



Delegation Meeting Minutes August 8, 2017 at 7:00 pm

Chair Vadney called the Belknap County Delegation meeting to order at 7:03 pm on the above date at 34 County Drive, Laconia, NH. Representative Aldrich led the pledge of allegiance.

In Attendance: Representatives Abear, Aldrich, Comtois, Fields, Flanders, Howard, Huot, Lang (via phone), Plumer, Silber, Spanos, Sylvia, Vadney and Varney.

Absent: Representative Fraser and Maloney.

Minutes: M/Silber, S/Huot to approve the minutes of 7/11/17. Unanimous. **Motion passed.**
M/Silber, S/Huot to approve the minutes of 6/27/17. Unanimous. **Motion passed.**

Supplemental Appropriation: Commissioner DeVoy reviewed the original and revised supplemental request. He stated the Sheriff had cut his request and the Corrections Department hired staff later than anticipated.

Sheriff Mike Moyer stated his request changed a lot. He stated he cut two permanent part-time Deputies. Sheriff Moyer stated he also has an open dispatcher position that he is not filling.

Rep Sylvia asked if they are considering proposals one at a time. Rep Vadney stated they would have three separate votes at the end.

Rep Vadney stated they would review the eldercare request next. Commissioner DeVoy stated this is a requirement from the state that the County pay this bill. He stated the bill had increased. Commissioner Waring explained the process for recording the expense and credit in the budget. Rep Sylvia stated for the first six months of this year we have been paying last year's rates. Commissioner Waring stated that was correct. He stated the State of NH sets the bills based on their fiscal year which begins in July.

Commissioner DeVoy stated the process for the Community Corrections facility is two months behind schedule. He stated they will be shipping out some inmates to move forward. Superintendent Keith Gray reviewed his original request and the revised request. He stated change is due to hiring later than anticipated and different health plans chosen by the new employees.

Superintendent Gray stated he would be moving eight inmates later in the week to Carroll County. Rep Spanos asked if the cost was known for the actual move to Carroll County. Superintendent Gray stated Carroll County has agreed to come down and pick up the inmates.

He stated transportation of the inmates after that will be the responsibility of the Sheriff's Department. Rep Sylvia asked about the new video visitation contract that was signed. Superintendent Gray stated that was part of the project and would help eliminate contraband problems. Rep Sylvia asked if the inmates are charged for the visitation. Commissioner DeVoy stated the person initiating the visitation would pay the fee.

Rep Silber asked if there were expected to be some unspent funds from the project to use for the roof. Commissioner DeVoy stated they were two months behind schedule and will know in early fall if the project will be under budget.

Rep Howard asked if the video visitation would be monitored. Superintendent Gray stated it would be recorded. He stated they could refer back to the recordings for investigative purposes. Rep Vadney asked if the system had word recognition. Superintendent Gray stated he was not sure.

Rep Vadney asked if there was any public comment.

Joe Haas, Gilmanston stated his concern is that the Delegation was not complete. The RSA says the Delegation makes the vote not a partial Delegation. Rep Vadney stated they have a quorum present. Mr. Haas asked how the meeting was noticed. Commissioner Waring stated it was sent out to all boards of selectmen. Selectman Grenier from Gilford stated they had received the notice.

County Attorney Andrew Livernois stated he is very supportive of the supplemental appropriation. He stated it is important to open new facility.

Rep Silber stated the Sheriff should be commended for taking a sharp pencil to his department budget.

Rep Sylvia reviewed the spending amounts since 2011 and stated he would vote against all requests. He spoke of the legal lines in the budget being over spent. Rep Huot asked for point of order.

Rep Silber asked if we could legally get out of paying the DHHS bill \$135,000. Rep Vadney stated they could not.

Rep Fields commended everyone for doing good job. Rep Sylvia renewed his stand that they have appropriated ample funds to run the County and will vote no. Rep Spanos stated he would be supporting the appropriation. He stated a few years ago there were a lot of numbers thrown around to build the new jail and the one built is state of the art and done for the sum of approximately \$8million. Rep Silber spoke about legal bills he received per a 91-a request. He stated he thought the spending was out of control and will be voting no. Rep Huot spoke about the meetings in 2013 & 2104 that started the process for the new jail. Rep Varney asked if the \$95,000 was just payroll. Commissioner DeVoy stated it was payroll and health insurance. Rep Vadney asked how many more will need to be hired. Commissioner DeVoy stated this was it.

M/Silber, S/Fields to approve the Sheriff request of \$26,000 and to take it from the fund balance.

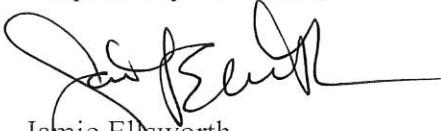
Discussion: Rep Abear stated before we allocate money from the unused fund balance, if we are to take the monies for the supplemental request from the fund balance will it create a cash problem. Commissioner Waring stated it will create a \$2.2 million problem. Rep Vadney asked how it will affect the set aside money for the roof. Commissioner DeVoy stated it will not affect that money. Commissioner Waring stated that money had not been borrowed. Rep Abear called roll: Abear-Y, Aldrich-Y, Comtois-Y, Fields-Y, Flanders-Y, Howard-Y, Huot-Y, Lang (via phone)-Y, Plumer-Y, Silber-Y, Spanos-Y, Sylvia-N, Vadney-Y and Varney-Y. 13-1 **Motion passed.**

M/Fields, S/Huot to approve the Elder-Care State Pass through request of \$135,852 and to take the money from the fund balance. Rep Abear called roll: Abear-Y, Aldrich-Y, Comtois-Y, Fields-Y, Flanders-Y, Howard-N, Huot-Y, Lang (via phone)-Y, Plumer-Y, Silber-N, Spanos-Y, Sylvia-N, Vadney-Y and Varney-Y. 11-3 **Motion passed.**

M/Fields, S/Huot to approve the Department of Corrections request of \$95,000 and to take the monies from the fund balance. Rep Abear called roll: Abear-Y, Aldrich-N, Comtois-N, Fields-Y, Flanders-Y, Howard-N, Huot-Y, Lang (via phone)-Y, Plumer-Y, Silber-N, Spanos-Y, Sylvia-N, Vadney-Y and Varney-Y. 9-5 **Motion passed.**

Adjourn: M/Huot, S/Plummer to adjourn at 8:31 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



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