

Friday, May 10, 2013

Place: County Administration Building, 14 Main Street, Newport, NH, 03773, Commissioners  
Conference Room, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor  
Sullivan County Executive Finance Committee Meeting Minutes

Present: Reps. Schmidt, Irwin, Gottling, Gagnon and Grenier  
Staff Present: Greg Chanis, Ross Cunningham, Lori Keefe

The meeting began with a review of a revenue sheet showing which agencies requesting grant funds, also receive other public funds.

Mr. Chanis gave the Committee the final adjustment figure for the health insurance rates. They came in lower than anticipated. That amount is \$193,046 less. The anticipated reduction was originally included in the proposed budget at \$40,000. The increased reduction is now \$153,046.

Next discussion was the Pro-share revenue anticipated. This fiscal year the County should expect a payment similar to FY13. In the proposed budget the anticipated amount is \$500,000 less.

Rep. Grenier asked about the use of the Unexpended Fund Balance. At present the anticipated amount is about \$2 million dollars. The final amount to be included will be taken into consideration later when the budget is finalized.

As of this meeting, the projected increase in the tax rate is 1.86% or \$258,910.

Next discussion was the Department of Corrections budget. Mr. Cunningham shared information on the current census of inmates. Some of the inmates are from other counties and the county is compensated for housing them. This is the first year for such revenue. There was a general discussion about offering our treatment program, for an additional fee, to those inmates from other counties. Next was a presentation of a Power Point which is attached.

There was a general discussion about promoting the work of the DOC to show the success rate of their treatment program, TRAILS. The committee felt it was important for the public to understand the mission of the department. Discussion followed on the department's proposed budget which includes a 3% cost of living raise for non-bargaining staff members.

The minutes of the May 6, 2013 were moved by Rep. Grenier, seconded by Rep. Schmidt. Vote was three yes and two abstentions. Minutes were accepted.

Next meeting: May 13, 2013 at 12:30 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Representative Virginia O'Brien Irwin  
Clerk Pro temp