

## Minutes

### Merrimack County Delegation Meeting

March 15, 2010 – McDonnell Building, 4 Court Street, Concord, NH.

Chairman Bouchard called the Merrimack County Public Hearing to order at 6:00p.m. and read the public notice.

Chairman Bouchard asked if any member of the public wished to address the members of the Delegation. Seeing none, public hearing was closed by Chairman Bouchard at 6:01p.m.

Chairman Bouchard opened the Delegation meeting at 6:01p.m and read the public notice.

Clerk Shurtleff called with roll with the following members present: Anderson, Bartlett, Blankenbeker, Bouchard, Clarke, Davis, DeStefano, Foose, Gile, Kelly, Kidder, Lockwood, McGuire, McMahan, Osborne, Owen, Palfrey, Porter, Rodd, Schuett, Shurtleff, Stetson, Tupper, Walz, Watrous, Webb, Wheeler, and Yeaton.

A quorum was declared with 28 members present.

Representative Jessie Osborne explained that everyone should have in front of them a copy of the budget resolution and that extra copies are available.

Representative Osborne explained be it resolved by the Merrimack County Convention duly convened that the only sums hereinafter listed in this resolution are hereby appropriated to be paid out of the county treasury for the purposes specified and for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2010 in the amount of \$74,724,412 and further resolved that only the sums hereinafter listed in this resolution are hereby adopted as revenue estimates in the amount of \$32,884,017. Be it further resolved that the total appropriation for 2010 in excess of the total estimated revenues in the amount of \$41,840,395 and the Merrimack County Treasurer issue a warrant to the several towns and cities in the county for this amount pursuant to NH RSA 29:11.

Representative Webb moved that \$1,626.02 be reimbursed back to the Town of Hill for the purposes of interest charged for their late tax payment.

Representative Osborne stated she is opposed to this motion and the Delegation would be setting a precedent if approved.

Treasurer Jim Monahan explained this can be a slippery slope and that this could have an impact on our Tax Anticipation Notes . We would need to explain this to Bond Council and also to Standard & Poor if the Delegation chose to vote in favor of

the return of funds. Due to a lack of second, motion fails.

Representative Walz asked what the percentage is of the tax rate on this budget. County Administrator Kathy Bateson explained .00234% or \$97,890 over last year.

Chairman Bouchard asked is there was any further discussion. Seeing none, Chairman Bouchard stated a motion was in order to approve the 2010 budget.

Representative Schuett moved the 2010 revenues of \$32,884,017 be approved. Seconded by Representative Wheeler. On a roll call vote, motion carried 28 yes, 0 no.

Representative Wheeler moved the 2010 Expenditures of \$74,724,412 be approved. Seconded by Representative Clarke. On a roll call vote, motion carried 28 yes, 0 no.

Representative Clarke moved the 2010 tax appropriation of \$41,840,395 and that the County Treasurer issue a warrant to the cities and towns as such. Seconded by Representative Schuett. On a roll call vote, motion carried 28 yes, 0 no.

Representative Anderson moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:27p.m. Seconded by Representative Wheeler. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Blanchard thanked the Delegation Members for all their hard work as well as the Sub-Committee's.

Chairman Candace Bouchard thanked the Elected Officials as well as the Department Heads.

Chairman Bouchard also thanked Sara Lewko for filling in for Melinda Harrison.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen Shurtleff, Clerk  
Merrimack County Delegation