

## Sullivan County Delegation

**Type of Meeting:** Sullivan County Full Delegation

**Date/Time:** December 8, 2004 / 9:30 a.m.

**Place:** Newport Remington Woodhull County Complex  
3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Probate Courtroom

**Delegation Members Present:** Reps. Jay Phinizy, John Cloutier, Tom Donovan, Peter Franklin, Beverley Rodeschin, Larry Converse, Arthur Jillette and Charlotte Houde – Quimby

**Delegation Members Absent:** Reps. Harry Gale, Christopher Irish and Stephen Prichard

**Commissioners Present:** Donald Clarke

**Other County Officials Present:** Dodi Violette

Meeting was called to order at 9:31 a.m. by the Chair, Rep. Phinizy.

**Rep. Donovan moved Rep. Ferland seconded a motion to adopt the minutes of the Sept. 27, 2004 delegation meeting. Discussion: Rep. Rodeschin objected to voting on minutes that she hadn't yet seen. Sharon Johnson-Callum said the minutes with correction had not yet been printed. Rep. Rodeschin moved, Rep. Donovan seconded on motion to table adoption of the minutes.**

Rep. Ferland then discussed emergency replacement of boilers at the House of Corrections as proposed by Mr. Gil de Rubio and the Commissioners and recommended by Finance Committee earlier today.

She then announced that Sullivan County Nursing Home (SCNH) Administrator Bob Hemenway will be retiring in April and that Genesis Corp. will take over management of SCNH.

Mr. Gil de Rubio said Genesis will do a briefing for delegation members early next year. Also he expects no major cost changes will occur in running SCNH as of today.

Mr. Gil de Rubio said contract with Genesis will be for 1 year only with a 90-day termination notice needed for Sullivan County to end contract at any time during that year. He said proposal has been reviewed by *County Attorney* Hathaway, approved by the Commissioners. Said he wasn't sure if delegation would have much input on contract.

Answered several question on contract from Reps. Donovan, Converse, and Phinizy.

*Comm. Nelson entered meeting at 9:59 a.m.*

Said Mr. Hemenway will be retiring on Jan. 18, but will stay as a part-time consultant to Genesis until April 1, 2005. Mr. Gil de Rubio emphasized that SCNH isn't being privatized but that Genesis will run it as a public – private partnership. He (*Ed Gil de Rubio*) then left at 10:02 p.m.

*Senator Bob Odell entered meeting at 10:02 p.m.*

Rep. Ferland then reviewed county finances and recent auditors report with proposed changes. She also requested that delegation members not bother Mr. Gil de Rubio with a lot of questions about finances for the next few weeks because he has some personal issues that are presently occupying his time. Suggested they talk to her or the Commissioners.

Further discussion and questions on auditors' report from Melanson Heath and Company ensued.

Rep. Franklin then briefed delegation on \$220,000 capital reserve funds currently invested a Certificate of Deposit (CD).

Rep. Franklin then further briefed delegation on capital reserve funds, which are setting in a CD until a policy on spending money can be established by delegation.

Rep. Ferland then reviewed a timeline for next year on the proposed FY 2006 Budget, which had been earlier distributed to the delegation.

Rep. Franklin added that county has no Capital Reserve Fund but that \$220,000 in question is part of the General Fund per statute and DRA.

Sen. Odell briefed delegation on his activities in the State Senate on behalf of county budget. He said his priority in the upcoming year will be the state budget the school funding issue and proposed reforms in Medicaid.

**Rep. Ferland moved Rep. Donovan seconded a motion to authorize the transfer of emergency funds \$25,000.00 Acct. # 10407-21095 and \$13,600 from vouchers # 003810 and #019368 in Fund to Line Item # 10600-21906 in the General Fund. Rep. Ferland's motion was approved on 8-1 roll call vote with three absences, and one vacancy. (8) Yes: Converse, Cloutier, Donovan, Ferland, Jillette, Houde-Quimby, Phinizy, and Rodeschin. (1) No: Franklin.**

**Rep. Franklin moved that any money remaining form the \$49,000 appropriated for two replacement boilers be returned to the Emergency Fund Rep. Converse recorded the motions. Motion was approved by a unanimous voice vote.**

Delegation then turned to the election of officers for 2004-2006.

**For chair, Rep. Ferland nominated Rep. Cloutier seconded by Rep. Donovan. Rep. Converse nominated Rep. Franklin there were no seconds. Rep. Ferland moved, Rep. Donovan seconded a motion to close nominations. Motion was approved unanimously by voice vote and Rep. Cloutier was elected chair.**

**For Vice Chair: Rep. Phinizy nominated Rep. Converse seconded by Rep. Donovan. Rep. Converse nominated. Rep. Franklin seconded by Rep. Cloutier Rep. Converse was elected by a 6-3 secret ballot vote.**

**For Clerk Rep. Rodeschin nominated Rep. Jillette for clerk, which was seconded by Rep. Converse. Motion approved unanimously by voice vote.**

**Executive Finance Committee (EFC) Chair Rep. Donovan moved Rep. Cloutier seconded nominee of Rep. Ferland as EFC Chair. Motion approved unanimously by voice.**

**Executive Finance Vice Chair (EFVC): Rep. Rodeschin moved, Rep. Ferland seconded a motion to nominate Tom Donovan as EFC Vice Chair. Motion approved unanimously by voice vote.**

**Then Rep. Ferland nominated Reps. Houde-Quimby, Irish, Prichard, and Converse to be members of the EFC. Rep. Donovan seconded the motion. Discussion: Rep. Houde-Quimby said she definitely wants to serve on the EFC and added that Rep. Prichard would like to serve. Rep. Rodeschin said she was willing to serve on the EFC. Motion was approved unanimously by voice vote.**

Rep. Phinizy turned over the preceding of the meeting to the new Chair Rep. Cloutier. Who then turned over duties of Clerk to Rep. Jillette.

Discussion of committee assignments: Who shall be appointed, how appointed, etc. Committees to be appointed to are: Sullivan County Nursing Home Resident Trust Fund, which Donovan volunteered for; County Cooperative Extension; and the Solid Waste Committee.

Old Business: None

New Business: None

**Phinizy moved to adjourn. Rep. Donovan seconded to adjourn the regular meeting so the new delegation orientation could proceed.**

New Delegation Orientation:

Comm. Clarke will introduce Department heads and elected official will then discuss County Government. Which will be followed by a luncheon at the Ahern Building located in Unity at the Unity Complex

**The following county Department Heads / Elected Officials were present:**

Sheriff Prozzo gave out quarterly reports, annual reports and indicated he has a small office employing 12 people and invited new delegates to visit the office.

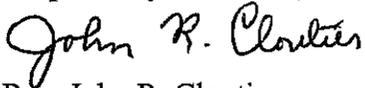
Jan Heighes with Sullivan County Conservation District described programs offered to the county, tree sales each year. Largely funded by county and sales. Meet third Thursday of the month- (Advisory Board).

Seth Wilner Cooperative Extension discussed what Cooperative Extension does Advisory Committee meets second Monday of each month will be hiring a forester.

Sharon describes handouts in newly elected delegate packages.

Meeting Adjourned 11:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Rep. John R. Cloutier  
Clerk

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