

COÖS COUNTY DELEGATION  
QUARTERLY MEETING  
Friday, November 11, 2016 - 10:00 a.m.  
Coös County Nursing Hospital - W. Stewartstown, NH

Present: Representatives Robert Théberge, Co-Chair; Yvonne Thomas, Clerk; William Hatch, Wayne Moynihan and Leon Rideout. Also present: County Commissioner Rick Samson, County Administrator Jennifer Fish, Nursing Home Administrator Louise Belanger, Nursing Hospital Administrator Laura Mills, Director of Finance Carrie Klebe, County Treasurer Fred King, members of the press and public.

Representative Théberge requested all to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance which was led by Representative Théberge. The meeting was called to order at 10:05 a.m. The roll was called by the clerk, Representative Yvonne Thomas. There were only 5 members present, no quorum.

Review & Approval of the Minutes of August 17, 2016 meeting: The minutes could not be approved as there was no quorum.

Hearing of the Public:

County Treasurer King stated that financials could still be reviewed. Rep. Théberge agreed.

Rep. Moynihan questioned the breakdown of the federal funds line items.

Commissioner Samson distributed a handout about the NH Preservation Alliance regarding the County Barn. The barn was selected as a 2016 Seven to Save properties in New Hampshire. He thanked Reps. Rideout and Moynihan.

Review & Approval of the Financial Statements of Coös County and of the Unincorporated Places for the Period Ended September 30, 2016: The financials were not reviewed or approved as there was no quorum.

Old Business:

- Discussion of Human Resource position: Representative Théberge stated that he would not be pursuing a full time human resource position due to the critical nature of the 2017 budget and that the current situation seemed to be going well. He noted that he still had reservations. He also noted that normally the HR individual is involved in the hiring process and suggested that the County's HR person be involved in the hiring process of the Superintendent. Ms. Fish replied that it was the Commissioners' decision.
- Drug Court Feasibility update: Based on the information provided at the meeting on November 9, Rep. Moynihan stated that those that were in favor of the drug court would need to decide whether it was a county supported or state supported program. The Commissioners were in favor of the court supported program which would have little to no cost to the county. Rep. Rideout noted that the viable option for Coös County would be the state supported program.

New Business:

Rep. Théberge expressed concerns about the county house and its condition. Should funds be placed in budget for repairs? Rep. Rideout stated that if the house is placed on the market the land around the house will need to be surveyed.

Rep. Moynihan stated that the Delegation only has the authority to approve the sale. The Commissioners have the responsibility to maintain the house and whether it is sold or not. Rep. Théberge stated that something needs to be done about the house.

Subcommittee Reports:

Rep. Théberge noted that UNH Cooperative Extension was the only outside agency that had reduced its budget per Commissioner Grenier's request.

Any Other Business:

The third quarter financials will be approved after the Organizational Meeting, December 12.

Rep. Moynihan noted that Rep. Rideout's representation will be missed.

A motion was made by Representative Hatch, seconded by Representative Rideout, to adjourn the meeting at 11:08 am. The motion was approved by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Representative Yvonne Thomas, Clerk