

**MINUTES**  
**Cheshire County Delegation**  
**Executive Committee Meeting**  
**Monday, December 19, 2011 – 7:00 PM**  
**12 Court Street, Keene, NH**

**PRESENT:** Representatives Butynski; Hunt; Johnson (Jane), Leraudeau, Meader, Moore (Robert, Jr.), Sad, Sterling; Smith, Tatro, Weber, Commissioners Pratt, Zerba, and Patt; Administrator Wozmak, Finance Director Trombly, County Treasurer Parker, Project Manager Bouchard

**ABSENT:** Representatives Hawkes and Emerson

Chair Hunt opened the meeting at 7:54 PM

**The Chair then heard a motion from Rep. Leraudeau and seconded by Rep. Weber to “authorize the Treasurer of Cheshire County, upon the request of the Cheshire Board of Commissioners to borrow in anticipation of taxes an amount not to exceed \$24 million dollars for the 2012 budget year, January 1, 2012 to December 31, 2012. Motion was voted on and passed unanimously.**

The schedule for the 2012 Proposed Budget Review meetings was discussed and dates identified for the normal budget review cycle as well as an Alternative Sentencing Program / Mental Health Court session to be held on January 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM at the Court House. (See attachment at end of minutes).

Commissioner Patt mentioned that he had presented a Power Point presentation on the proposed 2012 budget to some of the towns he had visited recently while reviewing the FMA situation. A request was made of Commissioner Patt to present the slides at the first Executive Committee meeting and he agreed to do so.

The conversation then turned to the Alternative Sentencing Program (ASP) and if the current participants of the program would be sent to jail if the program terminates. The opinion of those present was that the decision to send anyone to jail would be reviewed on a case-by-case basis by DOC staff members Barnes Peterson and Doug Iosue before any action was taken.

Administrator Wozmak stated that the need to cut the budget meant that real people had to be cut from their jobs and real services needed to be eliminated in order to make real cuts to the budget.

Rep Butynski asked what was included in the increase in proposed payroll. Did it include union and non-union personnel?

Commissioner Pratt said that it would be unfair and not in the best interests of the County to have to give union members a raise and not give the rest of the county personnel the same rate increase if it were to be granted. Further the numbers in the proposed budget are contingency numbers and there to reflect the possibility of having to meet the some of the projected collective bargaining agreement increases. Money would have to be added to the budget to provide all employees with any wage adjustments.

Administrator Wozmak stated that he would be meeting with the union in the four to six weeks to discuss the contract.

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Rep. Sterling asked how union employees the County has. Administrator Wozmak replied that there are about 140 union members all at the nursing home.

A question was asked as to why 45K was cut from each department across the board instead of being taken proportionately based on the size of the department. Commissioner Pratt replied that it was done this way because 45K represents about one Full Time equivalent position for each department and was the fairest way they could think of for all the departments involved.

Commissioner Patt spoke to the problem expressed by the towns of getting tax dollars to the County and he said that the proposed budget takes into consideration the towns tax rate pains.

Administrator Wozmak related the meeting that was held with the Department of Health and Human Services Commissioner Toumpas concerning the Medicaid issues between the state and county and how some of the problems can be addressed to facilitate better communications and more timely payment of Medicaid funds.

Rep. Butynski asked if a one page history and overview of the union contract could be provided to the Executive Committee for their review.

**At 8:27 Chair Hunt made a motion to adjourn and the motion passed unanimously.**

Acceptance Authorized  
Via Phone Call 1/20/2012 – R. Bouchard

**Jane Johnson, Clerk**