

**York County Budget Committee Public Hearing Minutes
June 12, 2023, at 4:00 p.m. at the York County Government
Building (EMA Training Room)**

Present: Jo-Ann Putnam, Chairperson, Paul Philbrick, Lisa Pratt, Rebecca Bowley and Susan Wiswell.

- 1. Welcome and Introductions-** Budget Committee Chairperson Jo-Ann Putnam welcomed everyone.
- 2. Public Hearing on FY'24 County of York proposed budget-**Jo-Ann Putnam opened the Hearing and asked if there were any public comment(s). There were none.
- 3. Review, discuss and vote on minutes of the May 22, 2023, meeting of the County Budget Committee-** Chairperson Jo-Ann Putnam informed all that the budget amount put forth is \$23,435,504.00. She asked County Manager Zinser to explain the \$125,000 added to the budget by the Budget Committee as put forward by Budget Committee member Marc Lessard of Biddeford to address homelessness in York County.

County Manager Zinser explained that he met last Tuesday with the town and city managers and explained the addition of the \$125,000 added to the budget and shared the information presented originating out of the City of Biddeford. He continued that although the consensus was this is good, they did not agree with the RFP as presented but recognized homelessness is an issue and this is an opportunity for us to come up with an RFP that is more actionable for the county as a whole.

County Manager Zinser continued that the Kennebunk Town Manager, City of Sanford Manager, Paul Schumacher of SMPDC and he will create an RFP that is more action-focused. We will then discuss with Police and Fire Chiefs in York County who are experiencing “real world” circumstances. We will then go back to the Managers and perform any additional modifications. Next, we will forward it along to the County Commissioners with a cover letter explaining our approach to this issue.

County Manager Zinser explained that he had a conversation with the County Commissioners last week and that they seemed generally supportive of this concept. They will await to see what the group comes up with. The Board is willing to keep the money in the budget.

Chair Jo-Ann Putnam asked the County Manager if anyone from Biddeford was at the meeting last week with the Commissioners?

County Manager Zinser replied that he was unable to attend the meeting.

Chair Jo-Ann Putnam asked the County Manager if he had spoken to him and he said he had not. She expressed concern that she didn't want them to go off and do their own thing.

County Manager Zinser assured her that this is a broad-based effort and that they will be involved.

Rebecca Bowley motioned to approve the minutes with one change (line 304-correct spelling of name). Lisa Pratt seconded the motion. Vote 5-0.

4. Vote to Transmit FY'2024 Budget to the Commissioners

Rebecca Bowley motioned to transmit the budget in the amount of \$23,435,504.00.

Susan Wiswell seconded the motion. Vote 5-0.

5. Other matters- None

6. Public Comment

Commissioner Clark stated that he served on the Budget Committee for a number of years representing Wells prior to becoming a County Commissioner. He told the Budget Committee that he appreciated the work that they do.

7. Adjournment

Rebecca Bowley motioned to adjourn. Susan Wiswell seconded the motion. Vote 5-0.
Meeting adjourned.