

KNOX COUNTY COMMISSION

Work Session

Tuesday– November 1, 2005 – 10:00 a.m.

The Knox County Commission held a work session to formulate their Knox County budget proposal for the coming year. The session was held in the county commissioners' hearing room located in the county courthouse, 62 Union Street, Rockland, Maine.

Commission Members Present:

Chair A. Mason Johnson, Jr. - Commissioner District #2
Lawrence F. Nash - Commissioner District #3
Anne H. Beebe-Center – Commissioner District #1

Also in Attendance:

Jane Desaulniers – County Administrator
Virginia Lindsey – Deputy County Administrator

Bob Hastings – Rockland Area Chamber of Commerce CEO *(10 minutes only)*
Linda Post – County Treasurer

Work Session Called to Order

Chair Johnson called the special work session to order at approximately 10 a.m.

Rockland Chamber of Commerce

Bob Hastings met with the commission asking for funding for EMDC to remain firm and to increase the funding to at least \$20,000. If the county provided this funding Mr. Hastings assured the commission he would be able to raise private donations to match that money. This would give Knox County a person that could work in this community to help create and retain jobs.

WORK SESSION

The commission then proceeded to review the budget proposal. During the session the commission reviewed each departmental budget request and made a number of changes.

The departmental budgets were approved as follows:

Emergency Management Agency

Expenditures	\$96,814
Use of Reserves	-\$0
Revenues	-\$46,016
Net Budget	\$50,798

Motion and Vote

- ❖ Commissioner Nash motioned, seconded by Commissioner Beebe-Center, to approve the EMA budget as discussed. Voted – All in favor.

District Attorney's Office

Expenditures	\$278,987
Use of Reserves	-\$800
Revenues	-\$7,800
Net Budget	\$270,387

Motion and Vote

- ❖ The commission unanimously voted to approve the DA's budget, with adjustments made during the session.

County Executive Offices

Expenditures	\$299,403
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Use of Reserves	-\$0
Revenues	-\$0
Net Budget	\$299,403

Motion and Vote

- ❖ Commissioner Nash motioned to approve the County Executive Offices budget with approved changes. Seconded by Commissioner Beebe-Center. Voted – All in favor.

Motion and Vote

- ❖ Commissioner Beebe-Center motioned to provide a link to the Rockland Chamber of Commerce Web site on the county's Web site. Seconded by Chair Johnson. Voted – All in favor.

It was noted the Chamber would also provide a link on their Web site to the county's Web site at no cost.

County Treasurer's Office

Expenditures	\$128,491
Use of Reserves	-\$0
Revenues	-\$15,400
Net Budget	\$113,091

Motion and Vote

- ❖ Commissioner Nash motioned, seconded by Commissioner Beebe-Center, to approve the treasurer's budget as discussed. Voted – All in favor.

Building Maintenance

During the review of the building maintenance budget there was some discussion about the property management stipend. Commissioners agreed they needed to work out what the building supervisor might be providing for services that were beyond his other county duties.

Chair Johnson asked that it be entered into the record that in the future he would not approve payment of any attorneys' fees that he had not been privy to authorizing for contracting of services.

Expenditures	\$312,960
Use of Reserves	-\$0
Revenues	-\$68,756
Net Budget	\$244,204

Motion and Vote

- ❖ Commissioner Nash motioned to approve the proposal as adjusted. Seconded by Commissioner Beebe-Center. Voted – All in favor.

Debt Service

Principal	\$362,264
Interest	\$132,948
Net Budget	\$495,212

Motion and Vote

- ❖ Commissioner Beebe-Center motioned, seconded by Commissioner Nash, to accept the debt service budget. Voted unanimously.

County Jail

Expenditures	\$3,204,970
Use of Reserves	-\$10,000
Revenues	-\$282,052
Net Budget	\$2,912,918

Motion and Vote

- ❖ Commissioner Nash motioned, seconded by Chair Johnson, to approve the jail budget with changes. Voted 2 to 1. Commissioner Beebe-Center cast the opposing vote.

Commissioner Beebe-Center voiced concern that adequate funding for jail board and other inmate related items had not been proposed.

Registry of Deeds

Expenditures	\$253,387
Use of Reserves	-\$1,500
Revenues	-\$475,000
Net Budget	(\$233,113)

Motion and Vote

- ❖ Commissioner Beebe-Center motioned to approve the Registry of Deeds budget, including increasing the Deeds Transfer Tax by \$5,000. Seconded by Commissioner Nash. Voted – All in favor.

Probate Court

Expenditures	\$182,242
Use of Reserves	-\$0
Revenues	-\$61,100
Net Budget	\$121,142

Motion and Vote

- ❖ Commissioner Nash motioned to approve the Probate budget as discussed. Seconded by Commissioner Beebe-Center. Voted – All in favor.

Sheriff's Office – Patrol division

Expenditures	\$1,708,030
Use of Reserves	-\$15,000
Revenues	-\$153,391
Net Budget	\$1,539,639

Motion and Vote

- ❖ Commissioner Nash motioned, to support the commissioners' proposal, including adjustments and the addition of a new revenue line for drug enforcement reimbursement. Seconded by Commissioner Beebe-Center. Voted – All in favor.

DA Grant

Expenditures	\$50,362
Use of Reserves	-\$0
Revenues	-\$36,567
Net Budget	\$13,796

Motion and Vote

- ❖ Commissioners unanimously voted to approve the DA Grant budget as amended.

Knox-Lincoln Cooperative Extension Service

Expenditures	\$50,783
Net Budget	\$50,783

Motion and Vote

- ❖ Commissioners unanimously voted to approve the Knox-Lincoln Cooperative Extension budget as presented.

Knox-Lincoln Soil & Water Conservation District

Expenditures	\$17,773
Net Budget	\$17,773

Motion and Vote

- ❖ Commissioners unanimously voted to approve the Knox-Lincoln Soil & Water Conservation District budget as presented.

Program Grants

Expenditures	\$24,500
Net Budget	\$24,500

Motion and Vote

- ❖ Commissioner Beebe-Center motioned, seconded by Commissioner Nash, to increase funding for Eastern Maine Development Corporation to \$20,000 and to earmark the entire amount for Knox County (as discussed with Bob Hastings). Voted unanimously.

Motion and Vote

- ❖ Commissioners then unanimously approved the Program Grants budget totaling \$24,500.

Postage Meter

Expenditures	\$3,525
Net Budget	\$3,525

Motion and Vote

- ❖ Commissioners unanimously approved the Postage Meter budget as presented.

Airport Maintenance

Expenditures	\$277,861
Use of Reserves	-\$0
Revenues	-\$211,608
Net Budget	\$66,253

Motion and Vote

- ❖ Commissioner Nash motioned, seconded by Commissioner Beebe-Center, to approve the airport budget as discussed. Voted unanimously.

Airport Capital Improvements Program

Expenditures	\$28,550
Use of Reserves	-\$28,550
Net Budget	\$0

Motion and Vote

- ❖ Commissioner Beebe-Center motioned, seconded by Chair Johnson, to use \$11,050 in the miscellaneous equipment reserve for the flail mower, snow blower, and sweeper, and approve the Airport Capital Improvements budget with the change. Voted – all in favor.

Airport Security

Expenditures	\$78,395
Revenues	-\$100,500
Net Budget	(\$22,105)

Motion and Vote

- ❖ Commissioner Nash motioned, seconded by Chair Johnson, to approve the Airport Security budget as discussed. Voted unanimously.

Communications

Expenditures	\$715,980
Use of Reserves	-\$1,950
Carryover	-\$60,000
Net Budget – Total Fees to be Billed Municipalities	\$654,030

Motion and Vote

- ❖ Commissioner Nash motioned, seconded by Chair Johnson, to approve the communications budget as discussed. Voted unanimously.

Proposed Budget Voted

- ❖ Commissioners unanimously voted to send the budget to the budget committee, as summarized herein:

EXPENDITURES	
Departmental	\$7,151,586
Total Expenditures	\$7,151,586
REVENUE	
Estimated Revenue	(\$1,146,082)
Total Revenue	(\$1,146,082)
RESERVES	
Total Use of Reserves (excluding Airport)	(\$27,300)
Amount to be Raised by Taxation Before Utilization of Fund Balance	\$5,978,204
Unencumbered Surplus Funds:	\$0
TAX ASSESSMENT (Valuation based):	\$5,978,204
Communications Center	\$654,030
TOTAL TAXES AND FEES TO BE COLLECTED	\$6,632,234

WORK SESSION ADJOURNED

The November 1, 2005 work session of the Knox County Commission concluded at approximately 1:45 p.m.

Attest: _____
 Virginia B. Lindsey
 Deputy County Administrator