

Meeting Minutes for the Executive Committee – December 21, 2020 at 6:30 p.m.

Chair Howard called the Belknap Executive committee meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. on the above date at 34 County Drive, Laconia, NH.

Meeting called to order at 6:30 p.m.

Absent: Rep. Aldrich

Pledge: Rep. Silber

Chair Howard – opening statement – Article 28 Part 1

County Attorney

Majority of increase is in personnel – step increases and contractual raises – believes we should have an investigator thus the increase in PT wages

Rep. Silber – discussion on County Attorney slide show

Data Storage – recently switched to a paperless office format

Software Support – Westlaw, PDK, increase in rate with Westlaw

Medical Examiner – moving target - works for state, part of the AG's office

Witness & Legal experts – CAP program was free of charge from Dartmouth Hitchcock (DH) regarding child abuse cases, but now DH is charging

Witness & Legal - \$26 is for an overnight package to a witness – move to postage – projected YTD s/b \$0

Travel – projected should stay at current actual as of 12.17.20

Investigator – position has been posted, currently interviewing and narrowed down to 2- anticipating having this filled by Feb 01 2021

PT wages includes County Attorney's secretary and an investigator

Retirement System – increase from 11.17% to 14.06% as of July 01 2021 – Group 1

Group 2 will increase from 28.43% to 33.88% effective July 01 2021

Sick Bonus – Commissioners are trying to replace with something else

M/Rep Comtois S/Rep Silber to reduce PT wages by \$2000 – unanimous

M/Rep Silber S/Rep Sylvia reduce sick time – discussion – motion withdrawn

M/Rep Sylvia S/Rep Comtois – to adjust all Sick Time Incentive lines in budget to actuals – unanimous

Health Insurance – why such an increase – includes non-union employees - overall a 4% increase in rates 7.5% contribution by union employees – non-union employees are not contributing to health insurance

Need new numbers for payroll tax & unemployment based on \$2,000 reduction in PT wages

Dues, JP, Notary, etc. – covers bar dues, notary seals, and JP seals

Monies received from County Attorney for NY dues were recorded against expense paid out

M/Rep Sylvia S/Rep Comtois – flat line Telecommunication line – unanimous

M/Rep Sylvia S/Rep Silber – zero out spot terminal line – unanimous

M/Rep Silber S/Rep Sylvia – motion to reduce software support line to \$8,500 - unanimous

M/Rep Silber S/Rep Sylvia – reduce medical examiner line to \$15,000 – unanimous

M/Rep Silber S/Rep Sylvia – reduce Witness & Legal experts to \$5,000 - unanimous

M/Rep Silber S/Rep Sylvia – Professional development – reduce to \$1,500 – unanimous

M/Rep Silber S/Rep Sylvia – Travel – reduce to \$700 – unanimous

Rep. Silber – data share costs vs drop box (is this an option) – CA has looked at this and drop box is not an approved vendor

MINUTES

M/Rep Silber S/Rep Sylvia – to approve minutes of Dec 15, 2020 – unanimous

Register of Deeds

M/Rep Sylvia S/Rep Silber – reduce PT wages to \$7,000 – unanimous

HHS

M/Rep Sylvia S/Rep Silber - reduce #53500 to 7,339,317 – unanimous

Debt

M/Rep Sylvia S/Rep Comtois – reduce debt service – interest line to \$347,930 – unanimous

Nursing Home Debt

M/Rep Sylva S/Rep Silber – reduce debt service interest line to \$58,831 – unanimous

County Convention

M/Rep Sylvia S/Rep Silber – reduce meeting fees to \$3,000 – unanimous

M/Rep Sylvia S/Rep Silber – reduce meeting notices to \$600 – unanimous

M/Rep Sylvia S/Rep Silber – reduce travel to \$1,500 - unanimous

Motion to adjourn – M/Rep. Comtois S/Rep. Sylvia - unanimous

9:15 p.m.