

Minutes

Merrimack County Delegation Meeting

March 24, 2014 – McDonnell Building, 4 Court Street, Concord, NH.

Chairman Candace Bouchard called the Merrimack County Public Hearing to order at 6:00p.m. and read the public notice. Notices were duly noted in the House Calendar as well as the Concord Monitor.

Chairman Bouchard asked Representative Sally Kelly to sit in as Clerk for Representative Dianne Schuett until she arrives.

Chairman Bouchard asked if any member of the public would like to speak to the 2014 budget.

Representative Schuett arrived and assumed her role as Clerk.

Seeing no member of the public wished to speak, the public hearing was closed at 6:03p.m.

Chairman Bouchard opened the Delegation meeting at 6:04p.m. and had the clerk read the public notice.

Clerk Schuett called the roll with the following members present: Bartlett, Bouchard, Carey, Carson, Davis, Frambach, Frazer, French, Gile, Henle, Hirsch, Kelly, Kidder, Kotowski, Lockwood, MacKay, Moffett, Myler, Ratzki, Rice, Richardson, Rogers, Schamberg, Schuett, Shurtleff, Turcotte, Wallner, Webb were present. A quorum was declared with 28 members present.

Chairman Bouchard announced that Representative Joy Tilton has resigned from the House of Representatives.

Chairman Bouchard explained that the 2014 budget is predicated on the withdrawal of \$44,840 from the Capital Reserve Dispatch Account which needs the Delegation to approve.

Representative Richardson moved approval of the Capital Reserve Dispatch resolution that reads **BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Merrimack County Delegation approve the withdrawal of funds from the Capital Reserve – Dispatch account in the amount of \$44,840. These funds will be expended for two projects, Boscawen repeater and Bradford repeater and set-up, which will expand coverage for hard to cover areas in Warner, Bradford, Webster and Hopkinton and parts of Henniker. The site will also serve as backup transmitter for Kearsarge Mountain. Seconded by Representative MacKay. On a voice vote, motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Bouchard announced she would now accept a motion for approval of the 2014 County expenditures as printed \$81,607,415.

Representative MacKay moved approval of the 2014 County expenditures \$81,607,415 as printed, as presented. Seconded by Representative Frambach. On a roll call vote, motion passed 28-0.

Chairman Bouchard announced she would now accept a motion for approval of the 2014 County revenue other than taxes as printed \$37,203,914 and taxes as printed \$44,403,501.

Representative Kidder moved approval of the 2014 County revenue other than taxes of \$37,203,914 and taxes of \$44,403,501 as printed, as presented. Seconded by Representative Rice. On a roll call vote, motion passed 28 -1. Representative Hoell voting no.

Chairman Bouchard thanked all involved in the budget process and explained that even though the budget is up 5% it is the first increase in five budget cycles.

County Administrator Kathy Bateson addressed the areas of increase, explained the fund balance and announced that Standard & Poor's ratings services raised its long-term rating on Merrimack County, three notches to "AA" from "A" based on the County's improved budgetary flexibility and performance factors.

Standard & Poor's also assigned a "SP-1+ rating to Merrimack County for tax anticipation notes borrowing.

Board of Commissioners Chair, Peter Spaulding thanked the Delegation members as well as the Elected Officials and Department heads on behalf of the Board.

Chairman Bouchard announced the Salary Study Committee: Chair, Rep. Henle, Rep. Ebel, Rep. Carey, Rep. Kidder and Rep. Lockwood.

Chairman Bouchard explained that this committee will meet to review the salaries of elected officials and report back to the Delegation sometime in May with their findings.

Representative Barbara French announced that Merrimack County has the best Nursing Home in the State and wanted to give "kudos" to Nursing Home Administrator Lori Shibinette.

Seeing no further business motion to adjourn was in order.

Motion to adjourn at 6:25p.m. by Representative Kidder, Seconded by Representative Gile.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Dianne C. Schuett".

Dianne Schuett, Clerk

MERRIMACK COUNTY DELEGATION

MEETING DATE 3.24.14 MEETING LOCATION Con Lord

REPRESENTATIVE	ATTENDANCE	VOTE Y/N <i>Exp.</i>	VOTE Y/N <i>R+Taxes</i>	VOTE Y/N	VOTE Y/N	VOTE Y/N
ALICEA, CAROLETTA	—	—	—			
ANDREWS, CHRISTOPHER	—	—	—			
BARTLETT, CHRISTY ✓	1	Yes	Yes			
BOUCHARD, CANDANCE ✓	2	Yes	Yes			
BURNS, SCOTT <i>late</i>	—	—	—			
CAREY, LORRIE ✓	3	Yes	Yes			
CARSON, CLYDE ✓	4	Yes	Yes			
DAVIS, FRANK ✓	5	Yes	Yes			
EBEL, KAREN <i>NO</i>	—	—	—			
FRAMBACH, MARY ✓	6	Yes	Yes			
FRAZER, JUNE ✓	7	Yes	Yes			
FRENCH, BARBARA ✓	8	Yes	Yes			
GILE, MARY STUART ✓	9	Yes	Yes			
HENLE, PAUL	10	Yes	Yes			
HESS, DAVID	—	—	—			
HIRSCH, GEOFFREY ✓	11	Yes	Yes			
HOELL, JR	29 <i>ma</i>	—	—	NO		
HUNT, JANE	—	—	—			
KARRICK, DAVID <i>NO</i>	—	—	—			
KELLY, SARA ✓	12	Yes	Yes			
<i>Kidder David</i> ✓	13	Yes	Yes			
KOTOWSKI, FRANK ✓	14	Yes	Yes			
LOCKWOOD, PRISCILLA ✓	15	Yes	Yes			
MACKAY, JAMES ✓	16	Yes	Yes			
MCGUIRE, CAROL	—	—	—			
MCGUIRE, DANIEL	—	—	—			
MOFFETT, HOWARD ✓	17	Yes	Yes			
MYLER, MEL ✓	18	Yes	Yes			
PATTEN, DICK	—	—	—			
RATZKI, MARIO	19	Yes	Yes			
REED, DENNIS <i>NO</i>	—	—	—			
RICE, HAROLD ✓	20	Yes	Yes			
RICHARDSON, GARY ✓	21	Yes	Yes			
ROGERS, KATHERINE <i>Yes</i>	22	Yes	Yes			
SCHAMBERG, THOMAS ✓	23	Yes	Yes			
SCHUETT, DIANNE	24	Yes	Yes			
SHURTLEFF, STEPHEN ✓	25	Yes	Yes			
SMITH, TODD <i>NO</i>	—	—	—			
TILTON, JOY <i>NO</i>	—	—	—			
TURCOTTE, ALAN ✓	26	Yes	Yes			
ALSH, THOMAS	—	—	—			
WALZ, MARY BETH	—	—	—			
WALLNER, MARY JANE ✓	27	Yes	Yes			
WEBB, LEIGH ✓	28	Yes	Yes			
WATROUS, RICK <i>NO (late)</i>	—	—	—			
<i>22 quorum (late)</i>	28	28	28-1			