Emergency Management Agency					
3100 Wages	109,624.00	75,893.04	33,730.96		
4004 IT Services Contract	15,000.00	4,125.00	10,875.00		
4006 Website Maintenance	500.00	329.65	170.35		
4105 Auto mileage	300.00	52.50	247.50		
4110 Meals	500.00		500.00		
4115 Lodging	1,500.00		1,500.00		
4205 Gas/oil/grease vehicles	2,500.00	768.83	1,731.17		
4210 Vehicle Mnt	500.00		500.00		
4314 Internet Expense	940.00	525.00	415.00		
4315 Telephone bill	1,600.00	917.31	682.69		
4413 Lease Agreement	2,640.00		2,640.00		
4632 Equipment Repair/Maintena	500.00		500.00		
4655 Radios-base repairs/maint	200.00		200.00		
4675 Equipment Repair/Maint	500.00	385.00	115.00		
4676 Computer upgrade & mainte	400.00		400.00		
4805 Advertising	50.00		50.00		
4820 Dues & Bonds	50.00	50.00	-		
4835 Postage	50.00		50.00		
4840 Printing/Publications	50.00		50.00		
4940 Training/education	1,000.00		1,000.00		
5335 Office Supplies	400.00	308.16	91.84		
5385 Computer supplies	500.00		500.00		
Emergency Management	139,304.00	83,354.49	55,949.51		

Dept: 602 Emergency Management Agency Reve		Budget 2026	Revenues YTD 2026	Remaining Funds 2026
R6208 Fed Match		59,777.00	59,777.00	-
6210 State 50% Match		-	64,781.33	(64,781.33)
6211 Grant Rev		-		-
G1-0632	Grant Holding Account		16,949.51	
G1-0708	HSG Holding Account		21,089.05	
	EMA Revenue	59,777.00	162,596.89	(64,781.33)
Estimated Net Income/Loss		(79,527.00)	79,242.40	(120,730.84)

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Description	Budget 2026	Expenses YTD 2026	Remaining Funds 2026
Dept: 603 District Attorney			
3100 Wages	270,608.00	187,123.04	83,484.96
3125 Compensatory Time	-		-
3150 F-T Overtime	-	20.13	(20.13)
3200 Part Time - Regular	-		-
3220 Earned Paid Leave Wages	-		-
4020 Victim/witness Contract	2,500.00	787.32	1,712.68
4021 Fed Vic-Wit Cont Pmt	27,500.00	18,977.56	8,522.44
4080 Transcripts	800.00		800.00
4105 Auto mileage	8,000.00	2,312.61	5,687.39
4110 Meals	500.00		500.00
4115 Lodging	5,000.00		5,000.00
4314 Internet Expense	940.00	525.00	415.00
4315 Telephone bill	10,560.00	5,668.85	4,891.15
~Machias and Calais			-
4322 Share File (DA Office)	3,100.00	1,443.23	1,656.77
4411 Calais office rent	3,000.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
4630 Equipment Lease	3,000.00	2,254.00	746.00
4676 Computer upgrade & mainte	25,000.00	14,871.07	10,128.93
4722 Insurance - Other	400.00	468.12	(68.12)
4820 Dues & Bonds	1,650.00	640.00	1,010.00
4835 Postage	1,300.00	382.84	917.16
4840 Printing/Publications	300.00		300.00
5335 Office Supplies	5,000.00	2,330.81	2,669.19
5375 Training & training suppl	1,500.00	500.00	1,000.00
5510 Statutes & reference book	4,000.00	2,078.10	1,921.90
7320 Computer upgrade	8,000.00		8,000.00
7325 Equipment & furniture	500.00		500.00
7332 Software Reserve	3,000.00		3,000.00
			-
District Attorney	386,158.00	241,882.68	144,275.32
Dept: 603 District Attorney Revenue			
6315 Fed Witn Adv	55,000.00	37,955.11	17,044.89
6316 St Witn Adv			-
6320 Discov fees			-
6321 AdFee-DefDis	10,500.00	10,413.00	87.00
6325 Misc Rev	-		-
DA Revenue	65,500.00	48,368.11	17,131.89
Estimated Net Income/Loss	(320,658.00)	(193,514.57)	(127,143.43)

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Description	Budget 2026	Expenses YTD 2026	Remaining Funds 2026
Dept: 604 County Administration			
3100 Wages	181,740.00	125,108.04	56,631.96
4000 Professional services	30,000.00	37,280.98	(7,280.98)
~TAN Services			-
4004 IT Services Contract	2,000.00	2,326.99	(326.99)
4005 Audit Services	20,000.00	32,581.35	(12,581.35)
4006 Website Maintenance	1,000.00		1,000.00
4105 Auto mileage	3,000.00	2,000.28	999.72
4110 Meals	500.00	52.96	447.04
4115 Lodging	500.00		500.00
4314 Internet Expense	1,450.00	1,273.32	176.68
~includes email (7)			-
4315 Telephone bill	10,880.00	7,590.91	3,289.09
4630 Equipment Lease	2,000.00	1,512.91	487.09
4676 Computer upgrade & mainte	1,500.00		1,500.00
4805 Advertising	2,000.00	1,392.79	607.21
4820 Dues & Bonds	11,500.00	10,900.06	599.94
4835 Postage	3,200.00	1,989.49	1,210.51
4840 Printing/Publications	1,000.00	953.70	46.30
4920 Miscellaneous	950.00	26.93	923.07
4930 Registration/enrollment f	300.00		300.00
4940 Training/education	100.00	100.00	-
5335 Office Supplies	1,500.00	1,095.37	404.63
5505 Books & periodicals(subsc	200.00	40.00	160.00
7314 Office Equipment	-		-
7325 Equipment & furniture	-		-
7336 Econ. Dev. - SCEC/CBA pays for this	50,000.00	37,500.00	12,500.00
~SCEC			-
7340 Archive - Grants/Donations	4,917.00	4,259.00	658.00
County Admin	330,237.00	267,985.08	62,251.92

Note: Archives was not budgeted; however, we did receive a $4,000 and the remaining amount donations

Dept: 604 County Administration Revenue			
6400 County Tax			-
6401 Cty Tax Int			-
6402 Pay in Lieu			-
6455 Misc. Rev - Grant Reimbursement		870.74	(870.74)
6475 UT AdminFees	30,000.00	30,000.00	-
6476 UT Bldg Rent	4,800.00	2,800.00	2,000.00
County Revenue	34,800.00	33,670.74	1,129.26
Estimated Net Income/Loss	(295,437.00)	(234,314.34)	(61,122.66)

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Description	Budget 2026	Expenses YTD 2026	Remaining Funds 2026
Dept: 605 County Finance			
3100 Wages	208,738.00	122,881.86	85,856.14
3200 Part Time - Regular	36,226.00		36,226.00
4000 Professional services	9,000.00	5,427.72	3,572.28
~payroll			-
4004 IT Services	2,000.00	1,415.84	584.16
4005 Audit Services	50,000.00	31,800.00	18,200.00
4105 Auto mileage	250.00		250.00
4110 Meals	250.00		250.00
4115 Lodging	-		-
4314 Internet Expense	1,160.00	525.00	635.00
~includes email (3)			-
4315 Telephone bill	1,400.00	800.00	600.00
4630 Equipment Lease/Printer Overcharge	-	48.92	(48.92)
4676 Computer upgrade & mainte	11,000.00	9,257.00	1,743.00
~TRIO software maintenance			-
4805 Advertising	100.00		100.00
4820 Dues & Bonds			-
4835 Postage	2,000.00	940.84	1,059.16
4940 Training/education	500.00	47.50	452.50
5335 Office Supplies	2,000.00	1,318.83	681.17
7305 County computer upgrade	1,800.00	1,061.23	738.77
7314 Office Equipment (3 printers)	1,000.00	300.00	700.00
County Finance	327,424.00	175,824.74	151,599.26
Dept: 605 County Finance Revenue			
6500 INT INC-G/F			-
6501 Deeds Inter - moved to Deeds 609-6061			
6525 Misc Rev		175.62	(175.62)
Finance Revenue	-	175.62	(175.62)
Estimated Net Income/Loss	(327,424.00)	(175,649.12)	(151,774.88)

6501 Deeds Interest is actually Deeds Surcharge Interest and cannot be used as part of the Budget.

2026 Financial Update

Description	Budget 2026	Expenses YTD 2026	Remaining Funds 2026
Dept: 606 County Buildings			
3100 Wages	214,636.00	150,313.68	64,322.32
~court reimburses 1.5 positions			-
4104 Auto Expense	1,500.00		1,500.00
4205 Gas/oil/grease vehicles	1,300.00	315.01	984.99
4305 Electricity	37,000.00	13,888.19	23,111.81
4309 Phone Repair/Maintenance	500.00	300.00	200.00
4310 Sewer bill	10,114.00	5,304.30	4,809.70
4311 Water bill	5,500.00	7,740.46	(2,240.46)
4315 Telephone bill	1,200.00	1,128.32	71.68
4605 Parking lot/grounds/snow	18,800.00	3,287.11	15,512.89
~cost to be shared by courts			-
4610 Building/structure mainte	17,250.00	3,791.43	13,458.57
4620 Elevator Maintenance Contract	2,000.00	3,170.98	(1,170.98)
~4 elevators (3 to be reimbursed by courts)			-
4622 Fire Alarm Inspections - Norris contract	2,000.00	3,674.04	(1,674.04)
4635 HVAC repairs	7,500.00	2,012.46	5,487.54
4660 Rubbish Removal/Shredding	2,500.00	2,023.00	477.00
5205 Fuel - Buildings	44,500.00	19,861.09	24,638.91
5325 Maintenance supplies	6,000.00	2,369.16	3,630.84
5335 Office Supplies	150.00	69.34	80.66
5405 Uniforms/clothing allowan	2,750.00	298.60	2,451.40
7205 Building improvements	100,000.00		100,000.00
7210 Jail Roof	10,000.00		10,000.00
7211 HVAC	50,000.00	14,765.00	35,235.00
7325 Equipment & furniture	8,500.00	1,698.88	6,801.12
7380 Bldg Signage			-
County Buildings	543,700.00	236,011.05	307,688.95
Dept: 606 County Buildings Revenue			
6645 BldRent Wcty			-
6650 Court Reimb-moved to Court 800-8001	-	-	-
Buildings Revenue	-	-	-
Estimated Net Income/Loss	(543,700.00)	(236,011.05)	(307,688.95)

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Description	Budget 2026	Expenses YTD 2026	Remaining Funds 2026
Dept: 607 Regional Communications Center			
3100 Wages	1,133,515.00	728,538.69	404,976.31
3115 Night Shift Differential	8,000.00		8,000.00
3125 Compensatory Time	-		-
3150 Regular Full Time Overtime	80,000.00	46,581.79	33,418.21
3200 Part Time - Regular	20,000.00	8,766.22	11,233.78
3220 Earned Paid Leave Wages			-
3230 Part Time - IT wages	-		-
4004 IT Services Contract- Move to IT Department	-	384.61	(384.61)
4105 Auto mileage	2,000.00	1,154.18	845.82
4110 Meals	1,500.00	1,363.49	136.51
4115 Lodging	1,000.00	850.00	150.00
4125 Equipment & Furniture	2,400.00	365.98	2,034.02
4205 Gas/oil/grease vehicles	1,500.00	408.53	1,091.47
4305 Electricity	10,515.00	9,943.20	571.80
4314 Internet Expense	940.00	525.00	415.00
4315 Telephone bill	3,880.00	3,466.96	413.04
4320 Datalines	1,678.00	2,626.39	(948.39)
4321 Computer Maintenance Agre	23,384.00	19,160.03	4,223.97
~includes Spillman			-
4450 Communications Equipment Maint	7,500.00	1,949.46	5,550.54
4630 Equipment Lease	230.00		230.00
4655 Radios-base repairs/maint - PCT contract	43,200.00	28,800.00	14,400.00
4657 Recorder/Maintenance	6,818.00	4,852.25	1,965.75
4675 Equipment Repair/Maintena	1,000.00	432.74	567.26
4722 Insurance - Other	1,500.00	1,267.00	233.00
4820 Dues & Bonds	347.00	152.00	195.00
4835 Postage	25.00	4.44	20.56
4940 Training/education	1,500.00	760.00	740.00
5206 Propane-Towers	1,000.00		1,000.00
5335 Office Supplies	1,500.00		1,500.00
5360 Public Safety IAM Responding - Pd w. TIF Funds		16,627.00	(16,627.00)
5405 Uniforms/clothing allowan	1,500.00		1,500.00
5810 Employee Recognition			-
7310 Communications Equipment Maint	7,500.00		7,500.00
7325 Equipment & furniture			-
RCC	1,363,932.00	878,979.96	484,952.04

Note: 607-5360 Public Safety - I Am Responding was paid with Community Benefit Funds

2026 Financial Update

Description	Budget 2026	Expenses YTD 2026	Remaining Funds 2026
Dept: 609 Registry of Deeds			
3100 Wages	169,714.00	117,494.10	52,219.90
4004 IT Services Contract	-		-
4314 Internet Expense - includes email (3)	1,160.00	525.00	635.00
4315 Telephone bill	700.00	410.91	289.09
4630 Equipment Lease	5,800.00	3,653.00	2,147.00
4632 Equipment Repair/Maintena	500.00		500.00
4820 Dues & Bonds	200.00	200.00	-
4825 Scanning & Imaging	49,000.00	28,800.00	20,200.00
4835 Postage	1,800.00	1,006.35	793.65
4920 Miscellaneous	500.00		500.00
4930 Registration/enrollment f	300.00	230.00	70.00
5335 Office Supplies	2,800.00	1,549.31	1,250.69
7325 Equipment & furniture	500.00		500.00
Registry of Deeds	232,974.00	153,868.67	79,105.33
Dept: 609 Registry of Deeds Revenue			
6061 Deeds Surcharge Interest	6,000.00	3,582.04	2,417.96
6064 Web Revenues	5,000.00	2,406.02	2,593.98
6065 R-Deeds Fees	280,000.00	190,123.98	89,876.02
6066 Transfer tax	70,000.00	47,190.65	22,809.35
6068 Surcharge	-	17,924.00	(17,924.00)
Registry Revenue	361,000.00	261,226.69	99,773.31
Estimated Net Income/Loss	128,026.00	107,358.02	20,667.98

6061 Deeds Interest is actually Deeds Surcharge Interest and cannot be used as part of the Budget.

2026 Financial Update

Description	Budget 2026	Expenses YTD 2026	Remaining Funds 2026
Dept: 610 Probate Court			
3100 Wages	173,209.00	119,913.48	53,295.52
4000 Professional services	40,000.00	20,355.63	19,644.37
4004 IT Services Contract	2,000.00	1,374.55	625.45
4105 Auto mileage	1,000.00		1,000.00
4110 Meals	200.00	35.15	164.85
4115 Lodging	250.00		250.00
4314 Internet Expense - include email (2)	1,190.00	525.00	665.00
4315 Telephone bill	700.00	429.16	270.84
4630 Equipment Lease	1,400.00	1,127.00	273.00
4632 Equipment Repair/Maintena	150.00		150.00
4676 Computer upgrade & maint. - Quickbooks/Adobe	1,100.00		1,100.00
4805 Advertising	100.00		100.00
4820 Dues & Bonds	1,050.00	463.00	587.00
4835 Postage	1,800.00	867.56	932.44
4845 Notice Publications	10,000.00	5,500.00	4,500.00
5335 Office Supplies	1,800.00	898.74	901.26
5338 Record Management System	3,000.00	2,565.20	434.80
5510 Statutes & reference book	1,300.00	1,043.00	257.00
7320 Computer upgrade	1,000.00		1,000.00
7370 ICON Docket System			-
Probate Court	241,249.00	155,097.47	86,151.53
Dept: 610 Probate Court Revenue			
6101 Surcharge	2,500.00	280.00	2,220.00
6102 Probate Fees	70,000.00	8,951.22	61,048.78
6104 Postage	-		-
6105 Notice/Pub	-		-
ProbateCourt Rev	72,500.00	9,231.22	63,268.78
Estimated Net Income/Loss	(168,749.00)	(145,866.25)	(22,882.75)

2026 Financial Update

Description	Budget 2026	Expenses YTD 2026	Remaining Funds 2026
Dept: 611 Sheriff's Department			
3100 Wages	1,705,516.00	1,212,236.91	493,279.09
3103 Lubec Wages			-
3105 SO-Outside Detail - reimbursable		14,340.00	(14,340.00)
3109 Jonesport Wages - reimbursable		300.00	(300.00)
3111 Military Pay		4,362.72	(4,362.72)
3114 Reimbursable Detail		8,221.74	(8,221.74)
3125 Compensatory Time			-
3150 Regular Full Time Overtime	220,000.00	233,135.95	(13,135.95)
3200 Part Time - Regular	12,000.00	10,507.80	1,492.20
3220 Earned Paid Leave Wages		112.10	(112.10)
3230 Part Time - IT wages - Move to IT Department		-	-
3240 Civil Process	45,000.00	29,508.00	15,492.00
4000 Professional services	3,000.00	1,975.00	1,025.00
4004 IT Services Contract balance paid to Dennis Dorsey from 2025		**384.62**	(384.62)
4105 Auto mileage	1,000.00	178.35	821.65
4110 Meals	1,500.00	458.71	1,041.29
4115 Lodging	5,000.00	1,341.56	3,658.44
4117 Tolls	50.00	1.75	48.25
4140 Civil Process Expenses	42,000.00	17,890.92	24,109.08
4205 Gas/oil/grease vehicles	95,000.00	59,342.49	35,657.51
4210 Vehicle Mnt	45,000.00	47,373.98	(2,373.98)
4305 Electricity	80,000.00	30,069.94	49,930.06
4314 Internet Expense	912.00	525.00	387.00
4315 Telephone bill	39,160.00	16,562.29	22,597.71
4630 Equipment Lease	2,670.00	1,127.00	1,543.00
4656 Mobile radios/repairs-mai	600.00	550.00	50.00
4676 Computer upgrade & mainte	77,485.00	49,042.67	28,442.33
4820 Dues & Bonds	1,200.00	1,100.00	100.00
4835 Postage	2,500.00	1,301.91	1,198.09
4840 Printing/Publications	3,800.00	1,582.69	2,217.31
4905 Criminal investigation ex	19,000.00	295.50	18,704.50
4935 Fitness Incentive	7,000.00	1,000.00	6,000.00
4940 Training/education	30,000.00	5,367.50	24,632.50
5335 Office Supplies	7,400.00	3,248.44	4,151.56
5338 Record Management System	3,200.00	2,790.40	409.60
5360 Public Safety	6,000.00	1,600.00	4,400.00
5405 Uniforms/clothing allowan	17,600.00	4,468.07	13,131.93
5520 FireArm Associated Expense	10,899.00	379.84	10,519.16
5525 Taser Expense	10,000.00	7,450.01	2,549.99
5850 K-9 Expense	5,877.00	6,043.11	(166.11)
7050 Officer Acquisition	30,000.00	20,000.00	10,000.00
7320 Computer upgrade	-		-
7325 Equipment & furniture	-		-
7345 Motor Vehicles - Reserve	55,000.00	55,001.00	(1.00)
7346 Motor Vehicle Equipment Res	20,000.00	16,790.73	3,209.27
7390 Bullet-proof vests	22,500.00	2,339.90	20,160.10
7391 K-9 Reserve	7,500.00		7,500.00
Sheriff's Department	2,635,369.00	1,870,308.60	765,060.40

Description	Budget 2026	Revenues YTD 2026	Remaining Funds 2026
Dept: 611 Sheriff's Department Revenue			
6100 Reimburse Wages	-	2,151.66	(2,151.66)
6113 MDEA Reimb	212,368.00	203,824.35	8,543.65
6175 Civ Process	87,000.00	57,652.94	29,347.06
6176 SO Ins Rpts	2,300.00	1,608.00	692.00
6179 DETAIL FEES	-	18,630.00	(18,630.00)
6182 Grand Lake			-
6183 Jonesport		3,780.00	(3,780.00)
6184 Lubec Patrol			-
6187 Misc. Revenue-Sale of Cruisers		21,865.91	(21,865.91)
6200 MDEA Rent	7,800.00	4,550.00	3,250.00
7345 Motor Vehicle Sales			-
Sheriff's Revenue	309,468.00	314,062.86	(4,594.86)
Estimated Net Income/Loss	(2,325,901.00)	(1,556,245.74)	(769,655.26)

2026 Financial Update

Description	Budget 2026	Expenses YTD 2026	Remaining Funds 2026
Dept: 612 Information Technology			
3200 Part Time - Regular	46,800.00	14,160.00	32,640.00
4004 IT Services Contract	175,000.00	91,904.70	83,095.30
Information Technology	221,800.00	106,064.70	115,735.30
Dept: 614 Governmental Third Party			
4701 WashCty COG			-
4702 Was.Cty. Soil & Water Con			-
4703 Was.Cty. Extension Associ			-
4704 D-E RC&D			-
Governmental Third Party	-	-	-
Dept: 618 Third Party Requests			
4714 Wash. Cty. Firefighters A			-
4715 Orono Fire Region Respons Team			-
4716 Downeast Institute			-
4717 Next Step			-
Third Party	-	-	-
Dept: 619 Insurance			
4721 Liability Insurance	80,000.00	88,761.99	(8,761.99)
4755 Workers Compensation	225,000.00	95,158.97	129,841.03
Insurance	305,000.00	183,920.96	121,079.04
Dept: 619 Insurance Revenue			
6190 Worker's Comp	13,052.00		13,052.00
Insurance Rev	13,052.00	-	13,052.00
Estimated Net Income/Loss	(291,948.00)	(183,920.96)	(108,027.04)
Dept: 620 Employee Benefits			
4724 Health Insurance	1,533,265.00	1,076,919.17	456,345.83
4730 Paid Family Medical Leave	20,837.00	17,570.70	3,266.30
4735 MSRS	492,981.00	338,271.59	154,709.41
4740 IRA match	20,000.00	6,000.00	14,000.00
4750 FICA County match	318,799.00	268,117.72	50,681.28
Employee Benefits	2,385,882.00	1,706,879.18	679,002.82
Dept: 620 Employee Benefits Revenue			
6201 Empl Reimb.	106,582.00		106,582.00
Empl Ben Rev	106,582.00	-	106,582.00
Estimated Net Income/Loss	(2,279,300.00)	(1,706,879.18)	(572,420.82)
Dept: 622 Debt Service			
G1-0509 TAN 2026 drawdown	6,630,090.00	2,914,200.21	3,715,889.79
E4800 TAN Interest 2025	150,000.00	246,204.70	(96,204.70)
Debt Service	150,000.00	246,204.70	(96,204.70)
Contingency is used to offset the 2025 TAN Interest.			
Dept: 660 Capital Reserves			
7501 Leave Reimbursement Reser	80,000.00		80,000.00
7502 Unemployment Reserves	25,000.00	4,704.00	20,296.00
7503 Earned Paid Leave	6,000.00	-	6,000.00
Capital Reserves	111,000.00	4,704.00	106,296.00
Dept: 662 Contingency			
8001 Contingency	100,000.00	96,204.70	3,795.30
Contingency	100,000.00	96,204.70	3,795.30
Contingency is used to offset the 2025 TAN Interest.			

2026 Financial Update

Description	Budget 2026	Expenses YTD 2026	Remaining Funds 2026
Dept: 699 County Jail			
1002 Ambulance Services	2,200.00	977.64	1,222.36
1017 In-house Medical Providers	152,464.00	87,246.94	65,217.06
1026 Psychological Services	9,000.00	7,126.00	1,874.00
1028 Sanitation/Pest Control	1,300.00	967.00	333.00
1104 Lodging	12,000.00	2,780.00	9,220.00
1106 Meals - Staff	7,500.00	1,518.09	5,981.91
1108 Other (Tolls, Parking)	150.00	74.75	75.25
1203 Gasoline	10,000.00	5,339.84	4,660.16
1209 Vehicle Repairs and Maint.	10,000.00	2,255.36	7,744.64
1302 Electric (Utilities)	50,000.00	31,387.10	18,612.90
1303 Fuel Oil/Heating Oil	40,000.00	23,642.18	16,357.82
1305 Gas-Propane (Kitchen)	5,500.00	2,627.62	2,872.38
1308 Sewer (Utilities)	20,650.00	18,251.53	2,398.47
1310 Telephone/Internet	3,240.00	1,517.76	1,722.24
1312 Water (Utilities)	4,000.00	3,942.36	57.64
1405 Lease Agreement	2,200.00	1,127.00	1,073.00
1602 Building Structure Maint.	26,300.00	12,605.55	13,694.45
1606 Elevator Maintenance	-		-
1607 Equip/Furn. Maint.	6,500.00	405.53	6,094.47
1612 Maintenance Agreements	350.00	365.00	(15.00)
1620 Radio Repair	1,000.00		1,000.00
1621 Rubbish Removal	6,000.00	3,602.00	2,398.00
1676 Computer Upgrade/Maintenance	13,917.00	13,462.49	454.51
~includes Spillman			-
1703 Insurance-Liability	60,000.00	50,762.11	9,237.89
1810 Jail Employee Recognition	300.00	238.80	61.20
1815 Postage	-		-
1817 TAN Interest	50,000.00		50,000.00
1907 Registration/Enrollment Fees	500.00	272.00	228.00
1909 Training & Education	15,000.00	6,048.50	8,951.50
2101 Food	114,000.00	90,703.81	23,296.19
2214 Cleaning Supplies	15,000.00	13,333.45	1,666.55
2221 Institutional Bedding	4,000.00	3,417.60	582.40
2225 Institutional Medical	70,000.00	59,544.63	10,455.37
2226 Kitchen Supplies	9,000.00	7,355.10	1,644.90
2230 Office Supplies	4,000.00	2,547.43	1,452.57
2239 Statutes/Reference Books	300.00	288.00	12.00
2301 Correction Officer Uniforms	10,000.00	2,324.39	7,675.61
2303 Prisoner Uniforms	8,000.00	3,530.09	4,469.91
2360 Recruitment & PR	750.00	668.46	81.54
2805 Computer Upgrade	15,900.00		15,900.00
2806 Security Cameras	1,800.00		1,800.00
2827 Control Panel (fixture)	9,000.00		9,000.00
2845 Motor Vehicles - Reserve	5,000.00		5,000.00
3100 Wages	1,857,775.00	1,271,461.77	586,313.23
3111 Military Pay	-	4,635.12	(4,635.12)
3115 Night Shift Differential	11,000.00		11,000.00
3125 Compensatory Time			-
3150 Regular Full Time Overtime	178,000.00	218,549.01	(40,549.01)
3200 P-T Regular	80,000.00	12,239.96	67,760.04
3220 EPL Wages	-	134.52	(134.52)
3230 Part Time - IT wages	-		-
4000 Professional services	200.00		200.00
4004 IT Services Contract (move to IT Depart.)	-	384.61	(384.61)
4724 Health Insurance	734,390.00	336,334.08	398,055.92
4730 Paid Family Medical Leave	9,289.00	5,579.79	3,709.21
4735 MSRS	210,204.00	126,665.76	83,538.24
4750 FICA County match	142,120.00	85,370.73	56,749.27
4755 Workers Compensation	-	50,817.51	(50,817.51)
5525 Taser Expense	5,408.00		5,408.00
7322 Replacement locks	2,400.00	654.99	1,745.01
7325 Equipment & furniture	-		-
County Jail	4,007,607.00	2,575,083.96	1,432,523.04

2026 Financial Update

Description	Budget 2026	Revenues YTD 2026	Remaining Funds 2026
Dept: 699 County Jail Revenue			
6949 Supplement	109,104.00		109,104.00
6950 DOC Inv Fund	548,303.00	383,324.00	164,979.00
6953 Pretr/Monitr			-
6956 Misc Inc-SSI	4,000.00	2,330.00	1,670.00
6959 MED CO-PAYS	2,800.00	1,951.66	848.34
6961 Comm Confine			-
6963 Court Fees	6,500.00	2,468.97	4,031.03
6964 OSA Contract	80,000.00	9,507.08	70,492.92
6965 Opioid Funds			-
Jail Revenue	750,707.00	399,581.71	351,125.29
Estimated Net Income/Loss	(3,256,900.00)	(2,175,502.25)	(1,081,397.75)

Description	Budget 2026	Expenses YTD 2026	Remaining Funds 2026
Dept: 800 Court - Totally Reimbursed			
4305 Electricity	-	49,832.55	(49,832.55)
4310 Sewer bill	-	544.83	(544.83)
4311 Water bill	-	1,745.15	(1,745.15)
4314 Internet Expense	-	89.55	(89.55)
4605 Parking lot/grounds/snow	-	1,109.03	(1,109.03)
4610 Building/structure mainte	-	1,224.00	(1,224.00)
4620 Elevator Maintenance Contract	-	1,237.50	(1,237.50)
4635 HVAC repairs	-	1,451.43	(1,451.43)
4675 Equipment Repair/Maintena	-	385.00	(385.00)
5205 Fuel - Buildings	-	6,485.16	(6,485.16)
5325 Maintenance supplies	-	3,476.88	(3,476.88)
7205 Building improvements	-		-
Court	-	67,581.08	(67,581.08)
Dept: 800 Court Revenue			
8001 Court Costs Reimbursement	80,735.00	169,646.24	(88,911.24)
Court Revenue	80,735.00	169,646.24	(88,911.24)
Estimated Net Income/Loss	80,735.00	102,065.16	(21,330.16)

Note: Not budgeted for in 2026 but will be in 2027

Dept: 810 Bad Debts			
Bad Debts	-	-	-
Total Revenue	1,773,386.00	1,228,913.84	582,510.72
Less Total Expense	13,481,636.00	8,982,374.94	4,499,261.06
Add Town Taxes Received	11,708,250.00	7,753,461.10	3,916,750.34
Dept: R900 Town/City Taxation			
6400 Towns/City Tax Payments	11,804,050.00	**1,692,558.25**	10,111,491.75
6401 Town City Interest on late pmts.			-
Remaining amounts due	**11,804,050.00**	**1,692,558.25**	**10,111,491.75**

Municipality	2025 ASK added to 2026 County Tax	Payment Received after 2025 TAN was paid
Baileyville	497,060.25	483,236.25
Beddington	84,847.49	84,847.49
Danforth	123,191.43	-
Deblois	56,074.19	56,074.19
Milbridge	372,516.39	372,516.39
Pembroke	139,633.31	-
Perry	182,615.51	182,615.51
Princeton	97,669.70	97,669.70
Robbinston	82,209.42	82,209.42
Vanceboro	13,742.47	13,742.47
Waite	12,822.22	-
Whiting	106,972.92	106,972.92
UT	640,670.08	640,671.00
Total amount paid		2,120,555.34

Note: Possibly use funds for the short falls of the 2026 Budget

604-4000 Professional Services	7,281.00
604-4005 Audit Services	12,581.35
605-4005 Audit Services	23,140.00
611-3150 Regular Full Time Overtime for rest of year	116,568.00
622-4800 TAN Interest for 2026	73,758.07
Estimate based on 3.1 million w. November 13th payoff	
Subtotal	233,328.42
699 Jail - add additional funds for all overages	????
750-4060 Litigation	????

Updated as of September 2, 2026

2026 Washington County Tax

(Rounded to Nearest Whole Dollar)

Payments as of: 9/10/2026

Municipality	2026 Tax	Amount Paid	Date Paid	Check No.	Balance Due
Addison	$ 490,767.30				$ 490,767.30
Alexander	$ 134,248.42				$ 134,248.42
Baileyville	$ 1,315,015.22	$ 1,301,191.22	9/1/26	66643	$ 13,824.00
Baring Plantation	$ 38,868.38	$ 38,868.38	8/18/26	3162	$ -
Beals	$ 243,663.55				$ 243,663.55
Beddington	$ 235,546.02	$ 235,546.02	8/24/26	2624	$ -
Calais	$ 544,542.16				$ 544,542.16
Charlotte	$ 107,958.79				$ 107,958.79
Cherryfield	$ 296,337.59				$ 296,337.59
Columbia	$ 121,422.28	$ 20,237.05	3/20/26	10557	$ (0.00)
		$ 20,237.05	4/13/26	10567	
		$ 20,237.05	5/8/26	10611	
		$ 20,237.05	6/8/26	10649	
		$ 20,237.05	7/14/26	10675	
		$ 20,237.03	8/10/26	10702	
Columbia Falls	$ 135,355.59	$ 22,559.27	3/23/26	7284	$ -
		$ 22,559.57	4/15/26	7301	
		$ 30,000.00	7/15/26	7381	
		$ 30,118.54	7/29/26	7393	
		$ 30,118.21	8/13/26	7403	
Cooper	$ 68,581.63				$ 68,581.63
Crawford	$ 43,166.24				$ 43,166.24
Cutler	$ 222,323.31				$ 222,323.31
Danforth	$ 330,234.79				$ 330,234.79
Deblois	$ 166,758.35	$ 166,758.35	8/20/26	6301	$ -
Dennysville	$ 45,432.50	$ 45,432.50	8/20/26	1031	$ -
East Machias	$ 282,546.10	$ 282,546.10	9/8/26	28815	$ -
Eastport	$ 467,019.27				$ 467,019.27
Grand Lake Stream Plantation	$ 102,750.35				$ 102,750.35
Harrington	$ 339,000.69	$ 339,000.69	8/17/26	16838	$ -
Jonesboro	$ 170,120.20				$ 170,120.20
Jonesport	$ 507,168.02	$ 507,168.02	8/17/26	8316	$ -
Lubec	$ 571,007.94				$ 571,007.94
Machias	$ 382,089.11				$ 382,089.11
Machiasport	$ 376,833.26	$ 20,000.00	3/23/26	19303	$ 356,833.26
Marshfield	$ 104,008.37				$ 104,008.37
Meddybemps	$ 79,169.25				$ 79,169.25
Milbridge	$ 645,100.50				$ 645,100.50
Northfield	$ 125,410.14				$ 125,410.14
Pembroke	$ 398,437.51				$ 398,437.51
Perry	$ 325,080.99				$ 325,080.99
Princeton	$ 265,653.68	$ 97,669.70	8/31/26	22844	$ 167,983.98
Robbinston	$ 216,386.50	$ 216,386.50	8/31/26	24659	$ -
Roque Bluffs	$ 242,065.13				$ 242,065.13
Steuben	$ 639,561.52				$ 639,561.52
Talmadge	$ 13,789.00	$ 2,300.00	3/25/26	3620	$ 2,300.00
		$ 2,300.00	4/29/26	3634	
		$ 2,300.00	6/1/26	3654	
		$ 2,300.00	6/24/26	3667	

		$ 2,289.00	8/26/26	3691	
Topsfield	$ 48,504.98				$ 48,504.98
Vanceboro	$ 37,426.40	$ 37,426.40	4/21/26	241021	$ -
Waite	$ 33,736.66				$ 33,736.66
Wesley	$ 58,961.23				$ 58,961.23
Whiting	$ 244,001.74				$ 244,001.74
Whitneyville	$ 31,791.02	$ 31,791.02	7/29/26	12872	$ -
Passamaquoddy Nation	$ 15,296.32				$ 15,296.32
Unorganized Territory	$ 1,664,331.41	$ 640,671.00	6/18/26	18276335	$ 1,023,660.41
	Total Billed	Total Paid			Balance Due
	12,927,469.41	4,228,722.77			**$ 8,698,746.64**

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Washington County Emergency Management Report to the Commission
September 2026

Point Lepreau Traffic Plan Update:

At the request of the County Commissioners, I followed up with MEMA to confirm that the Maine State Police would participate as outlined in the Point Lepreau Traffic Plan prior to final approval by Washington County.

I contacted Faith Staples at MEMA, who confirmed with the Maine State Police that they would continue to respond to an emergency situation if needed. However, State Police advised that they no longer have a unit patrolling Washington County, with their closest unit stationed in Bangor. Because of the response time, they agreed that the Washington County Sheriff's Office would be a quicker and more appropriate resource for local emergency response.

The State Police IMAT team will still respond from Augusta when needed and will provide the necessary equipment and support for dosimeters, TLD equipment, and monitoring emergency workers at the checkpoints.

The Traffic Plan has been updated to reflect this information and the revised response responsibilities.

Updated Plan is attached.

Living Streaming Update:

I wanted to provide an update on the live streaming of Commissioners meetings following the recent Zoom-bombing incident.

I have received feedback regarding the current Zoom process. At the August Special Commissioners meeting, there was discussion and a vote about the requirement for members of the public to request a Zoom link by email and provide their name, telephone number, and email address. There was concern that requiring this information to access a public meeting could potentially be an issue or infringe upon the public's rights.

Another concern is that even if we only provide the Zoom link to people who request it, the link can still be forwarded to someone who did not request it directly from the County.

Because of these concerns, I have been researching other platforms that may provide better security while still allowing the public to view and participate in Commissioners meetings.

Options and 2026 Costs

YouTube Live – $0 platform fee

YouTube could allow the County to move from a public-access meeting to a public broadcast. The Commissioners and authorized participants would conduct the meeting through a controlled platform, while the public would watch through the County's YouTube channel without entering the actual meeting.

This could eliminate the need to collect names, telephone numbers, and email addresses simply to watch the meeting and would greatly reduce the opportunity for Zoom-bombing. YouTube also allows livestreams to be recorded and viewed afterward.

There could be some equipment or setup costs depending on what the County already has but I believe that our current set-up would work.

Facebook Live – $0 platform fee

Facebook Live could work in a similar way to YouTube. The Commissioners would conduct the meeting in a controlled environment while the public watches the broadcast rather than entering the actual meeting.

Important FOAA consideration: I am not sure that YouTube Live or Facebook Live automatically satisfies all Maine Freedom of Access Act (FOAA) requirements for public meetings. Before changing to a broadcast-only model, I believe the County's legal counsel should review and confirm that the proposed process meets Maine requirements, including public access, public comment, remote participation, meeting materials, and recording requirements.

Zoom Webinar – starting at approximately $79/month or $948/year

Zoom Webinar would allow us to continue using a familiar platform while providing much greater control than a standard Zoom meeting. Commissioners and designated participants would be hosts or panelists, while the public would join as attendees with limited permissions.

The base plan supports up to 500 attendees, with larger-capacity options available at additional cost.

Webex Webinar – approximately $675/year for up to 1,000 attendees

Webex provides a controlled webinar environment with hosts, panelists, and attendees. It includes attendee management, Q&A, recording, and controls over who can participate.

Cisco currently lists the 1,000-attendee plan at approximately $675 per year when billed annually. The final price should be confirmed with Cisco, particularly regarding the County's public-sector/tax-exempt status.

Microsoft Teams Webinar

Teams is another option that separates presenters from attendees. The cost depends on the County's existing Microsoft 365 licensing, so I would need to determine what the County already has before determining the actual cost.

Preliminary Comparison

Platform	2026 Cost	Public Access
YouTube Live	**$0 platform fee**	Public broadcast
Facebook Live	**$0 platform fee**	Public broadcast
Webex Webinar	**~$675/year**	Controlled webinar
Zoom Webinar	**Starting ~$948/year**	Controlled webinar
Microsoft Teams	**Depends on existing licensing**	Controlled webinar

At this point, I am **not recommending an immediate change**. I believe the two-options worth looking at most closely are:

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1. **A webinar model** such as Zoom Webinar or Webex, where the public can attend but has limited ability to interact with the meeting.
2. **A broadcast model** such as YouTube Live, where the public watches the meeting without entering the actual virtual meeting.

The broadcast model could provide the greatest protection against another Zoom-bombing incident and would eliminate the need to distribute the actual meeting link to the public. However, the County should have legal counsel confirm that this approach meets all Maine FOAA requirements before making a change.

I would also recommend testing one or two options using the County's existing equipment and internet connection before making a final decision. This would allow us to compare the cost, ease of use, security, public access, public participation, and recording capabilities.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa M. Hanscom, Director
Washington County Emergency Management Agency (EMA)

B&G Log August - September

- Morning cleanup/mopping and trash removal.
- Lawn mowing and trimming.
- Machias Sewer and Water replaced water main meter in Stateside courthouse.
- JL Huntley's Plumbing and Heating fixed water pipe leak in the County boiler room.
- Cleaned air filters on all heat pump units in the Sheriff's Office.
- Disassembled countertop in the 3rd floor Stateside lobby and repaired damage to the wall. Replaced missing mop board.
- Monthly fire extinguisher inspection.
- Washing windows of Stateside Courthouse.
- Replaced HVAC filters in State Courthouse.
- Tree trimming and tree removal on Cooper St. parking lot.
- Tree trimming in front of Courthouse.
- Tree trimming and tree removal behind RCC.
- Repaired sink in the EMA bathroom.
- Replaced batteries on Stateside emergency exit door.
- Replaced lightbulbs in the jail.
- Replaced lightbulbs in Probate Clerks Office.

COUNTY OF WASHINGTON
REGISTRY OF DEEDS
TAMMY C. GAY, REGISTRAR
MONTHLY UPDATE
COMMISSIONERS MEETING
September 10, 2026

August 2026 in Review:

1. The office staff is still working on the in-house indexing project as time allows. We have about half of the 65 books completed.

2. Tammy has attended the budget workshop meetings and is preparing for the 2027-year budget process to begin.

3. **August Recording Stats:**

   We recorded 1,357 documents and 7 survey plans for the month.

4. **August Revenue Collected:**

   $ 40,965.34 – Recording Fees

   $ 11,782.46 – County portion (9.2%) transfer tax (includes **3** over million mansion tax amounts)

Total **$ 52,747.80** along with **$ 2,840.00** for Deeds surcharge account.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tammy C. Gay

Tammy C. Gay, Registrar of Deeds

Report on progress:
Washington County Courthouse
Newspaper Archives Project
July 24, 2026

In the fall of 2025, the work of digitzing the eastport Sentiels through WWII was completed. 1944 was in tatters but still scannable. We were unable to locate 1945 after an extensive search. So I proceeded with 1946. This year proved to be very interesting with the return of the veteran population and the movement of American troops around the world after the war.

Last spring we receieved a grant from the Roque Island Foundation to complete the scanning of the rest of the Sentinels in our collection.

The papers continued until mid 1953, a total of 7 and 1/2 years to work through, plus a few supplements. I realized I would not have enough funded time to complete the process in the usual manner. I was advised by the Maine State Librarian, Adam Fisher, that if I did the scanning part, his team in Augusta could complete the editing process with a more advanced version of the AbbyFinereader.I proceeded to do the scanning without editing and was able to accomplish this task with the available funding.

Additionally, there were 7 book years of newspapers created during the 1870's, which are too large for our scanner. The plan is for them to be taken to Augusta were they are able to handle them and then they will be returned to us.

At that time, the images stored on the our hard drives will be shared with the State of Maine Library. This way the information can more easily accessed by the general public.

I am thankful to the committee and the commissioners for their continued support of this historic project.

Sincerely, Susan R. Wright

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General Fund

Beginning Cash	September 10, 2026		2,802,574.59
Less A/P Warrant 7/10/26	(Still Outstanding)		(960.20)
Less A/P Warrant 8/21/26	(Still Outstanding)		(9,680.59)
Less A/P Warrant 9/04/26	(Still Outstanding)		(24,610.14)
Less Payroll 9/11/26	(Already deducted)		
Less Probate Surcharge			(60,476.45)
Ending Cash			2,706,847.21

TAN Note: The TAN interest accrues at 5.02%.

	6,630,090.00	
	(3,161,715.02)	
	3,468,374.98	

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