



Belknap County Delegation Minutes March 12, 2012

Chair Millham called the Belknap County Delegation meeting to order at 4:00 PM on the above date at 34 County Drive, Laconia, NH.

Conference per RSA 91-A: 2, I, (a). at 4:02 PM, Chair Millham announced that prior to beginning their meeting, they will hold a non-public conference pursuant to RSA 91-A: 2, I, (a).

At 5:30 PM the public meeting was convened.

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

Absent: Reps. Simpson and Malone.

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

Sub Committee Recommendations: The Chair of each subcommittee reported to the full delegation the recommendations that were approved at their respective work sessions.

Public Safety: Chair Swinford reported that after review and discussion on the **Dept. Of Corrections budget**, members voted unanimously to recommend the \$3,122,654.08 pending any further action taken by the delegation relative to wages and benefits. Chair Swinford reported that after review of the **Sheriff's Dept. budget**, the committee voted unanimously to recommend the \$2,107,693 pending any further action taken by the delegation relative to wages and benefits. For the **County Attorney budget**, first item noted that the revenue number would have to be reviewed and possibly revised (\$30,000 in the form of a grant). Atty. Guldbrandsen requested additional staff be added to the Commissioners recommendation. (\$49,000 for an asst. attorney) The subcommittee agreed and voted to recommend \$753,118 pending any further action taken by the delegation relative to wages and benefits. Lastly, Chair Swinford reported that for the **Youth Services budget**, the committee voted unanimously to recommend \$192,517 pending any further action taken by the delegation relative to wages and benefits.

Nursing Home: Chair Flanders reported that after extensive review the only change the subcommittee made to the Nursing Home budget was to reduce \$20,000 from the hairdressing dept. budget. They approved the balance of the Nursing Home budget pending a review of wages and benefits by the delegation. Rep. Worsman identified several areas she would like to see reduced.

Deeds and Maintenance: Chair Russell reported that in the **Deeds budget**, the committee voted unanimously to restore \$26,200 back into the Deeds budget for a part time office clerk and micro-filming. Chair Russell reported that the subcommittee voted unanimously to recommend the **Maintenance budget** as presented, no changes.

Outside agencies: Chair Bolster reported that for **Community Action Program** the committee unanimously voted to recommend \$115,905. For the **Conservation District**, the committee unanimously voted to recommend \$97,304. For the **Cooperative Extension**, the committee unanimously recommends \$162,818. The Committee unanimously voted to recommend \$34,200 for **Genesis**. Lastly, Chair Bolster reported that the committee unanimously voted to recommend \$75,000 for **Economic Development Council**. Rep. Worsman would like to fund outside agencies at the 2011 level and eliminate BCEDC (Economic Development).

Capital Projects: Chair Tilton reported this committee discussed various capital project items along with stimulus funded projects and the chart of accounts for the county. The committee agreed to recommend a listing of new equipment and capital projects be attached to the budget report.

Approval of minutes: There was a set of minutes that dated back last to March 31, 2011 that were revised by Rep. Worsman along with the original version of the 3/31/11 minutes. Chair Millham wanted to make it clear that meeting minutes are not verbatim nor should they be narrated for anything other than typo's etc. That being said, M/Swinford, S/Bolster to approve the highlighted revised minutes by Rep Worsman 3/31/11 minutes of the delegation. Unanimous. **Motion carries.**

Adjourn: M/Swinford, S/Russell to adjourn at 6:48 PM. Unanimous. **Motion carries.**

Respectfully Submitted,

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