

**Sullivan County Executive Finance Committee Meeting Minutes**  
**2/16/12**  
**Commissioners Conference Room, Newport**

EFC Members Present: Reps. Philip "Joe" Osgood, John Cloutier, Spec Bowers, Charlene Lovett,

EFC Members Absent: Rep. Thomas Laware

Other Delegation Members Present: Reps. Raymond Gagnon, Beverly Rodeschin

County Elected Officials and Employees Present: High Sheriff Michael Prozzo, County Administrator Greg Chanis, Facilities Director John Cressy, SCHC (Sullivan County Health Care) Administrator Ted Purdy, Commissioner John Callum

Guests Present: Tom Wilson, Wilson Engineering

Public Present: Former Claremont Rep. Larry Converse, Former Comm. Donald Clarke

The chair, Rep. Osgood, called meeting to order at 5:20pm.

Mr. Chanis brought the EFC up to date on the proposed biomass combined heat and power facility at the County Complex in Unity. First, announced that the Sullivan County Commissioners had approved the bond for the proposed facility at their January 31, 2012 meeting.

Mr. Chanis introduced Tom Wilson from Wilson Engineering who discussed the details of the proposed biomass facility, including the energy and continued savings of the proposal which would total an estimated \$290,000 per year. Claimed that the price of oil would have to drop by under \$1.00 per gallon in order for facility to be uneconomical.

Mr. Wilson added that the facility would have an estimated life of at least 25 years before major repairs would have to be made. Stated that there would be more than adequate wood chip supply to power proposed facility.

Mr. Wilson reviewed the February 16, 2012 Project Overview from the Wood Education and Revenue Center. (See attachment). This included the biomass boiler emissions comparison to existing fuel oil boilers.

Rep. Cloutier moved, Rep Lovett seconded a motion to recommend to the full County Delegation to approve the financing for the design and construction of a combined heat and power biomass steam plant. The amount of financing should not exceed \$3.2 million.

Motion approved on a 4-0 roll call vote with one absence (See attached roll call sheet).

Rep. Osgood moved, Rep. Bowers seconded a motion to approve the purchase of 12 county vehicles as outlined in the attached FY 2013 Vehicle Worksheet dated February 16, 2012.



Motion approved on a 4-0 voice vote with one absence.

Mr. Chanis then discussed the delegation's required duty to set county elected officials salaries just before the filing period for the county's elected officials opens in June 2012 and distributed a four-page written handout comparing our county's various elected officials' salaries and benefits with other New Hampshire counties from 2000-2012 (See attachment).

Rep. Lovett moved, Rep. Osgood seconded a motion to approve the January 30, 2012 Public Session EFC Meeting Minutes as amended. Motion approved unanimously by voice vote.

Rep. Cloutier moved, Rep. Bowers seconded a motion to adjourn at 5:56 pm.

*John R. Cloutier*  
Rep. John R. Cloutier  
Clerk

Date Approved: 5-11-12