

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Administration Building
3855 Dartmouth College Highway
North Haverhill, NH
Friday August 14, 2009

PRESENT: Representatives Mulholland, Williams, Aguiar, Ford, Ward, Friedrich and Laliberte, Preston and Gionet Commissioners Cryans, Treasurer Sievers, Executive Director Clough and Secretary Jeri Martino.

OTHERS PRESENT: Representative Bulis

Rep. Mulholland called the meeting to order at 9:06 AM

Director Clough began by stating that statutorily the Treasurer has to be present when the Executive Committee votes on the Tax Anticipation Notes and that is the reason for this special meeting. She said that in the past, the Treasurer has always been present at the June Delegation meeting and so this issue has not come up before.

Rep. Ward asked exactly what they were voting on and Director Clough said it was to authorize the tax anticipation notes in the presence of the Treasurer. She said that this will not happen again in the future now that the information has been made clear.

Rep. Williams said that in his opinion, either the Treasurer or the Deputy Treasurer should be at all their meetings, which Rep. Gionet agreed with.

Rep. Ward moved that either the Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer be present at every Executive Committee meeting, which was seconded by Rep. Gionet.

DISCUSSION:

Rep. Mulholland said that she feels that there always has been a Treasurer present in the past and that if for some reason the Treasurer could not be present, then Director Clough has given the report. She said that she didn't think there was a need to be so hard nosed about it.

Rep. Friedrich questioned whether the committee even had the authority to demand that of an elected official.

Treasurer Sievers said that for her it was a non-issue and said that it is her intention to be at the meetings and if she can not make it, then she will contact the Deputy Treasurer.

Rep. Gionet moved to call the question which was seconded by Rep. Ward. All were in favor.

In the vote to request that the Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer be present at every Executive Committee meeting, Reps. Gionet, Ward and Williams were in favor. Reps. Laliberte, Mulholland, Preston, Ford, Friedrich and Aguiar were opposed. Motion failed.

Treasurer Sievers gave her report as follows with rates obtained as of Tuesday the 4th of August:

Bids:

Requests for bids were sent out to every bank in the county, but only four banks responded:

Northway- 2.75% up to 6 million

Woodsville- 1.69% up to 4 million

Mascoma- 2.11% up to 5 million

CGSB- 3.5% up to 1 million

Proposal:

The Grafton County Treasurer's office proposes the following for the August 2009 Tax Anticipation Notes:

We will be accepting the bids from Woodsville and Mascoma- setting up accounts at the offered amounts of four and five million respectively. The money should first be taken from WGSB in order to take advantage of the low rate. The rest of the money needed will be borrowed from Mascoma Bank.

Rep. Preston asked when the County will likely need to borrow the money from Mascoma and Treasurer Sievers said probably not until October or November.

Rep. Laliberte asked if \$9M would be enough and Treasurer Sievers said that they will probably only need about \$6-7M. Director Clough said that there aren't that many capital projects so the need for money is less than last year. She said there is currently a good cushion of money at present.

Rep. Gionet moved to authorize the issuance of Tax Anticipation Notes up to \$9M, which was seconded by Rep. Ford. All were in favor.

Rep. Mulholland signed the Order for the TAN issuance.

Commissioner Cryans said that at the last Commissioners meeting, Attorney St. Hilaire offered his resignation effective September 28th and that it would be necessary for the Delegation as a whole to appoint an interim County Attorney from then until January 4, 2011. A draft advertisement was presented to the committee stating the request for interested applicants.

Director Clough said that the letters of interest needed to be received by August 26th and that she or her staff, would email the letters to the Delegation to review. There will be a full Delegation meeting on the 31st of August to review the budget and the Delegation can interview the applicants at that time. After that, September 21st, there is a scheduled meeting of the Executive Committee and on that same day a presentation from SMRT will be given to the full Delegation, at which time they can vote on the appointment.

Rep. Mulholland said that she will not be available on the 21st of September and questioned whether or not the meeting can be changed. A discussion ensued.

There was a discussion as to whether the salary amount should be put in the ad. Rep. Ward said that this would be an appointment and not elected person and the salary may

be different. Commissioner Cryans said the salary is set according to the position and not the level of experience. Director Clough said she would check into that.

There was a discussion as to how the Delegation will go about interviewing candidates as a whole. Director Clough said that is something they will need to decide on and Commissioner Cryans said they need to keep the process as public as possible. This was discussed further.

The committee approved the wording of the advertisement with the addition of the salary.

Rep. Laliberte said in an effort to show the constituents that Legislators are consciously aware of the budget and that both the Executive Committee and the full Delegation will be meeting multiple times in the next month, that the Executive Committee forgo their mileage rate and stipend for this meeting.

Rep. Laliberte moved not to accept the mileage reimbursement or attendance stipend for the meeting today which was seconded by Rep. Ward.

DISCUSSION:

Rep. Gionet was not in favor of that and said that others could choose to work for nothing but he would not agree to that. Rep. Friedrich agreed saying that things should just be kept as they are.

Rep. Ford said she wasn't sure if people even knew they was a stipend and mileage payment and it might open a can of worms to bring it forth.

Rep. Ward called to move the question which was seconded by Rep. Preston. Reps. Laliberte, Mulholland, Ford Ward Friedrich, Williams Preston and Aguiar were in favor. Rep. Gionet was opposed.

In the vote to not accept a stipend or mileage reimbursement for this meeting, Reps. Laliberte, Mulholland, Ford and Ward were in favor. Reps. Friedrich, Aguiar, Gionet, Williams and Preston were opposed. Motion does not pass.

Rep. Gionet moved to adjourn which was seconded by rep. Preston. All were in favor.

9:40 AM Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Phil Preston, Clerk