



Maine County Corrections Professional Standards Council

CCPSC Meeting Minutes September 25, 2025

1. Call to Order: Meeting was called to order at 11:03 P.M. Steve Gordon, Tim Curtis, Steve French, Amanda Campbell, Sheriff Dale P. Lancaster and Sheriff Eric Samson were present. Council Clerk LaMarre was present. Nathan Thayer sent regrets. A quorum was met.

Guests to the meeting included: Mitchell Boynton (DAFS), Sam Hamilton with Verrill Dana, Andre Cushing MCCA President, Sheriff Troy Morton, Scott Ferguson, Kennebec Administrator, Richard Gudkin with MDOC, and Morgan Womack, Portland Press Herald.

2. Approval of the minutes from the previous meeting (September 11, 2025): Motion by Tim Curtis to accept the minutes, seconded by Amanda Campbell. Commissioner Gordon asked if the Sheriffs had any clarification on the standard requiring that jails accept arrestees from any law enforcement officer since they were not in attendance at the previous meeting. Neither Sheriff had any comments. Motion carries.

3. Old Business

A. Final Draft of Supplemental Budget Request: Tim Curtis reviewed the request to add \$4M to the baseline of \$20,240,104 in FY26 and \$9.4M to FY27. Motion to approve by Sheriff Lancaster, seconded by Steve Gordon. Sheriff Lancaster confirmed that there is already a \$4M one time addition to funding for the current fiscal year. Penobscot County Sheriff, Troy Morton asked for clarification on the distribution formula. Earlier in the week, Steve French had sent out a report on jail population. Mitch Boynton confirmed that Steve's report was NOT used for jail operations fund distribution. That formula is based on county of origin data. Sheriff Morton asked for a copy of that data.

Motion carries (Steve French abstained).

Tim will forward the request to DAFS. The accompanying letter of support will be reviewed with Jill O'Brien who is the new Director of Governmental Affairs with MDOC.

B. Checklist for Counties regarding Jail Audits: Mitchell Boynton provided a checklist for counties to provide jail audits. Tim Curtis recommended some edits. Sheriff Lancaster asked for clarification on funding. At a previous meeting Anthony Cantillo had suggested that the Department could find funding to reimburse counties. Anthony was not available for today's meeting.

Tim said the audits are a statutory requirement and the Council is vetting the specific requirements from MDOC and will not recommend further action until the funding is clarified. Amanda Campbell asked why this would be considered one-time funding. Tim Curtis said to his knowledge there is no line item in the MDOC budget for jail audits, but Tony was going to try to find funds in the current budget. Moving forward, this should be included in a budget line recommendation to MDOC.

C. Recommendation from MSA regarding Community Corrections

legislation: Sheriff Samson said MSA discussed this and recommends that legislation be updated to more accurately reflect the programs that counties are currently offering. Since the statute was adopted, several standards have been created that duplicate the requirements. The Sheriff's are in agreement that the requirement tying 25% of Operations funding be removed from the statute.

Tim said that this recommendation will be included in the LD719 report to the Criminal Justice Public Safety Committee.

4. New Business

A. Report on Jails: Steve French shared a draft of the Department's Report on Jails due to CJPS by October 1. Tim Curtis and Steve Gordon will draft a report from CCPSC to include in the final report.

5. Subcommittee Reports

A. Technology: Steve French mentioned that he and Sheriff Brackett will meet on October 6 to finalize updates to JIMS/CRAS. Tim Curtis asked if training on data input could be created for county administration. There are currently three counties struggling to input data and they have asked for training.

B. Financial: Sheriff Lancaster asked about payments from MDOC to the MSA for administrative services to the Council. Mitch Boynton confirmed that two payments have been made over the past three years based on a request from the council. Mary-Anne said she sent a third request for the current fiscal year after it was approved by the Council at the June (in-person) meeting. She said she has not received payment as of yet. The Council advised that she resubmit the invoice to Commissioner Liberty and copy Mitch. This is another item that should be included as a line item in MDOC's budget at the next biennium.

C. Legislative Policy: Amanda Campbell asked that a draft of the LD719 report be on the next meeting agenda. Tim Curtis said that both he and Amanda have been invited to speak to the Legislative Task Force on Property Tax Relief Tuesday, September 30, where jail funding will be discussed.

The next meeting is scheduled for Zoom on Thursday, October 9, at 11 A.M.

Meeting adjourned at 12:05 P.M.