

Washington County Budget Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes – 9/15/26

Location: 28 Court St., Machias, ME

Attendance – Brian Schuth; Ben Edwards; Harry Fish, Jr; Harry “Sonny” Beal, Jr; Wayne Jones; Nelson “Tony” Santiago; Ken “Skip” Colson; Tim Call; Crystal Gallina; Tiffany Strout (via Zoom)

Absent – Martha Howell

The meeting was called to order at 9:03 am by Brian Schuth (in his capacity as 2026 BAC Chair).

Harry Fish made a motion to suspend the rules and add election of officers to the agenda. Sonny Beal seconded. Motion carried 10-0.

Sonny Beal made a motion to elect Brian Schuth as the 2027 BAC Chair, Ben Edwards as the 2027 BAC Vice Chair and Crystal Gallina as the 2027 BAC Secretary. Harry Fish seconded the motion. Harry Fish made a motion to cease nominations, seconded by Skip Colson. Motion to cease nominations carried 9-0. Motion to elect the nominated officers carried 10-0.

There was a brief discussion regarding the need to adopt a policy to allow remote participation by BAC members. This item was tabled as a future agenda item.

Tiffany Strout entered the meeting in person at 9:24 am.

Chairman Brian Schuth laid out the process for discussion during future meetings. No motion was required.

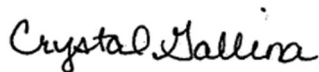
Committee members Ben Edwards, Tony Santiago, Skip Colson, Crystal Gallina, Tiffany Strout, Harry Fish and Brian Schuth gave opening statements regarding the 2027 Washington County budget and expectations of Dept Heads.

After a brief discussion, Chairman Brian Schuth asked that the Dept Heads for the Sheriff (Patrol) and RCC attend the next meeting. No motion was required.

The next meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, September 22, 2026, at 9 am in the same location.

A motion was made by Skip Colson, seconded by Sonny Beal, to adjourn at 10:18 am. Motion carried 10-0.

Respectfully submitted,



Crystal Gallina, BAC Secretary