

Belknap County Delegation Minutes December 12, 2011

Chair Millham called the Belknap County Delegation meeting to order at 7:00 PM on the above date at 34 County Drive, Laconia, NH and started with the pledge of allegiance.

In Attendance: Reps. Fields, Russell, Millham, Swinford, Tilton, Pilliod, Worsman, Kingsbury, Accornero, Luther, Greemore, Simpson, Flanders, Malone, Bolster and Comtois.

Absent: Reps. St. Cyr and Tobin.

Also present: Commissioners, County Department Heads, the press and members of the public.

Introductions: Chair Millham started the meeting with formal introductions and then turned the meeting over to the Commissioners to present their budget at 7:05. Presentation concluded at 7:25 PM.

<u>*Questions/Answers*</u>: The Chair opened up the meeting for questions from the delegation members at 7:25 PM. Representatives had various questions of the Board of Commissioners about accounting procedures and programs within the county budget as presented. No motions were made and no actions were taken. This portion of the meeting concluded at 8:25 PM.

<u>Open public hearing</u>: The Chair opened up the public hearing at 8:25 PM. The Chair indicated that each member of the public would have 5 minutes each and that they announce their name and where they are from. They are as follows:

- 1. Kurt McGee from Sanbornton indicated that the County is over budgeting. He stated that the fund balance is incorrect and has been for a number of years, he sees a discrepancy with the fund balance and believes that the county is in the wrong.
- 2. Tom Tardif from Laconia has a five page list of various observations that he will distribute. He commented on salaries and that every employee is getting an extra raise every year in the form of healthcare. If non-union employees get a 5-6% increase, then the union could use that as a bargaining tool. In the private sector, no raises are given if they can't afford it. Mr. Tardif also disputed the fund balance designated vs. undesignated and that he sees it different than everyone else. (including surplus and contingency).
- 3. Kurt McGee from Sanbornton stated his interpretation of GASB 54 basic accounting standards.

<u>Close public hearing</u>: Madam Chair asked if there was any other public input. There was none. Madam Chair closed the public hearing at 8:40 PM.

<u>Other business</u>: The chair asked for any further business. There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was called.

Adjourn: M/Luther, S/Russell to adjourn at 8:48 PM. Unanimous. Motion carries.

Respectfully submitted,

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