



Delegation Meeting Minutes January 22, 2018 at 7:00 pm

Chair Vadney called the Belknap County Delegation meeting to order at 7:00 pm on the above date at 34 County Drive, Laconia, NH. Representative Lang led the pledge of allegiance.

In Attendance: Representatives Abear, Aldrich, Comtois, Fields, Fraser, Howard, Huot, Lang, Plumer, Spanos (@7:20pm), St. Clair (@7:25pm), Sylvia (@7:34pm), Tilton (@ 7:20pm), Vadney and Varney.

Absent: Representative Silber.

Rep Vadney recessed the meeting for 15 minutes at 7:10pm due to Rep. Spanos, Tilton, Huot and St. Clair being at the Laconia City Council meeting.

Rep Vadney reconvened the meeting at 7:25pm.

Minutes: M/Lang, S/Fields to approve all minutes. Unanimous. **Motion passed.**

2018 Budget:

Revenue-County Administrator Shackett handed out a budget sheet to show expenditures and revenues for 2017 as of today. Rep Lang stated the Nursing Home revenue was down in 2017. Commissioner Waring stated the expense report is opposite that the accounting system reports over revenue as a negative.

Commissioner DeVoy stated when the budget was put together the year wasn't done and they did their best guess. Rep Howard asked if the projection of \$11 million included the Town/City taxes collected. County Administrator Shackett stated the amounts for 2017 were in there. Rep Lang stated the revenue should be increased to match the amount received in 2017. Rep Comtois asked what the actual amount written off was. Commissioner DeVoy stated everything 2014 and back was written off. He stated the previous Boards had accumulated bad debt and never wrote anything off. Rep Spanos stated it is highly unlikely that anything over 12 months would be collected. Nursing Home Administrator Richardson stated it depends on the bill. She stated they had received payments back to 2015.

M/Lang to adjust NH Admin revenues to equal 2017 so the 2018 revenues would be \$9,631,500. S/Varney. 14-1 Abear opposed. **Motion passed.**

M/Abear appropriation of \$29,055,233 as articulated in the Commissioners budget. Revenue \$11,726,200 no fund balance to be used and the amount to be raised by taxes of \$17,329,033. S/Comtois.

Discussion-Rep Abear reviewed the numbers compared to the 2017 budget actuals. He stated the Commissioners budget moves the Convention legal to admin legal. Rep Tilton stated up until about 4 or 5 years ago what is being proposed is how it was done for legal. Rep Huot asked if there is a line that has no appropriation if it stays in the budget or is eliminated. County Administrator Shackett stated after 2 or 3 years of an account having a zero balance it will drop off. Rep Lang asked if a budget is passed can money be transferred into an account that has a zero balance. County Administrator Shackett stated it could. Rep Lang stated a vote was taken to increase revenues and asked how that changed if the motion on the table passes. Rep Vadney stated if the current motion fails then Rep Lang's motion stays.

Rep Abear called roll: Abear-N, Aldrich-N, Comtois-N, Fields-N, Fraser-N, Howard-N, Huot-N, Lang-N, Plumer-N, Spanos-N, St. Clair-N, Sylvia-N, Tilton-N, Vadney-N and Varney-N.

Motion failed.

Rep Sylvia stated they will need to discuss transfers and line items. He stated his opinion is that department level budgeting is better than trying to do individual line items.

M/Abear to appropriate \$26,883,334. Rep Lang stated this is level funding based off the 2017 numbers to include encumbrances. County Administrator stated the Executive Committee requested a report on the 15th and the 2017 year was not complete. She stated the reports handed out tonight are more accurate.

Rep Spanos stated any type of level funding is not responsible. Rep Tilton stated if there is a grant then there need to be an appropriation.

Rep Abear withdrew his motion.

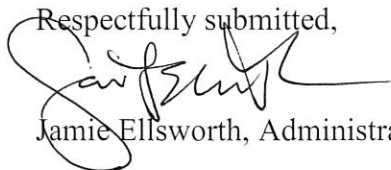
Rep Sylvia stated he had a set of numbers and asked if copies could be made. He stated he appreciated the good work the Commissioners had done. Rep Sylvia stated the numbers he is proposing is departmental totals and the individual line item detail was at home. Rep Tilton asked if the line item detail could be sent the members.

Rep Lang asked where the Gunstock MOA stood. Rep Howard stated Gunstock is not agreeing to give a dime. Rep Lang asked if the Committee should be changed and have a new set of members. Rep Vadney stated this topic should be brought up at a different time.

Rep Huot suggested the meeting adjourn until next Monday night to weigh out the differences.

Adjourn: M/Huot, S/Spanos to adjourn at 8:46pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Jamie Ellsworth, Administrative Assistant