

WALDO COUNTY 2023 BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING
OCTOBER 22, 2022
In-person and Remote Teleconference (Zoom)
10:00 A.m.

PRESENT: Budget Committee Members Joshua Gerritsen (Lincolntonville), Thomas Wagner (Waldo), G. Pendleton (Islesboro), Linda Payson (Searsport), Penny Sampson (Unity), Elaine Higgins (Freedom), and Bob Kurek (Palermo). Also present were County Commissioners Amy Fowler, William D. Shorey, and Betty I. Johnson; Finance Director Karen Trussell, IT Director J-sun Bailey to run the teleconference, and County Clerk Barbara Arseneau to take minutes.

CALL TO ORDER: A. Fowler called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. with the flag salute, and read the policy for remote participation, roll call for votes, etc.

INTRODUCTIONS: The Commissioners, staff, and Budget Committee members introduced themselves.

1070 Probate Budget:

Present was Probate Register Sharon Peavey, who explained that the main increase in the budget was related to personnel.

****B. Kurek moved, P. Sampson seconded to approve the 1070 Probate budget as presented at \$299,390.00.**

Roll Call Vote: **P. Sampson – yes, B. Kurek – yes, T. Wagner – yes, L. Payson – yes, E. Higgins – yes, J. Gerritsen – yes, T. Higgins - yes. Passed.

2035 Waldo County Soil and Water:

Present was Medea Steinman (via Zoom), Gene Randall, and Andy Reed. M. Steinman spoke regarding the letter of request, annual report, and PFAF information that had been submitted. She spoke about PFAF issues, testing, and explained resources on this topic, as well as outreach programs. Culverts that are failing are being identified, along with ways to keep them more sustainable. Their goal is to work directly with Towns, as it's a public safety and climate adaptation issue. Andy Reed noted that they try to keep their budget down.

****B. Kurek moved, P. Sampson seconded to approve the 2035 Waldo County Soil and Water budget as presented at \$26,000.00.**

Roll Call Vote: **P. Sampson – yes, B. Kurek – yes, T. Wagner – yes, L. Payson – yes, E. Higgins – yes, J. Gerritsen – yes, T. Higgins - yes. Passed.

1015 District Attorney's Budget:

Present was District Attorney Natasha Irving. She detailed increases in the budget as including Capital Outlay for moving to the new Waldo County Office location, cellular phones for work purposes rather than using private cell phones for CJIS compliancy, document disposal during the move, office supplies, and salary lines. E. Higgins asked why the postage was so low. Prosecutorial Assistant Eric Harvey was present and explained that reduced postage is related to the Share File system, which allows discovery to be sent by email. They don't know what that line will be in 2023 but should know by the end of that year. P. Sampson asked about the low expenditure in Witness Fees. N. Irving explained that this varies from year to year, and that some witnesses are called back for trials and some have moved far away. P. Sampson asked the Commissioners what happens to unexpended funds. Finance Director K. Trussell stated that they go into Undesignated Funds. P. Sampson asked how

Sovereign Citizens are handled, noting that Waldo County has a lot of Maine Militia, most don't want to settle out of court, and illustrated with the example of simple matters such as vehicle license renewals. N. Irving explained that it is extra work, however the D.A.'s Office is happy to do it because everyone is allowed to have a trial. J. Gerritsen asked how many times a year the D.A.'s Office deals with Sovereign Citizens. E. Harvey said quite a few; it's hard to put a number on it. B. Kurek asked if the Town Officials should notify the D.A.'s Office if they're aware of a case in their town that may come to the D.A., and was told no, the D.A.'s Office usually knows early on.

****P. Sampson moved, B. Kurek seconded to approve the 1015 District Attorney's budget as presented at \$262,000.00.**

Roll Call Vote: **P. Sampson – yes, B. Kurek – yes, T. Wagner – yes, L. Payson – yes, E. Higgins – yes, J. Gerritsen – yes, T. Higgins - yes. Passed.

1030 Facilities Budget:

Facilities Manager Keith Nealley was present. The budget increased mostly due to energy-related expenses. The Facilities Technician retired after 15 years and K. Nealley is searching for a replacement, which is hard to find at \$20.00 per hour, even though the benefits are excellent. Electrical costs were reduced after discussion with the Commissioners. He's currently overdrawn on 2 to 3 of the accounts and expects all but one to be over this current year's estimates. He's tried different electrical providers, and they start low and then increase rates. Currently the County is with CMP. He receives many calls from other companies, but it's hard to research which is best. Fuel is another issue. Last year a decision was made to convert to propane at the Probate/Commissioners Courthouse and the Jail. T. Wagner asked what was being paid for propane now. K. Nealley said it is locked in at \$2.00 per gallon through May of next year. He spoke with the fuel provider the other day, who recommended locking in now because they don't know what will happen. The former Superior Courthouse is an old building and the old furnace uses a lot of oil. Fortunately he filled it last year with oil at about \$3.00 per gallon, but he doesn't know what next year brings. P. Sampson asked what the plan is for the former Superior Courthouse. K. Nealley explained that D.A.'s Office is moving to the soon-to-be vacant EMA Office, as EMA is moving to a new location next year. The Commissioners are still working on where to move the Registry of Deeds, and likely the Superior Courthouse will be sold. B. Kurek asked if ARPA funds are helping with the Superior Courthouse. K. Nealley described the interior, its unique challenges, that some electrical has been updated, heat pumps have been installed, including at the Jail. He's also obtained a number of rebates through Efficiency Maine. K. Trussell said that the Superior Courthouse building uses a lot of electricity to run the heat pumps and uses about 5000 gallons of oil a year. P. Sampson asked if the County has considered solar energy for its buildings. K. Nealley said there are solar panels on the Jail to heat water during the warmer months. P. Sampson said they researched it for Unity and it didn't make sense for them. L. Payson said Searsport has done that, and G. Pendleton said a number of places are using it on Islesboro, the tax benefits have helped, and there is a real opportunity for using solar energy. J. Gerritsen said he felt that the County should take a hard look at solar energy. In Lincolnville, he has solar on his roof, and they are looking to possibly utilize it with the school. He said he's glad to hear that the County has a lot of heat pumps and encouraged them to put a lot more in and try to heat exclusively with those. He inquired about the new EMA building's heat plans. K. Nealley said it will be heated with propane, radiant heating in the floor, and possibly some heat pumps but also will have a solar array. W. Shorey stated that there is a heat pump at the County Farm. The County has heat pumps everywhere but not the former Superior Courthouse, as the plan is to sell it. G. Pendleton said this all requires long-term vision and planning, as solar panels have a long lifespan, even as their efficiency diminishes. K. Nealley said he and Commissioner Shorey had spoken about this last year, arranged for a company to perform an assessment, and would continue to look into that. J. Gerritsen suggested that the County continue to

purchase electric cars. P. Sampson asked if the County had any EV chargers, and K. Nealley said no, but the City of Belfast has a few. She thought it would make sense for the County to install a few at its buildings. E. Higgins said they talked about putting one at the Freedom Town Office, but it's on the back burner because there are only a few electric cars in Freedom. If the town owned it, it could be operated with a credit card. P. Sampson said Unity's economic development committee is seriously considering installing some in the high-visitor, high-traffic areas.

****P. Sampson moved, E. Higgins seconded to approve the 1030 Facilities budget as presented at \$331,668.00.**

Roll Call Vote: **P. Sampson – yes, B. Kurek – yes, T. Wagner – yes, L. Payson – yes, E. Higgins – yes, J. Gerritsen – yes, T. Higgins - yes. Passed.

1065 Registry of Deeds Budget:

Present was Register of Deeds Stacy Grant who said the personnel costs have increased due to cost-of-living and step raises. Telephone, post office box, and panic alarm all needed to increase, and she removed the typewriter line as they no longer have one.

****P. Sampson moved, B. Kurek seconded to approve the 1075 Registry of Deeds budget as presented at \$248,670.00.**

Roll Call Vote: **P. Sampson – yes, B. Kurek – yes, T. Wagner – yes, L. Payson – yes, E. Higgins – yes, J. Gerritsen – yes, T. Higgins - yes. Passed.

1075 Sheriff's Office Budget:

Present were Chief Deputy Jason Trundy and Lt. Matthew Curtis. Two new deputy positions have been added. They learned that the Federal Government was offering the COPS grant again this year, which covers up to \$120,000.00 in pay and benefits for a new position over 5 years and is specifically for community policing efforts. Waldo has some staffing needs, some for community needs, but also for traffic. They went before the Commissioners and the Commissioners approved applying for the grant and provided funds for a grant writer to assist. The Sheriff's Office is also concerned about the potential mission change and reorganization of the Maine State Police, which has been confirmed. Like other agencies, they have new responsibilities assigned and are also struggling to maintain their ranks, so they let the County know that they would, in the future, be moving away from call-sharing agreements. They currently cover about 25% of the calls in Waldo County. This change causes concern. In the Sheriff's Office, there is 1 sworn officer for 1800 citizens. Nationally it is 1 officer to 475 citizens. This year, the Sheriff's Office handled 9000 calls for service and 2000 traffic stops. The current officers are doing a lot of work and feeling it, and with this upcoming change at the State Police, the Sheriff will have to triage what is responded to and what is not. He's heard complaints that not enough officers are doing traffic stops. They are feeling more and more the pressure to be more visible and active with traffic. He believes they should be expecting this change with the State Police and preparing for it, which would mean more officers, keeping in mind being fiscally responsible. They were supposed to have heard by the end of September whether or not they were awarded the grant. The numbers have been included in the budget, and if they have not received the grant, the bottom line will be different. B. Kurek asked how they figure out staffing numbers. J. Trundy said there's no perfect formula, they do what gets the job done. Some things are not clear data points. 9000 calls per year has been a pretty consistent number, they know what the calls are, roughly how many arrests, how long it takes to process reports, how many traffic stops there are - which generate work - and they break it down per officer. There is also the non-tangible factor of work quality. The focus becomes on priority, and some things get pushed to the side. They try to do as much as humanly possible while trying to keep the tax burden down. He stated again that he's hearing from the public that there is a need to be more visible and present. To do the work and keep the quality up, more

people are needed. Lieutenant M. Curtis came up with restructuring the call agreement and asked the Maine State Police to cover the last day of the 4th day, so on these “Blue” days, the Sheriff’s Officers are at the office working on paperwork for all the calls they did on the 3 days of being out on rotation. He noted how hard it is to follow up with the paperwork, and if that happens, things fall by the wayside, fall through the cracks, and the quality isn’t as good. B. Kurek asked what would “drop off.” M. Curtis explained that the current Sheriff is very focused on excellent customer service. If someone calls and wants to speak to a deputy, he tries to make sure they can talk to one, no matter how mundane the call may be – it’s important to the person making the call. He believes the same, but this would be reduced, traffic work will be reduced, some of the low hanging cases that are recognized as non-criminal. In many agencies now, misdemeanors are being pushed off on the public to deal with in the courts. He believes this erodes the relationship with the people in the communities, so they have started the Community Liasson program to try to deal with the non-criminal issues. The Resolution Team tries to find ways to deal with disputes that haven’t become crimes. The Community Liasson can often be assigned to prevent escalation. Not everything results in a crime and someone going to jail. This position helps deal with and resolve those non-criminal issues. P. Sampson said she had many questions, starting with how many unmarked vehicles there are. M. Curtis stated there are about eight (8). She asked about marking more of them so they are more visible to the communities. M. Curtis said that some have magnetic signs for high visibility function. P. Sampson said that the biggest complaints she hears about are speeding and not stopping. She thinks people would slow down more and stop at stop signs if people saw more marked law enforcement vehicles. M. Curtis said some could be marked. P. Sampson asked how much is spent on Wreaths Across America. M. Curtis said they send one vehicle and pay any tolls. The deputy is paid for their time, and it is up to that deputy to ensure their shift is covered. The County pays half the hotel, the Association pays the remainder, and County pays for gas. P. Sampson asked how much of the School Resource Officer position is funded. M. Curtis and K. Trussell said that everything is reimbursed by the school 100%, including the vehicle. P. Sampson asked how the sign-on bonuses were funded. K. Trussell said it was a reserve called Severance/Assistance, not the operating budget. P. Sampson wondered about the K-9 costs. P. Sampson asked if the County would look into vet insurance. M. Curtis said he wasn’t sure what would be covered for a dog used in this capacity. So far, the regular vet visits have been donated. J. Gerritsen asked about miles driven by civil deputies. M. Curtis said they charge mileage for those vehicles, and that goes back into the Detail Reserve. Regarding Patrol vehicles, M. Curtis said he hasn’t done the annual mileage this year, but traditionally it is usually around 450,000 miles per year. Regarding the hybrid vehicle, it had a \$2,000.00 bill that wasn’t covered by the warranty. Apparently, the alternator is not considered part of the electrical system. He knew Belfast had a poor history with their hybrid vehicle. He hasn’t given up on the electric vehicles and has looked at Efficiency Maine for the charger. He’s also requested a demo on one of the Ford Lightening pickup truck retro fit for a transport. As for the van, he experienced sticker shock as that was around \$150,000.00. As a municipality, they would be eligible for a credit. Belfast recently purchased a motorcycle and he wondered about an electric motorcycle for use such as going out to Islesboro for the day, in Unity at the Common Ground Fair, etc. He doesn’t know if that qualifies for a rebate. The Chief in Belfast has started a motorcycle unit; the County could get some free training. He thought it could work well under the right circumstances. He’s heard the Budget Committee loud and clear about hybrids; he’s not sure it can work in all cases, and the other hybrid is working again, so he will get on it. J. Gerritsen asked if the Sheriff’s Office was aware of any agencies with electric fleets, and M. Curtis thought an agency in Portland might be testing one. A charging station would need to be installed at the officer’s house for a County vehicle, which is why he talks about the “range” component.

P. Sampson asked what was spent in line 5375, was told it was \$6,516.67, and there are more outstanding invoices for another training that took place last week. P. Sampson asked the Commissioners why they reduced the vehicle fuel. W. Shorey said he follows the fuel on a national level and felt that it could be reduced as gas has started to drop in price. He said now, though, he thinks that no more should be cut from this budget.

****P. Sampson moved, E. Higgins seconded to approve the 1075 Sheriff's budget as presented at \$2,309,020.00.**

Roll Call Vote: **P. Sampson – yes, B. Kurek – yes, T. Wagner – yes, L. Payson – yes, E. Higgins – yes, J. Gerritsen – yes, T. Higgins - yes. Passed.

(County Clerk stepped out to prepare lunch for the Committee, so some discussion was missed.)

1050 Jail Budget:

A. Fowler said this was the first time that the Jail breakdown had been shared with the Budget Committee, noting that the Jail budget is capped by legislation. K. Trussell stated that as the budget sits right now, it is \$200,000.00-plus below the cap, and didn't foresee it changing much. P. Sampson said that she is aware that jails are having trouble being staffed and inquired about Waldo County. J. Trundy said that Waldo is managing well staffing the Reentry and Jail.

****P. Sampson moved, E. Higgins seconded to approve the 1050 Jail budget as \$3,189,146.00. presented.**

Roll Call Vote: **P. Sampson – yes, B. Kurek – yes, T. Wagner – yes, L. Payson – yes, E. Higgins – yes, J. Gerritsen – yes, T. Higgins - yes. Passed.

1076 Communications Center Budget:

Present was Communications Director Michael Larrivee. He briefly explained increases in the budget.

****P. Sampson moved, seconded to approve the 1076 Communications Center budget as presented at \$1,132,579.00.**

Roll Call Vote: **P. Sampson – yes, B. Kurek – yes, T. Wagner – yes, L. Payson – yes, E. Higgins – yes, J. Gerritsen – yes, T. Higgins - yes. Passed.

1080 Advertising & Promotion Budget:

1080-4715 Waldo Community Action Partners Budget:

Present were Marina Kinney and Michael Hallundbaek. M. Kinney said is basically the same.

****P. Sampson moved, G. Pendleton seconded to approve the 1080-4715 budget as presented \$5,000.00.**

Roll Call Vote: **P. Sampson – yes, B. Kurek – yes, T. Wagner – yes, L. Payson – yes, E. Higgins – yes, J. Gerritsen – yes, T. Higgins - yes. Passed.

1080-4719 Waldo County Firefighters Budget:

Present to speak on the Firefighters' behalf was EMA Director Dale Rowley. He stated that he attends all the Firefighters Association Meetings. The County has allocated \$5,000.00 in the 2023 budget for the Special Appropriations. There is a training site which at times needs updates and upgrades. Sometimes the department can't afford to train someone, so the funds are sometimes used for scholarships.

****B. Kurek moved, P. Sampson seconded to approve the 1080-4719 budget as presented at \$5,000.00.**

Roll Call Vote: **P. Sampson – yes, B. Kurek – yes, T. Wagner – yes, L. Payson – yes, E. Higgins – yes, J. Gerritsen – yes, T. Higgins - yes. Passed.

1080-4716 Eastern Maine Development Corporation Budget:

The Commissioners had not recommended funding this special appropriation, so no funds were requested.

****T. Wagner moved, P. Sampson seconded not to fund Eastern Maine Development Corporation.**

Discussion: W. Shorey said he was chairman of E.M.D.C. for a year, they were wasteful with the funds, he made a recommendation that would resolve it in 60 days. The director at the time said he just didn't get around to it. W. Shorey said it needed to be done by the end of the day or he'd resign. It wasn't so he did. He said that the story they're telling is not as good as it is. G. Pendleton asked if the Commissioners would ever support them. T. Wagner said he himself would not because he had dealings with them in the past year, and they were unresponsive.

The Committee asked the same question about Midcoast Economic Development District. B. Johnson explained that this organization has now changed its name to Midcoast Council of Governments (MCCOG) as part of a mission change. She herself was chairman of that board and she supported funding it.

A. Fowler said she was a selectman and has also heard a lot of discussion for and against. B. Johnson explained that there was a new program now with Midcoast Economic Development District. Some of the towns that have signed on for the new service. They are now gathering towns that were serviced by MCEDD. The reorganization is new, is busy, bringing grants, comprehensive plans, etc. Lincolnville, Northport, Belmont, and Searsmont had signed up. It has reorganized and formed a COG; hence the name change. G. Pendleton asked which one she was supporting. B. Johnson said she is speaking in favor of MCEDD, now the COG. She said she is a big believer in economic development but now that she has heard more about EMDC, she is not in favor of that. E. Higgins mentioned KVCOG and said that the towns are the ones who have historically paid for economic development. B. Johnson said it's important to remember that if the County funds a group, every town benefits. It cuts down on the dues that are charged to the towns. She agreed with W. Shorey that EMDC wasn't doing what it was supposed to do. B. Kurek said he felt the County should support one economic development group that supports all the Towns in Waldo County. G. Pendleton said he would support them, and he felt that the County should support all economic development that helps the county as a whole. He understands the Commissioners don't want to support EMDC.

J. Gerritsen said he felt it would be important that even if the commissioners don't support an organization's request, that the Committee know what the organization's request was.

Roll Call Vote: **P. Sampson – yes, B. Kurek – yes, T. Wagner – yes, L. Payson – yes, E. Higgins – yes, J. Gerritsen – yes, T. Higgins - yes. Passed.

**** P. Sampson moved, T. Wagner seconded not to fund Midcoast Council of Governments.**

Roll Call Vote: **P. Sampson – yes, B. Kurek – yes, T. Wagner – yes, L. Payson – yes, E. Higgins – yes, J. Gerritsen – yes, T. Higgins - yes. Passed.

****G. Pendleton moved, T. Wagner seconded, not to fund Belfast Creative Coalition.**

Discussion: Question was raised whether the organization had submitted a funding request for 2023. B. Johnson said the head of the organization missed sending the request. When asked if she supported it, B. Johnson said she thought they were great.

G. Pendleton asked if Restorative Justice requested any funds this year, and was told there was a back story that could be discussed at lunch.

R Roll Call Vote: **P. Sampson – yes, B. Kurek – yes, T. Wagner – yes, L. Payson – yes, E. Higgins – yes, J. Gerritsen – yes, T. Higgins - yes. Passed.

****B. Kurek moved, E. Higgins seconded to fund 1080 Advertising & Promotion budget at \$10,000.00 between the two agencies already discussed.**

Roll Call Vote: **P. Sampson – yes, B. Kurek – yes, T. Wagner – yes, L. Payson – yes, E. Higgins – yes, J. Gerritsen – yes, T. Higgins - yes. Passed.

2005 University of Maine Cooperative Extension Budget:

Present was Vina Lindley, who thanked all for letting her speak and said she'd be brief. She explained her role and function. The only increase over last year is the increase to the hourly rate for the folks that run their office, which went into effect last year, but the budget had already been requested. E. Higgins asked when the Extension Office would be open again, as it seemed longer than planned. It was explained that the County has been taking care of an extensive mold remediation in the building, and they should be able to open in a couple of weeks. P. Sampson asked if the State also funds the U of M Extension. The County pays about 1% of the total U of M budget. The rest of the staff are paid by the university and State funds. P. Sampson asked the size of the staff. V. Lindley said she believed it is 6 Full-time employees. P. Sampson said she was recently asked that question and how it works. V. Lindley said they receive federal funding, funding from the State, and funding from the County, describing it as a "3-legged stool" that can't stand without funding from those three sources. This has been the arrangement for over 100 years.

****P. Sampson moved, G. Pendleton seconded to approve the 2005 Extension budget as presented at \$58,050.00.**

Roll Call Vote: **P. Sampson – yes, B. Kurek – yes, T. Wagner – yes, L. Payson – yes, E. Higgins – yes, J. Gerritsen – yes, T. Higgins - yes. Passed.

1010 Emergency Management Agency Budget:

Present was EMA Director Dale Rowley. The State grant reimbursement for the GIS Planner is completely unreliable, so he has requested it in the EMA Budget and has reduced other lines to fund that. Most of the grant funds obtained by EMA have been used to help others. An antenna was donated to RSU 1, for example. He noted that the EMA system is not tied in with the Communications tower. The tower being tested was in Belfast today. Tactical Repeaters are in South Liberty. J. Gerritsen asked what the difference was. D. Rowley explained that one tower was in Stockton, one at the Dixmont/Jackson border, two are on Aborn Hill, and one is on Quaker Hill in Unity. It helps the agencies be able to talk with each other. J. Gerritsen asked how long they can run without power. D. R. said the key ones have backup generators. Sometimes generators can fail. J. Gerritsen asked if it's possible to use a solar battery backup so they can run forever. D. Rowley stated that they will be using solar at the new EMA building in Swanville and are working with Solar Logics. The building will have a propane radiant floor. There will be three (3) 1000 gallon propane tanks. There will also be a wood stove (cookstove) for backup. The water has a hand pump in case electricity is out for a long period. E. Higgins asked how weather-dependent some of these systems are, and if these systems can be sustained in hurricanes. D. Rowley said that the building will be rated category 1 Hurricane; it's well out of the flood zone, not in a zone where there are other hazards, and the windows will be able to be shuttered. When asked when the new building will be open and if there would be an open house, D. Rowley said it's been very hard to get contractors, and he hopes it will be finished in March or April time period. D. Rowley said if anyone wants to see things, call him and he'll set it up. Structural walls

are up, windows are at Mathews Brothers, the garage doors came in early and are in storage. The County doesn't have a general contractor and are using subcontractors. J. Gerritsen asked what will happen with the old EMA space, and D. Rowley explained that the D.A.'s Office will move in. He's started laying that out, as he's a professional engineer. E. Higgins said she's been able to come to most of the Commissioners' meetings and it's amazing how much they've been getting done. D. Rowley said that the Communications employee, GIS Planner, and he have been doing some of the work, including building forms for concrete, putting down vapor barrier, and laying pipe for the floor, ****P. Sampson moved, G. Pendleton seconded to approve the 1010 EMA budget as presented at \$163,940.00.**

Roll Call Vote: **P. Sampson – yes, B. Kurek – yes, T. Wagner – yes, L. Payson – yes, E. Higgins – yes, J. Gerritsen – yes, T. Higgins - yes. Passed.

Grant Writing 2050 Budget:

This budget had no funds requested at this time.

L. Payson moved, G. Pendleton seconded to fund Grant Writing 2050 at zero.

Roll Call Vote: **P. Sampson – yes, B. Kurek – yes, T. Wagner – yes, L. Payson – yes, E. Higgins – yes, J. Gerritsen – yes, T. Higgins - yes. Passed.

****G. Pendleton moved, L. Payson seconded to approve the County budget. at \$7,249,484.00.**

Roll Call Vote: **P. Sampson – yes, B. Kurek – yes, T. Wagner – yes, L. Payson – yes, E. Higgins – yes, J. Gerritsen – yes, T. Higgins - yes. Passed.

****G. Pendleton moved, E. Higgins seconded to approve the Grand Total as presented at \$10,438,630.00.**

Roll Call Vote: **P. Sampson – yes, B. Kurek – yes, T. Wagner – yes, L. Payson – yes, E. Higgins – yes, J. Gerritsen – yes, T. Higgins - yes. Passed.

FUTURE BUDGET MEETINGS:

The 2023 Public Hearing & Final Budget Meeting were already scheduled for Friday, November 4, 2022 starting at 6:00 p.m.

****E. Higgins moved, B. Kurek seconded to adjourn the meeting at 1:04 p.m.**

Roll call Vote: P. Sampson – yes, J. Gerritsen – yes, T. Wagner – yes, L. Payson – yes, E. Higgins – yes, B. Kurek – yes, G. Pendleton – yes. Passed.

Respectfully submitted by Barbara L. Arseneau Waldo County Clerk
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