

Meeting Minutes for the Executive Committee – April 19, 2021 at 6:03 p.m.

Chair Howard called the Belknap Executive committee meeting to order at 6:03 p.m. on the above date at 34 County Drive, Laconia, NH.

Pledge: Rep. Silber

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

M/Rep. Silber S/Rep. Sylvia – approve minutes of Mar 01 – unanimous

County Revenues

Rep. Sylvia – inquired about the Register of Deeds – they are very busy with RE transfers

Sheriff's Department

Fees are down - court security and Joint operations are down

Discussion on whether Revenue numbers are on a cash or accrual basis, the County Administrator, said it is a mixture of both depending on the line item.

Financials are done a modified accrual basis

Misc. Income in NH- Administration is CARES Act money that was not anticipated

\$11.8 million will be coming from Federal Gov't this year – ½ in May – ½ in September

NH Admin – large discrepancy in Medicaid and Private Pay – some of it is related to Census, but mostly due to staffing issues

Finance – savings for Non-Union wage – step increase not given to one employee – COL not given but 4% Step given to others

Registry of Deeds – internet services are billed based on volume – increase in volume

County Maintenance – unexpected need for new water heater in old part of jail

Current Population is 67 at County Jail – None are outsourced

Sheriff's Dept – Court Security – foot traffic is down, but service hours are fixed – Revenue decreased with no answer why expense line was not decreased

County Attorney – class action suit against Opioid Mfg. – Commissioner Spanos was told “don't hold your breath for a resolution anytime soon”

Human Services – money in State Budget to help with that line

Debt Service - \$2 million was drawn in Mar at .49 or .59% - in budget we estimated an interest rate 1.5% - County Administrator said they included legal fees and municipal borrowing fees in interest line

NH Capital Projects – status – generator and boiler – getting grant from Homeland Security for generator

NH Admin – municipal & county dues – portion paid even though we did not approve in budget

Software Support – budget was reduced - Director has not cancelled the services

Rep Silber – the implication – is there an ability to reduce the software in that line – was the budgeted amount sufficient – nothing new has been added

NH – Nursing Services – is there a seasonality – County Administrator just changed projection from \$650k to \$500k to show a surplus of \$150k

NH Laundry – health insurance – crazy swing

NH Housekeeping – why is payroll tax going to be a deficit – may be due to large turnover

NH – Physicians, Pharmacy – surplus of \$80k in Medicare A and deficit of \$159,600 Medicare B

NH Activities – could run over due to employee retiring – vacation payout

Need to recalculate Interest which should give us significant savings

M/Rep Comtois S/Rep Silber Motion to adjourn – unanimous

7: 04 pm