



Belknap County Convention Meeting Minutes From March 15, 2010 at 6:00 PM

Chair Alida Millham called the meeting of the Belknap County Convention to order at 6:03 PM on the above date at 34 County Drive, Laconia, NH and started with the pledge of allegiance.

In Attendance: Representatives Swinford, Reeve, Miller, Johnson, Flanders, Merry, Nedeau, Pilliod, Arsenault, Millham, Russell, Boyce, St. Cyr, Wendelboe, Fields and Veazey.

Also present: Commissioner Edward Philpot, Debra Shackett, County Administrator, County Department heads, staff, outside agencies and members of the public.

Absent: Representatives Stuart and Bolster.

Moment of Silence: Chair Millham started the meeting with a moment of silence in honor of Mr. Kinney O'Rourke whom she said "spent a lot of time in this meeting room with us" and that he will be greatly missed. All paused for a moment of silence.

Sub Committee reports: Chair opened up the meeting to the Chairman of each subcommittee for their recommendations. They were as follow:

Administration, Chair Stephen Nedeau: Recommendation of \$463,361

Finance, Chair Stephen Nedeau: Recommendation of \$282,922

County Attorney, Chair Stephen Nedeau: Recommendation of \$632,025

Registry of Deeds, Chairman Stephen Nedeau: Recommendation \$502,427. The subcommittee added in \$1370 for copier payment. Only change made.

Sheriff's Department, Chair Donald Flanders: Recommendation \$1,995,305. The subcommittee removed \$1500 for dispatcher meals. Only change made.

Youth Services Bureau, Chair Donald Flanders: Recommendation \$193,274

Maintenance, Chair Stephen Nedeau: Recommendation \$1,908,179. Subcommittee added the \$147,000 for the energy grant and the \$133,465 for the roof replacement. Only changes made.

Human Services, Chair Stephen Nedeau: Recommendation \$5,035,000.

Corrections, Chair Donald Flanders: Recommendation \$2,996,391. Sub Committee removed \$304,065 for food costs. Only change made.

Administration, Chair Stephen Nedeau:

Gunstock Debt Service: Recommended \$117,420

Debt Service: Recommended \$284,297

Contingency: Recommended \$100,000

Outside agencies, Chair Laurie Boyce: Recommendation \$986,983. Sub Committee added back in \$13,000 for CAP and \$20,000 for Economic Development Council.

Nursing Home, Chair Fran Wendelboe: Recommendation \$11,281,724. Subcommittee removed \$40,000 due to the bond refunding.

Transfer to the Nursing Home: Recommended \$3,471,872. Subcommittee added the \$304,065 which was the cost of food that was deducted in Corrections and also added \$51,349 for the Medicare rate decrease.

Motion for outside agency budget processes: Rep. Johnson made the motion to recommend in terms of process a better outline to meet with outside agencies during ht budget process. There is not an even balance if the outside agencies fund request. He would like to form a subcommittee to meet and talk about what information they are suppose to get and then come back to the full delegation with a recommendations. This subcommittee would meet first, before they meet with e outside agencies to review information. This is to improve the process. They would like this subcommittee to meet and discuss before the budget process net year. Rep. Merry seconded reiterating that this would be a process improvement. All feel this is good to better the process. Unanimous. **Motion carries**. None opposed.

At 6:20 PM, Madam Chair opened the public meeting for comments.

Mr. Scott Dunn – Gilford Town Administrator discussed dispatch services. Mr. Dunn mentioned having a fee basis for all towns for services provided by the County Sheriff’s dispatch. Mr. Dunn wanted to put the idea in everyone’s head to explore changing dispatch service at the county level.

Commissioner Edward Philpot – Commissioner Philpot reiterated that the Commissioners did not support the \$13, 000 for CAP and the \$20,000 for BCEDC, and that is why they removed them. But he commented that other than those two items, everyone was on the same page. Commissioner Philpot also concurred that it would be great to define for the outside agencies, what they need to have at budget time.

Michael Pearson – Vice Chair, Belknap County Economic Development Council (BCEDC) explained the budget request BCEDC made along with some changes that the organization has been faced with into 2010. They appreciated the County offering them office space for their needs, but unfortunately, the accommodations were not desirable for what their needs are.

With no further public comments, Madam Chair closed the public hearing at 6:30 PM.

Motion to approve 2010 Belknap County Budget: M/Russell made the motion to approve the budget in the amount of \$30,251,180, S/Nedeau. Madam chair asked for any comments: Rep. Boyce commended the Commissioners, department heads, outside agency heads and staff for doing a great job. Rep. Merry spoke to the fact that the County Conversations helped the budget process also. Rep. Pilliod indicated that Gunstock may have an additional \$100,000 from revenue for the county this year. Madam chair asked for the motion. All in favor. Unanimous.

Opposed – there were none. **Motion carries.** Amount to be appropriated for the 2010 Belknap County Budgets is the \$30,251,180.

HB 1355: Rep. Wendelboe gave an update on HB 1355.

Registry of Deeds 2010 Resolution: Barbara Luther, Register of Deeds asked for the Delegation to approve the Belknap County Registry of Deeds 2010 Resolution. Ms. Luther had the original copy with her and she gave to the Chair to read aloud. M/ Nedeau, S/Merry to accept the resolution as read from the original copy. Madam Chair called for vote. All in favor. Unanimous. Opposed – there were none. **Motion carries.**

Adjourn: With no further business to discuss, M/Nedeau, S/Russell to adjourn at 6:38 PM. Unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Angela A. Bovill, Administrative Assistant

A true record Attest:

Beth Arsenault, Clerk of the County Convention