

**Hillsborough County Executive Committee Budget Review
Hillsborough County Nursing Home
Goffstown, NH
May 30, 2013**

Present: Representatives: S. Spratt, B. Shaw, M. MacKay, J. Belanger, L. DiSilvestro, D. Hansberry, P. Long, L. Harriott-Gathright, D. Hinch, M. Jack, S. Jasper, N. Kurk, D. McCloskey, T. Pellegrino, R. Rowe, G. Shattuck, K. Williams, S. Vaillancourt, M. Villeneuve, Also present: Comm Pappas, C. Holden, D. Fredette, Treasurer, E.A. Robinson, C. Kirby, Superintendent Dionne, M. Montminy, B. Moorehead, D. Reidy, M. Lenski, M. Castonguay and G. Wenger.

Executive Committee Budget Review

Brief overall budget discussion regarding the tax rate and the salaries. Rep. Kurk stated that increasing the budget by \$440,000 = a 1% increase in the tax rate. He continued to say that the increase in Retirement makes up 25% and this is not controlled by the County. There is also an increase in Health Insurance and Human Services.

Chairman Spratt noted the currently there is a 6.45% increase in the budget and if the budget was approved today it would mean, on average of 7 cents on the \$1.00 in the County tax rate. Discussion ensued regarding the tax rate for each Town and City and what the County has and has no control over.

Sheriff's Office – Rep. Barbara Shaw, Chairman

In response to a question Rep. Shaw stated there are not new positions budgeted for the Sheriff's Office. Mr. Wenger stated that if the contracts are approved by the Delegation the money will be designated to Contingency, noting it is currently not in the budget. He also noted if all contracts are approved the increase would be approximately \$79,000. Lengthy discussion regarding the salary lines followed.

After a discussion regarding the Sheriff's Budget (New Equipment and vehicles) a motion was made by Rep. Vaillancourt, second by Rep. Villeneuve to reduce the Sheriff's bottom line by the amount of \$31,123. On a show of hands motion fails 5 yeas and 14 Nays.

Superior Court Bailiffs

Rep. Shaw stated that there was an increase of \$60,000 in this budget but it is offset by revenue.

There were no additional changes.

District Court Bailiffs

No changes

Sheriff Detail

No changes

Sheriff Part Time

Discussion regarding the increase in this budget.

Special Projects – Chairman Rep. Steven Spratt

Ms. Meghan Brady, Director of St. Joseph Community Projects, spoke regarding the Meals on Wheels (Title 20) funded by County Funds. Chairman Spratt noted that this is not for the congregate program.



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Motion by Rep. Vaillancourt, second by Rep. Kurk to reduce this budget to \$55,000. Brief discussion ensued. On a show of hands motion fails 4 yeas, 14 nays.

Conservation District

Ms. Kerry Rickrode (Administrator) and Chip Hardy (Board member) presented the Conservation budget and the County funds one employee, her salary and benefits, brief discussion.

Motion by Rep. Kurk, second by Rep. Vaillancourt to reduce the Conservation budget by \$58,100. On a show of hands motion fails.

Register of Deeds

No Changes

UNH Cooperative Extension

Motion by Rep. Vaillancourt, second by Rep. Kurk to reduce the Cooperative Extension budget by 10% to \$331,222. On a show of hands motion fails 5-13.

Motion by Rep. Vaillancourt, second by Rep. Pellegrino to reduce the Cooperative Extension budget to last years budgeted numbers (FY 13) \$360,455. On a show of hands motion fails.

County Attorney-Chairman Rep. Kermit Williams

Rep. Williams gave a brief overview of what the functions of the County Attorneys Office.

Motion by Rep. Vaillancourt, second by Rep. Kurk to reduce line item 7230, Consulting to \$30,000. On a voice vote motion fails 7-12.

Rep. Rowe requested a performance audit on the County Attorney Office similar to the State House. Discussion ensued regarding the Consulting Line.

Motion by Rep. Vaillancourt, second by Rep. Shaw to reduce line item 7230, Consulting to \$40,000. On a voice vote motion adopted 10-8.

There was a discussion regarding paying each Attorney's Bar Dues.

Motion by Rep. Vaillancourt, second by Rep. Kurt to remove \$17, 440 for Bar Dues. On a voice vote motion adopted.

Motion by Rep. LeBrun, second by Rep. Jasper to reduce Line 7411 Extradition expense to \$30,000. On a show of hands motion adopted 11-5.

Motion by Rep. Kurk, second by Rep. LeBrun to approve bottom line of \$3,639,756 for the County Attorneys budget. On a voice vote motion adopted.

Medical Referee

No changes



Department of Corrections-Chairman Shawn Jasper

Rep. Jasper gave a brief overview of the Department of Corrections budget and reviewed the Subcommittees changes. Brief discussion regarding the Salary and Overtime Lines. Rep. Jasper stated that the Subcommittee reduced the Salary Line by \$100,000 noting that the reduction is not tied to any position.

The Executive Committee made no changes to this budget.

Rep. Kurk and members of the Executive Committee thanked Superintendent Dionne and the Staff for the lunch that was provided.

Office of Administration and Finance-Chairman Rep. Gil Shattuck

Computer Information Systems

Mr. Greg Wenger, County Administrator gave an overview of the new Hardware and Software that is being requested. He noted that the Time Keeping Software (Kronos) is outdated and needs to be replaced.

Rep. Hinch suggested that only 35 computers be upgraded within the County. Lengthy discussion ensued.

Motion by Rep. Vaillancourt, second by Rep. Hinch to reduce 7970, New Equipment, to \$50,000. Rep. Hinch stated that the County should purchase half this year and the balance next year. Lengthy discussion ensued. On a show of hands motion fails 6-14.

County Complex

Ms. Robinson stated due to changes in the cleaning services Line 7960 can be reduced.

Motion by Rep. Vaillancourt, second by Rep. Kurk to reduce Line 7960 to \$1.00. On a voice vote motion adopted.

Motion by Rep. Hinch, second by Rep. LeBrun to accept the new bottom line which is \$414,358. On a voice vote motion adopted.

Motion by Hinch, second by Rep. LeBrun to recess until tomorrow May 31, 2013 at 9:00. On voice vote motion adopted.


Rep. Mariellen MacKay, Clerk
Hillsborough County Executive Committee

Date 10-18-13
Approved _____

