

Meeting Minutes for the Executive Committee – July 14, 2020 – 6:35 p.m.

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

In attendance on-site: Rep Howard, Rep Sylvia, Rep. Comtois, Rep. Spanos

Pledge: Rep. Comtois

M/Rep. Sylvia S/Rep. Spanos – approve minutes with correction to word alone after Rep. Aldrich – unanimous

Review of Budget for 1st two quarters of 2020

Insurance/Rebate – can only see 10K instead of 40K

In talking with municipalities 95% of taxes due have been paid, the December tax bill will be telling

Sheriff's Department – revenue down due to COVID-19

Corrections Dept – we will be shipping inmates to Carroll county to keep spacing – every inmate that comes in is being isolated for 2 weeks – work release program stalled due to lockdown in jail – We have about 50 inmates between here and Carroll county

DHHS Cap Credit – should know numbers tomorrow

ProShare – took a 1.7 million dollar hit – we were the only county that had an approved budget

Medicaid Incentive – due to excess at State level

Nursing Home (NH) population down – those in NH are getting a lot of services so Med Part A is well above anticipated

NH Misc. Income – increase in revenue due to 3 payments from CARES Act – may be required to pay bed tax on monies received

The county is responsible for FICA payments on monies paid to salaries by State - \$364,000

We will be requesting money from FEMA and County and Municipalities program

Wages – Part-time – Did not hire part-time attorney due to COVID-19

County Attorney – dues – why is it overspent – NY bar dues - \$375

Conservative on amount of expense for Witness & Legal Expense – no idea when trials will start up

County Admin – employee recognition usually happens in Nov. but may not happen – will expend money from line for when someone retires.

Just received Auditor's report today

Legal expense – Attorney Irwin will cost \$35K for investigation – will come out of sheriff's department contracted service line – Primex suggested attorney – trying to get money from insurance company as the report from the investigation will save them a lot of money – denying to pay saying it is an internal affair investigation – claim was a Hostile workplace –

Info Tech – instead of replacing desktops, replaced with laptops

County Maintenance – what is left to be done under Building Improvements? – not sure

Sheriff – does he plan to replace his Chief Deputy – yes – his intention is to re-hire from within – Chief Deputy was a new position under the last Sheriff

FT wages – shows deficit due to payout of vacation and sick time for retiree - this will happen again with the Corrections Superintendent

Court Security does not line up with Revenue side – Why did we estimate spending \$225k when the budget was done

Contracted Services -wire taps, legal fees, etc.

Why are we doing Special Operations Team under COVID-19

Corrections Dept – contracted nursing service – he needed a nurse due to COVID-19, should get reimbursed for that

MAT Clinical Services – why are we administering drugs to the inmates – suboxone - what portion of the jail is on the program – only jail not doing this is Carrol County

The Board of Commissioners run the jail – Superintendent carries out their wishes

The Core program has been suspended – must be sentenced to be on the Core program – we are currently paying \$11k per month during the pandemic

Restorative Justice - we have had turnover, 1 vacant position, and people working from home

NH – postage – high due to mailings to keep families informed – can it be reimbursed due to COVID

NH – computer equipment – bought I-pads – putting in grant request

Bed Tax – keeps moving

NH Nursing – having the most trouble with keeping and hiring 2nd shift 3-11 – new Director of Nursing – Victoria

Contracted Nursing on 8- week cycles

All cost items that could be reimbursable through COVID 19 grants are not on the Revenue side

M/Rep. Comtois S/Rep. Spanos motion to adjourn -8:37 p.m. - unanimous