

COÖS COUNTY DELEGATION
QUARTERLY MEETING
Friday, May 1, 2015 - 10:00 a.m.
Coös County Nursing Hospital - W. Stewartstown, NH

Present: Representatives Robert Théberge-Co-Chair; John Tholl-Co-Chair; Yvonne Thomas-Clerk; John Fothergill, Alethea Lincoln Froburg, Wayne Moynihan, Larry Rappaport and Leon Rideout. Also present: Commissioner Rick Samson; County Administrator Jennifer Fish; Superintendent Craig Hamelin; Nursing Home Administrator Louise Belanger; Nursing Hospital Administrator Laura Mills; Administrative Assistant Linda Harris; County Treasurer Fred King; Larry Barker, UNH/Cooperative Extension; Tom Claflin and Sonja Sheldon, Millsfield.

Representative Théberge requested all to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance. The meeting was called to order at 10:10 a.m. The roll was called by the clerk, Representative Yvonne Thomas. There were 8 members present. Representatives Hatch and Richardson were excused.

Hearing of the Public:

Mr. Tom Claflin stated that he was available to answer questions from the Delegation in regards to the Millsfield appropriation request of \$5,000 for preparation of the first in the nation vote. Representative Théberge stated that the appropriation request would be discussed under new business.

Review & Approval of Minutes: Representative Théberge asked if any changes or corrections needed to be made to the minutes of the March 20, 2015, meeting. A motion was made by Representative Rideout, seconded by Representative Tholl to approve the minutes of the March 20, 2015 meeting. The minutes were unanimously approved by a voice vote.

Review & Approval of the First Quarter Financial Statements:

The Coös County expenditures and revenues for the first quarter were reviewed.

Representative Moynihan questioned why appropriations were expended at 21.25% and revenues received at only 9.30%. Jennifer explained that the journal entry to apply the surplus as approved at the budget meeting was not completed in the first quarter. The amount will appear in the second quarter financials.

A motion was made by Representative Tholl, seconded by Representative Rideout to approve the first quarter financials for Coös County. The motion was approved by roll call vote 8-0.

Representative Théberge continued with the review of the Unincorporated Places expenditures and revenues.

Representative Rappaport asked for the total of the Millsfield fund balance. Jennifer replied \$29,022.

Representative Moynihan questioned the revenues for Dixville and Millsfield. Jennifer replied that the amounts were the Granite Reliable Pilt payments which were received in January.

A motion was made by Representative Rideout, seconded by Representative Tholl to approve the first quarter appropriations and revenues for the Unincorporated Places. The motion was approved by roll call vote 8-0.

Representative Fothergill left at 11:10 am.

New Business:

- a. UNH Cooperative Extension Presentation: Larry Barker provided an informational presentation on Cooperative Extension. *(A copy of the presentation is on file.)*
- b. Millsfield Appropriation Request: Representative Th  berge inquired how the residents of Millsfield had calculated the \$5,000 request. Mr. Claflin replied that the residents were planning on building the booths and the estimated cost of lumber was approximately \$1,000. Other items and supplies will also be required. Mr. Claflin stated that any funds not used would be returned to the County. Representative Rappaport suggested a limit of \$1,000 in the form of a line item transfer from the Delegation's contingency. Representative Tholl stated that funds could not be transferred from the County budget to Millsfield budget. Jennifer added that the Millsfield budget has a contingency line item that can be used. Representative Moynihan noted that he was under the impression that this issue was not in the Delegation's jurisdiction. The discussion should occur with the Commissioners as the Selectmen of the Unincorporated Places.

County Treasurer Fred King reported that the Commissioners discussed the purchase of foldable booths and asked the County Administrator to research prices. Once a decision has been made, the residents of Millsfield will be notified.

Representative Rideout asked how the residents have voted in the past. Mrs. Sheldon replied that she owns a bed and breakfast and bedrooms were used. Representative Moynihan asked if anyone from Millsfield had spoken to representatives of the Balsams as he was under the impression that Dixville was planning to keep the first in the nation vote. He did not think that two Unincorporated Places should be vying for the first in the nation vote. Mr. Claflin replied that Millsfield was moving forward based on a request from the Secretary of State. He did not know if the Balsams will be ready in time for the vote.

A motion was made by Representative Rappaport, seconded by Representative Lincoln Froburg to authorize the Commissioners to transfer the funds necessary for the voting booths and supplies. The motion was approved by roll call vote 7-0.

- c. Approval of Planning Board Reappointments as recommended by the Board of Commissioners: John Scarinza and Michael Waddell, Planning Board Members; Mark Frank and Thomas McCue, Alternates. A motion was made by Representative Rideout, seconded by Representative Tholl to approve the reappointments as recommended by the Board of Commissioners. The motion was approved unanimously by voice vote.

Representative Th  berge thanked each member of the Delegation who has been working on SB30. Each member has played an integral part.

A motion was made by Representative Rappaport, seconded by Representative Rideout to adjourn the meeting at 12:10 p.m. The motion was approved unanimously by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Representative Yvonne Thomas, Clerk