

## **Sullivan County NH**

**Type of Meeting:** Delegation Executive Finance Committee  
**Date/Time:** May 29, 2009 / 8:30 am  
**Place:** Newport Remington Woodhull County Complex  
Commissioners Conference Room

**Finance Committee Members Present:** Reps. Suzanne Gottling, John Cloutier, Jim McClammer, Joe Osgood, Beverly Rodeschin

**EFC Members Absent:** None

**Other Delegation Members Present:** Rep. Sweeney, Rep. Gagnon

**Other Elected Officials and Other County Employees Present:** County Administrator Greg Chanis, Sheriff Mike Prozzo, County Attorney Marc Hathaway, Treasurer Dave French, Registrar of Deeds Sharron King

**Public Present:** Anne Nilsen, Jeff Goff

The meeting was gavelled to order by Rep. Gottling at 8:37 am

Approval of the minutes was postponed to the next meeting so that members could read them carefully.

Review of the Commissioners' budget continued. Sheriff Mike Prozzo discussed and explained the portions of the budget for which he has responsibility. He asked if someone in the delegation would submit legislation that increases the fees for serving legal papers. The present fees are inadequate.

County Attorney Hathaway addressed his portion of the budget. He feels his budget is cut to the bone. He continues to need a scanner in order to computerize records.

Following a 5 minutes break, Treasurer French presented his need for the EFC's approval of his request for a line of credit (TAN) of \$5,000,000 to cover County expenses from July 1, 2009 to December 31, 2009.

**Rep. Rodeschin moved that the EFC approve this request. The motion was seconded by Rep. Cloutier.**

**The motion passed 5 - 0.**

Registrar King presented her budget. She emphasized it was pared to the bone and also that her office makes money for the County. She alerted the committee to the possibility of legislation that puts a surcharge on recording fees.

Rep. Rodeschin left at 11:00 a.m.

Registrar King continued her presentation. She explained that in the past year, her office has been helping the County Attorney's office build a database.

There was a discussion on the disparity of pay schedules between union and non-union employees. Further study is needed.

Members discussed the letters received from towns asking for no increase in County taxes. Members expressed their hope that it was late in the budget process for these letters. It would be helpful to receive input before the Commissioners open their extensive review of the budget.

Lunch break began at 12:20.

The meeting reconvened at 1:10.

Discussion centered on the funding for the new County Corrections Center. Mr. Chains explained the two options, bonding and a line of credit. He will continue to investigate these options.

The portions of the budget pertaining to the Woodhull Complex, the Unity Complex, and Human Services were discussed.

Rep. Osgood left at 2:05 p.m.

Rep. Gottling noted that all of the budget expense portions have been examined except the Department of Corrections. Revenues must also be looked at before the EFC review is complete.

**The meeting was adjourned until Monday, June 1 at 1 p.m. in the Commissioners' Conference Room.**

*Respectfully Submitted,*



Rep. Cynthia Sweeney, Clerk  
Sullivan County Delegation Executive Finance Committee

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