

**Sullivan County NH
Executive Finance Committee Meeting Minutes
Monday, August 23, 2010**

**Place: Remington Woodhull County Complex, 14 Main Street, Newport NH 03773
1st Floor Commissioners Conference Room**

EFC Members Present: Representatives Suzanne Gottling, John Cloutier, and Beverly Rodeschin

EFC Members Absent: Representatives Philip "Joe" Osgood and Jim McClammer (latter entered meeting at 8:46 a.m.)

County Employees Present: County Administrator Greg Chanis

Public Present: Community Alliance Human Services Executive Director - Barbara Brill and Turning Points Network Executive Director - Deborah Mozden

Other Delegation Members Present: Representative Carla Skinder

The EFC Chair, Rep. Gottling, called meeting to order at **8:34 a.m.** She said the meetings' main purpose, today, was to consider changes to the Application Policy and Procedure for County Grants last revised in February 2007 by the County Commissioners.

First, meeting participants reviewed what NH's nine other counties have been doing recently in regards to County grants. In comparing county budget, Mr. Chanis cautioned meeting participants, that in comparing Sullivan County's budgets with other counties, the number of total nursing home beds is more important than a county's total population.

Rep. McClammer entered meeting at 8:46 a.m.

Meeting participants then specifically discussed whether the Claremont Soup Kitchen should continue to be funded, or whether other soup kitchens and/or food pantries should be considered for funding as well. It was then agreed, that the next meeting should be held on Friday, September 3rd, at 8:30 a.m. in Newport.

Rep. Rodeschin left meeting at 10:17 a.m.

General discussion then began, which included input from Ms. Brill and Ms. Mozden about County grants in general.

The County grant portion of the meeting ended at around 10:30 a.m.

Rep. Skinder and Ms. Brill, as well as Ms. Mozden then left.

Mr. Chanis then updated the EFC members still present on the additional federal stimulus funds (FMAP) for counties recently passed by Congress. He estimated, as of today, that Sullivan County should receive about \$250,000 in federal stimulus funds towards the end of the Fiscal Year 2011 - in other words during the Spring of 2011.

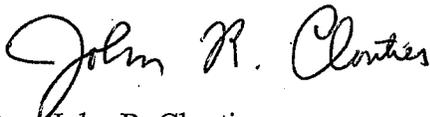
Rep. Gottling said that the County should be careful about spending the \$250,000 until the Fiscal Year 2010 Budget audit is completed. Mr. Chanis said the audit figures should be known within the next two weeks with a briefing to the Commissioners, EFC and Full Delegation by end of September.

Mr. Chanis then stressed the need to soon authorize the County to borrow money in lieu of taxes. EFC members present agreed by consensus to tentatively schedule an EFC meeting for Friday, Sept. 10th at 8:30 a.m., followed by the Full Delegation meeting at 9 AM to approve the borrowing by the County Treasurer, if Commissioners approve.

Mr. Chanis then gave a brief report about Sullivan County Health Care, which indicated a slight increase in residents. Also, he discussed happenings at the new Community Corrections Center, including a few minor problems with the new laundry.

Rep. McClammer moved, Rep. Cloutier seconded a motion to adjourn at 11:14 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Rep. John R. Cloutier
Acting Clerk