

**Hillsborough County Executive Committee  
Bouchard Building  
Goffstown, NH  
February 22, 2013**

**Present:** Representatives S. Spratt, B. Shaw, M. MacKay, J. Belanger, L. DiSilvestro, L. Harriott-Gathright, D. Hinch, M. Jack, S. Jasper, D. LeBrun, R. Rowe, G. Shattuck, J. Ulery, K. Williams, S. Vaillancourt, M. Villeneuve, Also present: Comm C. Holden, Sheriff Hardy, D. Dionne, E. A. Robinson, C. Kirby, B. Moorehead, D. Reidy, Rep. P. Straight, M. Castonguay and G. Wenger.

Vice-Chairman Shaw called the Executive Committee Meeting to order at 9:05 AM and requested Rep. Rowe to lead the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Vice-Chairman Shaw stated that Chairman Spratt has a Finance meeting in Concord today

**Transfers**

Motion by Rep. Belanger, second by Rep. Williams to approve Transfer # 2013-8 in the amount of \$135,000 from the from Department of Corrections Insurance and Gas to Department of Corrections Overtime. Superintendent Dionne stated that this transfer should carry the Department of Corrections to the end of the year. He stated that due to the adjustment of schedules, resignations, inmate transports and hospitalizations there continues to be an issue and the Overtime expenditures have not decreased as quickly as the Department of Corrections Superintendent had hoped. Rep. Vaillancourt was questioning why the money is coming from other lines in the budget and not from Salary/Wage line. He stated this was not the intent of the budget. Superintendent Dionne explained that because of schedules, resignations, transport and employees being called for military duty that this transfer is necessary. He also noted that the hiring process is taking longer because of staff leaving so quickly. Lengthy discussion ensued. On a voice vote motion adopted unanimously.

Motion by Rep. Hinch and seconded by Rep. LeBrun to approve Transfer # 2013-9 in the amount of \$2,575 from County Complex Salary/Wages to Education, Gas and Oil, and Trash disposal. On a voice vote motion adopted.

Motion by Rep. Belanger and seconded by Rep. Hinch to approve Transfer # 2013-10 in the amount of \$17,963 from Nuring Home Insurance/WC in the amount of \$5,000, Department of Corrections, Insurance/WC in the amount of \$5,000 and County Complex Insurance/WC in the amount of \$7,963 to Administration and Finance Unemployment Taxes in the amount of \$17,963. On a voice vote motion adopted unanimously.

**Appropriation Control Report**

Vice-Chairman Shaw stated that each member should have a copy of the Appropriation Control Report.

**Old/New Business**

Rep. Vaillancourt noted he is going to compose a letter to the County Attorney who did her presentation at the Orientation meeting last week. He was very alarmed at what Attorney LaFrance had to say regarding not incarcerating individuals but to do community service instead. He noted that Rep. Warden asked a question regarding victimless crimes, noting that he, Rep. Warden and Rep. Villeneuve serve on Criminal Justice and they are very concerned about victimless crimes. He stated that she basically said "there are no victimless crimes". Rep. Vaillancourt stated that "he was aghast at this statement, noting that we will see a ten fold increase in the last thirty years of our prison population at a high cost". He



also stated that he asked Attorney LaFrance why certain cases aren't plea bargained. He stated "that there was a very famous case in Merrimack County of a former Rep. and Hillsborough County is paying for that. He proceeded to ask "how much did that case cost Hillsborough County and she stated she would get back to him". He also noted as of today we have not gotten an answer. He asked why that case was not plea bargained and she answered that there was an unwillingness on the part of the defendant to plea bargain, Rep. Vaillancourt noted that he is not sure if that's true. Rep. Shaw stated that Attorney LaFrance said in most cases they are a wash between the Counties for some of the fees that were incurred. Rep. Shaw stated that she sees no problem sending a letter to the County Attorney from the one Rep. and maybe she will come back with some answers for us. Rep. Jasper stated that it is okay for us to discuss victimless crimes at the State House pertaining to Statutes and what they mean. He noted that discussion at the County level is getting into micro-managing Elected Officials and this is out of our purview. Rep. Rowe noted that plea bargain vs. trial is a direct relationship to the budget of the County Attorney, noting that we should have her at a meeting to discuss the issue. Rep. Vaillancourt stated that this is a direct function of County Government and it is budgetary issue within the County. Discussion ensued regarding whether this is a budgetary issue, noting that the Delegation does have authority over budgetary items.

Vice-Chairman Shaw noted that the Orientation last week was wonderful and enlightening and stated that the Department Heads and Elected Officials did a fantastic job. She also stated that she would like to thank the committee for putting this orientation together and she mentioned, in hindsight, we should have had it taped and put on channel 23 so that everyone could see and hear the workings of Hillsborough County. Vice Chairman Shaw thanked Mrs. Castonguay and all the Department Heads and Elected Officials for what they do. Other members of the Executive Committee also commented on how good the orientation was. Rep. MacKay also noted that all the Board of Commissioners were at the Orientation and she thought that was very respectful.

Rep. Vaillancourt brought up the motion that was made at the Delegation Meeting in December regarding the 3% cut in the budget for FY 14. He also briefly talked about the downshifting from the State to Human Services noting that will effect the County budget. Mrs. Robinson gave a brief update.

Motion by Rep. Jasper, second by Rep. Williams to adjourn at 9:45 AM.

Rep. Mariellen J. MacKay  
Rep. Mariellen MacKay, Clerk  
Hillsborough County Executive Committee

Date 3.22.13  
Approved

