



Maine County Corrections Professional Standards Council

CCPSC Meeting Minutes Thursday June 25, 2026

1. Call to Order: Meeting was called to order at 11:02am

2. Welcome & Introduction of Guests: Council members Tim Curtis, Sheriff Dale P. Lancaster, Sheriff Eric Samson and Erica LaCroix were present. Council members Lloyd Herrick, Nathan Thayer and Steven French were absent. A quorum was met.

Also on the call were Somerset/Waldo Jail Administrator Matt Magnusson, Penobscot Sheriff Troy Morton, Jim Cohen and Sam Hamilton with Verrill/Dana, Amanda Cambell with MMA, Council Clerk Mary-Anne LaMarre and Joan Schwartz with the Two Bridges Regional Jail Authority.

Joan is new to the Two Bridges Board but has several years of experience with corrections in New Hampshire. Tim explained the purpose of the Council and introduced members.

3. Approval of the minutes of the meeting of May 28, 2026 & June 11, 2026: Motion to accept both sets of minutes as presented by Erica LaCroix, seconded by Sheriff Samson. Motion carries 4-0.

4. Old Business:

A. Update on payment of 2025 Admin Fee to MSA: Tim has heard from both Mitch Boyton and Mary-Anne LaMarre that the 2025 invoice is being processed after being held for more substantial backup documentation. Tim will ask Mary-Anne to submit the 2026 invoice in the next few weeks now that the documentation process has been clarified.

B. Rules for Financial Reporting to AG's Office: Tim mentioned that Steve French has submitted the draft of rules to the AG's Office for review and Amanda Campbell is reviewing the process of posting the rules. They hope to have the public comment process completed this summer and the rules in place by the deadline of October 2026.

5. New Business

A. Discuss Budget Initiative(s): Tim shared the spreadsheet from which the budget initiative will be created. The data shows the extra funds provided in the recent legislative session, and the drop off back to \$20M in FY27. The budget initiative asks for the baseline to be raised to \$30M in FY28 in line with the recommendations from LD2232 in its amended form.

Sheriff Morton asked about the annual increase that was proposed in the bill. Tim thanked the Sheriff for the reminder and adjusted the FY29 amount to reflect a 3.5% cost of living increase to approximately \$31M.

Sheriff Lancaster and Tony Cantillo recommended that language from LD2232 be included in the supplemental support and justification for the \$30M budget initiative.

The Council discussed creating a budget line for \$30,000 to continue having the Department reimburse the Maine Sheriff's Association for administrative services. Tony said an initiative could be added by the Department or the Council. It was the consensus of the group that the Department should create a stand-alone \$30,000 budget line for administrative costs.

Amanda Campbell asked about the money committed to reimburse Counties for costs associated with stand-alone jail audits. That process will begin during FY27 and there will not be an established cost created soon enough to justify a budget initiative. Tim suggested that the soonest a reimbursement line could be considered would be the FY28 supplemental.

B. Discuss Findings on Inmate Transportation: After the strategic planning meeting on June 11, a transcript of the discussion around Inmate Transportation was created and Tim is recommending that the Council establish a process by which findings are shared with stakeholders for feedback and publishing the findings on the CCPSC website.

Jim Cohen suggested the Council establish a work plan to include five or six topics for the year and report out to the Criminal Justice Public Safety Committee.

The draft highlighted the financial burden on counties for housing sentenced female inmates since the state only offers one day to accept females. After reviewing the draft, Tony offered that the Department would be willing to open Friday afternoons as an additional time to receive female inmates. Motion by Sheriff Lancaster to accept Tony's recommendation to have female inmates accepted on Tuesdays and Fridays, seconded by Erica LaCroix. Motion carries 4-0.

Sheriff Morton thanked Tony for the Department's flexibility.

5. Subcommittee Reports: None

6. Other Business: Sheriff Morton asked that the Council consider discussing an updated definition for Community Corrections and Inmate Funds as the nature of the population has changed considerably since these definitions were created in the 1990's.

7. Adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 11:52am.