

OXFORD SS.

At the Court of Oxford County Commissioners begun and held at Paris, Maine within and for the County of Oxford at 6:00 PM on April 17, 2012 it being a special joint session of the Commissioners and County Budget Committee, there were present:

Steven M. Merrill	Chairman	
Dave Duguay	Commissioner	
Caldwell Jackson	Commissioner	
Robert Everett	Bethel	
Robert Heard	Porter	Chairman
Russell Newcomb	Norway	
Brad Adley	Rumford	
Lee Holman	Hartford	
Fred Henderson	Greenwood	
Rick Micklon	Otisfield	
Floyd Thayer	Oxford	

Scott G. Cole, Administrator
Becky Secrest, Commissioners Clerk

The Chairman opened the meeting by thanking Committee members for their attendance at this meeting. He then turned the floor over to Administrator Cole to describe the purpose of the meeting and action requested of the Budget Committee.

The Administrator explained that on January 17, 2012 the Commissioners unanimously approved a FY 13 UT budget proposal (attached herein), and both concurrently and permanently increased the tax levy limit as applicable to the county's unorganized territory from \$762,168 to \$866,635, a 13.7% increase in municipal taxation.

The allowable tax levy limit increase had been previously calculated by state officials to be 1.93%, or \$776,878.

Mr. Cole then explained that the FY 13 UT budget proposal had since been forwarded to state officials, where all was found to be in order with the exception of local Budget Committee review and related authorization to increase the statutory tax levy limit in accordance with 36 MRSA 1611.

Discussion ensued concerning aspects of the budget proposal itself, mechanics of the budget process, and general administration of affairs in the unorganized territory.

After a variety of questions were answered, the Chair called for a motion and second to adopt the following resolution:

“Resolved that the Budget Committee of Oxford County hereby permanently increases the county growth limitation for the unorganized territory of the county in FY 13, resulting in a municipal tax levy of \$866,635 in this period, and pursuant to a budget adopted by the Oxford County Commissioners on January 17, 2012.”

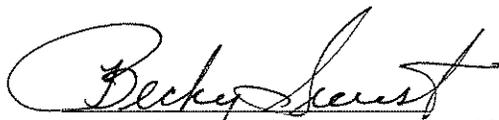
With a motion for adoption and requisite second both recognized by the Chair, the subsequent vote tally was 8 in favor, none opposed, and one absent (Cummings of Canton).

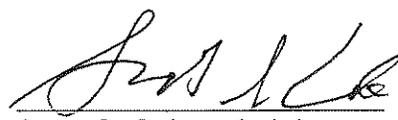
Several other matters were discussed by the Commissioners and Budget Committee members to include *de minimis* changes to the 2012 general fund budget, post-enactment. It was explained that these changes were made to better comply with accounting principles and labor regulations. There were no changes in departmental appropriations, non-tax revenue estimates, total expenditure, or county tax commitment.

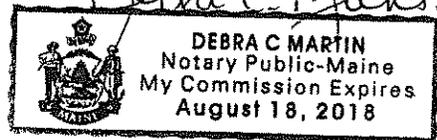
Another area of discussion centered on the possibility of changing the county’s general fund fiscal cycle from the current calendar year to a July – June period. Committee members were generally in support of this proposal although reservations were also expressed. No formal action was taken.

Finally, Lee Holman of Hartford inquired about the status of the charter commission. The Commissioners responded that there is a \$5,000 appropriation in the 2012 budget for this item and their intent is to appropriate additional amounts in future years, with all funds retained in a designated reserve, prior to commencement of work.

No other bills or accounts were given consideration on the 17th day of April, 2012. The Commissioners and Budget Committee adjourned at 7:47 PM.


Becky Secrest, Commissioners Clerk


Scott G. Cole, Administrator

**Oxford County Unorganized Territory
FY 13 Municipal Services Budget Proposal**

**January 17, 2012
Approved by County Commissioners**

SERVICE EXPENDITURES	FY 11			FY 12		FY 13		12 to 13		% Change
	FY 09	FY 10	Approved	Actual	Approved	to Date	Proposed	Change		
Roads and Bridges (includes capital exp in FY 11 & 12)	215,000	206,000	185,000	566,081	222,000	290,353	222,000	0	0.0%	
Snow Removal	145,000	165,000	170,000	201,323	200,250	21,481	213,750	13,500	6.7%	
Solid Waste and Recycling	72,000	72,000	74,000	68,097	74,000	37,884	74,000	0	0.0%	
Fire Protection	67,000	79,134	80,000	45,190	99,000	0	95,125	(3,875)	-3.9%	
Cemeteries	500	800	800	1,211	1,600	1,553	1,800	200	12.5%	
Ambulance	29,000	32,700	30,000	22,717	41,123	11,763	32,290	(8,833)	-21.5%	
Street Lights	750	750	750	344	750	66	750	0	0.0%	
Snowmobile Trails	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%	
Polling Places	1,800	2,000	2,000	899	2,000	900	2,000	0	0.0%	
Recreation	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%	
Senior Citizens	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%	
Animal Control	3,500	3,500	3,500	3,051	3,500	1,472	3,500	0	0.0%	
Community Contributions	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%	
E911	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%	
Rent Of Land	0	0	3,800	3,600	3,600	3,600	3,600	0	0.0%	
Miscellaneous (audit 2,500, legal 1,000, AVCOG 5,000)	6,700	3,000	2,500	21,544	10,000	25,116	8,500	(1,500)	-15.0%	
TOTAL SERVICE EXPENDITURES	541,250	564,884	552,350	934,057	657,823	394,188	657,315	(1,508)	-0.1%	
OTHER EXPENDITURES										
Contingency	25,000	25,000	25,000	0	25,000	19,260	25,000	0	0.0%	
Payment to Capital Reserve	150,000	130,000	150,000	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%	
Capital Outlay (Hurts Corner Rd rehab starts FY 13)	0	0	0	0	200,000	129,932	300,000	100,000	50.0%	
Debt Service	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%	
TOTAL OTHER EXPENDITURES	175,000	155,000	175,000	0	225,000	149,192	325,000	100,000	44.4%	
ADMINISTRATION (5% of total to county general fund)	35,813	35,994	36,368	36,368	44,141	0	49,116	4,975	11.3%	
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	752,063	755,878	763,718	970,425	926,964	543,380	1,031,431	104,467	11.3%	
ESTIMATED REVENUES										
Local Road Assistance	64,736	62,040	60,396	60,396	60,396	30,198	60,396	0	0.0%	
Excise Taxes	100,000	100,000	100,000	123,104	100,000	34,237	100,000	0	0.0%	
Snowmobile Fees	400	400	400	317	400	0	400	0	0.0%	
Other (interest, federal PILOT, FEMA, etc)	6,000	6,000	3,400	1,901	4,000	54,497	4,000	0	0.0%	
TOTAL REVENUES	171,136	168,440	164,196	185,718	164,796	118,932	164,796	0	0.0%	
Use of Fund Balance to Offset Taxation	121,799	106,913	104,695	104,695	0	0	0	0	0.0%	
Municipal Tax	459,128	480,525	494,827	494,827	762,168	361,084	866,635	104,467	13.7%	
Total Taxable Value	249,150,000	257,950,000	266,750,000	283,050,000	283,050,000	282,150,000	3,07154	(900,000)	-0.32%	
Mill Rate in \$ per Thousand	1.84	1.86	1.86	1.86	2.69270	3.07154	3.07154	0.3788	14.07%	

**Oxford County Unorganized Territory
FY 13 Municipal Services Budget Proposal
Expenditure Detail by Township and Vendor**

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Service	Primary Vendors	Agreement Expires	FY 12 Approved	FY 13 Breakdown	FY 13 Proposed	12 to 13 Change
Roads and Bridges			222,000		222,000	0
Albany South	Wilson Excavating	6/30/2013		60,000		
Albany North	D.A. Wilson	6/30/2013		60,000		
Mason	D.A. Wilson	6/30/2013		10,000		
Riley	D.A. Wilson	6/30/2013		4,000		
Milton	Thornton and Thornton	6/30/2014		10,000		
East B Hill Rd	Swayse Excavation	6/30/2014		4,000		
South Arm Rd	Town of Andover, Swayse Excavation	6/30/2014		30,000		
Non-Specific Roads and Bridges	multiple vendors	n/a		44,000		
Snow Removal			200,250		213,750	13,500
Albany South	Wilson Excavating	6/30/2013		47,000		
Albany North	D.A. Wilson	6/30/2013		47,000		
Mason	D.A. Wilson, Pooh Corner	6/30/2013		24,000		
Riley	D.A. Wilson	6/30/2013		10,000		
Milton	Thornton and Thornton	6/30/2014		24,000		
East B Hill Rd	Swayse Excavation	6/30/2014		21,000		
South Arm Rd	Town of Andover	6/30/2014		24,000		
salt - all townships (\$67/tion, 250 tons)	AVCOG joint purchase, International Salt	annual bidding		16,750		
Solid Waste and Recycling			74,000		74,000	0
Albany-Mason	Town of Waterford	indefinite		48,000		
Milton	Town of Woodstock, OCSWRC	indefinite		12,000		
central and northern UT	Archie's, cost share w/ Lincoln Plantation	indefinite		12,000		
northern UT septage	Town of Rangeley	indefinite		2,000		
Fire Protection			99,000		95,125	(3,875)
Albany North, Mason	Town of Bethel	indefinite		28,500		
Albany South	Town of Waterford	indefinite		20,000		
Albany South	Town of Stoneham	indefinite		6,500		
Riley, Grafton	Town of Newry	indefinite		1,500		
Milton	Town of Rumford	indefinite		5,000		
Township C, et al	Town of Andover	indefinite		7,684		
northern UT	Town of Rangeley	indefinite		25,941		

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Cemeteries	Albany	Tink Conkright	1,600	450	1,800	200
	Albany	Tink Conkright		450		
	Mason	Tink Conkright		450		
	Grafton	Tink Conkright		450		
Ambulance	Albany South	Stoneham Rescue	41,123	6,400	32,290	(8,833)
	Albany North, Mason, Riley	Town of Bethel		7,000		
	Milton and central UT northern UT	MedCare Northstar		5,000 13,890		
Street Lights	Albany sand shed electric	Central Maine Power	600	750	750	150
Polling Places	Albany	County of Oxford	2,000	2,000	2,000	0
Animal Control	Albany, Mason, Milton	Ozzie Hart	3,500	2,100	3,500	0
	Albany, Mason, Milton varied charges	Harvest Hill Shelter		500 900		
Rent Of Land	Township C - South Arm Rd	7 Islands - boat launch lease	3,600	3,600	3,600	0
Miscellaneous	Audit	RHR	10,000	2,500	8,500	(1,500)
	Legal	Skelton, Taintor, Abbott		1,000		
	Regional Planning	AVCOG		5,000		
TOTAL SERVICES			657,673		657,315	(358)