



Delegation Meeting Minutes May 27, 2014

Chair Worsman called the Belknap County Delegation meeting to order at 5:00 PM on the above date at 34 County Drive, Laconia, NH and recited the pledge of allegiance.

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

Absent: Representative Arsenault.

Approval of minutes: Rep. Tilton asked to postpone the approval of the 04/28/14 Executive Committee minutes because he has changes that he would like to make. There was no objection. M/Vadney, S/Comtois to accept the 04/28/14 Full Delegation meeting minutes as written with one small change to the last name "Craycraft" on pg. 2 per Rep. Worsman. Unanimously accepted. **Motion passes.**

Public input: At 5:05 pm, Chair Worsman opened the meeting for public comments, concerns, input regarding the County Jail. Roger Gray of Sanbornton, Hunter Taylor of Alton, Dave Devoy of Sanbornton, Peter Mulcahy of Gilmanton and George Hurt of Gilford all gave input regarding the jail. Representatives then had discussion on the jail. Hunter Taylor outlined a jail in progress in Wilkes County North Carolina which will house 256 prisoners at a guaranteed cost of less than eleven million dollars. George Hurt stated that he had participated in the last jail upgrade which took place in the late 1980s and did not think that the work done was substandard. In response to a question from Peter Mulcahy, Superintendent Ward stated that a new jail should be 80,000 square feet. Chair Worsman raised the possibility of outsourcing prisoners as a cost-effective means of dealing with jail issues. Rep. Burchell and Superintendent Ward discussed the existence and adequacy of a study of all components of the criminal justice system in the county, which study was recommended in the Bennett report. No action was taken.

Presentation/Public Hearing/Vote: Chair Worsman then announced that the Commissioners have requested that the Delegation hold a meeting in order for the Jail Planning Committee to give a presentation and request a bond. The meeting will be on June 9, 2014 at 6:00 pm. Rep. Huot announced he would be absent.

Adjourn: With no further business to discuss, M/Comtois, S/Huot to adjourn at 6:30 pm. Unanimous. **Motion passes.**

Respectfully submitted,

Rep. Richard Burchell, Clerk