

**Hillsborough County Executive Committee Budget Review**  
**Hillsborough County Complex**  
**Goffstown, NH**  
**May 31, 2012**

**Present:** Representatives: C. Seidel, J. Ulery, J. Belanger, B. Belvin, R. Day, L. Gagne, P. Garrity, D. Hinch, D. Hogan, W. Hutchinson, N. Kurk, S. Palmer, D. Robbins, B. Shaw, S. Stepanek, S. Vaillancourt, M. Villeneuve, R. Whitehead, Also present: Commissioners S. Ziehm, C. Holden, Superintendent Dionne, D. Hogan, County Attorney, Chris Connolly, Chief Deputy, M. Montminey, C. Beulac, D. Reidy, E. A. Robinson, M. Castonguay and G. Wenger.

**Executive Committee Budget Review**

Chairman Seidel called the meeting to order at 9:00 and requested Rep. Hogan to lead the pledge of allegiance.

Chairman Seidel reviewed some of the business that needs to be taken up today.

**Revenue – Subcommittee Chairman Rep. Hutchinson**

Rep. Hutchinson briefly reviewed what the subcommittee did. Brief discussion regarding the Nursing Home Income.

Motion by Rep. Hinch, second by Rep. Vaillancourt to increase Nursing Home Income by \$46,900. On a voice vote motion adopted.

Discussion regarding the Invested Funds Earnings.

Discussion regarding the Department of Corrections Income.

**Department of Corrections Subcommittee Chairman Rep. Stepanek**

Rep. Seidel requested Rep. Vaillancourt to review the budget as Rep. Stepanek was not present. Rep. Vaillancourt briefly reviewed the changes that the Subcommittee made in the Corrections Budget.

Motion by Rep. Kurk, second by Rep. Vaillancourt to put \$1.00 in position #00246 a Sergeants position salary to \$40,710 which is a reduction of \$14,778 plus roll-ups. On a voice vote motion adopted.

Motion by Rep. Vaillancourt, second by Rep. Hinch to reduce Line 7620, Gas/Heating/Cooking to \$175,000. On a voice vote motion adopted. 2 Nay.

Motion by Rep. Garrity, second by Rep. Belvin to reduce Line 7610, Electricity, to \$300,000. On a show of hands motion adopted 8-7, 1 Nay.

Motion by Rep. Robbins, second by Rep. Garrity to amend the original motion to reduce Line 7610 to \$285,000. On a show of hands motion fails 6-9.

Motion by Rep. Robbins, second by Rep. Hinch to amend the original motion for Line 7610 to \$275,000. On a voice vote motion adopted. 1 Nay.

Motion by Rep. Palmer, second by Rep. Hinch to reduce Line 7640, Sewer Expense to \$116,500. On a voice vote motion fails 8-8.

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Motion by Rep. Vaillancourt, second by Rep. Hinch to reduce Line 7640, Sewer Expense to \$120,000. On a voice vote motion adopted.

Motion by Rep. Hinch, second by Rep. Vaillancourt to reduce Line 7360, Office Supplies to \$25,000. On a roll call vote motion adopted 12-3.

Ayes: Rep. Ulery, Belanger, Belvin, Day, Hinch, Hogan, Hutchinson, Palmer, Robbins, Shaw, Vaillancourt, Villeneuve.

Nays: Rep. Seidel, Garrity, Whitehead.

Motion by Rep. Vaillancourt, second by Rep. Hinch to reduce Line 7330, Pharmacy to \$260,000. On a roll call vote motion fails, 7-9.

Ayes: Rep. Gagne, Hinch, Hogan, Shaw, Vaillancourt, Villeneuve, Whitehead

Nays: Rep. Seidel, Ulery, Belvin, Belanger, Garrity, Hutchinson, Kurk, Palmer, Robbins

Discussion regarding transfers within the budget and the Medical Dental Lines. Rep. Vaillancourt stated that no one on this Executive Committee will deny any transfers and I am sure the next Executive Committee will do the same. He also noted that the Subcommittee was under the impression that contracts would be settled and there would be a substantial savings

Motion by Rep. Vaillancourt, second by Rep. Robbins to reduce Line 7590, Medical Dental Male to \$450,000. On a voice vote motion adopted . Nays, Garrity Belanger

Motion by Rep. Robbins, second by Rep. Vaillancourt to reduce Line 7588, Medical Dental Female to \$47,500. On a voice vote motion adopted.

Motion by Rep. Kurk, second by Rep. Shaw to approve the new bottom line of \$14,555,283 plus roll-ups. On a voice vote motion adopted. 1 Nay

**Temple St. Courthouse – Subcommittee Chairman Rep. Stephen Palmer**

Rep. Palmer reviewed the changes the Subcommittee did.

**County Complex – Subcommittee Chairman Rep. Palmer**

Reviewed the changes that the Subcommittee did in the Complex Budget. Rep. Kurk requested an analysis for the justification of two employees.

Lengthy discussion regarding Capital Reserve Fund, Chairman Seidel stated that a letter from the Board of Commissioners was distributed today requesting a Capital Reserve Fund. Rep. Kurk disagrees with a Capital Reserve Fund because all it is money that the Board of Commissioners can do what they want with the money. Rep. Kurk would approve this if it were going to be put into the Contingency, noting that the Executive Committee would have some control. Chairman Seidel stated that it would be a separate fund.

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**Public Assistance**

Discussion ensued regarding this budget. No changes

Motion by Rep. Kurk, second by Rep. Belvin to not establish a Capital Reserve Fund as put forward by the Board of Commissioners. Brief discussion. On a voice vote motion adopted.

**Nursing Home – Subcommittee Chairman Rep. Neal Kurk.**

Rep. Kurk reviewed the Subcommittee changes that were made to the Nursing Home budget noting there were very few changes.

**Administration**

Motion by Rep. Kurk, second by Gagne to reduce Line 7650, Fuel to \$283,360. On a voice vote motion adopted.

Motion by Rep. Hutchinson, second by Rep. Palmer to reduce Line 7140, Insurance, Work Comp. by \$100,000. On a voice vote motion adopted.

**Nursing**

Motion by Rep. Vaillancourt, second by Rep. Hutchinson to reduce Nursing Overtime, Line 7011 by \$100,000. On a voice vote motion adopted.

Motion by Rep. Kurk, second by Rep. Gagne to approve the bottom line of the Nursing Home which will be \$26,859,541. On a voice vote motion adopted.

Rep. Kurk stated that the Nursing Home is working on changing to natural gas Mr. Lencki is working the the National Grid, he also noted that the County would see the savings in two years. Discussion ensued.

Motion by Rep. Kurk, second by Rep. Stepanek to put \$300,000 in Contingency for converting the Nursing Home to gas, it was stated that the money should come out of Surplus noting that Mr. Lencki should get the savings for FY 13. On a voice vote motion adopted.

Motion by Rep. Kurk, second by Rep. Palmer to reduce Fuel Line 7650 in the Nursing Home Maintenance budget to \$169,264. On a voice vote motion adopted.

Motion by Rep. Kurk, second by Rep. Day to approve the new bottom line for the Nursing Home which is \$26,746,445. On a voice vote motion adopted.

**Registry of Deeds– Subcommittee Chairman Rep. Jordan Ulery**

Rep. Ulery reviewed the changes that the Subcommittee made. No changes.

**County Convention**

There was a brief discussion regarding the Legal Line. Attorney Kirby gave a brief review of what this line is for. There was a discussion regarding why this money is in the County Convention, Attorney Kirby stated that this money is used by the Board of Commissioners. However, being in this line

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it gives Legal Counsel the opportunity to negotiate for lower prices if an outside attorney is needed for any Department Head or Elected Official noting that Attorney Kirby works for all Department Heads and Elected. If money is needed the Board of Commissioners are advised. Lengthy discussion ensued whether this should be in the Board of Commissioners budget or the County Convention budget. Rep. Kurk suggests the money stay as is.

Motion by Rep. Kurk, second by Rep. Hogan to consider ratification of the Women's Prison Lease to the Delegation. On a voice vote motion adopted.

Motion by Rep. Belanger, second by Rep. Kurk to reconsider the bottom line of the Nursing Home Budget the figure that was given earlier was wrong it should be \$261,745,445. On a voice vote motion adopted.

Brief discussion regarding the contracts.

Motion by Rep. Vaillancourt, second by Rep. Stepanek to eliminate the two investigators position #203741001 and 203742002 in the County Attorneys Office. The Board of Commissioner stated that they never made this motion. Chairman Seidel noted the Executive Committee should wait until Attorney Hogan is present.

Motion by Rep. Day, second by Rep. Whitehead to reconsider the elimination of the 2 positions that were eliminated in the Sheriff Department. Sheriff Hardy gave a brief overview of what happened previously to these positions. Rep. Kurk stated he tends to agree with the Sheriff however, we have a goal to meet and this means that money will have to come out of salaries.

Discussion regarding the surplus and where the extra money is going to come from.

Motion by Rep. Hutchinson, second by Rep. Kurk to table the motion. On a voice vote motion adopted.

Motion by Rep. Vaillancourt, second by Rep. Hutchinson to take \$3,500,000 out of surplus and to reduce all salary lines plus roll-ups, 7010 through 7140, excluding the Elected Officials salary lines and 7290 in the Cooperative Extension by 1.8% and to leave the tax rate at 44, 109,421. This will allow the County to keep the same tax rate as previously discussed noting that \$300,000 is for the project at the Nursing Home. Discussion ensued. On a voice vote motion fails.

Ayes: Seidel

Motion by Rep. Kurk, second by Rep. Stepanek to amend the original motion to reduce by \$1,363, 000 which is approximately 3% and among all of the lines listed above in the original motion and to use \$3,000,000 in surplus to balance the budget and to leave the taxes at \$44,109,421. Rep. Kurk noted that very few people will be laid off if this motion passes. On a roll call vote motion fails 8-10.

Ayes: Belvin, Day, Hogan, Kurk, Palmer, Stepanek, Villeneuve, Whitehead

Nays: Seidel, Ulery, Belanger, Gagne, Garrity, Kidge, Hutchinson, Robbins, Shaw, Vaillancourt

Motion by Rep. Robbins, second by Rep. Garrity to amend the original motion to reduce wages by less \$363,000 and to take \$4,000,000 out of surplus. On a roll call vote motion fails 7-11.

Ayes: Seidel, Belanger, Day, Garrity, Gidge, Robbins, Shaw,

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Nays: Ulery, Belvin, Gagne, Hogan, Hutchinson, Kurk, Palmer, Stepanek, Vaillancourt, Villeneuve Whitehead

Motion by Rep. Vaillancourt, second by Rep. Stepanek to move Rep. Kurk amendment. On a voice vote motion fails 9-9.

Ayes: Belvin, Day, Hogan, Kurk, Palmer, Stepanek, Vaillancourt, Villeneuve, Whitehead,

Nays: Seidel, Ulery, Belanger, Gagne, Garrity, Gidge, Hutchinson, Robbins, Shaw,

Motion by Rep. Garrity, second by Rep. Robbins to amend Rep. Kurk motion to take \$423,000 out of salary lines proportionately, and to take \$3,500,000 out of surplus and the tax rate would be \$44,449,421 which is less than 1% increase in taxes. On a show of hands motion to amend fails return to the original motion.

Motion by Rep. Vaillancourt, second by Rep. Stepanek to use \$3,500,000 from surplus and the balance out of the salary lines proportionately which is approximately \$863,000, the tax rate would remain at \$44,109,421. On a roll call vote motion adopted 14-4.

Ayes. Seidel, Ulery, Belanger, Day, Gagne, Hogan, Hutchinson, Palmer, Robbins, Shaw, Stepanek, Vaillancourt, Villeneuve, Whitehead

Nays: Belvin, Garrity, Gidge, Kurk

Motion by Rep. Kurk, second by Rep. Stepanek to take the Sheriff's motion off the table to fund the positions that are in the Sheriff's budget. On a voice vote motion adopted.

Motion by Rep. Kurk, second by Rep. Stepanek to reconsider funding the two vacant positions into the Sheriff's budget that was made earlier. On a show of hands motion fails.

Motion by Rep. Vaillancourt, second by Rep. Stepanek to adjourn at 4:30 PM. Motion adopted.