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6/17/08 EFC Minutes

Members present: Reps. Cloutier, Vice Chair, Converse, Donovan, Gottling

Other Reps. present: Gagnon, Franklin

Other County officials: Treasurer Cynthia Sweeney, Sheriff Prozzo, Superintendent Cunningham, and Administrator Chanis

Members of the public: Aaron Aldridge, reporter Eagle Times, Jeff Goff, Claremont City Council

The Treasurer made a request for approval of a \$5,000,000 line of credit. This amount was a million dollars more than had been presented in her notification letter to the members of the EFC. Treasurer Sweeney said she had discussed the matter with the Commissioners and gave EFC members the paper signed by the commissioners for the larger amount. There is \$1,025,000 left on the line of credit authorized in January. There is a payroll due next week that must be paid. The commissioners want to stop our present line of credit at the end of this fiscal year and begin a new one.

Rep. Donovan asked what was the advantage of keeping the fiscal years separate. He also wanted a list of when and how much we borrowed this year. Rep. Franklin had a different borrowing figure of \$2,975,000. He asked if this was sufficient to carry the county to the end of the fiscal year. He also asked if our Human Services bill from the state has been paid for June. The treasurer thought so. She also said the county had received a \$300,000 check from the nursing home today. Mr. Chainis thought the check was our monthly Medicaid payment from the state. Rep. Franklin asked what more we could expect for this fiscal year.

Rep. Gagnon commented that he thought the EFC and/or the delegation did not want us to commingle FY funds. However, he felt we needed to examine interest rates from wider sources.

Treasurer Sweeney said if the interest is the same, we could get a new line of credit. If it is more, we should keep the old one open. She felt there was an urgency to get funds and too much time might be taken getting more input.

Rep. Cloutier said the human Services bill of \$300,000 plus a payroll of \$350,000 means we need a total of \$650,000 for the end of the fiscal year. Rep. Gottling asked when the lump sum payments to union employees are due and how much it is. Mr. Chainis believed the payment was around \$107,000.

Treasurer Sweeney said she had called 2 banks about the new line of credit, Lake Sunapee Savings and Citizens Bank. She thought this suggestion

came from a previous EFC meeting but could not remember who made the suggestion. The treasurer and Rep. Franklin again went over what would be needed and how much money was available without a new line of credit. There was a 5-minute recess called. Rep. Nielsen entered the meeting.

After further discussion, there was agreement that there was enough money to carry the county through the end of the fiscal year.

Rep. Gagnon stated that he had heard at a meeting of the Claremont City Council that no bids went out for the line of credit and asked if this was true. Treasurer Sweeney replied, "No." Rep. Gottling said the commissioners wanted a new line of credit dated July 1. Treasurer Sweeney said it takes time to process and she needs at least a week, which is why she is asking now. Rep. Gagnon repeated that he is disturbed that we do not have a formal process. This opens us to charges of preferential treatment. Treasurer Sweeney said "They told me to pick up phone and just ask banks." When asked who told her this, she replied, "Gil De Rubio and Peter Lovely."

Rep. Cloutier inquired if there is a state law requiring us to ask for bids. Rep. Franklin said that there is. He also said that whether past practice was correct or incorrect it is now time to develop a procedure for the new line of credit. The EFC should request a formal bidding process. Rep. Nielsen asked if this meant any bank in the state should be contacted. Rep. Franklin said we are required to advertise in our locality with the purpose of getting the best rate possible. Rep. Donovan said 30 days for a reply seems a long time. Two or three weeks should be sufficient.

**He [Donovan] made a motion to "Instruct the County Treasurer to initiate a formal bid process for the next borrowing, the one in the present proposal." Rep. Gottling suggested we include a further motion to mention that we might want to extend the present line of credit. Rep. Franklin felt we would not need such an extension. Rep. Nielsen proposed that we set a deadline and decide. Rep. Gagnon thinks we need to do a bidding process and that the Treasurer needs to do her job. Rep. Cloutier said it is important that the process is transparent. Roll call vote was taken and Coutier, Converse, Donovan, and Gottling voted yes.**

The next discussion centered on the amount to be put on the line of credit. Rep. Franklin suggested \$3,000,000.

**Rep. Donovan then made a motion to "authorize the County Treasurer to borrow by bid up to \$3,000,000 with the due date of December 31, 2008 with the possibility of increasing the amount of the line of credit when necessary." The motion was seconded by Rep. Gottling. Rep. Franklin affirmed that a bank would not allow a county to go beyond their capability**

to pay. Cloutier, Converse, Donovan, and Gottling voted yes on this motion by a roll call vote.

The meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

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Rep. Suzanne H. Gottling  
Acting Clerk

Date signed: \_\_\_\_\_

SULLIVAN COUNTY NH – STATE / COUNTY DELEGATION

MOTION AND VOTING SHEET

DATE: 6 TIME: 6:46 pm

MOTION MADE: Donovan authorize the County treasurer  
to borrow by bid up to 3,000,000 with the due date  
of Dec. 31, 2008, with the possibility of increasing the amount of  
the line of credit when necessary.

MOTION MADE BY: \_\_\_\_\_

MOTION SECONDED BY: ~~Converse~~ Gottling

MOTION: CARRIED  DEFEATED [ ] OR, TIED [ ]

WAS THERE DISCUSSION? YES  NO [ ]

TYPE OF VOTE (Either / Or of the following)

VOICE VOTE - YES / NO

ROLL CALL  If roll call vote, check mark name below

REPRESENTATIVE NAME	YES	NO
Rep. John Cloutier	✓	
Rep. Larry Converse		✓
Rep. Tom Donovan	✓	
Rep. Brenda Ferland		
Rep. Peter Franklin		
Rep. Ray Gagnon		
Rep. Ellen Nielsen		
Rep. Suzanne Gottling	✓	
Rep. Arthur G. Jillette Jr.		
Rep. Matthew Houde		
Rep. James Phinizy		
Rep. Carla Skinder		
Rep. Beverly Rodeschin		

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SULLIVAN COUNTY NH - STATE / COUNTY DELEGATION

MOTION AND VOTING SHEET

MOTION MADE: instruct the County Treasurer to initiate a formal bid process for the next borrowing which is the present proposal.

MOTION MADE BY: Donovan

MOTION SECONDED BY: Converse

MOTION: CARRIED [X] DEFEATED [ ] OR, TIED [ ]

TIME @ WHICH MOTION WAS MADE: 6:25 pm, 6/13/08

WAS THERE DISCUSSION? YES [X] NO [ ]

TYPE OF VOTE (Either / Or of the following)

VOICE VOTE - YES / NO [ ]

ROLL CALL [X] If roll call vote, check mark name below

Table with 3 columns: REPRESENTATIVE NAME, YES, NO. Rows include Rep. John Cloutier, Rep. Larry Converse, Rep. Tom Donovan, Rep. Brenda Ferland, Rep. Peter Franklin, Rep. Ray Gagnon, Rep. Ellen Nielsen, Rep. Suzanne Gottling, Rep. Arthur G. Jillette Jr., Rep. Matthew Houde, Rep. James Phinizy, Rep. Carla Skinder, Rep. Beverly Rodeschin.

Current Date: June 17, 2008

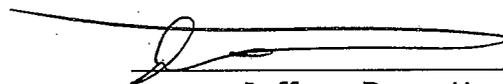
**ORDERED:** That, the money in the Treasury of the County, being insufficient to meet the demands upon the same, the Treasurer is hereby authorized, pursuant to RSA 29:8 to borrow up to the sum of

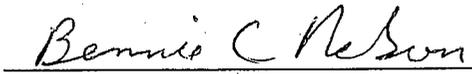
(Enter text dollar amount): 5,000,000

(Enter numeric dollar amount): FIVE MILLION DOLLARS

which is necessary for the purpose and to give notes of the County therefore, payable when the promissory note is mature. We hereby certify that the County Treasurer appeared before us to testify in support of this request; of which this is a true copy of the order of the Commissioners of Sullivan County passed at a meeting held (enter MM/DD/YY): June 17, 2008 ; 3 PM at 14, Main Street, Newport NH, of which all Commissioners were duly notified; of which a quorum was present.

*Sullivan County Board of Commissioners*

  
Jeffrey Barrette - Chair

  
Bennie C. Nelson - Vice Chair

  
Ethel Jarvis - Clerk

A true copy attest

  
Sharon Johnson-Callum