

**Sullivan County NH
Executive Finance Committee Meeting Minutes**

Monday, January 10, 2011

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

EFC Members Present: Representatives Philip "Joe" Osgood, John Cloutier, Thomas Laware, and Spec Bowers.

EFC Members Absent: Rep. Charlene Lovett (entered meeting at 8:49 a.m.).

Elected Officials and Employees Present: Register of Deeds Sharron King, County Administrator Greg Chanis, and Sullivan County Health Care Administrator Ted Purdy.

EFC Chair, Rep. Osgood, called meeting to order at **8:38 a.m.**

Mr. Chanis then discussed Sullivan County Fiscal year 2012 budget process by distributing a sheet used for the Fiscal year 2008 budget process, and talked about the process.

Dept. of Corrections Supt. Ross Cunningham entered meeting at **8:41 a.m.**

Mr. Chanis then answered questions from EFC members present.

Rep. Lovett entered meeting at **8:49 a.m.**

Next, Mr. Chanis distributed revenue and expense reports from December 2010 of the Fiscal year 2011 Budget, reviewing expenses first and answering questions.

County Commissioner Bennie Nelson entered meeting at **9:14 a.m.**

Mr. Chanis then reviewed revenue side of the December 2010 reports.

In response to a question from Rep. Bowers, Mr. Chanis then tried to explain the state government's "CAP" on the maximum amount counties are required to pay for the cost of nursing home care under Medicaid.

Next Mr. Chanis distributed New Hampshire RSA 24:14-a in regardd to supplemental appropriation to a county budget. He said he had distributed this RSA as a guide for the EFC and full County Delegation on how they might both handle a request to appropriate some of the money from the surplus fund balance

of \$2.8 million in the Fiscal Year 2010, to install air conditioning in Sullivan County Health Care during the Fiscal Year 2011 Budget, as request by the Commissioners.

Commissioner Nelson also discussed the issue of air conditioning at Sullivan County Health Care. Said conditioning should be more for the residents comfort of the staff than residents, added that he believed it should be at least installed in hallways and work areas of nursing home.

In response to Rep. Cloutier's questions, Mr. Chanis said he wasn't sure how much air conditioning for the nursing home would cost, it will depend on how much of the nursing home would be covered or part of the a supplemental appropriations. Also said he wasn't sure, as of today ,that air conditioning could be installed in time for the start of hot weather. The Chair said he was more interested in installing air condition for the residents, who don't have a choice in staying at the home, rather than the employees.

Mr. Chanis stated that as of today, the county is continuing to enjoy positive cash flow. The excess money could be added to the current \$2.7 million fund balance at the end of Fiscal Year 2011.

Commissioner Nelson and Mr. Chanis said that they were not making any specific requests of the EFC in regard to air conditioning at this time.

In response to questions from Rep. Lovett and Laware, Mr. Chanis said he would contact PSNH about getting reduced electricity rates, if energy efficient air conditioning was installed.

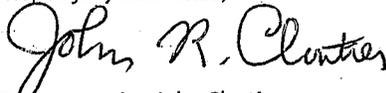
Mr. Chanis then stated he was still working on a promotional video for Sullivan County Health Care as suggested by the Chair.

Rep. Bowers moved, Rep. Laware seconded, a motion to approve the minutes of the EFC's first organizational meeting on 12/8/10 in Unity as submitted by Rep. Cloutier. Motion approved unanimously by voice vote.

The Chair agreed to schedule the next EFC meeting at a date to be announced at 8:45 a.m. at Rep. Lovett's request.

Rep. Cloutier moved, Rep. Lovett seconded, a motion to adjourn at 10:15 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Representative John Cloutier

Acting Clerk

Minutes were approved at: [enter date of meeting here]