

BELKNAP COUNTY DELEGATION

SUB-COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Name of Sub-Committee: Courthouse & Administration – County Attorney

Date: 01/12/2011

Time: 9:00AM

Present at Meeting: Courthouse & Administration members, David Russell, Colette Worsman, Guy Comtois and Frank Tilton, other delegation member present Robert Malone.

Significant topics of discussion: County Attorney James Carroll gave an overview of his budget, stating that his budget is about the same, his department is very frugal and the only major change is the addition of a part-time Juvenile Prosecutor and a part-time Assistant for the Prosecutor. There was discussion on adding two part-time positions, cost of living and merit increases.

Motion was made by Colette Worsman to recommend the amount of \$671,000, removing new positions and salary increases. Motion was seconded by Guy Comtois.

Discussion followed, Rep Tilton wants to stay with \$708,000 and Rep Worsman would consider \$700,000. Rep Worsman said she would withdraw her motion of \$671,000 and Rep Comtois said he would withdraw his motion to second under protest.

Motion made by Frank Tilton to recommend the amount \$700,000. Seconded by Colette Worsman.

All in favor of Motion: Worsman and Tilton.

Oppose: Comtois and Russell.

Motion defeated.

Discussion followed, Rep Worsman going back to her motion of \$671,000, adjusting to the year to date expenditure and making adjustments for health insurance increases.

Motion made by Rep Worsman to recommend \$690,000. Seconded by Rep Comtois.

All in favor of Motion: Worsman and Comtois

Oppose: Russell and Tilton

Motion defeated.

More discussion followed, with Representatives and County Attorney concerning salary increases and the long hours his staff puts in.

Motion made by Rep Worsman to recommend \$690,000. Seconded by Rep Comtois.

All in favor of Motion: Worsman and Comtois

Oppose: Russell and Tilton

Motion defeated.

Motion was then made by Rep Tilton to recommend \$708,000. Seconded by Rep Russell.

All in favor of Motion: Tilton and Russell

Oppose: Worsman and Comtois

Motion defeated.

There was more discussion; Rep Comtois says he was elected to cut, and needs to find ways of cutting budgets. County Attorney states, he serves to make Belknap County a safe place. Rep Tilton supposes the criminal justice continues to increase.

Rep Russell asks again of all those in favor of the motion of \$708,000.

In favor of motion: Russell and Tilton

Oppose: Worsman and Comtois

Motion defeated again.

Rep Russell moves that they recess this meeting to another date, we are at a stalemate.

Representatives will recess this meeting to January 21st @ 1:00PM.

Respectfully Submitted:

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Asst Finance Officer