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### **Carroll County Delegation Meeting**

**March 25, 2009**

The Carroll County Delegation reconvened their recessed executive session on March 25, 2009 at 9AM in the Legislative Office Building in Concord, NH. The purpose of the meeting was to receive the final information concerning the amount of stimulus money the County would receive for the non federal share of Medicare and to make appropriate adjustments to the County budget for FY 2009.

Members Present: Representatives Betsey Patten Chair, Stan Stevens, Vice Chair, Gene Chandler, John Roberts, Joseph Fleck, J. David Knox, Susan Wiley, Robert Bridgham, Dino Scala, Mark Mc Conkey, Chris Ahlgren, and Karen Umberger

Representative Patten provided an email and the MS 42 from Kathleen Garry that outlined the changes in the direct assistance the County would receive to support the nursing home. The increase in direct support was \$107,553 this in turn reduced the amount to be raised by taxes to \$13,173,787. On Monday, March 23 the delegation identified the amount to be raised by taxes as \$13,281,040.

Representative Chandler made a motion to approve the County Budget of \$22,852,676 and \$13,173,487 to be raised by taxes. The motion was seconded by Representative Stevens. All present voted in favor.

We discussed the increase in the cost of the union contract of \$88,000 for the MVNH and \$24,000 for the jail. It was noted these costs are already included in the budget figures. Representative Chandler moved we approve \$112,000 cost increase for the union contract. The motion was seconded by Representative Roberts. All present voted in favor.

Representative Stevens moved that we go into Convention and the motion was seconded by Representative Knox. All present voted in favor.

Representative Stevens moved that we ratify the votes taken in executive session. The motion was seconded by Representative Bridgham. All present voted in favor.

Representative Stevens moved we go out of Convention. Representative Knox seconded the motion. All present voted in favor.

Representative Roberts suggest we get together in the fall with the County

Commissioners and agree on an overall target for the budget rather than continuing to have the Commissioners present a budget with no input from the Delegation. Representative Bridgham agreed that this would help to improve the budget process. Representative Stevens suggested that we maintain the same sub committee assignment for next year. It was suggested that the sub committees meet through out the year. Representative Fleck also suggested that we look at management efficiencies that will help to reduce the cost of county government.

Representative Patten will look at health insurance from all counties in New Hampshire and bring information to the next Delegation meeting.

Representative Knox asked the Chairman what we could do to prepare for our discussion on the nursing home. Representative Patten indicated we would be going with a 103 bed nursing home and would have further information at a meeting that would be called in the near future.

The meeting scheduled for March 30, 2009 was canceled.

The meeting adjourned at 9:25.

Karen C. Umberger  
Clerk