

Sullivan County NH
FY 06 Proposed Budget Public Hearing – June 16th, 2005
Time: 7 PM

**Place: Newport – Sugar River Valley Regional Technical Center – Lou Thompson
Community Room
Public Hearing Minutes**

PREEMPT: This public hearing was aired live and taped by NCTV – Newport Cable. A copy of the tape may be borrowed from the County Commissioners Office, located at 14 Main Street, Newport New Hampshire.

ATTENDEES: Commissioners Donald S. Clarke, Bennie C. Nelson and Ethel Jarvis; County Manager Ed Gil de Rubio; Sheriff Michael Prozzo; County Attorney Hathaway; State-County Delegates present: Rep. John Cloutier, Larry Converse, Arthur Jillette Jr, Brenda Ferland, Jay Phinizy, Beverly Rodeschin, Tom Donovan, Charlotte Houde-Quimby, Stephen Prichard, and Peter Franklin. Other county employees: Sharon Johnson-Callum, Dodi Violette, Janice Bryk. There were other public attendees.

Commissioner Clarke provided opening remarks. Commissioner Clarke briefed over Commissioners' Budget Goals:

1. Stabilize Property Taxes
2. In-depth Study of the Criminal Justice System
3. Study of Land Manager / Buildings
4. Examine New Revenue Sources / Services
5. Continue Grant Programs
6. Invest in the County Infrastructure

County Manager provided comparison between proposed FY 06 budget and FY 05 budget. He discussed difference and percentage of increase. Itemization of increases provided.

County Manager discussed amount to be raised by taxes.

County Manager discussed four-year synopsis of property taxes.

County Manager discussed Revenues, then Expenditures.

County Manager provided PowerPoint presentation.

(Copies of the presentation handouts are on file at the Commissioners Office)

Floor was opened to Questions and Answers, which included:

- Representatives asked if concerns broached at a previous Delegation meeting from a resident's daughter were addressed. Commissioners confirmed yes.

- Rep. Rodeschin requested them to follow up with Peter Goodwin, NH State Courts Bureau, for funding on any capital improvement items for the 3rd floor in the Newport Complex. She asked questions regarding central purchasing, a nursing home item in budget. She discussed housing for female population in Goffstown.
- Rep. Donovan spoke.
- Rep. Franklin spoke.
- Ann Cuadrado and her sister spoke regarding their concern for the decrease of nurses, but he increase in Medicaid beds. They are concerned about the elimination of agency nurses.
- Rep. Houde-Quimby asked questions about the Genesis contract. Commissioner Clarke noted Genesis has provided training for better efficiency, in order to receive and increase of revenue. County Manager spoke briefly.
- Kevin Cooney, Community Alliance, noted that the committees for county, such as buildings and lands should be made public.
- Rep. Franklin asked questions regarding the Genesis budget in the nursing home.
- Rep. Rodeschin spoke briefly.
- Rep. Donovan spoke again, about quality care issues. He spoke about concerns of the elimination of the Unit Aid positions.
- Carla Skinder, Adult Day Care Program, spoke briefly about working with several County Nursing home employees. They will be doing field trips with the Sullivan County Resident Activities Department.
- Rep. Rodeschin spoke again.
- Sheriff Prozzo spoke briefly.
- Attorney Mark Hathaway spoke briefly.
- Rep. Rodeschin asked questions about the workload the County Attorney took on with the State case he processed last year. Attorney noted they worked double shifts, tremendous burden on staff, but that they did not bill the County for work at state level. They continue to put in long hours.
- Rep. Ferland spoke regarding the EFC meetings.

Rep. Ferland distributed a report she created from the Executive Finance Committee meetings, and what they were suggesting to the full Delegation.

8:52 p.m. The public hearing adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



Arthur Jillette, Clerk
Sullivan County-State Delegation

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