

ROCKINGHAM COUNTY DELEGATION
Public Hearing: Commissioners Proposed 2008 Budget
Thursday, January 24, 2008 at 7:00 p.m.
Hilton Auditorium, Rockingham County Nursing Home, Brentwood NH

The Chairman of the Rockingham County Delegation held a Public Hearing on Thursday, January 24, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. in the Hilton Auditorium at the Rockingham County Nursing Home in Brentwood, NH. The purpose of the meeting was to conduct a Public Hearing on the Commissioner's Proposed 2008 Budget.

Rep. James B. Rausch, Chairman of the Rockingham County Executive Committee, called the Public Hearing to order at 7:08 p.m. in the excused absence of Rep. Norman L. Major, Chairman of the Rockingham County Delegation.

Chairman Rausch recognized Rep. Gene Charron who delivered the Invocation.

Chairman Rausch recognized Rep. John Flanders who led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Rausch reviewed the ground rules regarding the procedures for the public to speak noting that he would entertain questions and comments from the public after each individual department's budget proposal was read.

Chairman Rausch recognized Commissioner Katharin Pratt, who provided an overview of the Jail Union Contract Cost Items. A spreadsheet outlining the cost items were provided to the members of the Executive Committee. Commissioner Pratt noted that Mr. Flagar, Union Negotiator, was present to answer any questions. Chairman Rausch called for questions. There were none.

Chairman Rausch recognized Commissioner Katharin Pratt who provided an overview of the Commissioners 2008 Proposed Budget. Commissioner Pratt reviewed the budget highlights. She noted that the overall budget has a 2.7 percent increase. She outlined the items that are significant in this year's budget proposal, such as the second year of the employee pay plan, health insurance rates, and mandates from the state.

Chairman Rausch recognized Rep. Mary Griffin, Vice-Chair of the Delegation, to read the Commissioners Proposed 2008 budget proposals, by department, as follows:

Rockingham County 2008 Commissioner's Budget Proposal

Rockingham County Delegation – 79,333 (4.5 percent increase)
Treasurer – 33,954, (0.0 percent increase)
County Attorney – 2,710,558 (6.1 percent increase)
District Court – 193,973 (62.3 percent increase)
Medical Examiner – 55,601 (-0.9 percent decrease)
Sheriff's Department – 4,745,256 (2.2 percent increase)
Registry of Deeds – 1,393,381 (-1.5 percent decrease)
Commissioners – 171,828 (1.0 percent increase)
General Government – 2,780,382 (0.6 percent increase)
Projects – 475,000 (-17.4 percent increase)
Grants – 1,300,000 (-13.3 percent increase)
Finance – 874,038 (21.8 percent increase)
Engineering & Maintenance – 4,143,203 (9.1 percent increase)
IT – 331,347 (1.9 percent increase)
Human Services – 18,040,799 (9.7 percent increase)
Jail – 9,282,167 (0.6 percent increase)
UNH Cooperative Extension – 556,285 (3.3 percent increase)
Human Resources – 398,600 (5.6 percent increase)
Non-County Specials – 291,000 (6.8 percent increase)
Long-Term Care Services – 24,008,356 (2.6 percent increase)
Total Revenues – 65,348,071 (1 percent increase)

Chairman Rausch called for further questions and comments. There were none.

Rep. Flanders made a motion to adjourn the Public Hearing. Rep. Belanger seconded the motion. The Public Hearing was adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Cheryl A. Hurley
Delegation Coordinator

Rep. David A. Welch, Clerk
Rockingham County Delegation

MINUTES
ROCKINGHAM COUNTY DELEGATION ANNUAL MEETING
Tuesday, February 19, 2008, 6:00 p.m.
Hilton Auditorium, Rockingham County Nursing Home, Brentwood, NH

The members of the Rockingham County Delegation met on Tuesday, February 19, 2008 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 2008 County budget, and approve the Jail Union Cost Items.

Rep. Norman L. Major, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Rep. Ron Nowe 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 49 members present at the time the roll was called.

Chairman Major declared that a quorum was present.

Members in attendance were: Rep. Norman L. Major, Chairman; Representatives Allen, Baldassaro, Belanger, Cali-Pitts, Carson, Case, Casey, Charron, Dalrymple, Devine, Elliott, Emiro, Fesh, Flanders, Flockhart, Garrity, Gleason, Gould, Griffin, Headd, Henson, Howard, Ingram, Itse, Kappler, G. Katsakiores, P. Katsakiores, Kennedy, Kepner, Lister, Lund, Moody, Benjamin Moore, Bennett Moore, Nevins, Nord, Nowe, Pantelakos, Priestley, Rausch, Reagan, Robertson, Sanders, Serlin, Snow, Splaine, Stiles, Waterhouse, Weare, Welch, Weyler, and Winchell.

Excused: Rep. Guthrie and Forsing.

Also Present: Commissioners Barrows, Pratt, Stritch; Theresa Young, Finance Officer; Kathy Nikitas, Finance; Steven Woods, Long Term Care Administrator; Mary Jane Toth, Long Term Care; Jude Gates, Engineering & Maintenance; Frank Stoughton, IT/Telecommunications; Superintendent Albert Wright,

Department of Corrections; Louise Turner, Anne Marie Nelson, Department of Corrections; Attorney James Reams, County Attorney's Office; Captain Joe Akerley, Sheriff's Office; Sheriff Daniel Linehan, High Sheriff; Joe Akerley, Sheriff's Department; Martha Roy, Human Resources Director; Lynn Garland, UNH Cooperative Extension; Cathy Stacey, Register of Deeds; Diane Gill, Human Services Director; Cheryl A. Hurley, Delegation Coordinator.

Chairman Major reviewed the ground rules for the meeting.

Clerk Welch noted two newly appointed members of the Delegation – Representatives Nevins and Mann.

Chairman Major recognized Rep. James Garrity, who was elected to serve on the Executive Committee due to Rep. Guthrie's recent resignation.

Rep. Cali-Pitts made a motion to recognize Rep. Guthrie for his service to the Executive Committee. Rep. Belanger seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a voice vote.

The first order of business was the review and approval of the Jail Union Contract Cost Items. Chairman Major called upon Commissioner Pratt who reviewed the details of the cost items outlined in the spreadsheet included in the Delegation packet. Chairman Major called for questions. There were none.

Chairman Major recognized Rep. Rausch, Chairman of the Executive Committee, who read the following motion:

In accordance with RSA 273-A:3, I move that the Rockingham County Convention approve the cost items as recommended by the Executive Committee and reflected in the document titled 2007union.xls.

Cost Items for the fiscal year ending 6/30/2008 total approximately \$3,883,628. Cost items for fiscal years 2008/2009 and 2009/2010 total approximately \$4,300,608 and \$4,497,365 respectively.

Rep. Pantelakos seconded the motion. Chairman Major called for questions. Rep. Cali-Pitts questioned the contract terms and if the contract included any retroactive compensation. Commissioner Pratt noted that it is a 4-year contract, and there is no retroactive compensation. Rep. Carson questioned the high increases. Commissioner Pratt noted that they are accumulative. Rep. Baldassaro also questioned. There were no further questions. The motion was approved by a voice vote.

Commissioner Pratt provided an overview of the 2008 budget highlights. She noted that the budget presented is the recommendations of the Executive Committee. A lengthy discussion ensued regarding the overall increased costs to the budget.

Chairman Major recognized Rep. Gene Charron, Chairman of the Salary Subcommittee, who made a motion to approve Resolution 1-2008 presented as follows:

RESOLUTION 1 - 2008

Be it resolved that the Rockingham County Convention accept the position listing as presented with the total number of authorized positions for 2008 being 688 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, Sheriff's Department, UNH Cooperative Extension 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. Cali-Pitts questioned the language. Commissioner Pratt explained. The motion was approved by a voice vote.

Chairman Major recognized Rep. Gene Charron, Chairman of the Salary Subcommittee, who made a motion to approve Resolution 2-2008 presented as follows:

RESOLUTION 2 – 2008

Be it resolved that the Rockingham County Convention, upon the recommendation of the Executive Committee, recommend approximately \$519,713 for increases related to the new pay plan incorporated into the 2008 budget. In addition, the mileage reimbursement rate continues to mirror the Federal rate for 2008.

Rep. Flanders seconded the motion. Rep. Charron requested that the chair recognize him for an amendment. Rep. Charron referred to the Executive Committee Meeting held on February 8, 2008, and the report from the consultant regarding the new pay plan and salary survey. He noted confusion on his part, which supports his

amendment to recommend a 1.5 percent adjustment to the pay plan. A lengthy discussion ensued. Chairman Major called for further questions. There were none. The motion failed.

Chairman Major recognized Rep. Charron for the original motion on the floor to approve Resolution 2-2008 as presented. Rep. Henson seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a voice vote.

Chairman Major recognized Rep. Gene Charron, Chairman of the Salary Subcommittee, who made a motion to approve Resolution 3-2008 presented as follows:

RESOLUTION 3 – 2008

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. Stiles seconded the motion. Chairman Major called for questions. There were none. The motion was approved by a voice vote.

Chairman Major recognized Rep. Gene Charron, Chairman of the Salary Subcommittee, who made a motion to approve Resolution 4-2008 presented as follows:

RESOLUTION 4 - 2008

I move that \$33,980 be appropriated for salary payments for the Delegation Coordinator.

Rep. Waterhouse seconded the motion. Chairman Major called for questions. Rep. Kepner questioned if there is a job description for the position. Rep. Welch responded yes. Rep. Lund questioned the cost with benefits. Ms. Young responded \$46,000 which includes the per-diem payment for the representatives. There were no further questions. The motion was approved by a voice vote.

Chairman Major recognized Rep. Gene Charron, Chairman of the Salary Subcommittee, who made a motion to approve Resolution 5-2008 presented as follows:

RESOLUTION 5 - 2008

Be it resolved that the Rockingham County Convention approve the following benefits as described below and approval of all benefits as outlined in the 2008 summary of salary and benefits *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)

<u>Membership</u>	<u>PPO</u>
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

Workers Compensation and Unemployment: Worker's Compensation is funded at 28.5% of the assigned risk rate per the recommendation of the Executive Committee. Unemployment funding recommended at \$5.00 per position in 2008.

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:

<u>Years</u>	<u>Payments</u>
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. Waterhouse seconded the motion. Chairman Major called for questions. There were none. The motion was approved by a voice vote.

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

Delegation: Rep. Rausch made a motion to approve \$84,174 for the Delegation Office budget. Rep. Belanger seconded the motion. Chairman Major called for questions. There were none. The motion was approved by a voice vote.

Treasurer: Rep. Rausch made a motion to approve \$33,954 for the Treasurer's Office budget. Rep. Belanger seconded the motion. Chairman Major called for questions. Rep. Nowe questioned if the Treasurer was present at the meeting. It was noted that he was not present. Ms. Young updated the members regarding the county's borrowing ratings. Commissioner Pratt noted that the county's exceptional ratings are attributed to the fine work of Ms. Young, Finance Officer. Chairman Major called for further questions. There were none. The motion was approved by a voice vote.

County Attorney: Rep. Rausch made a motion to approve \$2,680,421 for the County Attorney's Office budget. Rep. Belanger seconded the motion. Chairman Major called for questions. There were none. The motion was approved by a voice vote.

District Court: Rep. Rausch made a motion to approve \$195,688 for the District Court budget. Rep. Belanger seconded the motion. Chairman Major called for questions. There were none. The motion was approved by a voice vote.

Medical Examiner: Rep. Rausch made a motion to approve \$55,601 for the Medical Examiner's budget. Rep. Belanger seconded the motion. Chairman Major called for questions. There were none. The motion was approved by a voice vote.

Sheriff's Department: Rep. Rausch made a motion to approve \$4,773,511 for the Sheriff's Office budget. Rep. Belanger seconded the motion. Chairman Major called for questions. There were none. The motion was approved by a voice vote.

Registry of Deeds: Rep. Rausch made a motion to approve \$1,390,893 for the Deeds Office budget. Rep. Belanger seconded the motion. Chairman Major called for questions. There were none. The motion was approved by a voice vote.

Commissioners: Rep. Rausch made a motion to approve \$171,736 for the Commissioners Office budget. Rep. Belanger seconded the motion. Chairman Major called for questions. There were none. The motion was approved by a voice vote.

General Government: Rep. Rausch made a motion to approve \$2,780,382 for the General Government budget. Rep. Belanger seconded the motion. Chairman Major called for questions. There were none. The motion was approved by a voice vote.

Projects: Rep. Rausch made a motion to approve \$475,000 for the Projects budget and the 2008 Projects List on page 45. Rep. Belanger seconded the motion. Chairman Major called for questions. Chairman Major called for further questions. There were none. The motion was approved by a voice vote.

Grants: Rep. Rausch made a motion to approve \$1,300,000 for the Grants budget. Rep. Belanger seconded the motion. Chairman Major called for questions. There were none. The motion was approved by a voice vote.

Finance: Rep. Rausch made a motion to approve \$873,087 for the Finance Office budget. Rep. Belanger seconded the motion. Chairman Major called for questions. There were none. The motion was approved by a voice vote.

Engineering/Maintenance: Rep. Rausch made a motion to approve \$4,154,713 for the Engineering/Maintenance budget. Rep. Belanger seconded the motion. Chairman Major called for questions. Rep. Kappler commended Ms. Gates for what he referred to as a low budget increase given the high cost of fuel. The motion was approved by a voice vote.

IT: Rep. Rausch made a motion to approve \$331,182 for the IT budget. Rep. Belanger seconded the motion. Chairman Major called for questions. There were none. The motion was approved by a voice vote.

Human Services: Rep. Rausch made a motion to approve \$18,040,016 for the Human Services budget. Rep. Belanger seconded the motion. Chairman Major called for questions. There were none. The motion was approved by a voice vote.

Jail: Rep. Rausch made a motion to approve \$9,556,230 for the Jail budget. Rep. Flanders seconded the motion. Chairman Major called for questions. There were none. The motion was approved by a voice vote.

UNH Cooperative Extension: Rep. Rausch made a motion to approve \$555,681 for the UNH Cooperative Extension budget. Rep. Belanger seconded the motion. Chairman Major called for questions. There were none. The motion was approved by a voice vote.

Human Resources: Rep. Rausch made a motion to approve \$398,340 for the Human Resources budget. Rep. Belanger seconded the motion. Chairman Major called for questions. There were none. The motion was approved by a voice vote.

Non-County Specials: Rep. Rausch made a motion to approve \$288,750 for the Non-County Specials budget. Rep. Nowe seconded the motion. Chairman Major called for questions. Rep. Cali-Pitts requested an explanation regarding the subcommittee's proposal vs. the Commissioner's proposal. A lengthy discussion ensued.

There being no further questions, the motion was approved by a voice vote.

Long Term Care Services: Rep. Rausch made a motion to approve \$23,943,143 for the Long Term Care Services budget. Rep. Belanger seconded the motion. Chairman Major called for questions. There were none. The motion was approved by a voice vote.

Chairman Major recognized Rep. Rausch who made a motion to approve Resolution 6-2007 presented as follows:

RESOLUTION 6 – 2008

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 authorize 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 Major called for questions. There were none. The motion was approved by a voice vote.

Chairman Major recognized Rep. Rausch who made a motion to approve Resolution 7-2008 presented as follows:

RESOLUTION 7 – 2008

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

Chairman Major recognized Rep. Rausch who made a motion to approve Resolution 8-2008 presented as follows:

RESOLUTION 8 – 2008

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

Chairman Major recognized Rep. Rausch who made a motion to approve Resolution 9-2008 presented as follows:

RESOLUTION 9 - 2008

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

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

Chairman Major recognized Rep. Rausch who made a motion to approve Resolution 10-2008 presented as follows:

RESOLUTION 10 - 2008

That the Rockingham County Convention, in accordance with RSA 24:13, authorize \$72,082,501 in appropriations and \$636,492 in reserves and encumbrances for the use of the County during 2008. That \$40,037,695 be raised in new county taxes, that \$25,559,806 be accepted as an estimate of revenues from other sources, and that \$7,121,492 is accepted as fund balance for a total of \$72,718,993 in resources.

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

Chairman Major recognized Rep. Rausch who made a motion to approve Resolution 11-2008 presented as follows:

RESOLUTION 11 -2008

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

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

Other Business

Rep. Kappler commented regarding subcommittee involvement suggesting that correspondence be sent reminding them of their charge.

Rep. Cali-Pitts referred to unfinished business from the salary subcommittee relative to position regrades. Commissioner Pratt noted that this will be accomplished prior to the Executive Committee's First Quarter Meeting in April. Rep. Cali-Pitts further questioned if there is money in the budget to accommodate the regrades, if recommended. Commissioner Pratt responded yes.

Rep. Dalrymple thanked the Commissioners and the Executive Committee for doing a great job in preparing the budget.

Adjournment

Chairman Major recognized Rep. Flanders who made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Rep. Belanger seconded the motion. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl A. Hurley
Delegation Coordinator

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

**MINUTES
DELEGATION ORGANIZATION MEETING
Wednesday, December 10, 2008, 10:00 a.m.
Hilton Auditorium, Rockingham County Nursing Home, Brentwood, NH**

The members of the Rockingham County Delegation held an Organizational meeting on Wednesday, December 10, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. in the Hilton Auditorium at the Rockingham County Nursing Home in Brentwood, NH. The purpose of the meeting was to elect Officers and an Executive Committee, and to conduct other county business.

Rep. Norman L. Major, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m., and recognized Rep. Gene Charron who delivered the Invocation.

Chairman Major recognized Rep. David A. Welch, Clerk, who read a declaration honoring former Edward M. Putnam, who served in the House of Representatives, and a Moment of Silence followed in his remembrance.

Chairman Major recognized Rep. John Flanders who led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Major recognized Rep. David Welch, Clerk, who conducted the roll call.

Those in attendance were: Rep. Norman L. Major, Chairman; Representatives Allen, Bates, Belanger, Bettencourt, Bishop, Borden, Bridle, Brown, Cali-Pitts, Case, Casey, Charron, Comferford, Crisler, Cushing, DeSimone, DiPentima, Dowling, Ferrante, Fesh, Flanders, Garrity, Gould, Griffin, Hagan, Headd, Henson, Hoelzel, Howard, G, Hutchinson, Introne, Itse, Kappler, G. Katsakiores, P. Katsakiores, Mann, Moody, Nord, Pantelakos, A. Perkins, L. Perkins, Petterson, Quandt, Rausch, Read, Regan, J. Russell, Sanders, Sapareto, Schlachman, Sedensky, Smith, Splaine, Stiles, Sullivan, Tucker, Van Patten, Weare, Webber, Welch, Wells.

Excused: Rep. Abbott, Ingram, and Nevins

Also Present: Commissioner Katharin Pratt, Commissioner Maureen Barrows, Commissioner Donald Stritch, Theresa Young, Finance Officer; Kathy Nikitas, Finance Office; Cheryl Hurley, Delegation Coordinator. Other elected officials/department heads were also present.

Clerk Welch reported a total of 58 members present at the time the roll was called.

Chairman Major declared that a quorum was present.

Chairman Major recognized Rep. James Rausch, Chairman of the Nominating Committee. Chairman Rausch nominated Rep. Norman L. Major for Convention Chairman. Rep. Allen seconded the motion. Rep. Major called for further nominations. There were none. Rep. Major instructed the Clerk to cast one ballot for Rep. Norman L. Major as Convention Chairman.

Chairman Major recognized Rep. Rausch for the nomination of Convention Vice-Chairman. Rep. Rausch nominated Rep. Mary E. Griffin for Convention Vice-Chairman. Rep. Allen seconded the nomination. Rep. Major called for further nominations. There were none. Rep. Major instructed the Clerk to cast one ballot for Rep. Mary Griffin as Convention Vice-Chairman.

Chairman Major recognized Rep. Rausch for the nomination of Convention Clerk. Rep. Rausch nominated Rep. David Welch as Convention Clerk. Rep. Allen seconded the motion. Rep. Major called for further nominations. There were none. Rep. Major instructed the Clerk to cast one ballot for Rep. David Welch for Convention Clerk.

Chairman Major recognized Rep. Rausch for the nomination of Executive Committee Chairman. Rep. Rausch nominated Rep. Laura Pantelakos for Executive Committee Chairman. Rep. Allen seconded the motion. Rep. Major called for further nominations. There were none. Rep. Major instructed the Clerk to cast one ballot for Rep. Laura Pantelakos for Executive Committee Chairman.

Chairman Major presented Rep. Rausch with a plaque from the Convention for his many years serving as a member of the Executive Committee and Chairman. Rep. Major then read the plaque which expressed the appreciation on behalf of the members.

Chairman Major recognized Rep. Rausch for the nomination for Executive Committee Vice-Chairman. Rep. Rausch recognized Rep. Gene Charron for Executive Committee Vice-Chairman. Rep. Allen seconded the motion. Rep. Major called for further nominations. There were none. Rep. Major instructed the Clerk to cast one ballot for Rep. Gene Charron for Executive Committee Vice-Chairman.

Chairman Major recognized Rep. Rausch for the nomination for Executive Committee Clerk. Rep. Rausch nominated Rep. David Welch for Executive Committee Clerk. Rep. Allen seconded the nomination. Rep. Major called for further nominations. There were none. Rep. Major instructed the Clerk to cast one ballot for Rep. David Welch for Executive Committee Clerk.

Chairman Major recognized Rep. Rausch for the nomination of Executive Committee, District 1. Rep. Rausch presented the following slate:

District 1

John Flanders
Albert Weare
Jacqueline Cali-Pitts
Kim Casey
Nancy Stiles

Rep. Allen seconded the nomination. Chairman Major called for further nominations. There were none. Rep. Belanger moved that nominations be closed. Rep. Flanders seconded the motion. Chairman Major instructed the Clerk to cast one ballot for the slate for the Executive Committee, District 1, as presented.

Rep. Major recognized Rep. Rausch for the nomination of Executive Committee, District 2. Rep. Rausch presented the following slate:

District 2

D.J. Bettencourt
Matthew Quandt
John Sedensky
Lawrence Kappler
James Garrity

Rep. Allen seconded the nomination. Chairman Major called for further nominations. There were none. Rep. Belanger moved that nominations be closed. Rep. Flanders seconded the motion. Chairman Major instructed the Clerk to cast one ballot for the slate for the Executive Committee, District 2, as presented.

Chairman Major called upon Rep. Rausch for the nomination for Executive Committee, District 3. Rep. Rausch presented the following slate:

District 3

Margaret Crisler
John Reagan
Robert Introne
George Katsakiores
Kenneth Gould

Rep. Belanger moved that nominations be closed. Rep. Flanders seconded the motion. Chairman Major instructed the Clerk to cast one ballot for the slate for the Executive Committee, District 3, as presented.

Chairman Major recognized Rep. Cali-Pitts who requested that the Chair recognize the newly elected members of the Executive Committee by standing before the members. Chairman Major asked the Executive Committee members to rise.

Chairman Major referred to the approval of resolutions as the next order of business. Chairman Major recognized Rep. Griffin who read Resolution 2008-1 as follows:

Resolution 2008-1 – Adoption of Procedures for Filling Rockingham County Executive Committee Vacancies (RSA 24:2-b)

I move that the Rockingham County Convention authorize the Executive Committee to fill vacancies on the Executive Committee by a vote of the remaining members. Replacements shall be from the same Commissioner District as the seat being vacated, and to the extent possible shall be from the same party.

Rep. Flanders seconded the motion. The resolution was approved by a voice vote.

Rep. Griffin read Resolution 2008-2 as follows:

Resolution 2008-2 - Authorization for Rockingham County to Pay 2009 Expenses (RSA 24:15)

Due to timing differences, the County runs without a signed operating budget during the months of January and February. Historical figures demonstrate that the January and February expenses will total approximately \$11.5 million.

Since RSA 24:15 states that “no County Commissioners or elected or appointed official shall pay, or agree to pay, or incur any liability for the payment of, any sum of money for which the County Convention has made no appropriation, I move that we, the County Convention, authorize the County to spend up to \$11.5 million for 2009 expenses during the months of January and February in anticipation of the subsequent approval of the 2009 budget.

Further, that the \$11.5 million be allocated proportionately to line items based on 2008 approved net appropriations to fund like operating and personnel expenses in existence as of 12/31/08.

Rep. Flanders seconded the motion. The resolution was approved by a voice vote

Rep. Griffin read Resolution 2008-3 as follows:

Resolution 2008-3 – Executive Committee to act as a Subcommittee (RSA 24:2)

I move that we, the County Convention, designate the Rockingham County Executive Committee, according to RSA 24:2, to act as a subcommittee to consider the budget, or other matters, and make recommendations to the County Convention.

Rep. Flanders seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a voice vote.

Announcements:

Chairman Major recognized Rep. Stiles who made an announcement of a meeting at the Ashworth Hotel at 7:00 p.m.

Chairman Major informed the members that they would be receiving information regarding subcommittee appointments, the county’s budget schedule, and other pertinent documents.

Rep. Major announced that the Executive Committee would meet immediately following the Delegation Meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:35 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl A. Hurley
Delegation Coordinator

Rep. David A. Welch, Clerk
Rockingham County Convention