



## COUNTY OF HANCOCK

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### Commissioners:

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Michael Crooker  
County Administrator

Greetings from Commissioner Bill Clark, your representative of Hancock County's Commissioner District #1.

As you can see from the attached information, we are, once again, preparing for another year's county operating budget. One of the significant steps in creating our annual budget is for a group of residents within the county to meet, examine the proposed budget and make recommendations back to the Commissioners before it's enacted.

Establishing this group, consisting of 3 members from each of the county's 3 commissioner districts, requires an election at the annual county caucus of those interested in serving on this Budget Advisory Committee. Serving on this committee generally consist of attending 3 to 4 early evening meetings in October, each meeting lasting only a couple hours. Our county caucus for District #1 this year is scheduled for Tuesday, August 20<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at 1:00 P.M. in the Hancock County Commissioners' Meeting room 50 State Street, Ellsworth, Maine. At this caucus, people interested in serving are nominated and an election is conducted. Each member serves for a 3-year term. Unlike other elections, candidates need file their intention to run, find it not necessary to campaign and don't even need to attend the caucus. We will take care of all the details. All we need are those interested in participating.

This year, there is one (1) vacancy on the Budget Advisory Committee for District #1 that needs to be filled by a member of the public rather than an elected official (select persons or council people).

This is a situation where the people have the ability to get directly involved in the creation of the county budget. If you would like to serve, please contact our County Administrator, Michael Crooker, either by e-mail ([Michael.crooker@ Hancockcountymaine.gov](mailto:Michael.crooker@ Hancockcountymaine.gov)) or by calling his office at 667-9542.

Respectfully,

William F. Clark

Commissioner, District 1.

## HANCOCK COUNTY COMMISSIONERS CAUCUS WARRANT

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**TO: ALL HANCOCK COUNTY ELECTED OFFICIALS  
and THE GENERAL PUBLIC IN COMMISSIONER'S DISTRICT I**

**FROM: COMMISSIONER WILLIAM CLARK**

**SUBJECT: HANCOCK COUNTY BUDGET ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

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Pursuant to 30-A MRSA, §763 (1)(A), and 30-A MRSA §2523, No Later than 100 days before the start of a fiscal year, the county commissioners shall notify all municipal officers in the county and the public to caucus by county commissioner district(s) at a specified date, time and place for the purpose of electing a resident of the commissioner's district to serve as a member of the budget advisory committee.

**On Tuesday, August 20<sup>th</sup>, 2024, a caucus chaired by William Clark will be held at the Hancock County Commissioners' Meeting Room, 50 State Street, Ellsworth, Maine at 1:00 p.m. for the purpose of electing one (1) Representative of the Public who is a resident of the commissioner's district to serve as a member of the Budget Advisory Committee.**

### MRSA §763 (3)

The budget advisory committee shall annually select one of its members to chair the committee.

### MRSA §763 (2)

The Hancock County legislative delegation shall annually select one member of the delegation who resides in Hancock County to serve on the budget advisory committee.

The 131<sup>st</sup> Maine Legislature passed LD 893, which is an act to amend the Legislative Membership of the Hancock County Budget Advisory Committee. This bill provided that by October 1, 2023 and by October 1<sup>st</sup> of every odd-numbered year thereafter, the Hancock County Legislative Delegation must select, by majority vote, a member of the delegation to serve on the Hancock County Budget Advisory Committee for a period of two years.

### MRSA §764

The Hancock County commissioners shall hold a public hearing on the budget estimate at least 90 days before the end of the county's fiscal year and an informational meeting on the advisory committee's budget estimates at least 30 days before the end of the county's fiscal year.

### MRSA §765

The Hancock County commissioners shall submit a budget estimate to the budget advisory committee no later than 90 days before the end of the county's fiscal year for the coming year. The budget advisory committee shall review the budget estimate and make recommendations to the Commissioners at least 45 days before the end of the county's fiscal year. The county commissioners shall act on the budget no later than 15 days before the end of the county's fiscal year.

Dated: July 30, 2024

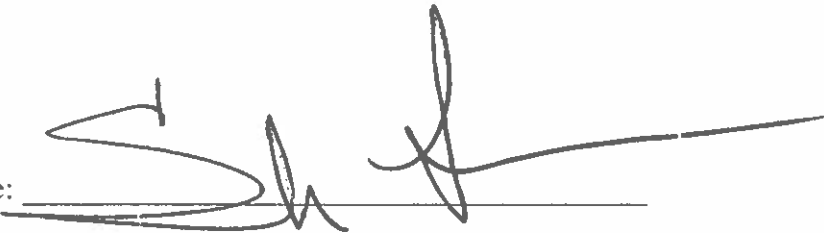
  
Michael Crooker, County Administrator

**Please post and distribute a copy of this notice to all elected officials.**

RETURN OF WARRANT

I, Sarah Levallee, municipal officer of the town/city of Blue Hill, hereby certify that I notified all voters by posting an attested copy of said Hancock County Commissioners Caucus Warrant in a conspicuous public place at least 7 days before the caucus date on August 12, 2024 @ 8:30 AM  
*(specify date & time)*

or \_\_\_\_\_  
*(indicate alternative method of notice)*

Signature: 

Printed Name: Sarah Levallee

Position: TOWN CLERK

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