

County of Carroll
Carroll County Delegation
March 13, 2017 9 a.m.
Carroll County Administration Building – Ossipee

Representatives Present:

Chairman Mark McConkey	Vice-Chairman Lino Avellani	Clerk Ed Butler
Gene Chandler	Ed Comeau	Bill Nelson
Glenn Cordelli	Jerry Knirk	William Marsh
Frank McCarthy		

Representatives Absent:

Stephen Schmidt	Karel Crawford	Karen Umberger
Tom Buco		

Recording Clerk: Mellisa Seamans

Call to order at 9:00 a.m. with remarks by Chairman McConkey and Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment:

- Susan Wiley of Sandwich distributed a two-page bibliography and encouraged the delegation to read the studies about the use of inmate labor.
 - Mark Longley of Sandwich encouraged the delegation to read the farm study and commended the advisory committee for their excellent work on this report. He suggested the County pay for the county land feasibility study rather than seeking private donors to pay for it.
 - Dorothy Milner of Wolfeboro spoke in support of the Farm and against privatizing any portion of this asset.
 - Amanda Bevard of Wolfeboro asked that \$2,000 be added for the revitalization of the pauper cemetery. The expenditure does not have the support of her fellow commissioners.
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2017 County Budget - Expenditures

Jail/House of Corrections

MOTION: "Accept the jail budget of \$3,634,313 to also include the acceptance, purchase, and installation of an ozone laundry system, provided list of new equipment and the three-year union contract" by Rep. Comeau, 2nd Rep. Avellani.
PASSED 10-0

MVC - Administration

MOTION: "To approve \$2,982,351" by Rep. Chandler, 2nd Rep. Avellani. PASSED 10-0

MVC - Dietary

MOTION: "To approve \$1,582,710" by Rep. Chandler, 2nd Rep. Avellani. PASSED 10-0

MVC – Nursing

MOTION: "To approve \$5,727,961" by Rep. Butler, 2nd Rep. Marsh. PASSED 10-0

MVC – Environmental Services

MOTION: "To approve \$1,285,628" by Rep. Avellani, 2nd Rep. Butler. PASSED 10-0

MVC – Physicians & Pharmacy

MOTION: *“To approve \$135,751” by Rep. Avellani, 2nd Rep. Butler. PASSED 10-0*

MVC – Recreation Therapy

MOTION: *“To approve \$401,824” by Rep. Avellani, 2nd Rep. Comeau. PASSED 10-0*

MVC – Social Services

MOTION: *“To approve \$133,980” by Rep. McCarthy, 2nd Rep. Avellani. PASSED 10-0*

MVC – Special Services

MOTION: *“To approve \$274,950” by Rep. McCarthy, 2nd Rep. Avellani. PASSED 10-0*

MVC – Total Operating Budget

MOTION: *“To approve \$14,423,674” by Rep. McCarthy, 2nd Rep. Butler. PASSED 10-0*

Regional Appropriations – White Horse Addiction Center

MOTION: *“To bring this item off the table” PASSED 10-0*

MOTION: *“To approve \$50,000” by Rep. Butler, 2nd Rep. Avellani. FAILED 4-6 with Reps. Marsh, McCarthy, Avellani, Chandler, Nelson and Knirk opposed.*

MOTION: *“To approve \$75,000” by Rep. McCarthy, 2nd Rep. Marsh. PASSED 7-3 with Reps. McConkey, Nelson, Chandler opposed*

Regional Appropriations

MOTION: *“To approve the Regional Appropriations budget bottom line at \$292,000” PASSED 10-0*

Department of Public Works

MOTION: *“To approve \$217,137 and accept the presented line-item reductions” by Rep. McConkey, 2nd Rep. Avellani. Passed 10-0.*

Capital Expenditures

MOTION: *“To bring this item off the table for discussion” by Rep. McConkey, 2nd Rep. Avellani. PASSED 10-0.*

MOTION: *“Move \$100,000 from Capital Expenditures to the contingency” by Rep. McConkey, 2nd Rep. Avellani. PASSED 8-2 with Reps. Butler and Marsh opposed.*

Discussion Points – 2017 County Budget Expenditures

- Legislation has passed NH House that will require the county delegation form a county grant review committee and a policy detailing how the committee will operate. Rep. Butler said if there had been a grant review process that was acceptable to the commissioners and delegation, legislation would not be required.
- The CCHOC consultant has applied for grants. If awarded, the dollar amount will be brought back to a quarterly delegation meeting for approval and addition to the budget.
- Commissioners presented the draft Memorandum of Understanding between the county and White Horse Addiction Center. Rep. Nelson said his vote against White Horse funding was because he thinks the organization should seek Town funding rather than County funds. Rep. McConkey said he is in favor of the service but disagreed with \$75,000 for a first-year funding request. Rep. Chandler had concerns that the organization is not serving the northern part of the county. Rep. McCarthy said there were 480 overdose deaths in the state last year and if the funding saves one life it is worth it. Rep. Knirk supported using county funding rather than town by town because it is a countywide problem.

- For DPW, Administration Ken Robichaud offered cuts to the following budget lines to meet the delegation's request to reduce the budget by \$10,000: water testing (-1,000), advertising (-1000), supplies (-500), chemicals (-500), and generator (-5,000).
- For KRONOS, Finance Director Chuck Stuart said a new server is not needed, storage on "the cloud" is not available until the fiber optic is fully installed, there is no written documentation about the 1.5 year "harangue" only mental documentation of payroll processing problems, he will request a new general ledger system next year. Rep. McConkey said a written answer to the list of questions was requested. Stuart assured that a written response will be sent out to the delegation. Stuart said there will be no additional cost for interfacing the new payroll system with the ACS financial system. Robichaud said per NH DRA, it is illegal to put "known cost" in the contingency fund. Removing funds from the contingency fund requires a future majority vote of the delegation.
- Mr. Stuart said the certified 2015 undesignated fund balance total is \$2.1 million. The 2016 audit is underway. Rep. Cordelli said it appears the unaudited fund balance appears to be \$4.5 million.
- Mr. Stuart will provide an updated list of 2016 encumbrances to the delegation "within a day".
- Rep. McConkey noted that the delegation had agreed that no money will be taken from the undesignated fund balance/surplus this year. This will allow for a clean year of auditing and further stability.
- Mr. Stuart said the auditors are very close to completing the special audit and expects a draft next week. Once he receives and approves it, it will be distributed. Rep. Cordelli noted the law allows the delegation to ask for certain items to be tested in a special audit. Members can send any items to Rep. McConkey.
- Rep. McCarthy pointed out that the delegation is allowed by law to contract the services of a certified auditor and that the audit should follow the law.

2017 County Budget - Revenue

Sheriff's Department

MOTION: "To approve \$238, 329" by Rep. Avellani, 2nd Rep. McConkey. PASSED 10-0.

Registry of Deeds

MOTION: "To approve \$820,296" by Rep. Avellani, 2nd Rep. Comeau. PASSED 10-0.

Jail/CCHOC

MOTION: "To approve \$115,300" by Rep. Avellani, 2nd Rep. Comeau. PASSED 10-0.

Department of Public Works

MOTION: "To approve \$62,750" by Rep. Avellani, 2nd Rep. McConkey. PASSED 7-3 with Reps. Nelson, Chandler and McCarthy opposed.

200 Fund

MOTION: "To approve \$25,500" by Rep. Avellani, 2nd Rep. McConkey. PASSED 10-0.

Mountain View Community

MOTION: "To approve \$11,576,901" by Rep. Butler, 2nd Rep. Avellani. PASSED 10-0.

Amount to be raised by taxes

MOTION: "To approve \$17,603,592" by Rep. Avellani, 2nd Rep. McConkey. PASSED 10-0

2017 Revenue Total

MOTION: "To approve \$30,490,298" by Rep. Avellani, 2nd Rep. Butler. PASSED 10-0

Hale's Location

MOTION: "To approve Hale's Location budget at \$215,469" by Rep. Chandler, 2nd Rep. Butler. WITHDRAWN

MOTION: "To table the Hale's Location budget" by Rep. Cordelli, 2nd Rep. Comeau. PASSED 10-0.

In response to an inquiry from Ms. Seamans, Commissioner Mark Hounsell said the process is best served if the delegation holds their vote on this budget until after the March 20 public hearing in Hale's Location. Rep. McConkey was assured that any changes to the Hale's Location budget after the hearing will be forwarded to him by Wednesday, March 21.

Use of County land

MOTION: "Allow the commissioners to enter into an agreement for utilization of the parcel as designated as provided Ossipee tax map and signed by Chairman McConkey. This will be at no cost to the County" by Rep. Chandler, 2nd Rep. Avellani. PASSED 10-0

Approval of Minutes

MOTION: "To approve the 2/13/17 DPW subcommittee meeting minutes" by Rep. Avellani, 2nd Rep. McConkey. PASSED.

MOTION: "To approve the 1/30/17 attorney/victim witness subcommittee meeting minutes" by Rep. McConkey, 2nd Rep. Avellani. PASSED.

MOTION: "To approve the 2/27/17 DPW subcommittee meeting minutes" by Rep. McConkey, 2nd Rep. Avellani. PASSED

MOTION: "To approve the 2/27/17 Delegation meeting minutes as amended" by Rep. Avellani, 2nd Rep. Butler. PASSED.

- Rep. Cordelli asked for an amendment to include his concern about the lateness of the KRONOS budget request and lack of documentation regarding same.

MOTION: "To approve the 2/24/17 MVC subcommittee meeting minutes" by Rep. Nelson, 2nd Rep. Butler. PASSED

MOTION: "To approve the 1/30/17 jail committee meeting minutes" by Rep. Comeau, 2nd Rep. Knirk. PASSED.

- Rep. Comeau said draft minutes should be uploaded to the County website within five business after the meeting.

Convention

MOTION: "To move into Convention to ratify all previously made motions" by Rep. Chandler, 2nd Rep. Butler PASSED 10-0.

MOTION: "To ratify all previously approved motions" by Rep. Chandler, 2nd Rep. Avellani PASSED 10-0.

MOTION: "To move out of Convention" by Rep. Chandler, 2nd Rep. Avellani. PASSED 10-0

This meeting is recessed with the **MOTION: “To recess this meeting until March 23, noontime, in a room to be designated at the State House in Concord. The meeting will be posted. The purpose is for final ratification of the 2017 County budget and approval of the 2017 Hale’s Location budget”** by Rep. Chandler, 2nd Rep. Avellani. PASSED 10-0

PUBLIC COMMENT

Charlene Seibel of Wolfeboro expressed her disappointment representatives who voted to table House Bill 478 that would have added gender identity to the protections against discrimination.

Susan Wiley of Sandwich asked if next year’s budget cycle can include a second public hearing since the first is always held prior to the delegation making cuts to the commissioner’s proposed budget. She also asked for consideration of a change in meeting time rather than during the weekday.

Dorothy Milner of Wolfeboro spoke against the \$75,000 to White Horse Addiction Center because the organization is religion-based.

Rep. Ed Butler, Clerk