

COÖS COUNTY DELEGATION
PUBLIC HEARING & BUDGET MEETING ON
2020 SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET
Friday, May 1, 2020 at 10 a.m.

Meeting held remotely in accordance with the
Governor's Emergency Order #12 pursuant to Executive Order 2020-04

Chairman Wayne Moynihan opened the public hearing at 10:03 a.m. and read the following:

As Chair of the Coös County Delegation, I find that due to the State of Emergency declared by the Governor as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic and in accordance with the Governor's Emergency Order #12 pursuant to Executive Order 2020-04, this public body is authorized to meet electronically. Please note that there is no physical location to observe and listen contemporaneously to this meeting, which was authorized pursuant to the Governor's Emergency Order. However, in accordance with the Emergency Order, I am confirming that we are:

We are utilizing Zoom for this electronic meeting. All members of the Coös County Delegation have the ability to communicate contemporaneously during this meeting through this platform, and the public has access to contemporaneously listen and, if necessary, participate in this meeting through dialing the following phone # 1-646-558-8656 and meeting ID # 827 9739 4475, or by clicking on the following website address: www.zoom.us/join

We previously gave notice to the public of the necessary information for accessing the meeting, including how to access the meeting using Zoom or telephonically. Instructions have also been provided on the website of the Coös County Delegation at: www.cooscountynh.us

If anybody has a problem, please call 246-3321 Ext. 1211 or email at: jennifer.fish@cooscountynh.us
In the event the public is unable to access the meeting, the meeting will be adjourned and rescheduled. Please note that all votes that are taken during this meeting shall be done by roll call vote.

Let's start the meeting by taking a roll call attendance. When each member states their presence, please also state whether there is anyone in the room with you during this meeting, which is required under the Right-to-Know law.

The roll was called by the clerk, Representative Larry Laflamme. There were six member in attendance; four were absent.

Representative Craig	absent	Representative Merner	present
Representative Fothergill	absent	Representative Moynihan	present
Representative Furbush	absent	Representative Noël	present
Representative Hatch	absent	Representative Thomas	present
Representative Laflamme	present	Representative Tucker	present

Also present remotely: County Commissioners Tom Brady, Paul Grenier and Rick Samson; County Administrator Jennifer Fish; Nursing Home Administrator Lynn Beede; Nursing Hospital Administrator Laura Mills; Director of Finance Carrie Klebe; Sheriff Brian Valerino; Administrative Assistant Linda Harris; a member of the press.

PUBLIC HEARING

The County Administrator Jennifer Fish stated that due to the Governor's order funding is requested for the Long-term Care Stabilization program and related COVID-19 expenses.

Frontline employees from the Nursing Hospital and Nursing Home will receive a stipend effective April 19, 2020 through June 30, 2020. The Berlin Nursing Home also received funding through the CARES ACT since they are a Medicare provider.

Appropriation and revenue line item accounts must be created in the budget. The total supplemental budget appropriation and revenue was \$1,124,627.

There was no public or Delegation comment.

Commissioner Grenier strongly urged the Delegation to support and pass the supplemental budget. It would be quite detrimental to the morale of the frontline employees at the two facilities if these monies available were not paid to the employees. Commissioner Brady and Commissioner Samson agreed with Commissioner Grenier's comments.

Representative Noël noted that the county was also incurring payroll taxes on these funds. The County Administrator replied in the affirmative.

Chairman Moynihan asked if the County Administrator had received any comment from the cities and towns of the county. The County Administrator replied that she had not.

Chairman Moynihan closed the public hearing at 10:13 a.m.

BUDGET MEETING

Chairman Moynihan opened the meeting at 10:14 a.m.

Representative Laflamme stated that at the last meeting the nursing homes were waiting for their applications to be approved by the State. He inquired if the applications had been approved. Ms. Fish replied that the Berlin Nursing Home had received its approval but West Stewartstown was still waiting. Laura Mills, NHA, stated that she had not received any notification but also noted that the two nursing homes use the same number. The Berlin numbers will need to be verified to see if the West Stewartstown numbers may have been included.

Review & Approval of the Minutes of the April 24, 2020, quarterly meeting, as distributed:

Representative Tucker noted that Scot Mason's name was spelled incorrectly in the minutes. She asked that the minutes be corrected and to include that he was from Stratford. Representative Tucker also noted that on page 4 Chairman Moynihan had stated that he would support an increase up to \$5,000. She asked that the words "up to" be added in the minutes. Chairman Moynihan asked if she disputed the \$86,000 salary. Representative Tucker replied that she did not. A motion was made by Representative Laflamme, seconded by Representative Noël to approve the minutes of the April 24, 2020 meeting with corrections. The motion was approved by roll call.

Representative Craig	absent	Representative Merner	yes
Representative Fothergill	absent	Representative Moynihan	yes
Representative Furbush	absent	Representative Noël	yes
Representative Hatch	absent	Representative Thomas	yes
Representative Laflamme	yes	Representative Tucker	yes

New Business:

- a. 2020 Supplemental Budget: Chairman Moynihan asked why the Berlin Nursing Home had an appropriation for Provider Assessment and West Stewartstown did not. Ms. Fish replied that the Berlin Nursing would need to pay a bed tax on the funds received from the CARES ACT. Director of Finance Carrie Klebe replied that she had placed a call to the State questioning the payment.

Chairman Moynihan noted that the approval of this supplemental appropriation would not affect the county tax apportionments to the towns/city in calendar year 2020. Ms. Fish replied in the affirmative.

Chairman Moynihan asked where the \$75,000 for payroll taxes would be coming from. Ms. Fish replied that in Berlin the CARES ACT revenue would be used for that purpose. In West Stewartstown, budget transfers will be necessary if no extra funds are received to offset the expense. Chairman Moynihan asked if using the CARES ACT funds was acceptable and Lynn Beede, NHA, replied in the affirmative.

Commissioner Grenier stated that the funds as presented balance the budget. Hopefully extra funds from the federal government to offset the payroll taxes will be available to the county.

A motion was made by Representative Tucker, seconded by Representative Thomas to approve the supplemental budget appropriation of \$1,124,627 as presented to the Delegation. The motion was approved by roll call vote 6-0.

Representative Craig	absent	Representative Merner	yes
Representative Fothergill	absent	Representative Moynihan	yes
Representative Furbush	absent	Representative Noël	yes
Representative Hatch	absent	Representative Thomas	yes
Representative Laflamme	yes	Representative Tucker	yes

A motion was made by Representative Tucker, seconded by Representative Thomas to approve the supplemental budget revenue of \$1,124,627 as presented to the Delegation. The motion was approved by roll call vote 6-0.

Representative Craig	absent	Representative Merner	yes
Representative Fothergill	absent	Representative Moynihan	yes
Representative Furbush	absent	Representative Noël	yes
Representative Hatch	absent	Representative Thomas	yes
Representative Laflamme	yes	Representative Tucker	yes

The following resolutions were read by the County Administrator Jennifer Fish:

RESOLUTION #1

Be it resolved by the Coös County Delegation duly convened on this first day of May 2020 that a supplemental budget appropriation in the amount of \$1,124,627 for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2020 is hereby approved.

A motion was made by Representative Tucker, seconded by Representative Merner to approved Resolution #1. The motion was approved by roll call vote 6-0.

Representative Craig	absent	Representative Merner	yes
Representative Fothergill	absent	Representative Moynihan	yes
Representative Furbush	absent	Representative Noël	yes
Representative Hatch	absent	Representative Thomas	yes
Representative Laflamme	yes	Representative Tucker	yes

RESOLUTION #2

Be it resolved by the Coös County Delegation that the sum of \$1,124,627 is hereby adopted as the estimated income from sources indicated for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2020.

A motion was made by Representative Merner, seconded by Representative Tucker to approved Resolution #2. The motion was approved by roll call vote 6-0.

Representative Craig	absent	Representative Merner	yes
Representative Fothergill	absent	Representative Moynihan	yes
Representative Furbush	absent	Representative Noël	yes
Representative Hatch	absent	Representative Thomas	yes
Representative Laflamme	yes	Representative Tucker	yes

Other Business:

- a. Representative Tucker there was a past practice that if a Delegation member could not attend a meeting that the member was to notify the Chair or Clerk in order to be excused. Votes are important. She questioned if the process should begin again.

Chairman Moynihan stated that the Delegation meetings are scheduled meetings. Attending these meetings is part of the duties of the Delegation. His position is one should do their best to attend and if one is not at the meeting, the individual will be absent.

Representative Tucker noted that to confirm a quorum someone should be alerted if a member cannot attend.

Chairman Moynihan thanked everyone who answered his query over the past week concerning the May 1 meeting. He agreed it would be helpful to know if someone cannot attend a scheduled meeting. Representative Noël stated that out of courtesy members should respond when meeting notices go out. Chairman Moynihan asked to include on the meeting notice: Please respond to the Chair or Administrator on whether you are attending the meeting or not. The County Administrator replied that the statement would be included.

- b. Representative Noël reported that the CEDC made a presentation to the Governor's Office for Emergency Relief and Recovery (GOFERR) Committee along with other groups that included

Business Finance Association (BFA). The ten regional development corporations formed a regional alliance and their proposal requested \$50 million which to be used for recovery due to COVID19. These funds would be equally distributed amongst the ten corporations. The SBA asked for a lot more money but wanted to roll in the rural development corporations and have the BFA control the funds distribution. The CEDC Executive Director stated that a business requesting funds from the CEDC would incur additional interest with the BFA. The BFA is not set up to distribute the funds to the local businesses compared to the regional corporations. The CEDC Executive Director is looking for support in regards to the rural development corporation's position. Commissioner Samson stated that he agreed that the RDC should be distributing the funds and not the BFA. Chairman Moynihan stated that he would support a resolution of support that COVID19 funding should go through the Regional Development Corporation.

A motion was made by Representative Noël, seconded by Representative Tucker to approve the following resolution:

RESOLUTION

To prepare correspondence to the Governor's Office for Emergency Relief and Recovery (GOFERR) Committee that the COVID19 funding not go through the BFA but through the NH Alliance of Regional Development Corporation.

The motion was approved by roll call vote 6-0.

Representative Craig	absent	Representative Merner	yes
Representative Fothergill	absent	Representative Moynihan	yes
Representative Furbush	absent	Representative Noël	yes
Representative Hatch	absent	Representative Thomas	yes
Representative Laflamme	yes	Representative Tucker	yes

Representative Noël stated that he would forward further information to the Delegation. Chairman Moynihan noted that he, Representative Noël work with the County Administrator to prepare the correspondence to GOFERR and to include copies to Scott Mason and Representative Erin Hennessey. Representative Tucker advised that the correspondence should be sent via email.

Ms. Fish thanked the members of the Delegation for being flexible and supportive of the nursing home employees.

A motion was made by Representative Merner, seconded by Representative Thomas to adjourn the meeting at 11:03 a.m. The motion was approved by roll call vote 6-0.

Representative Craig	absent	Representative Merner	yes
Representative Fothergill	absent	Representative Moynihan	yes
Representative Furbush	absent	Representative Noël	yes
Representative Hatch	absent	Representative Thomas	yes
Representative Laflamme	yes	Representative Tucker	yes

Respectfully submitted,

Representative Larry Laflamme, Clerk