



## **Delegation Meeting Minutes** **February 4, 2013 at 5:00 PM**

Chairman Worsman called the Belknap County Delegation meeting to order at 5:06 PM on the above date at 34 County Drive, Laconia, NH and started with the pledge of allegiance.

In Attendance: Reps. Burchell, Comtois, Cormier, DiMartino, Fields, Fink, Flanders, Greemore, Gulick, Holmes, Huot, Raymond, Sylvia, Tilton, Vadney, Worsman, Arsenault and Luther.

Also present: Commissioners Philpot, Nedeau, Thomas (via conference call), Treasurer Michael Muzzey and County Administrator Shackett.

**TAN (tax anticipation notes) request:** Chair Worsman informed the delegation that there was a request from the Commissioners to accept the request from the County treasurer to borrow up to \$10 million in anticipation in taxes. This was approved at the Executive Committee meeting. Chair Worsman asked Treasurer Michael Muzzey to speak to this request and answer questions. Chair Worsman indicated that this was not on the agenda, but it has been approved by the Executive Committee and wanted the whole Delegation informed.

**Approval of minutes:** M/Flanders, S/Vadney to approve the 12/10/12 minutes with name spelling corrections for Huot and Worsman. 17- Y, 1 – abstained due to absence (Rep. Arsenault). Approved. **Motion carried.** Chair Worsman submitted the ballots from this meeting for the record. M/Greemore, S/Vadney to approve the 12/21/12 Executive committee minutes. 6 – Y, 1 –abstained due to absence (Rep. Tilton) Approved. **Motion carried.** M/Vadney, S/Raymond to approve the 01/11/13 Public Safety subcommittee minutes. Unanimous. **Motion carried.** M/Vadney, S/Sylvia to approve the 1/18/13 subcommittee minutes. Chair Worsman asked to amend the 4<sup>th</sup> line in the 1<sup>st</sup> paragraph to include retirement. Unanimous. **Motion carried.** (Chair Worsman excused Rep. Vadney at 5:20 PM for the record) M/Tilton to approve the 01/13/13 Deeds & Maintenance @ 10:22 AM subcommittee minutes with the addition of “The Administrator said” at the beginning of the last sentence in paragraph 2. S/ Greemore. Unanimous. **Motion carried.** M/Gulick, S/Greemore to approve the Deeds & Maintenance @ 12:40 PM subcommittee meeting minutes. Unanimous. **Motion carried.** M/Gulick, S/Greemore to approve the Deeds and Maintenance 1/18/13 10:00 AM subcommittee minutes. Unanimous. **Motion carried.** M/Arsenault, S/Cormier to approve the 1/11/13 Outside Agencies subcommittee minutes. Unanimous. **Motion carried.** M/Sylvia to amend where it says “he would not be claiming any mileage” and add to that “or meeting fee reimbursement”. Rep. Huot said that is statutorily. Committee asked Administrator Shackett to research. S/ Luther as amended. Unanimous. **Motion carried.** M/Fink, S/Flanders to approve the 1/14/13 Nursing Home subcommittee meeting minutes. Unanimous. **Motion carried.** M/Huot,

S/Raymond to approve the 1/21/13 meeting minutes. Rep. Worsman asked that in every motion, wording be changed from “majority rules” to “approved”. On page 3, paragraph II insert wording that “Rep. Tilton suggested splitting the vote”. Also in that same paragraph, change “many” representatives to “some” representatives. M/Tilton, S/Greemore. Unanimous. **Motion carried.**

**Commissioners recommended reductions:** The Commissioners presented the requested budget reductions. This listing represents the effort put forth by the Commissioners to comply with the request of the delegation to reduce the budget by \$1.3 million. Rep. Greemore asked about the possible grant money for the sheriff’s department. Rep. Comtois asked about the tower on Belknap on behalf of Barnstead. Sgt. Wright reported that they are still waiting on State Police. Rep. Gulick verified that there were no reductions in outside agencies.

**Public input:** Chair Worsman asked for public input at 6:13 PM. Mr. Raymond Howard of Alton, Mr. Kurt McGee of Sanbornton, Ms. Melissa Guldbrandsen of Alton, Mr. Hunter Taylor of Alton, Ms. Paula Trombley of Meredith, Ms. Barbara Howard of Alton, Mr. Glen Worsman of Meredith, Mr. Tim Lang of Sanbornton, Ms. Charlene Houle of Gilmanton, Mr. Rick Demark of Meredith, Ms. Barbara Comtois all asked questions and spoke to the budget. Chair Worsman concluded public input at 6:40 PM.

**Feedback:** The Commissioners asked when they could expect to get feedback from the Delegation on their recommendations. Rep. Tilton said that they needed time to digest. Rep. Worsman asked where the accounts with their account numbers to match these reductions are. Administrator Shackett clarified that there are many many lines throughout the budget with the costs associated with wages. Rep. Gulick stated that the delegation seems to be changing the rules. The Commissioners did what they were requested to do, cut \$1.3 million and this is crazy. Rep. Comtois said that they were not supposed to use additional fund balance or touch the outside agencies. Rep. Raymond asked about the three union contracts and the sunset clause for wages associated with the contracts. Chair Worsman stated that the delegation has nothing to do with the contracts. Rep. Huot wanted to state for the record that the delegation does have something to do with the unions and that if they get hit with an unfair labor practice over this he wants the record to show that he made this statement. Administrator Shackett asked again when the Commissioners can expect to hear feedback. Rep. Worsman stated that she would not consider the information without account numbers being assigned.

**Future meetings:** Chair Worsman announced that the following meetings will be scheduled as budget work sessions: Tuesday, February 19<sup>th</sup> at 5 PM, Monday, February 25<sup>th</sup> at 5 PM and Monday, March 4<sup>th</sup>, at 5 PM. At the 2/19/13 meeting, the delegation will give the Commissioners their input on the budget.

**Adjourn:** With no further business to come before the delegation, M/Huot, S/Comtois to adjourn at 7:30 PM. Unanimous. **Motion carried.**

Respectfully submitted,

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Angela A. Bovill, Administrative Assistant

A true record Attest:

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Dennis H. Fields, Clerk of the County Convention