

County of Carroll
Carroll County Delegation
May 21, 2018 9 a.m.
Carroll County Administration Building – Ossipee

Representatives Present:

Chairman Mark McConkey	Vice-Chair Lino Avellani	Clerk Ed Butler
Karen Umberger	Tom Buco	Bill Nelson
Glenn Cordelli	Karel Crawford	Edie DesMaraais
William Marsh	Ed Comeau	Steve Schmidt
Frank McCarthy	Gene Chandler	Jerry Knirk

Representatives Absent: Jerry Knirk

Commissioners Present: Amanda Bevard, David Babson, Mark Hounsell

Pledge of Allegiance

Moment of silence to recognize passing of County Administrator Ken Robichaud's father.

UNH Cooperative Extension

UNH Cooperative Extension operates through a memorandum of understanding (MOU) with the County typically renewed every six years. Claas Thelmarck, Office Administrator for Carroll County Office of UNH Cooperative Extension, described the MOU as a "good faith agreement" and that Extension will offer programs in agriculture, education, natural resource management, support youth and families, and food safety. The new MOU will be forthcoming later this year.

MOTION: "To approve the MOU as presented" by Rep. Avellani. Passed unanimous with Rep. Chandler abstaining.

1st Quarter Budget Review

Administrator Robichaud said the first quarter budget versus actual report is not available as the comptroller has too much work to do and not enough time. Second, there was a problem with the payroll outsource interface that is in process of being resolved. Rep. Cordelli voiced disappointment that his written questions submitted into the record at a previous meeting regarding the interface and related questions was never responded to by administration.

Medicare Expansion Study

Rep. McCarthy inquired about the \$10,000 appropriated by the County for an assisted living study to be conducted by the state. It was clarified that the study was relative to Medicare expansion and that each of the 10 counties gave \$10,000 that was then matched with \$100,000 in state funds and a Boston-based firm was hired to conduct the study. The preliminary report has been issued and Commissioner Hounsell will forward a copy to Rep. Cordelli. The final report is due this summer.

Performance Audit Subcommittee

This committee includes Reps. Avellani, Buco, Comeau and Cordelli. Rep. Cordelli reviewed the draft scope of work prepared by the subcommittee.

MOTION: "To accept the performance audit proposal with the adjusted dates to reflect the vote of this delegation" by Rep. Avellani, 2nd Rep. McCarthy. Passed unanimous.

Elected Officials' Salaries

MOTION: “To increase by three percent the salaries of sheriff, registrar of deeds and county attorney” by Rep. Avellani, 2nd Rep. Chandler.

Amendment: “Move that elected officials be offered family plan medical and dental leave in line with other county employees” by Rep. Cordelli, 2nd Rep. Marsh. Passed unanimous.

Amendment: “Market place adjustment to the sheriff (\$86,331), attorney (\$72,739), and registrar (\$58,735)” by Rep. Marsh, 2nd Rep. Knirk. Failed 7-6 with Reps. Avellani, Chandler, McCarthy, Comeau, Cordelli, McConkey, Nelson opposed.

A vote was taken on the original motion as amended but failed 6-7 with Reps. Bucu, Butler, DesMarais, McCarthy, Marsh, Knirk and Crawford opposed.

A brief recess was taken

MOTION: “Increase registrar \$5,000 (to \$55,000), attorney \$5,000 (to \$77,932) and sheriff \$2,000 (to \$65,018) for the term 2019 and 2020” by Rep. Avellani, 2nd Passed 12-1 with Rep. Butler opposed.

Amendment: “Offer medical and dental benefits to elected officials as offered to county employees” by Rep. Knirk, 2nd Rep. Marsh failed 6-7 with Reps. Avellani, Comeau, Chandler, McCarthy, McConkey, Nelson, Cordelli opposed.

There was much discussion about the disparity between Carroll County elected officials' salaries versus their counterparts across the state and the need for market analysis.

MOTION: “Set district one and district two commissioner’s salaries at \$9,500” by Rep. Chandler, 2nd Rep. Butler. Passed unanimous.

MOTION: “Set treasurer salary at \$6,000” by Rep. Bucu, 2nd Rep. Chandler. Passed-unanimous.

Other

Rep. Knirk suggested the delegation and commissioners improve working relationship to better serve the citizens of Carroll County.

Rep. McConkey announced that NH Senate Bill 443 to allow the delegation to hire a coordinator and others as necessary has passed and awaits the governor’s signature.

Rep. McCarthy announced that the bill to allow delegations to pay for forensic audits through contingency funds has also passed and awaits the governor’s signature.

CONVENTION

MOTION: “To move into Convention” by Rep. Chandler, 2nd Rep. McCarthy. Passed-unanimous

MOTION: “To ratify all votes taken during the regular meeting” by Rep. Chandler, 2nd Rep. Avellani. Passed-unanimous

MOTION: “To move out of convention” by Chandler, 2nd Avellani. Passed-unanimous

All minutes of previous meetings not approved will be reviewed and approved at the next meeting*

PUBLIC COMMENT

Commissioner Hounsell noted respect for the delegation’s work and said the people of Carroll County are well-served.

Rep. Comeau noted that the relationship between the county administration and delegation has greatly improved in the seven years he has been recording county meetings.

Adjournment

Minutes approved (with amendment) by majority vote on _____

Rep. Ed Butler, Clerk