



Belknap County Delegation Minutes
March 20, 2012 at 7:00 PM

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. St. Cyr, Millham, Russell, Tilton, Luther, Swinford, Pilliod, Comtois, Fields, Bolster, Malone, Worsman, Tobin, Accornero, Greemore, Simpson, Flanders and Kingsbury.

Also present: Commissioners, County Administrator, Department Heads, Outside Agencies and the public.

Approval of Minutes: M/Swinford, S/Luther to accept the minutes of the Administration, Nursing Home, Deeds & Maintenance, Public Safety, Outside Agencies and Capital projects sub committees. All in favor. Unanimous. **Motion carries.**

Chair Millham then turned the meeting over to the County Commissioners and they opened their meeting at 7:04 PM. Commissioners announced that the three Collective Bargaining Agreements (CBA's) have been ratified by the SEA, union employees and the Commissioners. Administrator Shackett presented the cost items to the delegation. Ms. Shackett reviewed a handout which defined the costs and budgetary impact of each contract.

Declaratory Judgment: Chair Millham briefed the delegation that relative to the petition for declaratory judgment and injunctive relief filed by Mr. Tardif, the judge ruled it DISMISSED.

Public Hearing: At 7:24 PM, Chair Millham opened the public hearing and reviewed the ground rules. Chair Millham then asked for public input, questions, etc. There was no public comment or input. Chair asked again. The Public Hearing was closed at 7:26 PM.

2012 Budget: Chair announced that the delegation will vote by department. M/Bolster to proceed to act on budget with reduction for salaries and benefits and then agree to come back to vote to approve the MS-42 lines; S/Swinford. After discussion, **Rep. Bolster withdrew his motion.**

M/Swinford, S/Bolster to accept the Commissioners budget with savings at the bottom line that they have an agreement with the SEA and employees and if all agree (delegation) to move forward, if not, then the agreement is null and void. After discussions, **Rep. Swinford withdrew her motion.**

Approve costs items for the CBA's: M/Greemore, S/Swinford to approve the cost items in all three collective bargaining contracts, then the MS-42 will show the line by line savings in the approved budget. Rep. Accornero clarified that they will vote to approve the contract then move on to approve the budget. Roll call vote: 13 – Y (Accornero, Bolster, Fields, Flanders, Greemore, Luther, Millham, Pilliod, Russell, St. Cyr, Swinford, Tilton, Tobin), 5 – N (Comtois, Kingsbury, Malone, Simpson, Worsman). **Motion carries.**

Administration budget: M/Worsman, S/Kingsbury to reduce the County Administrator's salary to the same level as the county attorney, currently \$89,164. 7 – Y, 11 - N. Defeated. **Motion fails.** M/Worsman, S/Kingsbury to eliminate sick pay bonus, longevity pay, overtime, and to reduce the meeting and training and supplies line items in the administration budget. 6 –Y, 12 – N. Defeated. **Motion fails.** M/Fields, S/Russell to accept the sub committees recommendation of the \$545,889.16 as adjusted by the contract reduction amount. 10 –Y, 8 – N. **Motion carries.**

Finance Budget: M/Russell, S/Bolster to approve the subcommittee's recommendation of \$307,454 as adjusted by the contract reduction amount. 11 – Y, 7 –N. **Motion carries.**

County Attorney Budget: M/Bolster, S/Fields to approve the subcommittees recommendation of \$753,118 as adjusted by the contract reduction amount. 18 –Y. None opposed. **Motion carries.**

Deeds Budget: M/Russell, S/Accornero to approve the subcommittee recommendation of \$460,599 as adjusted by the contract reduction amount. Y – 18. None opposed. **Motion carries.**

Sheriff's Dept. Budget: M/Swinford, S/Fields to approve the \$2,107,693 sub-committee recommendation as adjusted by the contract reduction amount. 17 - Y (Rep. Bolster left the room). None opposed. **Motion carries.**

Youth Services Budget: M/Fields, S/Swinford to approve the sub committees recommendation of \$192,517 as adjusted by the contract reduction amount. 17 – Y. (Rep Bolster left room). None opposed. **Motion carries.**

Information Technology budget (IT): M/Russell, S/Flanders to approve the sub committees recommendation of \$91,181.23. 18 – Y. None opposed. **Motion carries.**

Maintenance Budget: M/Swinford, S/Fields to approve the sub committees recommendation of \$1,348,627.20 as adjusted by the contract reduction amount. 18 – Y. None opposed. **Motion carries.**

Human Services budget: M/Swinford, S/Russell to approve the sub committee's recommendation of \$5,571,064.00. 18 – Y. None opposed. **Motion carries.**

Department of Corrections budget: M/Fields, S/Luther to approve the sub committees recommendation of \$3,122,654.08 as adjusted by the contract reduction amount. 18 – Y. None opposed. **Motion carries.**

Outside Agencies budgets: M/Bolster, S/Luther to approve the subcommittee's recommendation of \$1,018,690 for discussion. Rep. Worsman made a motion to amend the amount to \$1,013,795, S/Greemore. 4 - Y, 14 - N. **Defeated. Motion fails.** Back to original motion to approve \$1,018,690. 15 - Y, 3 - N. **Motion carries.**

Appropriation to Nursing Home: M/Fields, S/Bolster to approve the Nursing Home transfer in the amount of \$3,903,414.96. 18 - Y. None opposed. **Motion carries.**

Debt & Interest: M/Tilton, S/Flanders to approve the sub committee's recommendation of \$253,473. 18 - Y. None opposed. **Motion carries.**

Contingency: M/Fields, S/Russell to approve the sub committee's recommendation on \$100,000. 18 - Y. None opposed. **Motion carries.**

Nursing Home Budget: M/Russell to approve the subcommittees' recommendation for the total Nursing Home budget of \$11,319,276.96. 18 - Y. None opposed. **Motion carries.**

Vote to approve the 2012 Budget: M/Bolster, S/Fields to approve the County Budget for \$30,732,000.78 with the amount to be raised by taxes of \$13,883,149.76. 12 - Y, 6 - N. **Motion carries.**

Line items transfers: M/Kingsbury, S/Worsman to adjust the amount that the commissioners are allowed to transfer from line item to line item to \$5,000 and that it requires the full delegations approval. 7 - Y, 11 - N. **Defeated. Motion fails.**

Acknowledgements: Chair Millham wanted to acknowledge the hard work of Belknap County Commissioners, Management, union members, employees for all the hard work that went into the budget, contracts, etc. Representatives also acknowledged that hard work of Chair Millham in guiding them through the budget process. Well done!

Adjourn: M/Luther, S/Flanders to adjourn at 9:20 PM. Unanimous. **Motion carries.**

Respectfully submitted,

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