

GRAFTON COUNTY PUBLIC HEARING
Supplemental Appropriation
3855 Dartmouth College Hwy
North Haverhill, NH 03774
January 27, 2020

PRESENT: See attached sign in sheet

Rep. Sykes opened the public hearing at 10:00 AM. Per RSA 24:14-a, a public hearing is required before the Delegation votes on a Supplemental Appropriation request. The following statement was delivered to each member of the county convention (who will be in office on the date of the convention vote on the proposed supplemental appropriation) and to the chairperson of the board of selectmen in each town and the mayor of each city within the county which included the amount of the proposed supplemental appropriation and the objects for which the money is required.

In 2015 NH received a Section 1115 DSRIP Waiver through Medicaid to start the Behavioral Health System Transformation program. This is a five (5) year program aimed to provide critical mental health and substance misuse services to New Hampshire residents. As part of this waiver process the ten (10) NH Counties are responsible for contributing funding that is matched by the federal government and then there are funds also provided by the State of NH.

In 2019 the NH Counties determined that the formula each county would use to determine the amount of funding that each county would provide would be based off of the number of Medicaid Attributable lives within each county. Based on the dollar amount requested by the NH Department of Health & Human Services a dollar per life would be established.

Grafton County has 12,166 Medicaid lives and the request from DHHS is for \$10,000,000. Grafton County contribution would be up to \$651,498.

Grafton County Commissioners anticipated this request for FY 2020 but at the time the budget was developed no formula had been agreed to so we were not aware what the dollar amount would be that we would be seeking – therefore, based on an estimate adequate monies for this payment were set aside in our Fund Balance. Therefore, the supplemental appropriation will have no impact on the tax rate for Grafton County towns/city for FY 2020.

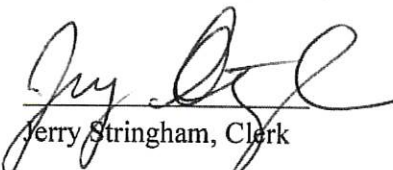
The supplemental appropriation request is to remove the monies (up to \$651,498) from the Fund Balance to be paid over to DHHS at a later date when the amount has been finalized.

Representative Sykes asked for questions and or public comment.

There were no questions or comments.

10:05AM Rep. Sykes closed the public hearing

Respectfully Submitted,


Jerry Stringham, Clerk