

**Draft Meeting Minutes for the Executive Committee – May 23, 2022, at 6:35 p.m.**

Chair Howard called the Belknap Executive committee meeting to order at 6:35 p.m. on the above date at 34 County Drive, Laconia, NH.

In attendance: Rep. Howard, Rep. Comtois, Rep. Sylvia, Rep Silber

Absent: Rep. Aldrich

Pledge: Rep Silber

M/Rep Silber S/Rep Sylvia – motion to approve minutes of 05.03.22 – unanimous

Housing market is starting to cool due to prime interest rates increases.

Court Security revenue line – not sure why it is running behind, but it shouldn't affect budgeted amount – maybe they are not working as much was anticipated.

Too early for estimate from HHS recoveries – need to speak to folks in finance

Program fees for Restorative Justice have been cut in ½ - assumption is that he does not have the traffic anticipated. He also does a lot of work in the schools and not sure how that is working, or amount received from that source.

Nursing Home

Status of NH – 56 residents with full capacity being 94

Status of skylight replacement project – waiting on architecture and materials are 12 to 14 weeks out

Revenues are based on 4 months

How do we determine private pay beds vs other beds? Not sure

#### EXPENDITURES

Health insurance has a surplus in a lot of line items, is it due to a change in personnel? Nursing home employees have reached 9 that have opted off the insurance and therefore the opt-off amount has increased, from \$1500 to \$4,000 or \$6,000 (not sure of exact amount)

If new cost items are accepted for September 1, 2022, see proposed wage scale on worksheet.

New wage scale can only work if there is a COLA instituted. Unions will not negotiate without COLA's. Unions are currently under contract. Two are up Dec 31, 2022, and Dec 31, 2023.

New facilities manager – Jim Boyle – Dustin went to Merrimack County.

Sheriff Department - Grant opportunities – haven't seen any grant money. – Sherriff is struggling to keep dispatchers. He is down to 3.

Communication project is underway.

Corrections department is having staff shortages again. – Core supplies/Program Costs are low. Pre-trial numbers are going down. We are at approximately 65% capacity; a surge is expected with motorcycle weekend and concert venue going into full swing.

Do we have the ability to take in overflow from other counties?

Capital project is mostly the generator. Are we supposed to get a rebate from the generator project? They have just poured the pad.

NH Admin – Bed tax can make or break us.

NH Rehab FT wages – does not matter if they are working in another department, there wages are getting charged to this cost item. – Line item that should be affected is NH – Nursing FT wages.

NH Nursing Services – Contracted Nursing Services – what is this so high? The real problem is that they are so expensive, that the staffing agencies are having bidding wars. Having difficulty finding part-time nurses and as a result need to rely on Contracted nursing services.

Commissioners want a more detailed look at this department at their next meeting.

NH Laundry – 3 women are also working in other areas, but cost item is not being allocated.

All part-time positions in NH Housekeeping are vacant.

NH had 4 more staff members tested positive this week.

NH Activities – 4 aides and 1 Director

Cannot find a part-time hairdresser

M/Rep Silber S/Rep Sylvia – appropriate and pay the sum of \$30,000 from contingency. RSA24:13 II – unanimous

Public Comment - Jon Decker from LDS

Announcement – County Commissioners have moved meeting dates to 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday at 5:15 p.m.

Adjourned at 8:00 p.m.