



**DRAFT ~ Executive Committee Meeting Minutes**  
**December 1, 2014**

Chair Tilton called the Belknap County Delegation meeting to order at 5:30 PM on the above date at 34 County Drive, Laconia, NH.

In Attendance: Representatives Burchell, Comtois, Flanders, Greemore, Huot, Raymond, Tilton, Vadney and Worsman.

**Minutes:** There were three sets of DRAFT minutes for approval. 10/27/14 EC, 11/17/14, EC and 11/17/14 full Delegation. Chair Tilton wanted to delay approving to provide committee an opportunity to review.

**Transfer requests:** Chair Tilton reported that transfer #2014-25 which was approved by the Executive Committee contingent upon Commissioners approval at their 11/17/14 meeting has been signed by the Commissioners.

**Transfer 2014-26:** M/Worsman, S/ Huot to approve the transfer request of \$5,000 from 4211-51220 to 4211-56600 in the Sheriff's Dept. Budget for vehicle maintenance expenses. Unanimous. **Motion passes.**

**Transfer 2014-27:** Rep. Worsman said that money was transferred to the Delegation legal line to pay Upton and Hatfield, the Personnel Committees lawyer for the Nursing Home Administrator Termination issue and asked why it is not paid. It was her opinion that the Commissioners took their legal money to pay their attorney instead. Administrator Shackett stated that the oldest bills were paid first, the county is trying to keep current and that they pay the oldest bills first. The county has various legal and personnel matters ongoing, not just the legal bills for the termination. Rep. Tilton said there is a budget for legal services for the Commissioners and questioned why they used the delegations legal money. Administrator Shackett stated that the Commissioners are responsible for paying all legal bills in the County; these are legal obligations that need to get paid. M/Worsman based on the fact the Commissioners are choosing who and when the legal bills are paid moves to deny the request. S/Comtois for discussion. Rep. Burchell stated that this problem/lawsuit will go away in January. Rep. Raymond is concerned about the county's credit rating if the bills do not get paid and how that would affect financing a new jail. It is cheaper to pay the legal bills. Rep. Huot is opposed to the motion. The fact that the Executive committee does not like that the Commissioners disagree with the Judge's ruling (temporary injunction) is one thing, but the Commissioners have authorization under state laws how to manage the county. We should grant them the authority. There was lengthy discussion. Chair called for the vote. 6-Y (Burchell, Comtois, Greemore, Tilton, Vadney and Worsman). 3-N (Huot, Raymond and Flanders). **Motion passes.** Transfer is denied.

**Transfer 2014 as they need to pay the bills-28:** The request is to transfer \$64,000 to fund the fourth quarter bed tax in the Nursing Home budget. M/Huot, S/Worsman to approve the transfer of \$64,000 from the various lines listed on the request. Rep. Worsman stated for the record that the number the Convention appropriated was what the Commissioners recommended for that line. Unanimous. **Motion passes.**

**Transfer 2014-29:** The request is for \$800 from 4150-52230 to 4150-53400 in the Finance budget to cover bank fees M/Worsman, S/Comtois to approve the \$800 request. Unanimous. **Motion passes.**

**Transfer 2014-30:** The request is for \$4,400 from 4123-51100 to 4123-53500 in the county Attorney budget to cover the Medical Examiners costs. M/Greemore, S/Huot to approve. Unanimous. **Motion passes.**

**Transfer 2014-31:** The request is for \$1,500 from 4211-57600 to 4211-56600 in the Sheriff's Dept to cover vehicle maintenance costs. M/Comtois, S/Greemore to approve. Unanimous. **Motion carries.**

**Transfer 2014-32:** The request is for \$2,400 from 4193-51200 to 4193 51100 in the Deeds budget to replace the deputy register position. The Deputy was just elected as the register and will take office in January. Rep. Burchell said for the record that he was against this as the 2015 is going to be a difficult budget. Personnel will be looked at in all departments and analyzed; therefore he does not support this request. M/Huot, S/Raymond to approve the request. Rep. Worsman concurred with Rep Burchell not to be hiring for full time positions as echoed by Rep. Tilton. Commissioner Nedeau reminded the committee that this is not a new position/hire. Chair called for the vote: 3-Y (Huot, Raymond and Flanders), 6-N (Burchell, Comtois, Greemore, Tilton, Vadney and Worsman). **Motion fails.** Transfer is denied.

Rep. Worsman stated her opinion that the credit used on the health insurance bill was incorrect and that the Administrator did not have authorization to spend the money. In her opinion, the \$159,000 should have gone into the fund balance. Administrator Shackett said that she thought that the Commissioners did exactly what the Auditors instructed them to do in handling this transaction. Rep. Worsman stated in her opinion that the account was overspent by \$174,000 and those individuals who expended this line item should be held accountable.

**Adjourn:** With no further business, M/Comtois, S/Huot to adjourn at 7:40 pm. Unanimous. **Motion passes.**

Respectfully submitted,

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