



Maine County Corrections Professional Standards Council

CCPSC Meeting Minutes Thursday May 14, 2026

1. Call to Order: Meeting was called to order at 11:05am

2. Welcome & Introduction of Guests: Council members Steve Gordon, Steve French, Tim Curtis, Erica LaCroix and Sheriff Dale P. Lancaster were present. Sheriff Samson and Nathan Thayer were absent. Council Clerk Mary-Anne LaMarre, Androscoggin Jail Administrator Lane Feldman, Waldo Jail Administrator Matt Magnusson and Rebecca Lambert from Maine Municipal were also on the call.

3. Approval of the minutes of the meeting of April 23, 2025: Motion by Erica to accept, seconded by Steve French. Motion carries.

4. Old Business

A. Update on Jail Funding (Distribution): Tim confirmed with Mitch Boynton that once the Office of the State Controller confirmed accumulation of at least \$4M of interest in the state rainy day fund, he will have the go ahead to distribute funds. These funds were allocated to FY26 so they will need to be distributed by June 30, 2026. Once counties receive the funds they will have to consult with their auditors/accountants to determine whether to allocate the funds to the current fiscal year or to FY27. Steve French asked if that brought the total funding in FY26 to approximately \$28M. Tim said yes but it leaves FY27 at \$20M with no additional funds going forward.

5. New Business

A. Update on Rulemaking (Financial Reporting): Tim shared the draft rules that he, Amanda Campbell, Erica LaCroix and Steve French have drafted. There was discussion about how inmates that are transferred from the state are included in the count of prisoner bed days. Waldo Jail Administrator Matt Magnusson said that currently the only county to receive transfers from the state is Waldo with the 'Re-Entry Center'. Androscoggin Jail Administrator asked about inmates who are sentenced to multiple 9-month sentences and remain in County custody for more than 9 months. According to the rules those inmates are counted and funds are distributed accordingly. The Council considered taking a deeper look at sentencing to determine how often judges are sentencing inmates to county jail when by rule they should be at a state facility.

Motion by Sheriff Lancaster to accept the first draft and move the rules to the public hearing process. Seconded by Erica LaCroix. Motion carries. Tim noted that

there will be a few hundred dollars in newspaper ads for public hearing notice. Steve French has informed Deputy MDOC Commissioner Tony Cantillo about the costs.

B. Update on VINES: Mary-Anne reported that all county jails except for Cumberland, Hancock and Washington are moving forward with the victim notification program. The legislature provided \$140,000 for startup costs. The Maine Sheriff's Association (MSA) will invoice the state for the funds and distribute to the county jails.

6. Subcommittee Reports

A. Technology:

B. Financial

C. Legislative Policy: Mary-Anne reminded the group that any ideas for the next legislative session should be discussed at the annual in-person meeting on June 11th. Tim said he replied to the MSA survey with ideas that had been expressed by the Council. The group agreed that they would like to see responses that had been shared by the Sheriff's Association. Mary-Anne said she would check with the MSA and then send the information out.

Tim said he confirmed with MCCA that the conference room in Augusta is available for the Council meeting in June.

7. Other Business: Steve French mentioned that in upcoming meetings the Council should consider beginning a review of standards. He said the administrative burden on jails for recording medical physicals and inmate grievances are two examples of standards that should be looked at.

8. Adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 12:00pm