

**Hillsborough County Executive Committee
Hillsborough County Complex, Bouchard Building
Goffstown NH
July 18, 2008 9:00 AM**

Present: Representatives D. Essex, M. Pilotte, L. Movsesian, P. Cote, M. Farley, B. Francoeur, S. Harvey, P. Hinkle, S. Jasper, P. Manney, C. Rosenwald, M. Reuschel, G. Shattuck, B. Shaw, A. Simon, S. Spratt, J. Ulery, S. Vaillancourt, M. Villeneuve. Also present: Comm. Holden, Comm. Pappas, Comm. Clemons, County Attorney M. Wageling, B. Moorehead, D. Reidy, E.A. Robinson, R. Chadwick, M. Rusch, and G. Wenger.

Chairman Essex called the meeting to order at 8:45 AM and requested Rep. Reuschel to lead the pledge to the flag.

Rep. Pilotte stated that he wanted to apologize to his colleague from Manchester, Rep. Vaillancourt, noting that at the Delegation meeting he was extremely rude and he asked Rep. Vaillancourt to please accept this as an apology.

Minutes

Motion made Rep. Cote, second by Rep. Pilotte to approve the June 19, 2008 County Convention minutes. On a voice vote motion adopted.

Motion made by Rep. Jasper, second by Rep. Reuschel to approve the June 17, 2008 Public Hearing minutes. On a voice vote motion adopted.

Appropriation Control Report

Chairman Essex stated that there is a copy of the Appropriation Control report if any member of the Executive Committee would like a copy.

Transfers

Motion by Rep. Cote, second by Rep. Jasper to approve Budget Transfer #2008-38 in the amount of \$3,195 from County Attorney Extradition to Medical Referee. There was a brief discussion. On a voice vote motion adopted unanimously.

Chairman Essex noted that in your packet today is a notice of a change in mileage reimbursement as of July 1, 2008, it will now be 58.5 cents per mile.

Motion by Rep. Rosenwald, second by Rep. Pilotte to approve Budget Transfer #2008-39 in the amount of \$1,000 from Temple Street Courthouse Electricity to Temple Street Courthouse; Water, Sewer, Trash Disposal. Ms. Robinson states that it is for paying off final bills. On a voice vote motion adopted unanimously.

Motion by Rep. Jasper, second by Rep. Pilotte to approve Budget Transfer #2008-40 in the amount of \$1,596 from Cooperative Extension Out-of State Travel and Education/Conference to Cooperative Extension In-State Travel. Mr. Reidy stated that there was an increase in the mileage reimbursement rate. On a voice vote motion was adopted unanimously.

Motion by Rep. Rosenwald, second by Rep. Harvey to approve Budget Transfer #2008-41 in the amount of \$773,754 from Public Assistance Board and Care of Children to Public Assistance Old Age Assistance and Medicaid. Ms. Robinson states that this is a standard transfer that we do at the end of the fiscal year.

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We have not yet paid the June bill, it turns out that the State of New Hampshire only wants to bill us for July so they can double the amount of the Medicaid line and HCBC line to 100% of the non-federal share. The services the State of New Hampshire was going to bill the County for were provided in fiscal year 2008. Ms. Robinson stated that she was actually not aware of that until late Wednesday. She noted her Office received an email from the billing person from Department of Health and Human Services officially notifying the Human Services Department that there will not be a June bill and they would start billing the County in July. Ms. Robinson noted that Hillsborough County has always paid for services in the appropriate fiscal year. She stated that her office will be reviewing the bill. Because of the passing of HB2 Ms. Robinson stated that the amount in the transfer might not be enough. On a voice vote motion was adopted unanimously.

Motion made by Rep. Cote, second by Rep. Shaw to approve Budget Transfer # 2008-42 in the amount of \$264 from County Convention Retirement to Health and Accident Insurance. Ms. Rusch stated that the Business Office gave the Delegation Office the figures for this line and it was not enough to meet the expenses for the year. On a voice vote motion was adopted unanimously.

Motion made by Rep. Reuschel, second by Rep. Jasper to approve Budget Transfer # 2008-43 in the amount of \$39,000 from Human Services Administration Salaries and Wages to Business Office Insurance Compensation and Liability Line. Ms. Robinson stated that the County has a potential wage claim in the Human Services Department for Fiscal Year 2008. She noted that the best course of action was to transfer funds from that existing wage line where there are excess funds. Rep. Vaillancourt states that he would like to know what the potential claim is so he can make a safe and clear decision. Ms. Robinson responded by noting that she really can not disclose that information without Legal Representation. Chairman Essex stated briefly that it is a personal matter and it is related to the departure of an employee that could lead to a settlement or a claim against the County for compensation. Brief discussion ensued.

Motion by Rep. Simon, second by Rep. Vaillancourt to table this motion until more information is available. On a voice vote motion adopted.

Nursing Home

Mr. Moorehead stated that he would like to switch the part time social worker position that is not filled to a full time position. Brief discussion as to why the change is being requested.

Motion made by Rep. Rosenwald, second by Rep. Manney to approve the position of a full time social worker position, noting that this changed from a part time position to a full time position. On a voice vote motion adopted, 1 nay.

Mr. Moorehead had a request for a change in another position, changing a part time RN per diem to a part time RN.

Motion made by Rep. Rosenwald, second by Rep. Shaw to approve a new position for a part time RN, noting that the new position replaces the part time per diem RN. On a voice vote motion adopted, 1 nay.

Human Services

Ms. Robinson reviewed the Public Assistance report.

Registrar of Deeds

Ms. MacDonald distributed copies of the revenue for the month of June, she noted that the outlook for July looks very poor for revenue. Brief discussion.

Old/New Business

Chairman Essex stated that at the County Convention Rep. Stepanek noted that he would do research on RSA 135:E pertaining to reimbursement from the State, this issue was brought up at the Delegation Meeting on June 19, 2008. This statute pertains to Sexual Violent Predator Law.

Chairman Essex requested Mr. Wenger to give an update on the renovations for the 2nd floor of the Bouchard Building for the Goffstown District Court. Mr. Wenger stated that the contract has been signed, the construction company is actively pursuing building permits, construction should begin on Monday. The tentative date to complete the project is November 21, 2008.

Rep. Vaillancourt stated that he had some research done up at the Legislative Office Building pertaining to the payment of clergy at the various county facilities throughout the State. He stated that he thought that the research would be good for next year. Ms. Resch noted she distributed the information earlier in the meeting and stated that similar information was emailed earlier by Mr. Moorehead the Administrator at the Nursing Home to the Delegation Office.

Rep. Simon states that the security subcommittee that was established a few months ago should look into the security of the Goffstown District Court following the completion of the Goffstown District Court.

Motion made by Rep. Simon, second by Rep. Farley to approve a subcommittee to look into the security at the completion of the Goffstown District Court project. Rep. Jasper states that he thinks this motion is inappropriate during the budget process. He stated that this committee has financial oversight noting that this committee does not have physical control of the building. He also believes that this would also be a waste of participants' time. Rep. Manney states that she concurs with Rep. Jasper. Chairman Essex stated that he thinks there should be briefing or training for employees on the security. Mr. Wenger responded that he has had meetings with employees regarding the building project and will continue to do so as changes occur. On a voice vote motion failed.

Rep. Vaillancourt stated that he has something that he would like to discuss and it pertains to the "Gentlemen Agreement", which has been in existence for many years noting that he realizes that one Delegation cannot bind a future Delegation. He briefly reviewed the current Agreement noting that the majority party has the Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Clerk position of the Delegation and these positions are rotated every two years. Rep. Vaillancourt noted that the Gentlemen's Agreement should be altered so that the Minority Party would have an officer representing them, for instance the Vice-Chairman position. He noted that all parties work well together on a County level and the most qualified person should have the position and not follow party lines. Ms. Robinson noted that the Gentlemen's Agreement was established when she was Chairman of Hillsborough County Delegation, there was a brief discussion regarding why this is done. Chairman Essex stated that this topic should be put on the agenda for September and there can be an in depth discussion regarding the issue and a decision made before the November election.

Other Business

Sheriff Hardy stated that he would like to present the following new Deputies for Hillsborough County and would also like to thank members of the Executive Committee and the Board of Commissioners for approving the new positions for the Sheriff's Office.

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Jamie Juartez appointed a full time deputy sheriff as of November 13, 2007, graduated from the New Hampshire Police Academy on June 27, 2008; He also received a certificate for the class motivational award.

Kali Marcoux was hired as a court officer as of May of 2006, was appointed part time deputy sheriff as of December 28, 2007, she just graduated from the he New Hampshire Police Academy on June 27, 2008.

Travis Block started with the Hillsborough County Department of Corrections in May of 2003, became a court officer with the Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office in July of 2007 and appointed full time deputy sheriff on October 2007 and graduated from the New Hampshire Police Academy in March of 2008

Joe Wallent started with the Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office in February 2006 as a part time deputy sheriff and on September 7, 2006, became a full time deputy sheriff, on October 29, 2007, graduated from the New Hampshire Police Academy June 27, 2008.

Michael Malloy is an alumni from the County Attorney's office, became an office assistant in a part time capacity in October of 2004, became a part-time deputy sheriff in January 2005, appointed as a full time deputy sheriff on March 12, 2007, and graduated from New Hampshire Police Academy on March 28, 2008.

Motion made by Rep. Jasper, second by Rep Cote to remove from table Budget Transfer #2008-43. On a voice vote motion adopted. Rep. Jasper spoke to the motion briefly noting that the Executive Committee does not have much control over this issue. Chairman Essex stated that this is a pending litigation and the parties are hoping to settle. In response to a question it was noted that if the money was not needed it would lapse into the general fund. Hillsborough County Legal Counsel is actively working on this issue. Discussion ensued.

Chairman Essex reiterated the motion earlier in the meeting noting approval Budget Transfer # 2008-43. On a voice vote motion adopted. Rep. Vaillancourt voted nay.

Chairman Essex stated that the next meeting will be September 26, 2008. Rep. Reuschel asked if there could be a report on the issue that was previously discussed pertaining to the litigation, Chairman Essex stated that Attorney Kirby could give an update at the September meeting.

Motion by Rep. Cote, second by Rep. Reuschel to adjourn.

Date _____

Rep. Lori Movsesian, Clerk
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