

ROCKINGHAM COUNTY DELEGATION MINUTES - PUBLIC HEARING

**Commissioners Proposed 2006 Budget
Thursday, January 26, 2006 - 7:00 p.m.
Hilton Auditorium, Brentwood, NH**

Rep. Sheila T. Francoeur, Chairman of the Rockingham County Delegation, called the Public Hearing to order at 7:06 p.m.

Chairman Francoeur called upon Rep. Ron Nowe who delivered the Invocation.

Chairman Francoeur called upon Rep. Ronald Belanger who led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Francoeur then recognized Commissioner Maureen Barrows, Chairman of the Rockingham County Board of Commissioners, who provided an overview of the Commissioners 2006 Budget. She reviewed the overall increases to the budget being attributed to the health insurance and salaries. She noted a 1 percent increase overall to the proposed budget.

Chairman Francoeur called upon Rep. James Rausch, Chairman of the Rockingham County Executive Committee, who read the Commissioners 2006 budget proposal by department as follows:

Rockingham County Delegation - 88,391	Commissioners - 173,250	Jail - 9,165,274
Treasurer - 42,555	General Government - 2,876,489	UNH Cooperative Extension - 536,915
County Attorney - 2,367,488	Projects - 593,000	Human Resources - 330,205
District Court - 201,901	Grants - 1,150,000	Non-County Specials - 263,250
Medical Examiner - 56,100	Finance - 687,558	Long-Term Care Services - 22,692,730
Sheriff's Department - 4,387,478	Engineering & Maintenance/IT - 4,060,192	
Manchester Airport Duty - 1,066,958		
Registry of Deeds - 1,470,069	Human Services - 14,637,691	

Chairman Francoeur reviewed the ground rules regarding the procedures for the public to speak.

Chairman Francoeur then opened the meeting to the public for their questions and comments.

Steven Warnock resident from Epping and County employee for 18 years at the Jail and then Sheriff's Department, spoke about the health insurance plan increases and requested help for all employees.

Diane Gilbert, Selectman from Epping, questioned county government and its authority from state statute. She referred to items in the budget that she believes are unnecessary, which result in raising taxes to the residents of Epping. She also questioned conferences, suggesting that employees pay the expense and attend at their own time.

Paul Spidle, Epping Budget Committee, questioned the overall increases to the budget. Chairman Francoeur referred the question to Commissioner Barrows. Chairman Francoeur then recognized Ms. Young who noted a 1.5 percent increase. He further commented about government entities giving to charity or social service organizations, which taxpayers may not want to contribute.

Linda Vitello, from Sandown, spoke about the County Attorney's budget. She spoke about a civil rights violation by a local patrolman who violated her rights by trespassing on her property, resulting in her needing assistance from the County Attorney's Office. She questioned why was she told by Attorney Reams that he did not have the resources to investigate the situation. Commissioner Barrows acknowledged Ms. Vitello's concerns and told her that she would speak to her after the meeting.

Dave Vitello, from Sandown, commented that he has been told that the County Attorney's Office does not have the resources to conduct thorough civil rights investigations by police. He explained that his son was injured and that he does not have health insurance. There was an investigation of the assault.

Harriet E. Cady, resident and representative from Deerfield, expressed her concerns and issues relative elected officials' benefits, i.e., mileage, conferences, dues, etc. She referred to the Commissioners needing to take a look at these issues.

David Currier, Police Chief and Resident of Seabrook, read letters submitted by the Police Chiefs from Epping and Plaistow. He read the letters for the record which are part of the records of the Public Hearing. He noted that the networking from attending conferences is vital. All the comments outlined in the letters were in support of the County Attorney's Office. Chief Currier asked that the representatives support the County Attorney's budget.

Skip Christenbury, County Employee in the Sheriff's Department, referred to employees continuing working for the County for their benefits. He expressed his concern with the new health insurance plan. He noted that the

consultant hired to look at the county's pay plan recognized a 2 percent COLA suggested in his proposal. He asked the Delegation to please consider this request by looking at the consultant's report. This would help to offset costs to employees. He also asked that the Commissioners allow the employees to become involved in the discussions earlier next year.

James Reams, Resident of Hampton and County Attorney, referring to Rep. Cady's comments, asked that she apologize to the employees of the County Attorney's Office, as well as himself. He noted that her comments are allegations without any truth. He noted that he was never contacted regarding the concerns she expressed, and challenged her to come up with the documents to challenge the allegations, as there are no such documents that she claims that she was referring to. Attorney Reams commented that he guarantees that this is not an accurate report of his office. She asked that she also apologize to the press. Have not abused the relationship with the county, have not passed on expenses to citizens. Assures the delegation and taxpayers that she made wrong, half-true allegations.

Cathy Stacey, Resident of Salem and Register of Deeds, spoke about mileage to and from work for elected officials referring to an article she read this in the newspaper. She noted that the benefits for elected officials are approved by the Members of the Delegation every term.

Rep. Cady further commented about the County Attorney's Office. Chairman Francoeur called Rep. Cady out of order.

George Waldron, Resident of Brentwood and Assistant County Attorney in Merrimack County, referred to Rep. Cady's comments regarding dues. He noted that all counties pay dues for their attorneys. He asked that those present ignore the comments about perks by having their dues paid.

There being no further questions or comments, the Public Hearing adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Cheryl A. Hurley
Delegation Coordinator

Rep. David A. Welch, Clerk
Rockingham County Delegation

ROCKINGHAM COUNTY DELEGATION ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, February 21, 2006 - 6:00 p.m.

Hilton Auditorium, Rockingham County Nursing Home, Brentwood NH

The members of the Rockingham County Delegation held a meeting on Tuesday, February 21, 2006 at 6:00 p.m. in the Hilton Auditorium at the Rockingham County Nursing Home in Brentwood, NH. The purpose of the meeting was to approve the 2006 County budget.

Rep. Sheila T. Francoeur, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m.

Rep. Gene Charron delivered the Invocation.

Rep. John Flanders led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Rep. David A. Welch, Clerk, conducted the roll call. Clerk Welch reported a total of 56 members present at the time the roll was called.

Members in attendance were: Rep. Sheila T. Francoeur, Chairman; Representatives Allen, Belanger, Bicknell, Bishop, Bridle, Buxton, Cady, Cali-Pitts, Camm, Carson, Charron, Coburn, Donahue, Dowling, Dumaine, Fesh, Flanders, Flockhart, Forsing, Garrity, Gilbert, Gould, Griffin, Hughes, Hutchinson, Ingram, Itse, G. Katsakiores, Kobel, Major, McKinney, McMahon, Moore, Morris, Nowe, O'Neil, Pantelakos, Priestley, Putnam, Rausch, Robertson, Robinson, Rolston, Sanders, D. Scamman, S. Scamman, Serlin, Splaine, Stiles, Stone, Waterhouse, Weare, Welch, Weldy, Wells, Weyler, Wiley, Winchell, and Zolla.

Chairman Francoeur declared that a quorum was present.

Excused: Representatives Abbott, Casey, Dowd, Gillick, P. Katsakiores

Also Present: Commissioners Barrows, Pratt, and Stritch; Theresa Young, Finance Officer; Kathy Nikitas, Finance; Susan Denopoulos, Long Term Care; Ray Bower, Long Term Care; Jude Gates, Engineering & Maintenance; Frank Stoughton, IT/Telecommunications; Superintendent Albert Wright, Department of Corrections; Louise Turner, Department of

Corrections; Deputy County Attorney Tom Reid, County Attorney's Office; Sandy Buck, Treasurer; Christine Croto, Sheriff's Office; Sheriff Daniel Linehan, High Sheriff; Martha Roy, Human Resources Director; Matt Tarr, Lynn Garland, UNH Cooperative Extension; Cathy Stacey, Register of Deeds; Diane Gill, Human Services Director; Cheryl A. Hurley, Delegation Coordinator.

Chairman Francoeur reviewed the instructions and ground rules for the meeting.

Chairman Francoeur recognized Commissioner Barrows who gave an overview of the county and the 2006 budget highlights.

Chairman Francoeur recognized Rep. Rausch, Chairman of the Executive Committee, who announced that revised summary sheets of the budget have been provided by the Finance Office and have been distributed to all members. He briefly noted the revisions.

Chairman Francoeur recognized Rep. Gene Charron, Chairman of the Salary Subcommittee, who made a motion to approve Resolution 1-2006 presented as follows:

RESOLUTION 1 - 2006

Be it resolved that the Rockingham County Convention accept the position listing as presented with the total number of authorized positions for 2006 being 691 and that there will be no new positions created nor will there be any re-grading of positions or increase of number of positions, other than those budgeted, without approval of the Executive Committee.

It is understood that the Executive Committee need not approve any personnel change proposed by the County that results in placing the authorized position in the same or lower grade. Further, that the County must notify the Executive Committee at each quarterly meeting of any changes that may have been processed in order to provide an update to the accepted position listing.

In addition, it is understood that part-time employment pools are approved in the Human Resources Department, Nursing Home, Finance Office, County Attorney's Office, Jail, and Sheriff's Department and that the pools be used for on-call coverage when necessary. In no case will any on-call employee be eligible for any benefit or permanent employment status. This does not preclude any department from obtaining temporary help from outside vendors to cover employment leave.

Rep. Belanger seconded the motion.

Rep. Cady questioned a position in the County Attorney's Office. Chairman Francoeur called upon Deputy County Attorney Reid who explained. Rep. Cady further questioned. Chairman Francoeur suggested that Rep. Cady's question be discussed under the County Attorney's budget.

Chairman Francoeur called for further questions. There were none.

The motion was approved by a voice vote.

Chairman Francoeur recognized Rep. Gene Charron, Chairman of the Salary Subcommittee, who made a motion to approve Resolution 2-2006 presented as follows:

RESOLUTION 2 – 2006

Be it resolved that the Rockingham County Convention, upon the recommendation of the Executive Committee, recommend no more than \$1,046,000 for increases related to the 10-step salary plan, which is incorporated into the 2006 budget. In addition, that the mileage reimbursement rate continue to mirror the Federal rate for 2006.

Rep. Belanger seconded the motion. Chairman Francoeur called for questions. There were none. The motion was approved by a voice vote.

Chairman Francoeur recognized Rep. Gene Charron, Chairman of the Salary Subcommittee, who made a motion to approve Resolution 3-2006 presented as follows:

RESOLUTION 3 – 2006

All of the policies of the County personnel system shall apply to the Rockingham Delegation employee(s) with the understanding that all references for necessary actions, approvals or exceptions in reference to Delegation employee(s) reside with the Officers of the Delegation in lieu of the Commissioners. Authorization requires the majority of the 5 officers. The officers include the Chairmen of the Delegation and Executive Committee, the Vice-Chairmen of the Delegation and Executive Committee and the Delegation Clerk.

It is further agreed that all references for any "O/DD" actions, approvals or exceptions resides with the Chairmen of the Delegation and the Executive Committee in lieu of the "O/DD". Finally, any policies deemed appropriate and not specified or covered under the personnel system may be adopted by the Officers of the Delegation.

Rep. Belanger seconded the motion. Chairman Francoeur called for questions. There were none. The motion was approved by a voice vote.

Chairman Francoeur recognized Rep. Gene Charron, Chairman of the Salary Subcommittee, who made a motion to approve Resolution 4-2006 presented as follows:

RESOLUTION 4 - 2006

I move that \$31,270 be appropriated for salary payments for the Delegation Coordinator.

Rep. Belanger seconded the motion. Chairman Francoeur called for questions. There were none. The motion was approved by a voice vote. Rep. Cady voted no.

Chairman Francoeur recognized Rep. Gene Charron, Chairman of the Salary Subcommittee, who made a motion to approve Resolution 5-2006 presented as follows:

RESOLUTION 5 - 2006

Be it resolved that the Rockingham County Convention approve the following benefits as described below for those employees listed in the position listing, other than the union eligible. The Delegation Coordinator will receive benefits in accordance with personnel policies adopted for this position.

COUNTY CONTRIBUTION %

Full-Time Employees

HEALTH BENEFITS: (Self-Insured)

Membership	PPO
Single	80%
2 Person	80%
Family	80%

Part-time employees contribute on a pro-rated basis.

DENTAL BENEFITS: Full-Time - 100% of all memberships / Part-Time - Pro-rated basis

WORKER'S COMP and UNEMPLOYMENT: Worker's Compensation is funded at 32% of the assigned risk rate per the recommendation of the Executive Committee. Unemployment funding recommended at \$5.00 per position in 2006.

SHORT-TERM DISABILITY: Short-Term Disability, a benefit adopted in 2000, is an accident and illness benefit, and is funded for a 26-week duration. Part-time employees contribute on a pro-rated basis.

LONGEVITY: The Longevity benefit is as follows:

Years	Payments
5	\$150
10	\$300
15	\$450
20	\$750
25	\$1,000

DEPENDENT CARE: The Dependent Care flexible spending account is a benefit adopted in 2000 that will save the County Social Security and Medicare, if applicable, for every salary dollar that the employee puts into the account.

MEDICAL SPENDING ACCOUNT: The Medical Spending Account is a \$4,000 employee funded benefit that will save the County Social Security and Medicare, if applicable, for every salary dollar that the employee puts into the account.

Rep. Belanger seconded the motion. Chairman Francoeur called for questions.

Chairman Francoeur recognized Rep. Gould who had a question relative to the worker's comp and unemployment rate of 32 percent. Ms. Young explained the percentages and how they are obtained.

Chairman Francoeur recognized Rep. Cady who questioned the longevity benefit and buying back sick days. Ms. Young deferred to Martha Roy who explained that there is no such policy that allows employees to buy back sick days.

Chairman Francoeur then recognized Rep. Weldy who wanted clarification on "benefit eligible" employees. Chairman Francoeur recognized Ms. Roy who explained that there are some part-time employees that are not eligible for benefits; for example, part-time employees who are temporary or work less than the number of hours worked to be eligible for benefits.

Chairman Francoeur recognized Rep. Stone who had a question about pro-rated benefits. Ms. Roy explained that part-time employee benefits are pro-rated based on the number of hours worked.

Chairman Francoeur recognized Rep. Weldy who wanted to know how many hours does an employee work to be considered full-time. Ms. Roy responded that an employee who works 40 hours is considered full-time.

Chairman Francoeur called for further questions. There were none. The motion was approved by a voice vote.

BUDGET APPROVAL BY DEPARTMENT

Chairman Francoeur recognized Rep. James B. Rausch, Chairman of the Executive Committee, who moved the following budget lines, for each department, for approval:

Delegation: Rep. Rausch made a motion to approve \$89,022 for the Delegation Office budget. Rep. Belanger seconded the motion. Chairman Francoeur called for questions. There were none. The motion was approved by a voice vote.

Treasurer: Rep. Rausch made a motion to approve \$42,955 for the Treasurer's Office budget. Rep. Belanger seconded the motion. Chairman Francoeur called for questions. There were none. The motion was approved by a voice vote.

County Attorney: Rep. Rausch made a motion to approve \$2,398,514 for the County Attorney's Office budget. Rep. Flanders seconded the motion. Chairman Francoeur called for questions. There were none. The motion was approved by a voice vote.

District Court: Rep. Rausch made a motion to approve \$203,946 for the District Court budget. Rep. Belanger seconded the motion. Chairman Francoeur called for questions. There were none. The motion was approved by a voice vote.

Medical Examiner: Rep. Rausch made a motion to approve \$56,100 for the Medical Examiner's budget. Rep. Belanger seconded the motion. Chairman Francoeur called for questions. There were none. The motion was approved by a voice vote.

Sheriff's Department: Rep. Rausch made a motion to approve \$4,459,904 for the Sheriff's Office budget. Rep. Belanger seconded the motion. Chairman Francoeur called for questions. The differences from the Commissioners proposal and Executive Committee proposal was explained by Ms. Young, referring to the addition of a dispatch position and the 2 percent salary adjustment voted by the Salary Subcommittee. Chairman Francoeur called for further questions. There were none. The motion was approved by a voice vote.

Manchester Airport: Rep. Rausch made a motion to approve \$1,105,608 for the Manchester Airport budget. Rep. Flanders seconded the motion. Chairman Francoeur called for questions. There were none. The motion was approved by a voice vote.

Registry of Deeds: Rep. Rausch made a motion to approve \$1,453,562 for the Deeds Office budget. Rep. Belanger seconded the motion. Chairman Francoeur called for questions. There were none. The motion was approved by a voice vote.

Commissioners: Rep. Rausch made a motion to approve \$174,223 for the Commissioners Office budget. Rep. Flanders seconded the motion. Chairman Francoeur called for questions. There were none. The motion was approved by a voice vote.

General Government: Rep. Rausch made a motion to approve \$2,866,489 for the General Government budget. Rep. Flanders seconded the motion. Chairman Francoeur called for questions. There were none. The motion was approved by a voice vote.

Projects: Rep. Rausch made a motion to approve \$603,000 for the Projects budget. Rep. Flanders seconded the motion. Chairman Francoeur called for questions. Rep. Cady requested a copy of the list of projects. Chairman Francoeur noted that the projects list was attached to the back page of the budget packet. Chairman Francoeur called for further questions. There were none. The motion was approved by a voice vote.

Grants: Rep. Rausch made a motion to approve \$1,850,000 for the Grants budget. Rep. Belanger seconded the motion. Chairman Francoeur called for questions. There were none. The motion was approved by a voice vote.

Finance: Rep. Rausch made a motion to approve \$694,372 for the Finance Office budget. Rep. Stone seconded the motion. Chairman Francoeur called for questions. There were none. The motion was approved by a voice vote.

Engineering/Maintenance: Rep. Rausch made a motion to approve \$3,748,413 for the Engineering / Maintenance budget. Rep. Belanger seconded the motion. Chairman Francoeur called for questions. There were none. The motion was approved by a voice vote.

IT: Rep. Rausch made a motion to approve \$329,206 IT budget. Rep. Belanger seconded the motion. Chairman Francoeur called for questions. There were none. The motion was approved by a voice vote.

Human Services: Rep. Rausch made a motion to approve \$14,642,179 for the Human Services budget. Rep. Flanders seconded the motion. Chairman Francoeur called for questions. Rep. Cady asked if “this is where all the employees are?” Commissioner Pratt responded no and explained. Rep. Cady referred to the program for juveniles – Well Done, and requested a write up of juvenile programs at Rockingham County. Chairman Francoeur explained that the Commissioners will provide it, if requested. Chairman Francoeur called for further questions. There were none. The motion was approved by a voice vote.

Jail: Rep. Rausch made a motion to approve \$9,192,411 for the Jail budget. Rep. Flanders seconded the motion. Chairman Francoeur called for questions. There were none. The motion was approved by a voice vote.

UNH Cooperative Extension: Rep. Rausch made a motion to approve \$540,296 for the UNH Cooperative Extension budget. Rep. Belanger seconded the motion. Chairman Francoeur called for questions. There were none. The motion was approved by a voice vote.

Human Resources: Rep. Rausch made a motion to approve \$357,787 for the Human Resources budget. Rep. Belanger seconded the motion. Chairman Francoeur called for questions. There were none. The motion was approved by a voice vote.

Non-County Specials: Rep. Rausch made a motion to approve \$263,250 for the Non-County Specials budget. Rep. Flanders seconded the motion. Chairman Francoeur called for questions. Rep. Cady made reference to an agency that does not request funding cap. Chairman Francoeur called for further questions. There were none. The motion was approved by a voice vote.

Long Term Care Services: Rep. Rausch made a motion to approve \$22,886,428 for the Long Term Care Services budget. Rep. Flanders seconded the motion. Chairman Francoeur called for questions. There were none. The motion was approved by a voice vote.

Chairman Francoeur recognized Rep. Cady who made a motion to reduce the bottom line by one position in the County Attorney’s Office and a \$25,000 reduction for dues, conferences and travel. Chairman Francoeur asked Rep. Cady for specific details relative to her motion. Rep. Cady explained. Chairman Francoeur called for questions. The motion failed on a voice vote.

Chairman Francoeur recognized Rep. Cady who made a motion that all county budget lines 53300 Dues be reduced by \$20,000, and reduce Portsmouth District Court by \$80,467. She referred to appropriations page 5. A brief discussion on the motion ensued. Rep. Cady noted a point of order referring to a mis-statement made relative to attorney’s belonging to the bar, but does not require the county to pay for their dues.

Rep. Stone had a question relative to benefits. Ms. Young explained that there are 1 ½ positions and Deputy County Attorney Reid explained that the position is under contract for a full-time position – a full-time attorney and a half-time attorney which is part-time. He noted that these positions are currently not filled. Rep. Cady referred to an article that she read in the Portsmouth Herald, which she states contradicts what is being budgeted. Attorney Reid explained. Discussion ensued. Chairman Francoeur asked Attorney Reid for further clarification that the

Portsmouth position is funded and paid for by the City of Portsmouth. Attorney Reid responded yes. There was a motion to move the question. The motion was seconded and approved by a voice vote. Rep. Cady's motion failed.

Chairman Francoeur then recognized Commissioner Pratt who explained that the county operates on a line-item budget and cannot implement a reduction unless the Delegation identifies those changes line by line throughout the budget.

Rep. Cady requested a roll call. Chairman Francoeur noted that the motion had been previously approved by a voice vote.

RESOLUTIONS (continued)

Chairman Francoeur recognized Rep. Rausch who made a motion to approve Resolution 6-2006 presented as follows:

RESOLUTION 6 – 2006

Whereas: The County Convention has the power to raise county taxes and to make appropriations for the use of the county; and

Whereas: The County Commissioners are responsible for the day to day operation of the county; and

Whereas: The Executive Committee of the County has the authority to review the expenditures of the county after the adoption of the County budget; and

Whereas: From time to time it may be necessary to transfer funds appropriated for one purpose to augment appropriations for another; and

Whereas: The Commissioners and the Delegation are partners in oversight of the County budget;

Therefore be it Resolved: That pursuant to RSA 24:14, I, the County Convention hereby authorizes a line item budget that the County Commissioners obtain prior written approval from the Executive Committee before transferring to or from any line once the aggregate over-expenditure in any line item reaches \$1,000. The County Commissioners are required to identify the line items whose appropriations will be reduced to cover the over-expenditure and obtain written approval from the Executive Committee before transferring to or from any line item. In any event, no department shall over-spend their department's bottom line, nor shall they split expenditures among budget lines in order to avoid a line item transfer without the Executive Committee's approval.

Rep. Belanger seconded the motion. Chairman Francoeur called for questions. There were none. The motion was approved by a voice vote.

Rep. Bridle made a motion to restrict reconsideration on prior articles. Rep. Belanger seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a voice vote.

Chairman Francoeur recognized Rep. Rausch who made a motion to approve Resolution 7-2006 presented as follows:

RESOLUTION 7 – 2006

The Finance Office has the authority to make periodic transfers from appropriate budget lines to insure that the health and buyout benefit lines properly reflect the status of the accounts during the year.

Rep. Flanders seconded the motion. Chairman Francoeur called for questions. There were none. The motion was approved by a voice vote.

Chairman Francoeur recognized Rep. Rausch who made a motion to approve Resolution 8-2006 presented as follows:

RESOLUTION 8 – 2006

All amounts appropriated for the Non-County Specials to be paid on a quarterly basis subject to the approval of the majority of the Board of County Commissioners.

Further, all agencies are required to submit a quarterly financial review describing activities for the prior quarter and their relationship to county funds distributed. These reports shall be submitted to the Rockingham County Finance Office prior to any distribution of subsequent quarterly payments.

Rep. Flanders seconded the motion. Chairman Francoeur called for questions. There were none. The motion was approved by a voice vote.

Chairman Francoeur recognized Rep. Rausch who made a motion to approve Resolution 9-2006 presented as follows:

RESOLUTION 9 - 2006

Be it resolved that no performance audit shall be conducted nor expenditure of such authorized without the prior approval of the Executive Committee.

Rep. Belanger seconded the motion. Chairman Francoeur called for questions. Rep. Cali-Pitts expressed her concerns in that the Executive Committee does not provide the Delegation members with information regarding performance audits. Rep. Welch suggested that the members be notified. Chairman Francoeur explained and noted that the minutes of the Executive Committee Meetings could be provided to those who request them. It was suggested that the minutes be posted on the County's website. Chairman Francoeur called for further questions. There were none. The motion was approved by a voice vote.

Chairman Francoeur recognized Rep. Rausch who made a motion to approve Resolution 10-2006 presented as follows:

RESOLUTION 10 - 2006

That the Rockingham County Convention, in accordance with RSA 24:13, authorize \$67,957,663 in appropriations and \$747,037 in reserves and encumbrances for the use of the County during 2006. That \$37,666,947 be raised in new county taxes, that \$26,215,716 is accepted as an estimate of revenues from other sources, and that \$4,822,037 is accepted as fund balance for a total of \$68,704,700 in resources.

Rep. Flanders seconded the motion. Chairman Francoeur called for questions. There were none. The motion was approved by a voice vote.

Chairman Francoeur recognized Rep. Rausch who made a motion to approve Resolution 11-2006 presented as follows:

RESOLUTION 11 -2006

Be it resolved that the departmental budget requests be included with the Commissioners recommended budget proposals.

Rep. Belanger seconded the motion. Chairman Francoeur called for questions. There were none. The motion was approved by a voice vote.

Rep. Bridle made a motion to restrict reconsideration on prior articles. Rep. Belanger seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a voice vote.

Other Business: Chairman Francoeur called for other business. Rep. Cady requested that the chair allow her to read an anonymous letter. Chairman Francoeur, referring to the letter being unsigned, denied Rep. Cady's request.

Adjournment: Chairman Francoeur recognized Rep. Belanger who made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Rep. Flanders seconded the motion. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Cheryl A. Hurley
Delegation Coordinator

Rep. David A. Welch, Clerk
Rockingham County Convention

ROCKINGHAM COUNTY DELEGATION MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, May 4, 2006
During Session Lunch Break, Room 302-304, Legislative Office Building, Concord NH

The members of the Rockingham County Convention held a meeting on Thursday, May 4, 2006, during session lunch break, in Room 302-304 at the Legislative Office Building in Concord. The purpose of the meeting was to vote the salaries and benefits for elected officials for the term of office 2007-2008.

Rep. Sheila T. Francoeur, Chair, called the meeting to order at 12:06 p.m.

Chairman Francoeur called on Rep. Welch, Clerk, to conduct the roll call.

Those in attendance were: Rep. Sheila T. Francoeur, Chair; Representatives Allen Belanger, Bettencourt, Bishop, Bridle, Buxton, Cady, Cali-Pitts, Carson, Casey, Coburn, DiFruscia, Dowd, Dowling, Fesh, Flanders, Flockhart, Forsing Garrity, Gilbert, Gillick, Gould, Griffin, Headd, Hopfgarten, Hughes, Ingram, Itse, Johnson, G. Katsakiores, P. Katsakiores, Langley, Lund, Major, Mason, McMahon, Moody Morris, Nowe, Packard, Palazzo, Pantelakos, Powers, Priestley, Robertson, D. Scamman, S. Scamman, Splaine, Stiles, Stone, Waterhouse, Weare, Welch, Wells, Weyler, Winchell, and Zolla.

Excused: Representatives Putnam, Rolston, and Weldy.

Also Present: Cheryl Hurley, Delegation Coordinator; Theresa Young, Finance Officer; James Reams, County Attorney; Cathy Stacey, Register of Deeds.

Clerk Welch reported a total of 57 members present at the time the roll was called.

Chairman Francoeur declared that a quorum was present.

Chairman Francoeur stated the purpose of the meeting.

Chairman Francoeur recognized Rep. Norman Major who made the following motion:

I move the following salaries and benefits for elected officials for the term of office 2007-2008 as recommended by the Executive Committee:

- County Attorney – 75,700
- Sheriff – 64,900
- Register of Deeds 58,400
- Commissioners 19,100
- Treasurer 6,700
- Benefits to remain the same

Rep. Flanders seconded the motion.

Rep. Cali-Pitts urged that the members take the recommendation of the Salary Subcommittee. She briefly reviewed the duties of the elected officials, noting that we are voting the salaries of the positions, not the individuals in the positions. She noted that the members have an obligation to the county taxpayers to hold the line.

Rep. Zolla questioned the Salary Subcommittee's recommendations. Rep. Francoeur explained the recommendations of the Salary Subcommittee and Executive Committee.

Rep. Lund spoke in support of the Salary Subcommittee's recommendations.

Rep. Cady questioned how much was paid to elected officials in mileage. Rep. Francoeur explained that they are reimbursed at the federal mileage rate.

Rep. Stone questioned the vote of the Executive Committee. Chairman Francoeur responded 16 yes, 1 no.

Rep. Waterhouse questioned the raises given to the employees vs. elected officials. Chairman Francoeur explained the increases given to the employees during the budget process.

Rep. Bridle commented noting that the raises proposed for elected officials are less than the raises that were voted for employees. Chairman Francoeur explained.

Rep. Belanger made an amendment to the motion on the floor to give the elected officials a 5 percent increase.

Rep. Griffin seconded the motion. Rep. Belanger spoke to his motion explaining that the individuals in the

position, who get re-elected year after year, are re-elected by doing a great job for the county. He noted that they should be compensated for their dedicated work.

Rep. Welch responded noting that the salary should be based on what the particular job is worth. He referred to prior circumstances where an increase was voted to compensate an individual who did not get reelected.

Rep. Pitts commented in favor of Rep. Welch's comments. She explained that you do not need qualifications to run for the elected official's positions.

Rep. DiFruscia made a motion to move the question. The motion was seconded.

Rep. Hughes questioned. Chairman Francoeur clarified.

Rep. Belanger requested a show of hands for his motion for a 5 percent increase. The Clerk reported 4 yes, the remaining members no.

A motion was made to move the question. The motion was seconded

Chairman Francoeur re-read Rep. Major's motion as follows:

To adopt the salaries and benefits for elected officials for the term of office 2007-2008 as recommended by the Executive Committee:

- County Attorney – 75,700
- Sheriff – 64,900
- Register of Deeds 58,400
- Commissioners 19,100
- Treasurer 6,700
- Benefits to remain the same

Rep. Flanders seconded the motion. Clerk Welch reported 22 in favor, 29 opposed. The motion failed.

Rep. Pitts made a motion to accept the recommendations of the Salary Subcommittee. She read the motion as follows:

- County Attorney – 73,500
- Sheriff – 63,000
- Register of Deeds 56,700
- Commissioners 18,500
- Treasurer 6,500
- Benefits to remain the same

Rep. Nowe seconded the motion. Clerk Welch reported 47 in favor, 8 opposed. The motion was approved by a show of hands.

There being no other business to come before the committee, Rep. Flanders made a motion to adjourn. Rep. Belanger seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a voice vote.

The meeting adjourned at 12:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Cheryl A. Hurley
Delegation Coordinator

Rep. David A. Welch, Clerk
Rockingham County Executive Committee