



Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
May 9, 2016 at 5:30 pm

In Attendance: Representatives Flanders, Gallagher, Howard, Spanos, Tilton and Vadney.

Absent: Representative Hurt and Sylvia.

Minutes 03/07/16: M/Howard, S/Gallagher to approve the minutes of 03/07/16. Unanimous.
Motion passed.

Transfer Request 2015.06: County Administrator Debra Shackett stated the request is to transfer from potential grants to new equipment. She stated that \$350,000.00 was appropriated in the budget for grants. Commissioner DeVoy stated he was not sure that a transfer is the right way to go. Rep. Gallagher stated he remembered talking about the grant and budgeting for it. He stated that the grantor normally prepares an estimated budget and asked if there was anything like that. Commissioner DeVoy stated there was. County Administrator Shackett stated the County is a sub-recipient through the City of Laconia. Sheriff Wiggin stated we will be reimbursed from the city once the new equipment is purchased. Rep. Howard stated he didn't realize the Sheriff's had radar. He asked if we are paying officers to sit in areas with their radar. Sheriff Wiggin stated it is part of their duties to enforce motor vehicles laws. Rep. Vadney asked how many traffic violations have been recorded. Sheriff Wiggin stated he didn't have the exact number but it is in the hundreds. Rep. Tilton stated the form is saying 2015 but should be 2016. County Administrator Shackett stated that was correct. Rep. Gallagher asked if as grants materialize they will be tracked by department. County Administrator Shackett stated they would be. Rep. Howard asked if we should receive the grant money first. Sheriff Wiggin stated we have to buy the equipment first then be reimbursed by the City of Laconia. Rep. Tilton stated it would be cleaner to make the transfer. Commissioner DeVoy stated he was ok with a transfer. Rep. Gallagher stated he agreed it would be cleaner to track through a transfer. County Administrator Shackett stated the money being reimbursed will go back to the revenue account in the Sheriff's budget.

Rep. Tilton asked if there was any public comment. Tom Tardiff, Laconia, stated there can't be a second contingency for grant money. He stated the memo of understanding was not signed by a notary and the Sheriff and Commissioners do not have taxing authority. Mr. Tardiff stated there was a grant in 2013 for the Sheriff's department to buy radar units. He stated the Executive Committee can establish a policy on grants. Rep. Gallagher stated the Delegation had approved

revenue and expense for grants in the 2016 budget. Mr. Tardiff stated he doesn't agree with the way it is being done.

Rep. Vadney asked where the grant originated from. Sheriff Wiggin stated it is a federal grant, 2015 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG). He stated the grant in 2013 fell through and the department never purchased the radar equipment. Sheriff Wiggin stated we are in complete federal guidelines. Rep. Vadney stated in his perfect world there would not be any grants. Rep. Tilton stated this was addressed in the 2016 budget. Rep. Spanos stated he believed it should be passed tonight. Rep. Gallagher asked when the money needs to be spent by. Sheriff Wiggin stated September 2016. Rep. Spanos asked the Sheriff if the arrival of the equipment is better timing now than later. Sheriff Wiggin said absolutely. Commissioner DeVoy stated the transfer should go through but to change the amount to \$3000.00. M/ Gallagher, S/Spanos to transfer \$3000.00 from 01400.56680 to 014211.56680. Unanimous. **Motion passed.**

2017-2018 Compensation for County Elected Officials: Rep. Vadney stated the committee needs to set compensation for elected officials prior to June 1st. He stated the question is whether to modify the amounts. Rep. Gallagher asked Commissioner DeVoy if there are any recommendations. Commissioner DeVoy stated the board had not discussed it. Rep. Tilton stated the Executive Committee needs to bring the recommendations to the Delegation tonight to be voted on. Rep. Vadney stated the salary sheet they had were for the current biennium. Rep. Gallagher stated the filling period for public officials is June 1-10. Rep. Howard asked what the compensations are. Rep. Tilton stated the biggest one is health insurance. Commissioner DeVoy stated only fulltime elected officials receive benefits. Rep. Vadney stated they all take health insurance and receive NH Retirement. He stated it would be adding \$15,000.00 for health insurance. County Administrator Shackett stated it is \$20,000.00 for a family and \$8,000.00 for single plans. Rep. Howard asked if they make any contributions to the insurance. Commissioner DeVoy stated they did not and that they are on the high deductible plan. Rep. Howard asked how many hours the Treasurer works. County Administrator Shackett stated he is required to be here once a week and reviews all bank reconciliations monthly. Rep. Vadney stated the Treasurers pay is justified. Rep. Gallagher stated he would like to have time to review the information they received tonight. Rep. Vadney stated he is hesitant to table due to the timing of when it needs to be completed. He asked if anyone sees any salaries that should be increased or decreased. Rep. Gallagher stated he believes the responsibility of the Treasurer is to be larger and warrants an increase. Rep. Vadney asked the Commissioners if anyone would quit without a raise. Commissioner DeVoy stated he wouldn't quit. He stated his recommendation is to leave all salaries the same. Commissioner Taylor stated he would raise the Treasurer to \$4500.00. Rep. Spanos stated he concurs with Commissioner Taylor. He asked why the Registrar of Deeds is so high. Rep. Tilton stated the County had been generous with those that had longevity. M/Spanos, S/Tilton to level fund all positions. Unanimous. **Motion passed.**

Mr. Tardiff stated he never opposed any grants he challenged the process. Rep. Vadney stated they need to take a serious look at grants.

Adjourn: The meeting adjourned at 6:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Brian Gallagher". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Brian Gallagher

Clerk, Executive Committee

