

Delegation Meeting

CALL TO ORDER

Date	Time	Location
03/05/2024	6:00 pm	County Complex

QUORUM-CALL

<i>Representative</i>	<i>Present</i>	<i>Absent</i>
Bean	X	
Beaudoin	X	
Bordes	X	
Bogert	X	
Coker	X	
Comtois	X	
Dumais	X	
Harvey-Bolia		X
Huot	X	
McCarter	X	
Nagel		X
O'Hara	X	
Ploszaj		X
Smart	X	
St. Clair		X
Terry	X	
Trottier	X	
Varney		X
Count	13	5

MEETING VOTES

Main Motion: O'Hara moved to allow St. Clair to participate via Zoom, seconded by Bordes.

Voice Vote: Motion carried unanimously. (13-0)

*** *St. Clair joined at 6:32 via Zoom, he is home and alone in a room.* ***

Main Motion: O'Hara moved to accept the agenda after striking "Other Business," seconded by Terry.

Roll Call: Motion carried (13-1)

<i>Representative</i>	<i>Yay</i>	<i>Nay</i>
Bean	X	
Beaudoin	X	
Bordes	X	
Bogert	X	
Coker	X	
Comtois		X
Dumais	X	
Huot	X	
McCarter	X	
O'Hara	X	
Smart	X	
St. Clair	X	
Terry	X	
Trottier	X	
Count	13	1

Main Motion: O'Hara moved to accept the minutes from 12/14/23 seconded by Bordes.

Discussion: Terry noted that the minutes were not sent out to the body before the meeting. Comtois and Terry noted that there were changes needed before accepting the minutes.

*** *Nagel joined the meeting in person at 6:37 pm.* ***

Table Motion: Coker moved to table the minutes to the next meeting, seconded by Bordes.

Roll Call: Motion carried Unanimously. (15-0)

<i>Representative</i>	<i>Yay</i>	<i>Nay</i>
Bean	X	
Beaudoin	X	
Bordes	X	
Bogert	X	
Coker	X	
Comtois	X	
Dumais	X	
Huot	X	
McCarter	X	
Nagel	X	
O'Hara	X	
Smart	X	
St. Clair	X	
Terry	X	
Trottier	X	
Count	15	0

Main Motion: Bordes moved to approve the expenses and revenue as presented by the Budget Review Committee.

BUDGET PRESENTATION

Bogert, Chair of the Budget Review Committee presented the budget that was prepared by the Budget Review Committee.

MEETING VOTES (Cont'd)

Amendment to Main Motion: Coker moved to increase the fund balance usage from \$1,750,000 to \$1,900,00, seconded by O'Hara.

Discussion: Comtois inquired about the balance of the fund; County Admin noted that it would still be above \$3,500,000 which is within the policy set by the County Commission. Terry asked Coker about his

with how critical mental health is right now. O'Hara stated that the reason for his motion was not due to the amount of funding but to the fact that he felt it was not the right time to add another agency to the county burden, O'Hara also added that he would withdraw his motion if Comtois motion failed.

Roll Call: Motion failed. (3-12)

<i>Representative</i>	<i>Yay</i>	<i>Nay</i>
Bean		<i>X</i>
Beaudoin		<i>X</i>
Bordes		<i>X</i>
Bogert		<i>X</i>
Coker		<i>X</i>
Comtois	<i>X</i>	
Dumais		<i>X</i>
Huot	<i>X</i>	
McCarter		<i>X</i>
Nagel		<i>X</i>
O'Hara		<i>X</i>
Smart	<i>X</i>	
St. Clair		<i>X</i>
Terry		<i>X</i>
Trottier		<i>X</i>
Count	<i>3</i>	<i>12</i>

Call the Question: Bogert moved to call the question seconded by Bordes.

Roll Call: Motion carried. (9-6)

<i>Representative</i>	<i>Yay</i>	<i>Nay</i>
Bean	<i>X</i>	
Beaudoin	<i>X</i>	
Bordes	<i>X</i>	

Bogert	X	
Coker	X	
Comtois		X
Dumais	X	
Huot	X	
McCarter		X
Nagel		X
O'Hara		X
Smart		X
St. Clair	X	
Terry		X
Trottier	X	
Count	9	6

Amended Main Motion: The amended motion that was called is to accept the budget as presented by the Budget Review Committee with the amendment to use \$1,900,000 from the Fund Balance.

Roll Call: Motion carried. (10-5)

<i>Representative</i>	<i>Yay</i>	<i>Nay</i>
Bean	X	
Beaudoin	X	
Bordes	X	
Bogert	X	
Coker	X	
Comtois		X
Dumais	X	
Huot	X	
McCarter		X

Nagel		X
O'Hara	X	
Smart		X
St. Clair	X	
Terry		X
Trottier	X	
Count	10	5

Notes for the Record: Terry stated that he voted against the budget due to the truncating vote of calling the question, and also wanted to note that the budget vote took place at 7:35 pm. Comtois Stated that they had no input on the budget and feels that it is wrong, McCarter seconded that statement. Bean noted that there is a fine line between funding the county business and keeping a balanced budget for the taxpayer, also he feels that a 2.5% increase is reasonable. Nagel sent the Clerk an email on 3/6/24 that he wanted a note that he misunderstood the vote being taken and if he knew it was for the full budget his vote would have been "Yay".

CONSIDERATION OF VACANT COUNTY ATTORNEY

Presentation: Attorney Livernois presented the Delegation with a memo that outlined the possibility of his appointment to the courts and also outlined a few options we can pursue going forward. One option is to leave the position vacant until the elections in November; this would make the Deputy Attorney the Acting Attorney. The other option is to appoint a new County Attorney until the November elections. Livernois feels that we should appoint someone for the flow of the office.

Main Motion: Trottier moved the Delegation to appoint to fill the vacant position if Livernois is appointed to the courts, seconded by Comtis.

Discussion: St. Clair wanted to clarify if there would be a time of vacancy. Livernois confirmed there would be but he has worked with his deputy to take care of the office in that time frame. The Delegation discussed taking applications until April 7 and to meet at the call of the chair following review of applications.

Roll Call: Motion carried Unanimously. (15-0)

<i>Representative</i>	<i>Yay</i>	<i>Nay</i>
Bean	X	
Beaudoin	X	
Bordes	X	
Bogert	X	
Coker	X	

Comtois	X	
Dumais	X	
Huot	X	
McCarter	X	
Nagel	X	
O'Hara	X	
Smart	X	
St. Clair	X	
Terry	X	
Trottier	X	
Count	15	0

CONSIDERATION OF INCREASE OF WRIT FEES

Presentation: Sheriff Wright presented the Delegation with a memo that outlined HB36, that made changes to RSA 104:31, which allows county sheriff's to increase writ fees by 3.5%. Wright requested that we increase our writ fees by \$1.13, 3.5%, from \$32.42 to \$33.55.

Main Motion: Terry moved to accept the change in writ fees to \$33.55, seconded by Bordes.

Discussion: Bean noted that he files multiple writ's a year and is still going to vote in support of this change. Trottier declared a conflict that he works for the department but is still going to vote on this.

Roll Call: Motion carried Unanimously. (15-0)

<i>Representative</i>	<i>Yay</i>	<i>Nay</i>
Bean	X	
Beaudoin	X	
Bordes	X	
Bogert	X	
Coker	X	
Comtois	X	
Dumais	X	

Huot	X	
McCarter	X	
Nagel	X	
O'Hara	X	
Smart	X	
St. Clair	X	
Terry	X	
Trottier	X	
Count	15	0

PUBLIC COMMENT

Catherine Farkas, Sanborton

Catherine Wanted to back the county for supporting CASA and thanked us for supporting them.

Tarra Burgaron, CASA

Thanked us on the funding and willing to stay to talk to the county members about the organization and the funding, also she stated that the funding will go directly to supporting our county and will provide information next year on how this funding supported the children in our county.

ADJOURNMENT

8:07 pm; next meeting:

Date	Time	Location
Call of the Chair	Call of the Chair	Call of the Chair

Submitted,

Travis J. O'Hara
Belknap County Delegation Clerk