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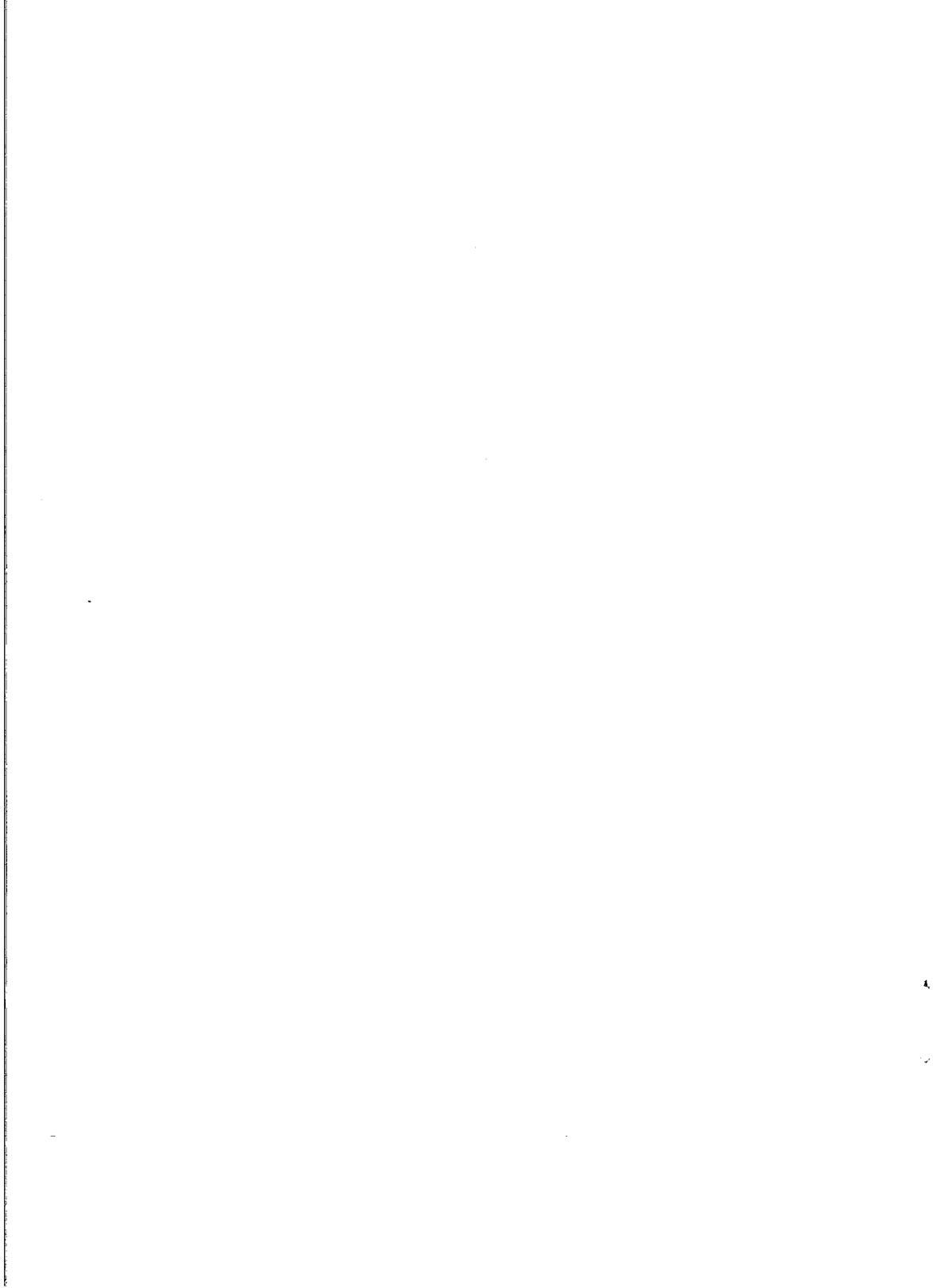
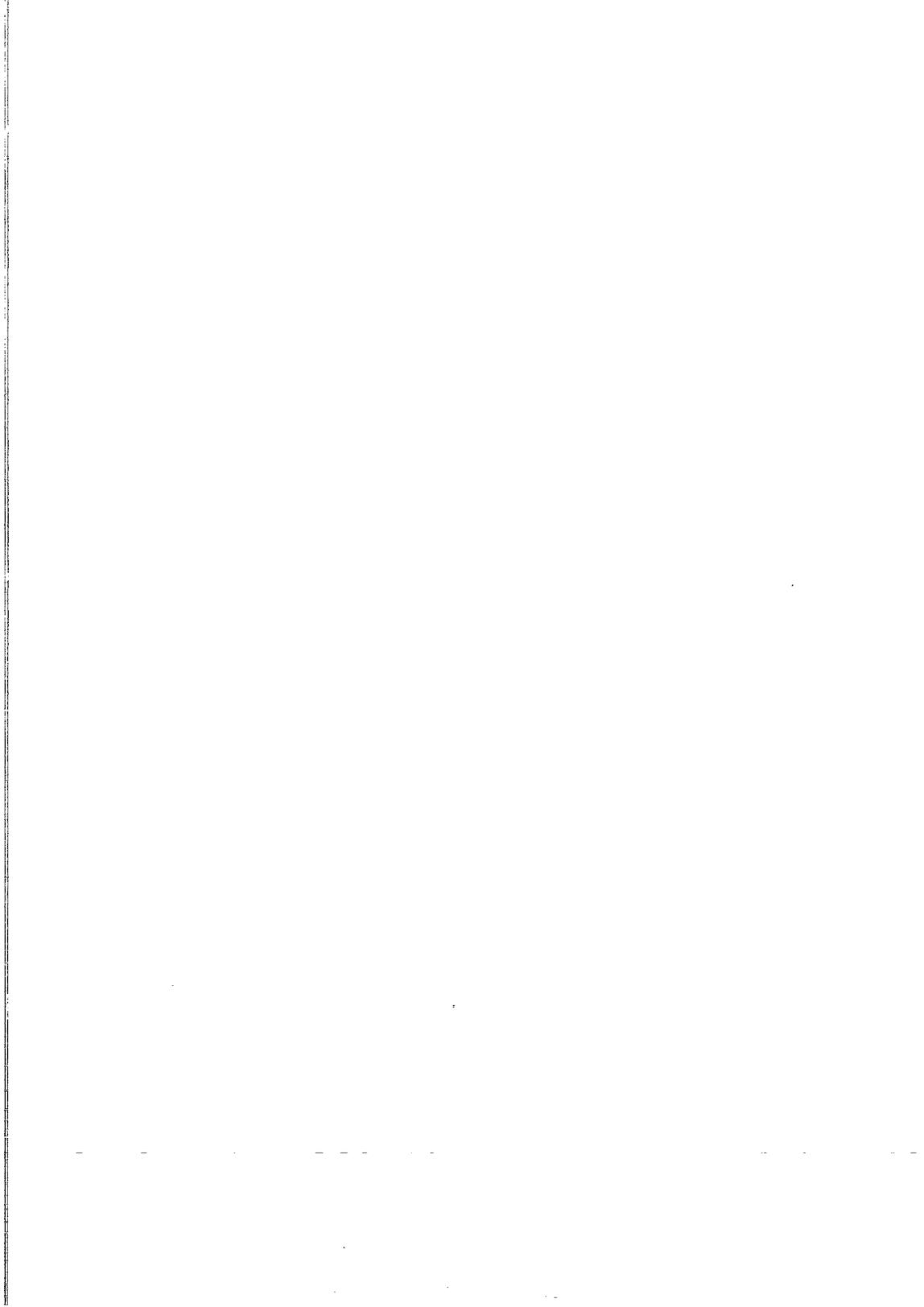


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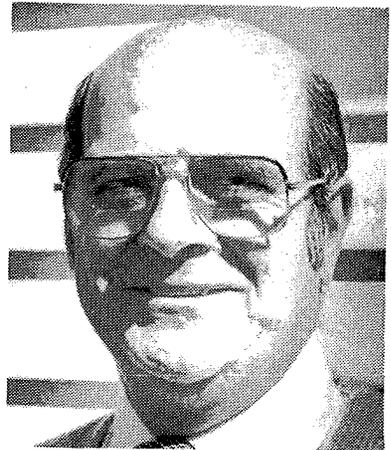
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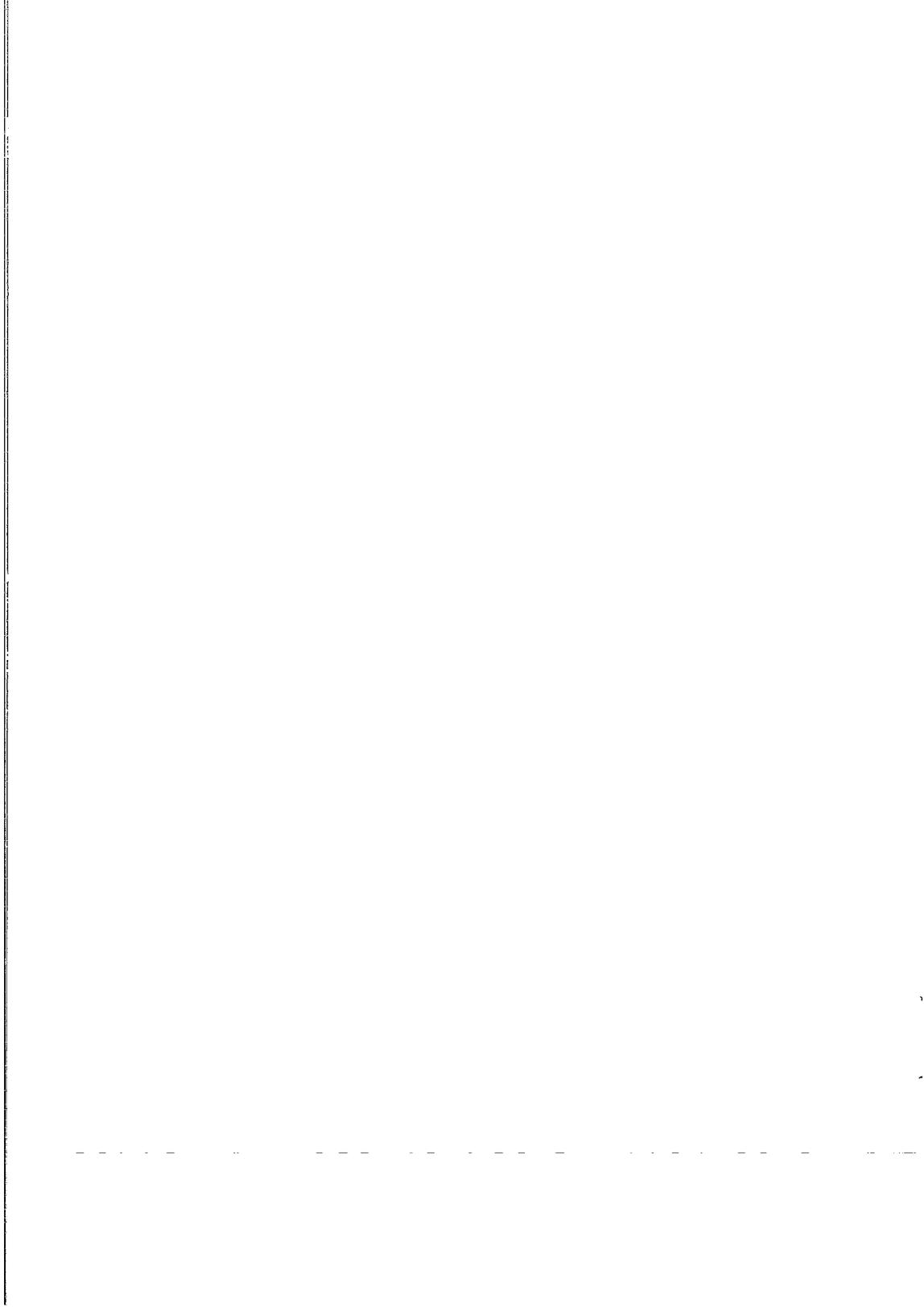
Honorable Thomas P. Connors



Honorable Robert Day



Honorable Merino Romoli, Jr.
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DISTRICT 1

JOHN C. DRISCOLL, CLERK, PORTSMOUTH OFFICE

East Kingston	Greenland	Hampton	Hampton Falls
Kensington	New Castle	Newington	Newton
North Hampton	Portsmouth	Rye	Seabrook
South Hampton	Stratham		

DISTRICT 2

HELEN F. WILSON, VICE CHAIRMAN, BRENTWOOD OFFICE

Atkinson	Auburn	Brentwood	Candia
Chester	Danville	Deerfield	Epping
Exeter	Fremont	Hampstead	Kingston
Newfields	Newmarket	Northwood	Nottingham
Plaistow	Raymond	Sandown	

DISTRICT 3

ERNEST P. BARKA, CHAIRMAN, DERRY OFFICE

Derry	Londonderry	Salem	Windham
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TREASURER

CLARKE R. CHANDLER, EXETER

COUNTY ATTORNEY

STEPHEN J. C. WOODS, Esq.

CLERK OF SUPERIOR COURT

RAYMOND W. TAYLOR, HAMPTON

HIGH SHERIFF

CHARLES F. VETTER, NORTH HAMPTON

JUDGE OF PROBATE

JOHN R. MAHER, PORTSMOUTH

REGISTER OF DEEDS

EDITH E. HOLLAND, EXETER

REGISTER OF PROBATE

EDWARD J. HOWARD, KINGSTON

REPRESENTATIVES TO GENERAL COURT

DISTRICT 1
(Northwood)

Robert A. Johnson

DISTRICT 2
(Deerfield, Nottingham)

John L. Sherburne

DISTRICT 3
(Candia)

Russell G. Seward

DISTRICT 4
(Candia, Deerfield, Nottingham)

Roger C. King

DISTRICT 5
(Auburn, Chester, Sandown)

Richardson D. Benton

Henry E. Wells

Harry E. Flanders

DISTRICT 6
(Epping, Raymond)

John Hoar, Jr.
Stephen Sloan

Margaret A. Case
Calvin Warburton

DISTRICT 7
(Derry)

Janet M. Conroy
Benjamin C. Newell
Phyllis H. Katsakiores

George N. Katsakiores
Virginia K. Lovejoy
Conrad L. Quimby

DISTRICT 8
(Atkinson)

Natalie S. Flanagan

Raymond H. Gourdeau

DISTRICT 9
(Hampstead, Plaistow)

Alfred Ellyson
Peter M. Simon

Annie Mae Schwaner
Richard L. Haynes

DISTRICT 10
(Kingston, Newton)

Vincent J. Palumbo

David A. Welch

DISTRICT 11
(Brentwood, Danville, Fremont)

Gertrude I. Butler

William McCain

DISTRICT 12
(Newmarket)

Patti Blanchette

Elizabeth M. Popov

DISTRICT 13
(Exeter, Newfields)

Robert R. Blaisdell

John J. Kane

J. Arthur Tufts

Thomas U. Gage

Harold F. Magoon

DISTRICT 14
(Seabrook)

Charles H. Felch, Sr.

Joseph F. Titone

DISTRICT 15
(East Kingston, Kensington, South Hampton)

James R. Rosencrantz

DISTRICT 16
(East Kingston, Kensington, Seabrook, South Hampton)

Benjamin E. Moore

DISTRICT 17
(Hampton, Hampton Falls)

Beverly A. Hollingworth

Ednapearl F. Parr

E. Jane Walker

Kenneth W. Malcolm

Roberta C. Pevear

DISTRICT 18
(New Castle, North Hampton, Rye)

Robert B. Goss

Thomas Longworth

Elizabeth A. Greene

Douglas R. Woodward

DISTRICT 19
(Greenland, Stratham)

Merino Romoli, Jr.

W. Douglas Scamman, Jr.

DISTRICT 20
(Salem)

Michael F. Champoux
Victor E. Emanuelson
Lynn Joslyn
Carol Nagel
Elsie Vartanian

Marilyn R. Campbell
Beverly A. Gage
Bert H. Ford
Donna P. Sytek
Bernard J. Raynowska

DISTRICT 21
(Windham)

Ada L. Mace

Patricia M. Skinner

DISTRICT 22
(Salem, Windham)

Robert P. Mason, Jr.

DISTRICT 23
(Londonderry)

William P. Boucher
Rowland H. Schmidtchen
Betsy McKinney

Robert H. Day
Matthew M. Sochalski
Vicki Lynn Stachowske

DISTRICT 24
(Portsmouth - Wards 1 & 6)

Rick G. Newman

Laura C. Pantelakos

DISTRICT 25
(Portsmouth - Wards 2 & 5)

Elaine S. Krasker
Patricia Sanderson

John E. Splaine
Charles L. Vaughn

DISTRICT 26
(Portsmouth - Wards 3 & 4, Newington)

Mary Ann N. Blanchard
Lawrence A. Chase, Jr.
Alberta Z. Clay

Thomas P. Connors, Sr.
Joseph A. MacDonald
Norman Rogers

**ROCKINGHAM COUNTY
1986 ADOPTED BUDGET**

Appropriations:

Commissioners:	\$ 172,511
General Government:	
Auditor	16,000
Computer Software	15,000
NACO Dues	7,606
Insurance	100,000
Revenue Sharing Ads	500
Accrued Liability	35,000
Interest on Temporary Loan	536,436
Interest on Bonds & Notes	174,000
Payment on Bonds & Notes	350,000
Legal Fees	12,000
Personnel	33,899
Maintenance	1,226,054
Rockingham Nursing Home	8,588,216
Treasurer & Deputy	19,667
County Attorney	395,113
Register of Deeds	539,471
Sheriff Department (R.S.-12,000)	1,019,215
Medical Examiner	36,300
Public Assistance:	
Grants	24,000
Board & Care Children	700,000
Old Age Assistance	3,674,340
County Specials:	
County Farm	10,500
Rockingham Nursing Home	33,000
Sheriff Department	15,260
Register of Deeds	5,791
Jail	9,941
Revenue Sharing:	
Rockingham Nursing Home	28,208
County Farm	6,500
Sheriff Department	69,500
Register of Deeds	88,735
County Attorney	20,304
Maintenance	22,500
Non-County Specials:	
R.C. Conservation District	36,680
A Safe Place	20,000
Area Homemaker Home Health Aide	38 000

Great Bay School & Training Center	12,000
Derry Visiting Nurses Association	36,000
R.C. Family Planning Program	20,000
Interstate Emergency Unit	3,000
Retired Senior Volunteer Program	12,000
R.C. Child Care Association	45,500
R.C. Child & Family Services	15,000
Newmarket Regional Health Center	15,552
R.C. Nutrition Program	28,500
Women's Resource Center	5,000
Rockingham Planning Commission	25,000
County Jail	1,655,477
County Farm	168,994
County Extension Service	241,573
Delegation	22,234
GRAND TOTAL:	\$ 20,386,077

Estimated Revenues:

Superior Court	\$ 129,000
Register of Deeds	1,100,000
Sheriff Department	300,000
Maintenance	545,680
Commissioners	2,400
County Home	6,994,249
County Jail	50,000
County Farm	125,000
Interest Earned	500,000
Board & Care Children	5,000
Unemployment Insurance Reimb.	20,000
Revenue Sharing Funds	247,747
Personnel	23,730
Grants	24,000
R.C. Conservation District	3,500
Net Budget Surplus (Encumbered Funds- 382, 436.)	1,644,502
GRAND TOTAL:	\$ 11,714,808

Amount necessary to be raised by County Taxes: \$ 8,671,269

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Rockingham County Nursing Home
Brentwood, New Hampshire
January 31, 1986

PRESENT

HONORABLE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Skinner; Palumbo; Schmidtchen; Woodward; Vaughn; T. Gage; Day; Flanagan; Wells; Case; Pevear; Sherburne; Blanchard; Schwaner; Rosencrantz; B. Gage.

OTHER HONORABLE REPRESENTATIVES

Ellyson; P. Katsakiores; Newell; Warburton; Campbell; Benton; Sloan; Butler; Blaisdell; Lovejoy.

OTHERS PRESENT

Commissioner Ernest P. Barka, Chairman, Board of Rockingham County Commissioners; Commissioner John C. Driscoll, Clerk, Board of Rockingham County Commissioners; Mrs. Carrolle A. Butler-Popovich, Secretary to the Rockingham County Commissioners/Rockingham County Delegation; Mr. Roy E. Morrisette, Personnel Officer for Rockingham County; Mrs. Irene L. Dodge, Deputy Treasurer for Rockingham County; Mr. Clarke R. Chandler, Treasurer for Rockingham County; Mr. Charles F. Vetter, High Sheriff of Rockingham County; Mrs. Mary Wright, Register of Deeds for Rockingham County; Mrs. Elizabeth Luce, Deputy Register of Deeds for Rockingham County; Mrs. Lynn Garland of the Rockingham County Cooperative Extension Service; Mr. John D. Courtney, Superintendent, Rockingham County Jail/House of Correction; Mrs. Patricia M. Donovan, Assistant Superintendent, Rockingham County Jail/House of Correction; Mr. Elwood K. Paradis, Supervisor, Rockingham County Maintenance Department; Mrs. Juanita Elliott, Administrative Assistant to the Maintenance Supervisor; Mrs. Rebecca Tarleton, Administrative Assistant to the High Sheriff of Rockingham County; Mr. William F. Sturtevant, Administrator, Rockingham County Nursing Home; Mr. Stephen J.C. Woods, Esq., Rockingham County Attorney; Mrs. Maureen Barrows, Director, Rockingham County Welfare; Mrs. Shirley Desalvo, Office Manager, Rockingham County Attorneys Office and Mr. Howard Parnell of the *Exeter New-Letter*.

Chairman Skinner opened the meeting at 9:00 A.M., asking for a brief moment of silence for the crew of the Challenger.

Commissioner Driscoll opened the meeting, speaking to Executive Committee members with regards to the budget format. He stressed that a great deal of work went into the preparation of the budget.

Public Assistance: \$4,398,340. Rep. P. Katsakiores, newly elected Public Assistance Sub-Committee Chairman spoke about her committee recommen-

dations. She noted that the Old Age Assistance portion was \$3,674,340.; Board and Care Children was \$700,000.; Direct Relief - 0-; and Grants - \$24,000. for a total sub-committee recommendation of \$4,398,340. Rep. Palumbo/Schmidtchen moved recommendation of the Public Assistance Sub-Committee recommendations in the amount of \$4,398,340. Motion adopted.

Treasurer and Deputy: Rep. Burton spoke to this budget, noting that there are several additions to this budget, which have increased the bottom line of this budget. He noted that bank service charges, letter of credit charges, as well as an increase in Worker's Compensation have been added to this budget, stressing that they were not included within the budget in 1985. Rep. Palumbo/Woodward moved that the Executive Committee recommend the sum of **\$19,667. for the Treasurer and Deputy Budget for 1986.** Motion adopted.

Commissioners: \$172,511. Budget presented by Rep. Newell. Woodward/Schmidtchen moved to recommend the amount of \$172,511. Motion adopted.

It was noted as a matter of record that increases in salaries were plugged into all department budget figures at a 5% figure. Mr. Morrisette noted that this increase reflected a cost of living increase as well as a wage adjustment for employees of Rockingham County, to bring them in line with local competition. Rep. Skinner wanted to emphasize that it was the recommendation of the Salary Sub-Committee that their recommendation of a 5% increase not be given "across the board." It was also stressed that the staffing at the Rockingham County Nursing Home was critically low.

At this time, Treasurer Chandler spoke to Executive Committee Members with regards to what may impact the Rockingham County budget in 1987. Treasurer Chandler spoke about cash flow, and his recent meeting with the Commissioners regarding borrowing in anticipation of taxes. He noted that there may be a possibility that note borrowing may become taxable, stating that currently, Rockingham County is tax exempt. As a result, he noted, borrow rates were affected. He noted that the County borrowed 9 million dollars payable December 31, 1986. He stressed his concerns regarding taxable issues and noted that tracking dollars which are invested is vital. Although there is no real system for tracking currently, he stressed the need to do this in the very near future. Mr. Chandler went on to state that the County has a real aggressive method of investing. He noted that this procedure may change, should the law change in 1987. Mr. Chandler then noted some changes within the proposed 1986 budget as follows: **Interest on Temporary Loan - \$536,436.; Payment on Bonds and Notes - \$174,000.** He also noted that a change within the budget for **Legal Fees**, from \$8,500. to **\$12,000.** should be done at this time, as well as changing **Interest Earned** from \$575,000. to **\$500,000.** He also noted that **Revenue Sharing Funds** would change from \$367,399. to **\$248,000.,** noting the elimination of the 4th quarter payment. Also at this time, some changes were suggested from the listing of proposed Revenue Sharing usages, as follows: Jail/House of Correction - \$9,941. as a special, not under Revenue Sharing; Sheriff's Department - \$15,260. for a radio to a special, not under Revenue Sharing; County Attorney - \$10,000 for telephone system to a special, not Revenue Sharing and Farm - \$10,500. for a

rotary mower to a special, not under Revenue Sharing.

Cooperative Extension Service: \$241,573. - Rep. Campbell reviewed her sub-committee recommendations. She explained that this budget included 9 agent salaries and 5 secretarial salaries. She also noted that their new telephone system was on line, but was not working up their expectations. Rep. Woodward/Sherburne moved the recommendation of \$241,573. for the Cooperative Extension Service budget for 1986. Motion so voted in the affirmative.

Human Services: Rep. Butler spoke to these requests, noting the following sub-committee recommendations: A Safe Place - \$20,000.; Area Homemaker Home Health Aide - \$38,000.; Great Bay School and Training - \$12,000.; Derry Visiting Nurses Assoc. - \$36,000.; Rockingham County Family Planning - \$20,000.; Interstate Emergency - \$3,000.; Retired Senior Volunteer Program - \$12,000; Rockingham County Child Care Assoc. - \$45,500.; Rockingham Child and Family Services - \$15,000.; Newmarket Regional Health Center - \$15,552.; Rockingham County Nutrition Program - \$28,500.; Women's Resource Center - \$5,000.; Rockingham Planning Commission - \$20,000.; Rockingham County Conservation District - \$44,680.; Rep. Butler reviewed the Conservation District budget. A question was raised as to the salary for the soils scientist. Rep. Butler reviewed each request in detail, outlining the service that each provides. Rep. Woodward as well as Rep. Pevear spoke to the fact that they were supportive of the Rockingham Planning Commission. Discussion followed whereby Rep. Palumbo/Woodward moved to reduce the line item for the Rockingham Conservation District to -0-, until questions can be answered about this budget at the full Delegation meeting, and recommend the sum of \$270,552. for Non-County Specials. Motion voted in the affirmative, with Reps. Flanagan, T. Gage and B. Gage voting in the negative. It was noted as a matter of record that the reduction of the Conservation District budget to -0- was not intended to delete this budget, but rather, to enable questions pertaining to budgeted figures regarding this budget before a final figure could be adopted.

Legal Fees - \$12,000. Rep. Palumbo/Schmidtchen moved to increase the line item under Legal Fees from \$8,500. to \$12,000. as per the recommendations of the Treasurer. Motion adopted. **General Government - \$1,246,542. (Total)** - Rep. Palumbo/Vaugh moved that the Executive Committee recommend the sum of \$1,246,542. as the total under General Government. Motion adopted. **Personnel - \$33,899.** Rep. Palumbo/Schmidtchen moved to recommend \$33,899. under Personnel for 1986. Mr. Morrisette explained this budget in detail. Motion adopted.

Maintenance Department - \$1,226,054. Rep. Warburton spoke to his sub-committee recommendations. Discussion followed this presentation. Rep. Woodward/B. Gage moved the question. A call to limit debate was voted in the affirmative. Rep. Palumbo/T. Gage moved to recommend the figure of \$1,226,054. Motion adopted. Rep. B. Gage wished to be recorded as voting in the negative.

Registry of Deeds - \$539,471. Rep. Sloan spoke to his sub-committee recommendations. Rep. Sloan asked that the Executive Committee consider increasing the salary amount for the Register of Deeds. Rep. Woodward/Vaughn moved an Executive Committee recommendation of \$539,471. for the Registry of Deeds.

Discussion followed. It was noted that the Registry of Deeds Sub-Committee recommended the budget figure of \$544,262. Rep. Woodward/Vaughn then moved to amend their motion to \$544,262. as per the recommendations of the Sub-Committee, with the stipulation that the additional increase in funding go towards consulting purposes for the computer system. More discussion followed whereby Rep. Woodward/Vaughn amended their amendment to read the recommendations of \$539,471. for the Registry of Deeds, and that the difference between the figure of \$544,262. (Deeds Sub-Committee recommendations) and \$539,471. be put under a line item special for the Registry of Deeds. Motion on amended amendment adopted. Rep. B. Gage/Palumbo moved to add to the line items **Specials**, the amount of **\$5,791.**, (which was the difference between \$544,262. - Deeds Sub-Committee recommendations and the recommendations made by the Executive Committee for Deeds in the amount of \$539,471.) for a consultant for the **computer system for the Registry of Deeds**. Motion so voted in the affirmative.

County Attorney - \$395,113. Rep. Ellyson reported regarding this budget. Mr. Woods also spoke to his budget, detailing it. He noted that this budget includes one county attorney, 1 assistance county attorney, 5 county attorneys, 1 administrative assistant, 4 para-legals and 1 victim advocate. Rep. Blanchard/Vaughn moved the recommendation of \$395,113. for the County Attorney budget. Motion adopted. Rep. B. Gage wished to be recorded as voting in the negative.

Jail/House of Correction - \$1,655,477. Rep. Blanchard/Palumbo moved to recommend the figure of \$1,655,477. as per the recommendations of the Sub-Committee. Motion adopted. **Rockingham County Nursing Home - \$8,588,216.** Rep. Palumbo noted that the nursing staff at the Home is grossly under what it should be. He spoke to the sub-committee cuts within the budget. Rep. Woodward/Vaughn moved the recommendation of the sum of \$8,588,216. for the Rockingham County Nursing Home budget. Motion adopted.

Rockingham County Sheriff's Department - \$1,019,215. Rep. Woodward, Chairman of the Sheriff's Department Sub-Committee, spoke to his committee recommendations. He stressed that fact that it was the feeling of the sub-committee that the "bone of contention" was the dispatch services done by the Rockingham County Sheriff's Department, at no charge to the communities in question. Sheriff Vetter reported that the Sheriff's Department services 22 towns currently, also noting that his department services at least 10 towns with regards to radio installations. Rep. Vaughn reported regarding a select group of Sheriff's Department Sub-Committee Members who met to discuss the services provided by the Sheriff's Department. He distributed copies of this report to all Executive Committee Members. Sheriff Vetter also advised that his department does monitor 8 fire departments, further noting that it was his understanding that fire departments within Rockingham County who currently have their dispatching done by the County, are more than willing to pay for these services.

Sheriff Vetter noted that his department does not dispatch for Salem, Portsmouth, Derry, Londonderry, Hampton, Windham, Exeter and Epping. He

stated that, although the Sheriff's Department does not dispatch for the above eight towns, his department does do radio repair work for them. More discussion followed whereby Rep. Woodward/Vaughn offered the following Resolution: "It is the sense of the Rockingham County Convention and its Executive Committee that special services provided by the Sheriff's Department to persons or communities not required by law should be discontinued or alternatively that the County be reimbursed for the full costs of such services to individuals both by direct and indirect costs. Be it further resolved that it is the sense of this Convention that this policy be initiated so as to be fully operational by January 1, 1987. Be it further resolved that no additional special county services not expressly authorized by law should be initiated without the specific approval of the County Executive Committee." A call for a vote on the resolution was recorded as unanimous in the affirmative. It was the strong feeling of both Representatives B. Gage and R. Pevear that the County of Rockingham get out of the alarm business, and wished to be recorded as feeling that way.

Rep. Palumbo questioned the Sheriff with regards to whether his budget could withstand a cut in the gasoline budget. Sheriff Vetter stated he could. Rep. Palumbo/Woodward moved to reduce the line item of gasoline in the Sheriff's Department budget from \$29,000. to \$26,500. Motion adopted. Rep. Palumbo moved, duly seconded by Rep. Woodward to increase the line item for the addition of a lab technician for the Sheriff's Department (line item #4140-0500), thus making the total salary account \$707,424. within the budget. Motion adopted. Rep. Palumbo/Woodward moved to recommend the sum of \$1,019,215. for the Sheriff's Department 1986 budget. Motion adopted.

Rep. Pevear questioned the Sheriff as to when the Sheriff's Department would start charging for dispatching services, and would they be picked up for 1986. Sheriff Vetter advised that if it was the wish of the Executive Committee to charge for these services, he would. He was instructed that it was their wish. He stated that he would start charging for these services in 1986. Rep. Palumbo stated that all personnel in the Sheriff's Department received an "across the board increase" and asked the Sheriff that, if this takes place this year, will he have the necessary documentation to back it up. Sheriff Vetter replied "yes."

Medical Examiner - \$36,300. Rep. Palumbo/Wells moved to recommend this sum. Motion adopted.

County Specials and Revenue Sharing Specials were then reviewed in length. Rep. Palumbo/Woodward moved to recommend under **SPECIALS - \$33,000. for RNH/Phase II of the water system.** Motion adopted. Rep. Palumbo/Wells moved recommendation under **SPECIALS - \$19,490. for Sheriff's Department.** Rep. Vaughn/Palumbo moved to amend the motion to read **\$15,260.** Motion so voted. Rep. Palumbo/Woodward moved to recommend under **SPECIALS - \$15,260. for the Rockingham County Sheriff Department, as amended.** Motion so voted in the affirmative. Rep. Palumbo/Schmidtchen moved to recommend under **SPECIALS - \$9,941.00 for the Rockingham County Jail/House of Correction.** Motion adopted. Rep. Palumbo/Woodward moved to recommend under **SPECIALS - \$10,500. for the Rockingham County Farm (rotary mower).** Discussion

followed. Rep. Palumbo/Wells moved the question. A call to limit debate was so voted unanimously in the affirmative. A call for a vote on the motion was voted in the affirmative. Rep. Palumbo/Schmidtchen moved to recommend the **total sum of \$74,492. under SPECIALS.** Motion so voted.

REVENUE SHARING - Rep. Palumbo/Schmidtchen moved recommendation of **\$28,208. for the Rockingham County Nursing Home under Revenue Sharing.** Motion adopted. Rep. Palumbo/Vaughn moved the recommendation of **\$18,500. for the Rockingham County Farm under Revenue Sharing.** Motion adopted. Rep. T. Gage wished to be recorded as voting in the negative. Rep. Palumbo/Woodward moved the recommendation of **\$69,500. for the Rockingham County Sheriff's Department** under Revenue Sharing. Motion adopted. Rep. Palumbo/Schmidtchen moved the recommendation of **\$88,735. for the Registry of Deeds.** Motion adopted. Rep. Woodward/Palumbo moved to reduce the line item for **Jail, under the Revenue Sharing, to -0-.** Motion adopted. Rep. Palumbo/Woodward moved to recommend the sum of **\$20,304. under Revenue Sharing for the Rockingham County Attorney.** Motion adopted. Rep. Palumbo/Wells moved to recommend the sum of **\$22,500. under Revenue Sharing for the Maintenance Department.** Motion adopted. Rep. Palumbo/Vaughn moved to recommend the sum of **\$247,747. as the total of Revenue Sharing recommendation.** Motion adopted.

Rockingham County Farm - \$168,994. Rep. Rosencrantz reported regarding this budget. Discussion ensued with regards to the Farm and its operation. Rep. Palumbo/Vaughn moved the question. A call to limit debate was so voted unanimously in the affirmative. Rep. Palumbo/Woodward moved to recommend unanimously in the affirmative. Rep. Palumbo/Woodward moved to recommend **\$168,994. for the Farm budget.** Motion adopted. **Delegation Expenses - \$22,234.** Rep. Palumbo/Schmidtchen moved the recommendation of **\$22,234.** Motion so voted unanimously in the affirmative.

Rep. Palumbo/Vaughn moved to recommend the figure of **\$11,586,308. for total Revenues.** Motion adopted. Rep. Palumbo/Woodward moved to recommend the figure of **\$8,770,089. for the amount to be raised by taxes.** Motion adopted.

At this point in the meeting, Chairman Skinner appointed a select committee to review elected officials salaries for 1986. She explained that the committee consisted of one Executive Committee Member from each district. The following were named to the Committee: Rep. Vincent J. Palumbo, Chairman from District II; Rep. MaryAnn N. Blanchard from District I and Rep. Beverly A. Gage from District III. She asked that this committee meet and give their report the morning of February 15, 1986 when the Executive Committee will meet (9:00 A.M.) in the Commissioners Conference Room of the Rockingham County Nursing Home.

It was requested that the resolution offered by Rep. Woodward/Vaughn be typed up as soon as possible and mailed to the entire Rockingham County Delegation, prior to the February 15, 1986 meeting on the budget.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, Rep. Palumbo

moved, duly seconded by Rep. Vaughn to adjourn the meeting. This motion was so voted unanimously in the affirmative at 3:25 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Representative Annie Mae Schwaner, Clerk
Rockingham County Executive Committee
Rockingham County Delegation

**PUBLIC HEARING ON
1986 PROPOSED ROCKINGHAM COUNTY BUDGET
February 8, 1986**

PRESENT

HONORABLE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Wells; Sherburne; Blanchard; Burdick; Schwaner; Skinner; Flanagan; Woodward; B. Gage; Pevear; Schmidtchen; Vaughn; Romoli; T. Gage; Palumbo.

OTHER HONORABLE REPRESENTATIVES

Sytek; Blaisdell; McCain; Newell; Rosencrantz; Parr; Chase; Raynowska; Blanchette; Butler; Ellyson; Popov; Benton; P. Katsakiores; G. Katsakiores; Greene; Malcolm; Krasker.

OTHERS

Commissioner Ernest P. Barka, Chairman, Board of Rockingham County Commissioners; Commissioner Helen F. Wilson, Vice Chairman, Board of Rockingham County Commissioners; Carrolle A. Butler-Popovich, Secretary to the Board of Rockingham County Commissioners/Rockingham County Delegation; Mrs. Irene L. Dodge, Deputy Treasurer for Rockingham County; Mr. Charles F. Vetter, High Sheriff of Rockingham County; Mr. Stephen J.C. Woods, Esq., Rockingham County Attorney; Mrs. Mary Wright, Register of Deeds for Rockingham County; Mr. John D. Courtney, Superintendent Rockingham County Jail/House of Correction; Mr. Elwood K. Paradis, Supervisor, Rockingham County Maintenance Department; Mr. William F. Sturtevant, Administrator, Rockingham County Nursing Home; Mrs. Lynn Garland of the Rockingham County Cooperative Extension Service; Mrs. Shirley Desalvo, Administrative Assistant to the Rockingham County Attorney; Mrs. Rebecca Tarleton, Administrative Assistant to the High Sheriff; Mrs. Patricia M. Donovan, Assistant Superintendent, Rockingham County Jail/House of Correction; Mr. William Vahey, Chief, Brentwood Police Department; Mrs. Juanita Elliott, Administrative Assistant to the Maintenance Supervisor; Mrs. Nancy Lang, Administrative Assistant to the Nursing Home Administrator; Mrs. Elizabeth Luce, Deputy Register of Deeds; Mrs. Beverly Stewart, Deputy Register of Deeds; Mr. John Connors of the Rockingham County Conservation District; Mr. Robert Tiffany; Mr. Roy Crossland; Mr. George Tetreault; Mr. Walter Dockham, Chief, Rye Police Department; Mr. Lawrence Gillis; Mr. Jerry Popovich of Portsmouth; Mrs. Lee Ashechilman of the Area Homemaker Home Health Aide Service; Mrs. Debra Peru-Hermans, Executive Director, Rockingham County Nutrition Program; Mr. Keith Clark of the Rockingham County Sheriff's Department; Mr. Red Burns, Brentwood, NH Fire Chief; Mr. Michael Sowerby, Administrator in Training from the University of New Hampshire; Mrs. Louise Haley, Executive Housekeeper, Rockingham County Housekeeping Department; Acting Chief of Police, Town of Seabrook; Mr. Robert Davenport, Jr., Newton Fire Chief; Mr. Dean Kelham of Atkinson Fire

Department; Mr. Richard Marcotte, Epping Fire Chief; Mr. John Merrill of the Rockingham County Conservation District; Ms. Gerri Weisman of the Rockingham County Planning Commission; Mr. Daniel Hicks of the Cooperative Extension Council; Ms. Maggie McKowen of the *Portsmouth Herald*; Mr. Howard Parnell of the *Exeter News-Letter*; representatives of Williams Communications and other members of the general public.

The meeting commenced at 10:00 A.M. with Chairman Skinner stating that the purpose of the meeting was to receive testimony from the general public with regards to the proposed 1986 Rockingham County Budget. She explained that copies of the entire budget and face sheet were available for those interested.

Discussion followed with regards to recent resolution which was voted on by the Executive Committee with regards to the Rockingham County Sheriff's Department and the special services that they provide to persons or communities not required by law.

Much discussion followed and testimony was received from fire chiefs with regards to the dispatching services done by Rockingham County Sheriff's Department - Dispatch Center for their respective towns. It was noted that these towns have not made allowances for these additional costs, should the Sheriff's Department discontinue dispatching, as per the resolution.

It was noted that there are a lot of services which are provided to the Rockingham County Complex, by area fire departments, when a fire alarm is sounded at the Rockingham County Nursing Home. Chief Red Burns, Brentwood Fire Chief, spoke to the work involved and the responses given by his department as well as the mutual aide departments to the Rockingham County Nursing Home when an alarm goes off.

More discussion followed with regards to radio repair work which is done at the Rockingham County Sheriff's Department. Several Police chiefs spoke to the need of the importance of the Sheriff's Department Dispatch Center as well as the need for radio repair/installation which is provided by the Rockingham County Sheriff's Department. Several chiefs voiced their concern about the possibility of disbanding these services, or being charged for such services.

The HVH Alarm System was also discussed. It was the feeling that if the Executive Committee was so interested in receiving payment for services such as alarms and dispatching, they should consider having the Sheriff's Department handle the alarm systems without the involvement of HVH Alarm Company. It was noted that the equipment utilized was HVH Alarm Company's, not the County of Rockingham's.

Discussion ensued with regards to the Rockingham County Conservation District. Mr. John Connors spoke with regards to the agency, as did Mr. John Merrill. Mr. Merrill spoke to the working of the agency, and what they provide to towns within Rockingham County.

Ms. Patricia Riley of A Safe Place, then spoke to her agency, and what they provide. She noted that this agency is the only one in Rockingham County that provides safety and shelter to battered spouses.

Other Non-County Specials were reviewed as follows: Area Homemaker Home Health Aide - \$38,000.; Great Bay School and Training Center - \$12,000.; Derry Visiting Nurses - \$36,000.; Rockingham County Family Planning - \$20,000.; Emergency Unit - \$3,000.; Retired Senior Volunteer Program - \$12,000.; Child Care Association - \$45,000.; Child and Family Services - \$15,000.; Newmarket Regional Health Center - \$15,552.; Rockingham County Nutrition Program - \$28,500.; Women's Resource Center - \$5,000.; Rockingham County Planning Commission - \$20,000.

Ms. Gerri Weisman of the Rockingham County Planning Commission spoke with regards to her agency. She answered questions from those who were interested in what the program will do for those people who live within Rockingham County.

The Rockingham County Jail/House of Correction was then discussed. The budget for that department was noted as \$1,655,477. As well, the Rockingham County Farms budget of \$168,994. was also discussed briefly. The Cooperative Extension Service budget of \$241,573. and the Rockingham County Delegation budget of \$22,234. was also discussed briefly.

REVENUES: The Revenue portion of the budget was then reviewed. The Net Budget Surplus was noted as \$1,644,501.76. The total 1986 proposed budget was noted as \$11,586,308. It was further noted that the amount to be raised by taxes in 1986 was \$8,770,089., making a total of \$20,356,397. As well it was also noted that the unexpended appropriation for 1985 was \$1,307,297.66; the excess Revenues for 1985 were \$719,640.10; and the 1985 encumbered funds for 1986 were (\$382,436.).

There being no further business to come before the Public Hearing, it was adjourned at 12:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Representative Annie Mae Schwaner, Clerk
Rockingham County Delegation/Executive Committee

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Commissioners Conference Room
Rockingham County Nursing Home
Brentwood, New Hampshire
February 15, 1986

PRESENT

HONORABLE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Day; Romoli; Vaughn; Woodward; Schmidtchen; Palumbo; Skinner; Schwaner; Blanchard; B. Gage; Sherburne; Pevear; Wells; Flanagan; T. Gage; Burdick.

OTHERS

Commissioner Ernest P. Barka, Chairman, Board of Rockingham County Commissioners; Commissioner John C. Driscoll, Clerk, Board of Rockingham County Commissioners; Mr. Clarke R. Chandler, Treasurer for Rockingham County; Mrs. Irene L. Dodge, Deputy Treasurer for Rockingham County; Mr. Roy E. Morrisette, Personnel Officer for Rockingham County and Mrs. Carrolle A. Butler-Popovich, Secretary, Board of Rockingham County Commissioners/Rockingham County Delegation.

The meeting began at 9:00 A.M. with Chairman Skinner stating that the purpose of the meeting was to complete any unfinished business of the Executive Committee to bring before the Rockingham County Delegation.

Discussion ensued with regards to the Rockingham County Conservation District, and the direction the Executive Committee would take with regards to this budget recommendation. Rep. Sherburne then moved, duly seconded by Rep. Schwaner that the Executive Committee recommend to the full Delegation, the sum of \$33,180. for the 1986 budget of the Rockingham County Conservation District. Rep. Woodward spoke to the concept of the Conservation District, as to the services that they provide. He emphasized that he did not feel that the agency in question needed the sum of \$33,180., and therefore moved to amend the motion, to recommend the sum of \$12,000. for the Conservation District. This amended motion was seconded by Rep. Vaughn. Rep. Woodward spoke further to his amendment, stating that the Executive Committee has given the Conservation District the opportunity to work within a fee structure, which, he added, they did not do but should have done. Rep. Vaughn spoke to the importance of county planning working together with regional planning. Rep. Sherburne noted that by cutting funding of this agency, it would bring soils mapping to a halt. Rep. Romoli spoke against the Conservation District. Rep. Woodward/Vaughn then withdrew their amendment/second. Rep. Woodward then moved, duly seconded by Rep. Vaughn to amend the original motion, that the Executive Committee move to recommend the sum of \$25,000. for the Conservation District. Rep. Palumbo spoke to his feelings of uneasiness as to whether the Conservation District would complete their soils mapping. Rep. Flanagan suggested the Special

Budget Request Committee could watch this agency, to insure that they complete their task of soils mapping. A call for a vote on the amendment was recorded in the affirmative, with Rep. Romoli voting in the negative. The Executive Committee voted to recommend the sum of \$25,000. for the Rockingham County Conservation District.

Rep. Charles Vaughn moved, duly seconded by Rep. B. Gage that the Executive Committee recommend to the full Delegation, the sum of \$20,000. for A Safe Place. Motion so voted in the affirmative. Rep. B. Gage moved, duly seconded by Rep. Palumbo that the Executive Committee recommend to the full Delegation, the sum of \$38,000. for the Area Homemaker Home Health Aide Service. This motion was so voted unanimously in the affirmative.

Rep. Palumbo then moved, seconded by Rep. Schmidtchen to amend the bottom line of Non-County Specials to read \$295,552. Motion adopted.

Discussion followed with regards to increasing the Rockingham County Nursing Home Revenue on the second page of the face sheet of the budget recommendations. Rep. Palumbo noted that the Rockingham County Jail/House of Correction would be increasing their meals in the facility, thereby increasing the revenues to the Home. He noted that the new Revenue figures for the Rockingham County Nursing Home should read \$6,994,249. Rep. Palumbo put this in the form of a motion which was seconded by Rep. Schmidtchen and so voted in the affirmative.

Rep. Palumbo then moved, duly seconded by Rep. Schmidtchen that the Executive Committee recommend an increase in the Registry of Deeds Revenue to \$1,000,000. This motion was so voted in the affirmative.

Rep. Palumbo then spoke to the need for an additional dispatcher for the Rockingham County Sheriff's Department, to be utilized to dispatch for fire, police and other dispatching duties. He spoke to the need to increase the salaries portion of the Sheriff's Department budget to reflect such an increase for an additional person. He stated that the sub-total for salaries in the Sheriff's Department currently read \$707,424. and asked for consideration to increase this figure to \$717,424.

Rep. Charles Vaughn spoke to the work of the Sheriff's Department Sub-Committee and their recommendations with regards to the Sheriff's Department withdrawing from dispatching services for private alarm concerns. He noted that this service only adds to the current work load of the Sheriff's Department. Rep. Palumbo spoke to the mutual aide concept, and how all towns/city benefit from this. Rep. Pevear then spoke to her concerns that the County of Rockingham is using county buildings and county dispatching services to assist in civil defense. She spoke to her strong opposition to this. More discussion followed with regards to the need for additional dispatching services. Rep. Blanchard/Vaughn moved the question. A call to limit debate was so voted in the affirmative. A call for the vote on the motion to increase the Sheriff's Department budget (in the salaries portion of the budget) by \$10,000. was recorded in the negative. Rep. Palumbo spoke to the vote, stating that he felt strongly that some other costs could be taken out of this departments budget to make available the sum of \$10,000. for a

salary position for dispatching. The Executive committee strongly voiced their opposition to the suggestion made by Rep. Palumbo.

Rep. Palumbo, Chairman of the Special Committee Report regarding salaries for elected officials, then spoke regarding his committee's recommendations. He stated that the committee voted to not give any salary increases to elected officials in 1986, with the exception of the High Sheriff, who, the Committee voted to give a 5% increase. Rep. B. Gage, Committee Member, stated that the committee looked at all the salaries of elected officials and all mutually agreed that the sheriff should receive a 5% increase. Rep. T. Gage spoke to his strong feelings that elected officials should receive an adequate wage. Rep. Wells spoke to his feelings that if any salary increases were given to elected officials, it not be given to just one individual. After more discussion, Rep. B. Gage moved, duly seconded by Rep. Woodward to accept the report of the Special Committee established to study the salaries of elected officials, and recommend to the full Delegation that the position of High Sheriff receive a 5% increase for 1986. On a roll call vote, this motion failed with 6 affirmative votes and 7 negative votes.

Discussion followed with regards to the Special Committee established to study the need for a county administrator. Rep. Palumbo reported that the committee met and agreed that with the recent addition of a computer coordinator to the strong staff structure within the Commissioners Office, the improved condition between the Commissioner's Office and the Delegation, the enviable financial and operational condition of Rockingham County in relation to all of the other New Hampshire counties and the vastly improved presentation of the county's financial standing to the Delegation, the position of Rockingham County Administrator is unnecessary.

Rep. B. Gage then spoke to the Executive Committee with regards to the possibility of having the Executive Committee Chairman look into appointing a select committee to look into the fee for service aspect of the Rockingham County Sheriff's Department Dispatch Center. She then put this in the form of a motion, which was seconded by Rep. Burdick that the Chairman of the Executive Committee look into the concept of a fee for service, and appoint a committee of five members. Discussion followed the motion. She stated that it was her intent to supplement the resolution which was made by Rep. Woodward at the January 31, 1986 meeting of the Executive Committee. Rep. Vaughn then moved, duly seconded to amend this motion, to include that this committee report back no later than August 31, 1986. This motion was so voted in the affirmative.

There being no further business to come before the Executive Committee, a motion to adjourn was made by Rep. Burdick, duly seconded by Rep. B. Gage and so voted unanimously at 10:05 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Representative Annie Mae Schwaner, Clerk
Rockingham County Delegation/Executive Committee

ROCKINGHAM COUNTY DELEGATION

Rockingham County Nursing Home
Brentwood, New Hampshire
February 15, 1986

The meeting began at 10:10 A.M., with Chairman Flanagan asking that the Clerk call the roll. The following representatives responded:

PRESENT

HONORABLE REPRESENTATIVES

Benton; Blaisdell; Blanchard; Blanchette; Boucher; Burdick; Butler; Campbell, E.; Campbell; Chase; Clay; Conroy; Day; Ellyson; Flanagan; Gage, B.; Gage T.; Gourdeau; Greene; Hoar; Kane; Katsakiores, G.; Katsakiores, P.; King; Lovejoy; Magoon; Mason; McCain; McKinney; Newell; Palumbo; Parr; Pevear; Popov; Quimby; Raynowska; Rogers; Romoli; Rosencrantz; Scamman; Schmidtchen; Schwaner; Sherburne; Skinner; Splaine; Stachowske; Sytek; Tufts; Vaughn; Walker; Warburton; Welch; Woodward; Wells.

OTHERS

Commissioner Ernest P. Barka, Chairman, Board of Rockingham County Commissioners; Commissioner Helen F. Wilson, Vice Chairman, Board of Rockingham County Commissioners; Commissioner John C. Driscoll, Clerk, Board of Rockingham County Commissioners; Mr. Roy E. Morrisette, Personnel Officer for Rockingham County; Mrs. Irene L. Dodge, Deputy Treasurer for Rockingham County; Mr. Clarke R. Chandler, Treasurer for Rockingham County; Mrs. Carrolle A. Butler-Popovich, Secretary to the Board of Rockingham County Commissioners/Rockingham County Delegation; Mrs. Lynn Garland, Rockingham County Cooperative Extension Service; Mr. Stephen J.C. Woods, Esq., Rockingham County Attorney; Mrs. Mary Wright, Register of Deeds for Rockingham County; Mrs. Rebecca Tarleton, Administrative Assistant to the High Sheriff; Mr. John D. Courtney, Superintendent, Rockingham County Jail/House of Correction; Mrs. Patricia M. Donovan, Assistant Superintendent, Rockingham County Jail/House of Correction; Mrs. Juanita Elliott, Administrative Assistant to the Supervisor of Maintenance; Mr. Elwood K. Paradis, Supervisor of the Rockingham County Maintenance Department; Mr. William F. Sturtevant, Administrator, Rockingham County Nursing Home; Mrs. Nancy Lang, Administrative Assistant to the Rockingham Nursing Home Administrator; Mr. Milton Grant, Retired Senior Volunteer Program; Ms. Gerri Weisman of the Rockingham County Planning Commission; Mr. David Lincoln of the Rockingham County Sheriff's Department Dispatch Center; Mr. William Vahey, Chief of Police, Town of Brentwood; Mr. George Tatreault of Portsmouth, NH; Mr. Michael Sowerby, Administrator in Training from the University of New Hampshire; Mrs. Beverly Stewart, Deputy Register of Deeds; Ms. Margo Weibold of the Rockingham County Nutrition Program; Mrs. Lee Ballard of the Area

Homemaker Home Health Aide Service; Mr. Keith Clark of the Rockingham County Sheriff's Department; Ms. Judith Anglin of the Rockingham County Community Day Care Program; Ms. Maggie McKowen of the *Portsmouth Herald*; Mr. Howard Parnell of the *Exeter News-Letter* and Mr. William Fay of *Foster's Daily Democrat*.

The meeting began with Chairman Flanagan asking that Rep. Kane lead the group in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. She then introduced Rep. Eunice Campbell, newly elected Representative to the General Court from the Town of Derry.

Rep. Beverly A. Gage, Chairman of the Building Committee reported with regards to her sub-committee. She spoke to the progress of construction of the kitchen and laundry facilities at the Rockingham County Nursing Home. She noted that, although the cost of construction has increased on this project, it is still well within the financial perimeter established for the construction.

Rep. Vincent Palumbo then reported with regards to his special sub-committee which was established to study the needs of a county administrator for Rockingham County. Rep. Palumbo stated that it was a unanimous vote of the sub-committee that with the recent addition of a computer coordinator to the strong staff structure within the Commissioner's Office and the Delegation, the enviable financial and operational condition of Rockingham County in relation to all of the other New Hampshire counties and the vastly improved presentation of the county's financial standing to the delegation, the position of Rockingham County Administrator is unnecessary. Rep. Boucher moved, duly seconded, by Rep. Palumbo that the Rockingham County Delegation accept the report of the Special Sub-Committee assigned to study the feasibility of a county administrator for Rockingham County.

Discussion then followed with regards to the Salary Sub-Committee. Rep. Skinner moved, duly seconded by Rep. Palumbo that Rockingham County Employees, who are being represented by the Service Employees International Union Local 254 AFL-CIO, CLC receive a 4% salary adjustment for the year of 1986. This motion was so voted unanimously in the affirmative.

Rep. Skinner then moved, duly seconded by Rep. Palumbo that the remainder of Rockingham County Employees receive a 5% salary adjustment for the year 1986. This motion was so voted unanimously in the affirmative.

Commissioners - \$172,511. Rep. Newell/Palumbo moved acceptance of this budget in the amount of \$172,511. Discussion ensued with regards to the salary amount paid to each county commissioner. It was noted that the Chairman receives \$13,140. per year; the Vice Chairman receives \$11,900. per year and the Clerk receives \$12,500. per year. The vote on the Commissioners budget was so voted in the affirmative.

Rep. Blanchette/Butler moved to accept the total figure of \$1,246,542. as the total for all the items listed under General Government. The following was noted: Auditors - \$16,000.; Computer Software - \$15,000.; NH Assoc. Cnty. Dues - \$7,606.; Insurance - \$100,000.; Rev. Shar. Ads - \$500.; Accrued Liab. - \$35,000.

Int. Temp. Loan - \$536,436.; Int. Bonds & Notes - \$174,000.; Pay. Bonds & Notes - \$350,000.; R.N.H. New Add't. - \$-0-; Legal Fees - \$12,000. This motion was so voted in the affirmative.

Personnel - Rep. Skinner/Palumbo moved acceptance of \$33,899. for Personnel. Discussion followed with regards to the increase in this figure over last year. It was noted that the salary for the Personnel Officer is within the budget further noting that a good portion of this budget would be reimbursed by the Rockingham County Nursing Home.

Maintenance Dept. - Rep. Warburton/Romoli moved acceptance of the figure of \$1,226,054. Motion so voted in the affirmative. Rockingham County Nursing Home - Rep. Greene/Palumbo moved acceptance of \$8,588,216. Motion so voted. Rep. Vaughn took Rule 16 concerning the vote. Treasurer/Deputy - Rep. Benton/Palumbo moved the sum of \$19,667. Motion adopted. County Attorney - Rep. Ellyson/Skinner moved acceptance of \$395,113. Questions arose with regards to the increases within this budget. The vote on the County Attorney budget was recorded in the affirmative.

Registry of Deeds - Rep. T. Gage/Raynowska moved the sum of \$539,471. Motion so voted. It was noted that the Executive Committee, at their 9:00 A.M. Meeting this date, recommended an increase in the Revenues portion of this department. Sheriff's Department - Rep. Woodward/B. Gage moved the sum of \$1,019,215. Discussion followed regarding this motion. Rep. Palumbo/Skinner moved to amend the motion, to increase this budget by \$11,500., making the total budget \$1,030,715. for an additional dispatcher salary/fringe benefits. Discussion regarding the need for dispatching services for towns in Rockingham County by the Rockingham County Sheriff's Department followed. Rep. Woodward spoke to the problem of dispatching services - i.e. free services which are currently offered now. A motion to move the question was made, duly seconded and so voted. The call for the vote on the amendment offered by Rep. Palumbo/Skinner was recorded as 15 yeas and 35 nays. The amended motion lost. More discussion followed with Rep. Hoar/McCain moving to amend the original motion, to reduce this budget by \$11,500., and further, to put it back into this budget for dispatching services. Discussion followed the motion, with Rep. Hoar explaining his motion, noting that it was the intent of his motion to first reduce this budget, and then to specifically add the sum of \$11,500. for dispatching. High Sheriff Vetter was asked to address the problem of dispatching. Sheriff Vetter deferred this question to his Chief Dispatcher, Mr. David Lincoln who spoke to the problem of dispatching and the need to do so on a timely basis. A motion to limit debate was made, duly seconded and so voted in the affirmative. The vote on the Hoar amendment was recorded in the negative. On a call for a vote on the original motion of \$1,019,215. for the Sheriff's Department, it was recorded as an affirmative vote.

Medical Examiner - Rep. Skinner/Chase moved adoption of \$36,300. Discussion followed regarding the increases in this budget and the need for a medical examiner in Rockingham County. It was noted that the designated Medical Examiner for Rockingham County stepped down, to take a position with

the State. Rep. Palumbo/Burdick moved the question. A call to limit debate was recorded in the affirmative. The vote on the motion to approve the sum of \$36,300. for the Medical Examiner was so voted in the affirmative.

Public Assistance - Rep. P. Katsakiores/Skinner moved to approve the total sum of \$4,398,340. for the following items: Direct Relief - \$-0-; Grants - \$24,000.; Board and Care/Children - \$700,000.; Old Age Assistance - \$3,674,340. The vote on the motion was recorded in the affirmative.

Specials: Farm Equipment - Rep. Blanchard/Skinner moved the figure of \$10,500. for farm equipment. Affirmative vote. Rockingham County Nursing Home - Rep. Chase/McCain moved the figure of \$33,500. Motion adopted. Sheriff - Rep. Woodward/Skinner moved the figure of \$15,260. Motion adopted. Register of Deeds - Rep. Palumbo/Chase moved the figure of \$5,791. Motion adopted; Rockingham County Jail/House of Correction - Rep. Skinner/B. Gage moved the figure of \$9,941. Motion adopted. More discussion followed with regards to the possibility of the County doing a complete study of computer services in Rockingham County, per each department.

The meeting was recessed at 12:00 Noon for lunch. The meeting reconvened at 12:50 P.M.

Revenue Sharing: Rockingham County Nursing Home - Rep. Skinner/Chase moved adoption of \$28,208. Motion so voted. Rockingham County Farm - Rep. Blaisdell/Skinner moved adoption of \$18,500. Discussion followed with Rep. T. Gage/Romoli moving to amend the motion, to reduce this figure by \$12,000. (to exclude the request for a pick-up truck), thereby making the total \$6,500. A call for the vote on the amendment was voted in the affirmative. The vote on the motion to accept the figure of \$6,500. for Farm Revenue Sharing was so voted in the affirmative. Sheriff's Department - Rep. Blaisdell/Skinner moved adoption of \$69,500. for 4 cruisers and one van. Motion so voted in the affirmative. Register of Deeds - Rep. Blaisdell/Skinner moved adoption of \$88,735. Motion adopted. County Attorney - Rep. Blaisdell/Palumbo moved adoption of \$20,304. Motion adopted. Maintenance - Rep. Blaisdell/Skinner moved adoption of \$22,500. Motion adopted. Rep. Blaisdell moved, seconded by Rep. Palumbo the total sum of \$235,747. for Revenue Sharing items. Motion so voted. Rep. Palumbo/Blaisdell then moved that the reduction within the Farm Revenue Sharing Request (\$12,000. - elimination of a pick-up truck for the Farm), be applied to reduce the Sheriff's Department budget. Motion so voted.

Non-County Specials: Rep. Butler/Skinner moved to adopt the figure of \$36,680. for the Rockingham County Conservation District. Rep. Butler spoke to her motion, stating that the need for the request was to have continuous service for the soil scientist position. She stressed that the Special Budget Request Sub-Committee did vote to cut the original request from this agency by \$8,000., further noting that any additional cuts would be harmful to the program. Rep. Woodward spoke to his concerns about getting more money from towns within Rockingham County to help defray costs for such services. Rep. Blanchette spoke in support of the Butler motion, stressing that the Conservation District has made efforts to charge fees for their services, and did state that they could reduce their budget somewhat by the remaining monies which were left in their 1985 budget

request. It was noted that when the Executive Committees met at 9:00 A.M. this date, a compromise figure of \$25,000. was agreed upon as the Executive Committee's recommendations for this budget. Rep. Sherburne re-affirmed the point that the figure of \$25,000. was a compromise figure only, further stressing that the final outcome of this budget request would be left up to the entire Delegation to vote on. Both Reps. Scamman, M. Campbell and T. Gage also spoke in favor of the Butler motion. A motion to move the question was made, duly seconded and so voted. Rep. Palumbo questioned if the County could expect a return of \$3,500. in Revenues from the conservation District for 1986. Rep. Butler assured Rep. Palumbo that they would. On a division vote, the Butler motion passed.

Rep. Butler/Blanchette moved the figure of \$270,552. as a total of Non-County Specials, as per the following listing: A Safe Place - \$20,000.; Area Homemaker Home Health Aide Service - \$38,000.; Great Bay School - \$12,000.; Derry Visiting Nurses Association - \$36,000.; Family Planning - \$20,000.; Emergency Unit - \$3,000.; Retired Senior Volunteer Program - \$12,000.; Child Care Association - \$45,500.; Child and Family Services - \$15,000.; Newmarket Regional Health Center - \$15,552.; Rockingham County Nutrition Program \$28,500.; Women's Resource Center - \$5,000.; and Rockingham County Planning Commission - \$20,000. Rep. Greene/Skinner moved to amend the motion, to include an additional \$5,000. within the request from the Rockingham County Planning Commission, to bring the total requests to \$275,552. A motion to limit debate was made, duly seconded and so voted. A call for the vote on the Greene/Skinner amendment was so voted in the affirmative. A call for a vote on the original motion made by Rep. Butler/Blanchette to accept the total of Non-County Specials, in a total amount of \$312,232. (which includes the inclusion of the Rockingham County Conservation District) was recorded in the affirmative.

Rockingham County Jail/House of Correction - Rep. Lovejoy/Kane moved adoption of \$1,655,477. Motion adopted. Rockingham County Farm - Rep. Boucher/Blanchard moved adoption of \$168,994. Rep. Blanchard spoke to her motion, stating that the Farm has modified their cost accounting. She also spoke to her recent conversation with the Auditor, with regards to the profit and loss of the Farm. She stated that she was assured that the Rockingham County Farm is not loosing a great deal of money, stressing that, with the modified cost accounting, the "picture is not that bleak." More discussion followed with Rep. Kane/McCain moving to amend the motion, to reduce the Farm budget from \$168,994. as requested to a \$-0- figure. Rep. Kane stressed that the Farm is still loosing money and is being subsidized by the taxpayers of Rockingham County. Rep. McCain spoke to his second on the amendment, stating that the Rockingham County Nursing Home is subsidizing the Farm budget. Rep. T. Gage spoke in favor of the amendment, stressing that it is a travesty that the taxpayers of Rockingham County are paying for an operation that is loosing money. Rep. Schmidtchen spoke to the fact that the Farm provides the inmates at the Rockingham County Jail/House of Correction with hard labor, and although indirect, he stressed that inmates make a contribution to the Farm. Rep. Blanchard spoke to the concept of

the Farm. Rep. Boucher spoke to the fact that there is currently no mandate that the farming operation has to make money. He spoke in favor of the Dennett and Dennett report, also stressing all the hard work that is done on the farm. He further stressed that the Farm Sub-Committee should be able to concentrate on this issue, and cannot, if the farming operation is abolished. He asked for support from the Delegation to continue the farm operation. Rep. M. Campbell rose in support of the Farm, expressing that the Delegation should "look down the road and preserve what we have in Rockingham County." On a vote on the Kane/McCain amendment, the vote was 6 yeas and 47 nays. The amendment lost. A vote on the original motion made by Rep. Boucher/Blanchard to adopt the figure of \$168,994. for the Farm was recorded as an affirmative vote. Discussion followed with regards to the possibility of a committee being established to study the feasibility of leasing unused county land. Rep. Blaisdell then put this in the form of a motion, that the Executive Committee appoint a Steering Committee to study the feasibility of leasing any unused county land. This motion was seconded by Rep. Kane.

Rep. Blaisdell spoke to his motion, stating that this sub-committee report quarterly, with the distribution of a news letter to the Rockingham County Delegation members. Discussion followed with regards to the hard work that has been done by the Farm Sub-Committee. With that in mind, Rep. Blaisdell amended his motion, to make this task originally intended for a steering committee, the job of the Farm Sub-Committee. This amended motion was so voted in the affirmative.

Cooperative Extension Service - Rep. M. Campbell/Skinner moved to adopt the figure of \$241,573. Motion adopted. Delegation Expenses - Rep. Skinner/McCain moved adoption of \$22,234. for Delegation expenses. Motion adopted.

Rep. Skinner/Palumbo moved that the total Rockingham County budget be \$20,386,077. Motion adopted. Revenues - Rep. Palumbo/Skinner moved that the total sum of \$10,070,306., as per the Executive Committee recommendations, be the total figure for Revenues for 1986, which includes the following revenue items: Superior Court - \$129,000.; Register of Deeds - \$1,000,000.; Sheriff's Department - \$300,000.; Maintenance - \$545,680.; Commissioners - \$2,400.; County Home - \$6,969,249.; Jail - \$50,000.; Farm - \$125,000.; Extension Service -0-; Interest Earned - \$500,000.; Public Assistance -0-; Board and Care of Children - \$5,000.; Misc. & Tel. -0-; Misc. & Ins. Reimb. - \$20,000.; Revenue Sharing Funds - \$247,747.; Escheat Funds - -0-; Personnel - \$23,730.; Grants - \$24,000. Rep. Palumbo noted that addition of \$100,000. in the Registry of Deeds Revenue; \$25,000. in the Rockingham County Nursing Home Revenue and \$3,500. under Rockingham County Conservation District Revenue. It was noted that the Net Budget Surplus was \$1,644,502., further noting that the total Revenue, which includes the net budget surplus would be \$11,714,808. Motion so voted. Rep. Palumbo moved, duly seconded by Rep. Wells to accept the amount of \$8,671,269. as the amount to be raised by taxes. Motion adopted.

Rep. Skinner spoke to the Resolution made by Rep. Woodward at a previous Executive Committee Meeting. She read the Resolution as follows: Resolution

made by Rep. Woodward, seconded by Rep. Vaughn and so voted unanimously in the affirmative at the January 31, 1986 Executive Committee Meeting - "It is the sense of the Rockingham County Convention and its Executive Committee that special services provided by the Rockingham County Sheriff's Department to persons or communities not required by law should be discontinued or alternatively that the County be reimbursed for the full costs of such services to individuals both direct and indirect costs. Be it further resolved that it is the sense of this Convention that this policy be initiated so as to be fully operational by January 1, 1987. Be it further resolved that no additional special county services not expressly authorized by law should be initiated without the specific approval of the County Executive Committee." Rep. Benton offered the following amendment - to include the entire Woodward resolution, with the following addition: "Be it further resolved that each community be reimbursed for any costs of police, fire or other services provided at the request of the county." This amendment was seconded by Rep. Woodward. Discussion followed regarding the resolution and amendment to the resolution. Rep. McCain stated that he felt uncomfortable with the resolution. Rep. Palumbo stated that he felt in a similar fashion. It was the suggestion of Rep. Sytek to strike out the word "communities," and put in the words "private concerns." Rep. Woodward spoke to being in favor of the recommendation made by Rep. Sytek to the original resolution. He stressed that the county should be reimbursed for their services. Rep. Greene reminded all Rockingham County Delegation members that the Delegation does not have the ability to set policy. Rep. Woodward spoke to his original resolution, stating that it was the **sense** of the Delegation, not policy. He further noted that he was agreeable to amending the resolution, to delete the words "communities" and put in its place, the words "private concerns." Rep. Pevar spoke to her concerns regarding the private alarm systems which the Rockingham County Sheriff's Department dispatches for Rep. Vaughn stated that the HVH Security Systems currently have 990 link ups (alarms) which are dispatched by the Rockingham County Sheriff's Department, with the capability of 150 slots available. He noted that the contract runs out at the end of December of 1986. It was the suggestion of Rep. Malcolm that the Rockingham County Delegation should take a concensus vote to see if the Delegation wants to get involved with the private alarms in Rockingham County. After much discussion, Rep. Benton withdrew his amendment to the resolution. Rep. Woodward withdrew his second. A motion was then made By Rep. Boucher/Wells to table the original amendment made by Rep. Woodward. Motion adopted. At this point in the meeting, Rep. B. Gage then offered the following motion: I move that the Chairperson of the Executive Board form a committee to look into the concept offers for all county services in all areas of concern - i.e. - Sheriff's Dispatcher ... and that the committee is to consist of at least 5 members of the Executive Board, one from each commissioner's district and two at large, to report back to the Executive Board by August 30, 1986. This motion was seconded by Rep. Skinner. The motion was so voted unanimously in the affirmative. Rep. Skinner then reported that this committee would consist of the following Representatives:

Beverly A. Gage, Chairman (District #3); Charles Vaughn (District #1); Vincent J. Palumbo (District #2); Janet Conroy (District #3); E. J. Walker (District #1); and x-officio officers Skinner (District #3) and Flanagan (District #2).

More discussion followed with Rep. McKinney making the following motion: "That the County checking account and the cash management program be put out to bid," This motion was seconded by Rep. Ellyson. Discussion followed the motion, with Rep. Palumbo pointing out that it is the responsibility of the Delegation to vote the bottom line of the budget, but not to set policy, as was suggested in the McKinney motion. Commissioner John C. Driscoll, Clerk, Board of Rockingham County Commissioners asked for a point of order. He emphatically stated that it is not within the Delegation's authority to set policy. With this knowledge, Rep. McKinney withdrew her motion, and Rep. Ellyson withdrew his second.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, Rep. Ellyson moved to adjourn the meeting. This motion was seconded by Rep. Chase and was so voted unanimously in the affirmative at 3:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Representative Annie Mae Schwaner, Clerk

Rockingham County Delegation/Executive Committee

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Rockingham County Nursing Home
Brentwood, New Hampshire
April 25, 1986

PRESENT

HONORABLE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Skinner; Schwaner; Sherburne; Case; Pevear; Wells; Flanagan; B. Gage; T. Gage; Woodward; Schmidtchen; Palumbo.

OTHERS

HONORABLE REPRESENTATIVES

Blaisdell; Butler; Benton; Lovejoy.

OTHERS

Commissioner Ernest P. Barka, Chairman, Board of Rockingham County Commissioners; Commissioner John C. Driscoll, Clerk, Board of Rockingham County Commissioners; Mr. John D. Courtney, Superintendent, Rockingham County Jail/House of Correction; Mrs. Patricia M. Donovan, Assistant Superintendent, Rockingham County Jail/House of Correction; Mr. William F. Sturtevant, Administrator, Rockingham County Nursing Home; Mrs. Irene L. Dodge, Deputy Treasurer for Rockingham County; Mrs. Carrolle A. Butler-Popovich, Secretary, Board of Rockingham County Commissioners and Rockingham County Delegation; Mr. Robert Bartlett, Rockingham County Farm Manager; Ms. Laura Nagy, Director of Human Services, Rockingham County Jail/House of Correction; Mr. Elwood K. Paradis, Supervisor of Rockingham County Maintenance Department and Mr. William Smith, Coordinator of Financial Operations.

The meeting commenced at 10:00 A.M. with Chairman Skinner opening the meeting. She then called upon Commissioner John C. Driscoll to give an overview of the proposed refuse-to-energy system. Commissioner Driscoll explained that background regarding the proposed refuse-to-energy system proposed at the Rockingham County Complex. He reviewed the recent meeting that was held with selectmen of Rockingham County and the Board of Commissioners, to discuss the current waste disposal problems within Rockingham County, and alternatives to the problem. Commissioner Driscoll stressed the importance of involving the Executive Committee in future actions with regards to this topic. Commissioner Driscoll went on to state that presently, no decisions have been made as to which way the County will go, further noting that a survey has been sent out to all towns within Rockingham County. Any further actions taken, he noted, will include the involvement of the Executive Board and further, the Rockingham County Delegation, should a vote be necessary for approval of such a project to get underway. Commissioner Driscoll spoke to the geographic location of the proposed refuse-to-energy site at the Rockingham County

Complex, further noting that the Board of Rockingham County Commissioners worked very closely with the Wheelabrator-Frye, Inc., years ago, when Rockingham County was considering a refuse-to-energy facility at the Rockingham County Complex.

Commissioner Barka spoke to a meeting that Representative Margaret A. Case and he attended in Newton, New Hampshire with the Southeastern New Hampshire Regional Council regarding the topic of solid waste management within Rockingham County, and alternatives to the problems.

Representative Woodward spoke to the importance of a refuse-to-energy facility, in solving the problems facing Rockingham County, further asking that the Board of Commissioners continue looking into this matter. He stressed the point that it is a very important issue!

Representative B. Gage asked that the Board of Commissioners not utilize any of the county's general funds for this proposal. Commissioner Barka assured Representative Beverly Gage as well as all other Executive Committee members that the Board of Commissioners have no intention of utilizing any county funding for this proposed project, and it was not their intention to do so. Representative Sherburne spoke about the significance of getting such a program funded.

Commissioner Barka once again stressed the fact that the Board of Rockingham County Commissioners would keep the Executive Committee and the Rockingham County Delegation fully informed as to the status of the proposed project.

A review of the Rockingham County Farm budget was then done. Mr. Robert Bartlett, Rockingham County Farm Manager spoke to the fact that his budget is currently at 28% for the first quarter, stating that his budget was in very good shape. He also stressed the fact that his revenue portion of the budget was in good shape as well, especially for this time of year.

Representative Richardson Benton then reported with regards to the Treasurer and Deputy Treasurer's budget. He noted that this budget, for the first quarter, was currently at 22%, stressing it was in good shape.

Representative Gertrude I. Butler, Chairman of the Special Budget Request Sub-Committee then spoke with regards to the status of these agencies, as it is reflected within the first quarter of the 1986 Rockingham County budget. She spoke about the procedure followed by each agency regarding the method of draw downs by agencies. Rep. Butler also spoke regarding the Rockingham County Conservation District, stating that a minor problem has arisen with regards to the fact that the towns have to make a determination of a lot size, before soil samples can be taken. She stated that this procedure creates problems.

Representative Lovejoy spoke with regards to the Jail/House of Correction budget. She spoke about a potential problem with regards to the increased number of work release prisoners being sentenced to the Rockingham County Jail/House of Correction. She stated that she polled her committee as to their recommendations as to what to do with this perplexing problem. It was the

recommendation of the Jail/House of Correction Sub-Committee that the Carlisle Building be utilized for the housing of work release prisoners. Rep. Beverly Gage questioned the cost of renovating this area, noting that the area in question has been renovated several other times for various programs. She questioned the amount expended for the other renovations which have been done to the area in question.

Rep. Henry Wells suggested that it be the responsibility of Executive Committee members to get involved with the buildings of the County, and how they are utilized and the costs involved for such utilization.

Rep. Robert Blaisdell, Chairman, Revenue Sharing Sub-Committee spoke with regards to the status of Revenue Sharing accounts for the first quarter. He noted that all is on line with the draw down requests from the various department budgets.

Chairman Skinner stated that she was contacted by Rep. Calvin Warburton and Rep. Benjamin Newell with regards to their respective budgets. She noted that they both reported that the Maintenance Department and the Commissioners Office budgets are right on line, with no major problems to report.

Commissioner John C. Driscoll, Clerk, Board of Rockingham County Commissioners reported with regards to information received with regards to property insurance and public official liability insurance for the County for 1986. He noted that there has been a 400% increase in property insurance over last year as well as a 300% increase in public official liability insurance over last year for the County. He explained further that the County's insurance agency has been working hard finding different agents for better insurance rates. He stressed, as a matter of record that the figures budgeted for insurances within the 1986 Rockingham County budget would be tight. He did note that Rockingham County has been approved for the Worker's Compensation Self Insurance on coverage of employees. He noted that there may be a savings in that area. Discussion ensued with regards to the insurance dilemma and possible solutions to the price increases.

There being no further questions with regards to the first quarter expenditures portion of the 1986 budget, Rep. Vincent J. Palumbo moved, duly seconded by Rep. Rowland Schmidtchen to approve the first quarter portion of the expenditures for the 1986 Rockingham County budget. This motion was so voted unanimously in the affirmative.

Rep. Charles Vaughn asked that the departments that stayed within their budget be complimented and that it be a matter of record. This request was so noted.

The Revenues portion of the first quarter was then reviewed. Rep. Vincent J. Palumbo moved, duly seconded by Rep. Rowland Schmidtchen to approve the first quarterly Revenues portion of the 1986 Rockingham County budget. This motion was so voted unanimously in the affirmative.

Rep. Beverly A. Gage then reported with regards to the renovations/construction of the Dietary Department and Laundry Department of the Rockingham County Nursing Home. She noted with interest that construction

was 54% complete as of March 31, 1986. She then called upon Mr. William F. Sturtevant, Administrator, Rockingham County Nursing Home and Mr. Elwood K. Paradis, Supervisor, Rockingham County Maintenance Department, to give an over-view with regards to the construction/renovations. Mr. Paradis noted that the dish machine in the Dietary Department is down, but will be up soon. He also noted that the ceiling grids, and the fire alarm is completed in that area, as well as painting is commencing. He noted that construction is moving along well.

Mr. Paradis further noted that a problem has surfaced with the Carlisle Building foundation. He noted that work is now underway to resolve this problem.

It was the unanimous feeling of the Executive Committee that the Food Services Director and staff of the Dietary Department be complimented for working so well under adverse conditions they have had to work under while construction/renovations have commenced. It was stressed further that the Dietary Department has still maintained a fine quality of food. The Executive Committee noted their pleasure with the work being done in the Dietary Department as well as the Laundry Department, stressing that both departments are working well under the circumstances.

Mr. Sturtevant echoed the same comments, stating that both departments are doing an excellent job working under the present conditions. Mr. Sturtevant also noted that the Rockingham County Nursing Home is doing much better with regards to staffing. He stated that the Home is still shy 23 nurse's aides and 3 nurses, noting that the staffing overall in the Home is up a little.

Mr. Sturtevant further noted that a survey was done recently with regards to the age of residents in the Home, and the length of stay. He stated that, as a result of the survey, 49.3% of the residents within the facility are over 80 years of age, stressing that this figure is very high. He also noted 50% of the residents are within the ages of 80-85. Mr. Sturtevant further noted that the average age upon admission to the Home is 82 and the average age upon death at the Home is 80.

Mrs. Patricia M. Donovan, Assistant Superintendent, Rockingham County Jail/House of Correction, reported that Rockingham County met recently with the Department of Labor with regards to unfair labor practices. She noted that, as a result of the meeting, all unfair labor practices which were filed against the Rockingham County Jail/House of Correction were dropped.

Rep. Beverly A. Gage, Chairman, Special Committee to study the feasibility of dispatching by the Rockingham County Sheriff's Department then spoke with regards to her committee's progress. She noted that her committee has met several times with various people regarding dispatching. She also stated that she was in receipt of a letter from HVH Security Corporation with regards to the discontinuation of dispatching for private alarm concerns. Discussion followed with regards to the continuation of dispatching by the Rockingham County Sheriff's Department for private alarms. It was the overall feeling of the Executive Committee that the County of Rockingham discontinue dispatching services by the Rockingham County Sheriff's Department for private alarms in conjunction with HVH Security Corporation.

Commissioner John C. Driscoll then reviewed the hand out which was distributed to each Executive Committee Member prior to the meeting. He noted that the information distributed gave a complete budget and percentage breakdown for the 1986 operating budget, together with information relative to the appropriation and percentage of taxes from 1977 through 1986. Also included in the package that Commissioner Driscoll explained was information from Moody's Municipal Credit Report regarding Rockingham County, together with the tax apportionment by towns within Rockingham County.

Before the conclusion of the meeting, the Executive Committee wished to express their sorrow to Carrolle Popovich, Secretary to the Rockingham County Delegation, in the recent loss of her Dad, Mr. James J. Butler.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, Representative Palumbo moved, duly seconded by Representative Schmidtchen to adjourn the meeting. This motion was so voted unanimously in the affirmative at 11:50 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Representative Annie Mae Schwaner, Clerk
Rockingham County Delegation/Executive Committee

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Rockingham County Nursing Home

Brentwood, New Hampshire

August 1, 1986

PRESENT

HONORABLE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Skinner, Schmidtchen, Flanagan, Sherburne, Pevear, Schwaner, Wells, Vaughn, T. Gage, Palumbo, Woodward, Case, B. Gage, Blanchard.

OTHER

HONORABLE REPRESENTATIVES

Benton, Parr, Ellyson, Butler, Blaisdell, Malcolm, Kane, Hoar.

OTHERS

Commissioner Ernest P. Barka, Chairman, Board of Rockingham County Commissioners; Commissioner John C. Driscoll, Clerk, Board of Rockingham County Commissioners; Mrs. Irene L. Dodge, Deputy Treasurer for Rockingham County; Mrs. Carrolle A. Butler-Popovich, Secretary to the Board of Rockingham County Commissioners and Rockingham County Delegation; Mrs. Juanita Elliott, Administrative Assistant to the Supervisor, Rockingham County Maintenance Department; Mr. David Lincoln, Chief Dispatcher, Rockingham County Sheriff's Department; Mr. George W. Smith, Director of Financial Operations for Rockingham County; Mrs. Patricia M. Donovan, Assistant Superintendent, Rockingham County Jail/House of Correction; Mr. Charles F. Vetter, High Sheriff of Rockingham County; Mrs. Rebecca Tarleton, Administrative Assistant to the High Sheriff of Rockingham County; Mr. Stephen J.C. Woods, Esq. Rockingham County Attorney.

Representative Patricia M. Skinner, Chairman, Executive Committee, opened the meeting at 9:05 A.M., and stated that the purpose of the meeting was to review the second quarterly budget report of the 1986 Rockingham County budget, as well as hear the report of the Special Committee established to study the feasibility of the Rockingham County Sheriff's Department Dispatch facilities.

Rockingham County Nursing Home - Rep. Pevear reported that her committee did meet, and as a result, learned that the Home is still short on staffing. She further reported that the Rockingham County Adult Medical Day Care Program is doing quite well, noting that there are more people attending the program. The client turn-over rate was noted as high.

Salaries - Rep. Ednapearl F. Parr reported regarding the Salary Sub-Committee. She stated that her committee met to review the salary schedules and scales, i.e., specifically how they apply to the Rockingham County Sheriff's Department and Dispatch Center.

Commissioners budget - Commissioner Driscoll spoke to this budget. He stated that business contract as well as office supplies were purchased at the beginning of the year. Commissioner Driscoll also reviewed liability and property insurance, as it applies to the County. He stated that property insurance will be included within every department's budget for 1987. He also noted that the Liability insurance will come out of the General Insurance Account, but stressed that all departments should make provisions for this pro-rated amount within their 1987 budget. Commissioner Driscoll further noted that the County currently has Blue Cross/Blue Shield. With regards to the Worker's Compensation Program, the County, he noted, is self insured.

Treasurer and Deputy Treasurer - Rep. Benton explained that management improvements have been implemented by the Treasurer, whereby deposits of revenues and the procedure thereof, will be done differently, to save bank finance charges (for the Registry of Deeds and Sheriff's Department).

It was noted that the Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Maintenance Department did meet regarding that department's budget. It was stated at the Executive Committee Meeting that all is well with this budget, further noting that all work done by that department is on schedule, with no problems being anticipated.

County Attorney - Rep. Ellyson, Chairman of the County Attorney/Medical Examiner Sub-Committee, reported that these two budgets were on line, but a bit high in some areas of the budget. He noted that office supplies, and telephone expenses were high in the County Attorney's budget, as was expense of prosecution. He also related, with the assistance of County Attorney Woods, that costs were high with regards to the transportation of bodies to the forensic pathologist. He noted that such bodies have to be transported to Worcester, Massachusetts, where the only local forensic pathologist is located. Attorney Woods stressed that Rockingham County does not have a forensic pathologist, thereby creating the need to transport. Attorney Woods was questioned as to whether the autopsy room is utilized at the Rockingham County Nursing Home. Mr. Woods advised that it is not utilized now, and was never really utilized much in the past, stressing that the room in question was not a cost savings to the budget. He informed Executive Committee members that, due to the fact that no one wanted to clean up the room after an autopsy had been performed, the room has since been converted.

Attorney Woods also noted vehicle storage costs on impounded vehicles will decrease, stating that storage space has been provided in the Sheriff's Department area for such vehicles, but did note for the record that towing fees might increase, as a result of having to have the vehicle in question, towed to the storage space provided by the County.

Attorney Woods explained the Victim/Witness Advocate Program, which Rockingham County is in the process of starting. He noted that the individual in question for the program has not been hired yet. He reviewed the necessary qualifications needed for the individual in question, stressing further that committee will be established to review this position on a police level as well as a

social service level. He noted that the County has applied for a grant for a two (2) year period in the amount of \$44,000., of which matching funds will be needed. Attorney Woods noted the function of the program, stressing that the person in question will work closely with child victims. He stated that testimony given by child victims, as it relates to each individual case, is vital, as well as the coordination process for subpoenaing of witnesses. He also noted that, through this process, it could very well mean a reduction of fees for subpoenaing on the State level. Attorney Woods also added that the guidelines and outline of the Victim/Witness Advocate Program will go before the Executive Committee for their review. It was noted for the record that Hillsborough County is now in the process of establishing this same program. Strafford County is in the process of applying for such a grant for that county as well.

Registry of Deeds - It was noted by Commissioner Driscoll that this department is doing very well under the supervision of Mrs. Mary Wright, Commissioned to perform the duties of Register of Deeds for Rockingham County.

Rockingham County Sheriff's Department - Rep. Woodward, Chairman of this sub-committee, reported that this department's budget was in good shape for the second quarter.

Also reviewed was Board and Care of Children and Old Age Assistance. Commissioner Driscoll reported that the Mediation Program in Rockingham County is working out very well.

Revenue Sharing - Rep. Blaisdell reported regarding the Revenue Sharing portion of the budget. He distributed copies of his report to each Executive Committee member. The report noted that \$18,672.60 was expended in Revenue Sharing for the first quarter and \$73,458.99 was expended for the second quarter, making a total of \$92,131.59 expended as of the second quarter. Rep. Blaisdell also noted that there is a \$80,891.86 balance in Revenue Sharing Accounts for 1986, further noting that 33% of Revenue Sharing monies have been expended as of the second quarter.

The Special Budget Request Sub-Committee met, as was noted by their Chairman, Rep. Gertrude Butler. She reported that, as a result of their meeting, the Rockingham County Nutrition Program is experiencing money problems, as a result of the cut backs within the meals-on-wheels funding on the State level. Rep. Butler stated that Hillsborough County is also impacted by these budget cuts, and, as a result, they will be cutting their Wednesday meals program, which, she stressed, will have a hard felt impact on Rockingham County. Discussion followed with regards to whether funding would be restored to this agency. It was thought that the 1987 budget might reflect these restored funds.

Rockingham County Jail/House of Correction - Mrs. Donovan, Assistant Superintendent, reported that the new Work Release Program is doing very well, with 12 work release inmates in that facility and 3 pending in the courts. She also noted that the Maintenance Department donated discontinued latex paint, which was utilized by inmates who painted the work release area (Carlisle Building). She noted that it cost roughly \$900.00 to do the repairs needed in the

Carlisle Building, where the Work Release Program is housed. A question was raised as to whether the Board of Commissioners have considered alternatives, of either taking down the old Rockingham County Jail/House of Correction, or renovating the area in question. Commissioner Barka noted that the Commissioners have, extensively, looked into this situation, and would go forward in having the Supervisor of Maintenance obtain prices for having the building demolished. He stressed that prices were obtained with regards to the possibility of restoring the building, but it was felt that such costs were extremely high. Commissioner Barka added that the County is currently paying liability insurance on this building, as well as taxes.

Rockingham County Farm - Rep. Blanchard reported that her sub-committee had met to review the second quarter of this department's budget. She also noted that the committee is now in the process of looking into lease arrangements of the Farm, as is done in Strafford County. Commissioner Driscoll reported that the hay and corn (silage) crops are doing as well as can be expected, considering the weather that has been experienced lately. He stated that, although other counties in New Hampshire have donated hay to other States, it would be very speculative to donate hay from Rockingham County. He stressed that Rockingham County should hold back the hay they have, to protect their herd.

Rockingham County Cooperative Extension Service - Rep. Sherburne reported that the Cooperative Extension Service budgets have been cut on the federal level, but noted that, a shortfall from the State organization, will assist these budgets, noting that the forestry portion of this budget will be particularly hard hit.

Discussion followed with regards to the affects that the Graham-Rudman Act will have on the various department budgets in Rockingham County. It was the strong suggestion of Rep. B. Gage that the Executive Board take a long look at the financial impacts that the Graham-Rudman Act will have on the 1987 budget for Rockingham County. She stressed that the Executive Board has to "draw the line" somewhere, and that each individual department head should be apprised of this. Chairman Skinner stated that this will be requested from all sub-committees when they meet to review the 3rd quarter portion of the 1986 Rockingham County Budget.

More discussion followed with Rep. Palumbo moving, seconded by Rep. Vaughn to accept the second quarter expenditures, as reported and reviewed by the Executive Committee. The motion was recorded as unanimous in the affirmative.

Rep. Palumbo then moved, duly seconded by Rep. Vaughn to accept the receipts portion for the second quarter, as reported and reviewed by the Executive Committee. This motion was so voted unanimously in the affirmative.

Rep. Beverly A. Gage, Chairman, Special Committee Established to Study the Feasibility of the Rockingham County Sheriff's Department Dispatch Center Facilities, reported with regards to her committees final report. Copies of this report were distributed to each Executive Committee member for their review. She stated that her committee did quite a bit of work, and met with a various

number of people, in gathering the necessary information needed to put this report together. She stated that, as a result, her committee made and voted unanimously on two (2) recommendations. She noted the following:

Recommendation: "All private alarms will be discontinued at the termination of the HVH contract (December 31, 1986) and only fire box alarms as required by the municipal/fire department in a fire prevention business-industrial/residential complex will be monitored by the dispatch center." (Unanimous vote - 5-0)

Recommendation: "Rockingham County may provide 24 hour police and/or fire dispatching services where technically feasible, to towns with populations under 8,500 people. When a town's population reaches 8,500 people, according to the Office of State Planning, that town must provide its own 24 hour police and/or fire dispatch service within its next fiscal year. The intent of the Special Committee's recommendation was two fold: a. To provide police and/or fire dispatch services to the smaller communities within the County, unable to provide their own and b. To define a small community by population." (Unanimous vote - 3-0)

Rep. B. Gage went on to state that, as a result of her committee's recommendation, they would also recommend two (2) additional dispatchers for the Rockingham County Sheriff's Department Dispatch Center Facilities. Rep. Palumbo, a member of this sub-committee, wanted to express his gratitude to Rep. Beverly Gage and Rep. Janet Conroy, for all their hard work on this committee, and wanted to make it a matter of record. It was noted for the record that Reps. B. Gage and Conroy, as well as the other committee members, received a round of applause from the Executive Committee as well. Rep. Woodward moved, duly seconded by Rep. Palumbo that the Executive Committee accept the Report of the Special Committee established to study the feasibility of the Rockingham County Sheriff's Department Dispatch Center Facilities, as presented. Motion so voted unanimously in the affirmative. Rep. Palumbo then moved, duly seconded by Rep. Woodward that the Executive Committee ask the Rockingham County Commissioners to look into the recommendations of the committee established to study the feasibility of the Rockingham County Sheriff's Department Dispatch Center Facilities, and that further, they insure that the Rockingham County Dispatch Center is staffed fully for the purposes of dispatching for police and/or fire, and further, that a copy of the final report of the Special Sub-Committee be sent to those individuals who participated and met with the committee. This motion was so voted unanimously in the affirmative. It was noted that the County will notify HVH Security Systems with regards to the vote of the Special Committee and the Executive Committee.

Rep. Beverly A. Gage, Chairman of the Building Sub-Committee then reported with regards to the construction/renovations at the Rockingham County Nursing Home. She stated that she has set up a meeting of the Building Sub-Committee for August 11, 1986 at 11:00 A.M. to discuss the construction/renovations, and will report back to the Executive Board. Rep. Skinner added that, with regards to the construction/renovations, additional costs have incurred that she doesn't feel the County should have to pay for. Commissioner Barka

stated that there are, indeed, cost overruns that the County does not want to pay for, and would be looking further into this situation for a remedy to the problem. Commissioner Driscoll reported that regular job site meetings are held every Monday with the project manager from Anderson-Nichols, the Supervisor of the Rockingham County Maintenance Department, the job superintendent from Bonnette, Page & Stone Corp. and Mr. Sturtevant, Administrator, Rockingham County Nursing Home. More discussion followed with regards to the inconveniences created to the staffing of the Dietary Department and Laundry Department, as a result of construction/renovations. The Executive Committee wanted to make it a matter of record that the staff of the Dietary Department and Laundry Department should be complimented for all their efforts in working around the inconveniences created as a result of the construction/renovations to the Rockingham County Nursing Home. More discussion followed whereby Rep. Palumbo/Woodward moved that a letter be posed from the Executive Committee of the Rockingham County Commission, complementing the staffing of the Dietary Department and Laundry Department for their hard work, under such trying times. This motion was so voted unanimously in the affirmative.

More discussion followed with Rep. T. Gage moving, seconded by Rep. Palumbo that the Rockingham County Board of Commissioners have the vote of the Executive Committee to go forward and retrieve cost overruns from the firm of Anderson-Nichols with regards to the construction/renovations to the Rockingham County Nursing Home (Dietary and Laundry Departments). This motion was so voted unanimously in the affirmative.

Commissioner Driscoll then reviewed the status of the refuse-to-energy plant proposed for Rockingham County.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, Rep. Woodward moved, duly seconded by Rep. Sherburne to adjourn the meeting. This motion was so voted unanimously in the affirmative at 11:40 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Representative Annie Mae Schwaner
Clerk, Rockingham County Executive Delegation

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Rockingham County Nursing Home
Brentwood, New Hampshire
December 22, 1986

PRESENT

HONORABLE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Skinner, Chase, Palumbo, Schmidtchen, Blanchard, Vaughn, Walker, Greene, Cushing, Flanagan, T. Gage, Hoar, Conroy, Boucher.

OTHERS

Commissioner Ernest P. Barka, Chairman, Board of Rockingham County Commissioners; Commissioner John C. Driscoll, Clerk, Board of Rockingham County Commissioners; Mr. Clarke R. Chandler, Treasurer for Rockingham County; Mr. William F. Sturtevant, Administrator, Rockingham County Nursing Home; Mr. George W. Smith, Director of Financial Operations for Rockingham County; Mrs. Gay E. Bridgham, Acting Secretary to the Board of Rockingham County Commissioners/Rockingham County Delegation.

The meeting commenced at 9:07 A.M., at which time Chairman Palumbo opened the meeting, noting that Annie Mae Schwaner, Clerk of the Rockingham County Delegation/Executive Committee was hospitalized due to knee surgery. Chairman Palumbo then made a motion to appoint Rep. E. Jane Walker, Clerk Pro Tem, duly seconded. This motion was so voted unanimously in the affirmative.

Chairman Palumbo opened the meeting and addressed the Executive Committee Members stating the purpose of said meeting, noting that RSA 29:8 requires such a meeting, the purpose therein being the authorization of the Treasurer of Rockingham County to borrow in anticipation of taxes for the 1987 calendar year.

Mr. Chandler then addressed the members, reviewing the draft of estimated receipts and expenditures. Copies of the approved budget for 1986 were distributed and comparisons were made. Mr. Chandler then read the motion, as it applies to the meeting. That in view of the fact that the Treasurer has asked the Executive Committee for approval to borrow in anticipation of taxes in the amount of Ten Million Dollars, I move that the money in the treasury of the county, being insufficient to meet the demands during the fiscal year beginning 1/1/87, approval be given to the Treasurer, upon the order of the County Commissioners, to borrow Ten Million Dollars under RSA 29:8 as amended. He explained the statute change, noting he would borrow twice, however, noting that the amount would not exceed Ten Million Dollars per year. Mr. Chandler then requested a vote on this motion.

Rep. Palumbo then recognized Rep. Schmidtchen who made a motion for discussion, duly seconded by Rep. Skinner. Rep. Vaughn asked Mr. Chandler to explain borrowing twice versus borrowing once. Mr. Chandler then stated he probably would borrow twice, 1) January-June; 2) July-December.

Rep. Skinner then inquired what amount was borrowed last year? Mr. Chandler responded Nine Million was borrowed last year. Commissioner Driscoll then noted that they had received authorization to borrow up to \$10.5 Million on 12/13/85.

Rep. Schmidtchen inquired what the approximate rate for borrowing would be. Mr. Chandler responded it would be 4.5%-4.15%.

Rep. Boucher asked Mr. Chandler to explain the monthly surplus or deficit column. At which point Mr. Chandler noted that the deficit column indicated the difference between estimated expenses column and the estimated revenue column. Mr. Boucher inquired if there was any way to eliminate the deficit? Mr. Chandler responded the only way would be if the Towns paid the County Taxes in January instead of December.

Rep. Skinner inquired if there was a problem with Towns paying taxes this year. Mr. Chandler stated that Newington was late, however, it was possible that they would pay today.

Rep. Palumbo then inquired of Mr. Chandler if he foresaw the need for statute change? Mr. Chandler responded, it was not a critical issue, stating that those towns who collected taxes twice a year should pay the County twice also instead of once.

Rep. Hoar asked Mr. Chandler why do we have to pay the Federal Government any money? Mr. Chandler responded the law states that any profits made from investments using tax free revenue bond money must be returned to the Federal Government.

Upon completion of discussion, Rep. Palumbo called for a vote on this motion "That in view of the fact that the Treasurer has asked the Executive Committee for approval to borrow in anticipation of taxes in the amount of Ten Million Dollars, I move that the money in the treasury of the county, being insufficient to meet the demands during the fiscal year beginning 1/1/87, approval be given to the Treasurer, upon the order of the County Commissioners, to borrow Ten Million Dollars under RSA 29:8 as amended." This motion was so voted unanimously in the affirmative.

Rep. Palumbo then asked if there was anything Commissioner Driscoll would like to bring before the Executive Board. Commissioner Driscoll noted currently discussions were being held with the Signal Environmental Systems, Inc. concerning the issue of solid waste for the Exeter-Hampton areas.

Rep. Greene noted the merging of the Seacoast, S. E. New Hampshire and the Exeter-Hampton Solid Waste Management.

Commissioner Driscoll then brought to the attention of the Executive Committee the need for future expansion of the Rockingham County Jail/House of Correction due to the population increase.

Rep. Palumbo then appointed a Special Salaries Committee to review the salaries of the elected officials. The following were then appointed:

Hon. E. Jane Walker, Chairman

Hon. Charles L. Vaughn

Hon. Natalie S. Flanagan

Hon. William P. Boucher

Rep. Conroy then asked Rep. Palumbo for clarification in regard to the duties of Executive Committee Members. Rep. Palumbo then noted that there being a number of new Executive Committee Members, he wanted to stress the importance of said committee, being that this committee would hear budget requests. Noting that the Chairperson would hold hearings the week of January 12-19 in order to make final decisions and recommendations in regard to the adoption of the budgets. The Executive Committee would then decide whether or not to accept recommendations from the Sub-Committees. Noting that his charge to Executive Committee Members would be to look at the areas that have continuous surplus at the end of the year. Rep. Palumbo then commended the members for a job well done over the years.

Rep. Boucher then inquired of George Smith, Director of Financial Operations if the end of the year figures would be available before the 1987 Budget work began. Mr. Smith noted that the books would be kept open, he hoped to have figures by the middle of January.

Rep. Skinner then raised the question to Rep. Palumbo, said question being whether a Sub-Committee Liaison is a voting member? Rep. Palumbo stated answer was no. Rep. Blanchard asked for references to this reply. No written rules were presented in regard to voting privileges. Discussion was held, noting that remarks indicated that some committees allowed liaison voting privileges, others did not.

Rep. Skinner noted that Sub-Committee assignments would be received the following week.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Rep. Schmidtchen moved, duly seconded by Rep. Vaughn to adjourn the meeting. This motion was so voted in the affirmative at 9:45 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Representative E. Jane Walker, Clerk Pro Tem
Rockingham County Executive Committee

COMMISSIONERS REPORT

The County of Rockingham is in an enviable position in the State of New Hampshire. Effective fiscal management, experienced personnel and the County Delegation and Commissioners, have all joined in a concerted effort to provide necessary services at the lowest possible cost, and has resulted in a budget that is being looked to as a model by the other Counties.

It is and has been a pleasure to work with such dedicated professionals and we look forward to a promising 1987.

Respectfully submitted,

Ernest P. Barka, Chairman
Board of Rockingham County Comms.

Helen F. Wilson, Vice Chairman
Board of Rockingham County Comms.

John C. Driscoll, Clerk
Board of Rockingham County Comms.

**To: THE HONORABLE BOARD OF
ROCKINGHAM COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

I respectfully submit the Annual Report for the Rockingham County Nursing Home. The past year has been a most busy one stretching the patience of staff, residents, families, and administration. However, I am proud to report to you and the residents of Rockingham County that the facility has made progress in correcting some of the issues that were discussed in the 1985 Report.

While staffing remains short due to the low unemployment rate throughout New Hampshire and Rockingham County in particular, we have been able to recruit additional staff to help provide for the needs of the residents of the Home. We continue to use temporary licensed nursing personnel from the "Nursing Pools" to supplement our licensed staff. In 1985 we had as many as 39 Nursing Aide positions open, in 1986 we averaged 24 open positions. Licensed Personnel continued to remain short particularly on the 11-7 shift. The Director of Nursing and I will continue to monitor the trends in the local labor market and shall make every effort to recruit qualified personnel to attend to the needs of the Residents.

The average age of the residents within the facility in 1986 was 82.53 years. As of December 31, 1986, 138 residents were 85 years of age or older, 47.59% of the Home's population.

While referral sources from families, selectmen, and social workers remained constant; the number of residents admitted from hospitals increased dramatically in 1986. The following table compares 1985 admissions to 1986 admissions:

Source of Admissions	1985 Admissions	1986 Admissions
Home	32	40
Nursing Homes	49	28
Hospitals	9	40
Other	2	5

These changes in admission sources continue to support the trend we identified in 1983, which indicated the numbers of residents who are admitted to the Home require a higher level of nursing care.

The major accomplishment for Rockingham County Nursing Home for 1986, was the completion of the expansion and renovations of the kitchen and laundry facilities. December 7, the completed facilities were dedicated. An open house for the public, and officials from the State of New Hampshire, and County, brought many through the doors to enjoy a fine Sunday Brunch prepared by the Food Service Department.

Without the support of the employees in the Food Service, and Environmental Services Departments we would not have completed this project. The cooperation of the employees was instrumental along with the cooperation of the contractor, Bonnette, Page & Stone of Laconia, and their personnel.

With the completion of the construction project the Adult Medical Day Care Center was moved to permanent quarters on the ground floor of the Mitchell Building, in November. These new quarters will allow for increases in the number

of clients participating, and frees up the Hilton Auditorium for other uses. Staff, clients and families dedicated the new facilities with a pre-Thanksgiving Dinner.

With the larger numbers of clients attending the Day Program, transportation continues to be the major hurdle that we must face each day. The two vans purchases in 1985 with Revenue Sharing Funds are in use each day, starting at approximately 6:30 A.M., finishing at 11:00 A.M., with the morning pick-ups and starting out again at 2:00 P.M., and finishing at 6:00 P.M., returning the client home. We will be working to seek alternative means of transportation throughout 1987.

1986 was a year of personal loss to many members of the staff as three dedicated members of the facility passed away. Mrs. Patricia Armstrong, RN, 3-11 Supervisor; Miss Alice M. Soderberg, RN, part time Supervisor 7-3; and Mrs. Marilyn Winget, RN, Assistant Director of Nursing; will be missed. Memorial Donations were made for each and will be remembered with a planting in May 1987 of a tree during National Nursing Home Week. The in-service classroom was dedicated to Miss Soderberg, who was the first In-Service Director of Rockingham County Nursing Home.

Volunteers as in past years provided a valuable service to residents of the Home. Thanks to all who volunteered throughout 1986. The new position of Co-ordinator of Volunteers while slow to be filled has been instrumental in attracting additional volunteers, with new and challenging ideas. We look forward to continued growth in this area and for additional volunteers throughout 1987.

Thank you again to the "E.F.F.O.R.T.S." committee for their support for residents' needs and equipment. During 1986 the committee provided funds for the remodeling of the Beauty Shop, and was recognized by Governor Sununu for the fine work they do on behalf of the Residents of Rockingham County Nursing Home.

A word of thanks to Mr. John Courtney, Corrections Administrator; Robert Bartlett, Farm Manager; Sheriff Charles Vetter; and members of their respective departments for the assistance and cooperation throughout 1986. A note of thanks for the support provided by the staff of the County Commissioners Office.

Special thanks to Mr. Al Paradis, Maintenance Supervisor, for his assistance during the expansion and renovations of the kitchen and laundry facilities. Thanks for all the help provided by personnel of the Maintenance Department throughout the year especially during snow storms in assisting members of the Nursing Department in digging out of snow late at night and for providing a clear parking lot when all personnel arrived for duty.

Again without the fine personnel of Rockingham County Nursing Home, 1986 would have been a year of great difficulty. I am proud to have each of them employed at RCNH, and as I stated at the Annual Employee Recognition Night in May, I would not trade any of them for any other nursing home in the State of New Hampshire. My personal thanks to each of them and with their assistance, 1987 will also be a productive, smooth and enjoyable year.

A word of thanks and gratitude to the Board of County Commissioners for their assistance and guidance throughout 1986.

Respectfully submitted,
William F. Sturtevant
Administrator

March 13, 1987
From: Karl L. Singer, M.D.

ANNUAL REPORT OF MEDICAL DIRECTOR

We continue to see an increasing number of quite ill patients at the nursing home. Because of the efforts of our home health programs and our daycare program, people are able to be kept out of facilities longer, and therefore, when they finally require nursing home care they really are extremely ill ... Many of the people that have been admitted here have died within a short time of admission, again reflecting the severity and extent of their underlying illness.

The nursing home staff has continued to provide high quality, compassionate care to the residents. We have continued with active educational programs both within the facility and outside. We have also been helped by the additions to our consulting staff including Dr. Larry Bogart as a mental health consult and the upcoming additions of both David and Sally Hartenstein, optometrists, (who will be coming to provide optometry services on a regular basis).

Society has demanded more of the nursing home staff this year, and they have clearly risen to the occasion. We will continue to look for ways to improve the extended quality of our services over the next year.

Karl Singer, M.D.

ROCKINGHAM COUNTY NURSING HOME

CENSUS - 1986

Total Census	January 1, 1986	288
Total Admissions	113	
Total Discharges	112	
Total Deaths	93	
Total Census	December 31, 1986	289
Total Resident Days:		104,917
Daily Average Census:	287.4	
Highest Census:	290.0	
Lowest Census:	283.0	
Daily Average:		
Mitchell Building:	39.7	
Fernald Building:	83.3	
Underhill Building:	61.6	
Blaisdell Building:	103.1	
Average Age of Residents December 31, 1986:		82.53
Average Age of Resident at Death:		85.0
Average Length of Stay:	3 years - 6 months - 3 days	

1986 ANNUAL REPORT

DEPARTMENT OF PASTORAL CARE ROCKINGHAM COUNTY NURSING HOME

"He strengthens those who are weak and tired. Even those who are young grow weak; young men can fall exhausted. But those who trust in the Lord for help will find their strength renewed. They will rise on wings like eagles; they will run and not get weary; they will walk and not grow weak." Isaiah 40:29-31

Eagles, it is said, do not simply jump from their perch and begin to flap their wings. Instead, an eagle will sit at the heights and discern the shifts in wind current. When the right current comes, the eagle will lean into it and soar away.

There is a depth of strength that I see in the faces of elderly people. These time-worn faces with tear-filled eyes of love bespeak earthly decades of constant waiting, much like an eagle waits on mountain tops. This waiting is distilled into hope and then trust which brings renewed strength to carry on. When the physical, emotional and spiritual energy of this world gives out, it is not lost; it rather becomes transformed, and the caregivers of that person are given the measure of strength necessary to assist. This is the conservation process of humankind. Where one appears to be failing, another is given the loving kindness to carry the burden of love.

It is my privilege to see this on a daily basis as the residents and staff interrelate, and thus weave the strong and beautiful fabric of life. The All Faiths' Chapel enhances this in the lives of the residents through their regular use in weekly services. In fact, many who do not necessarily attend formal services often visit the chapel daily to pray, read, or use the stereo. It is a place of respite. The Chapel has regular Roman Catholic masses and Protestant services, as well as monthly memorial services and scheduled Bible studies. Ministers, priests, and rabbis are called as needed.

It is a special note here that our beloved "Father Murphy" who continues to bring his kindhearted concern to residents was given the honor of becoming a Monsignor last spring. In his characteristically humble manner, he still prefers to be called "Father Murphy."

It is also apropos to take this space to note the memorial service held for Marilyn Winget, R.N., former Assistant Director of Nursing at the Nursing Home for 17 years. This service assisted all of us caregivers and residents to deal with our grief regarding the untimely death of such a dedicated worker and long-time friend of so many here.

A number of volunteers through this department provide services such as music concerts and small group studies under the aegis of Department of Social Service and in conjunction with the Activities Director through the Department of Occupational Therapy. The goal is to provide a schedule that is balanced physically, mentally, socially and spiritually. In the coming year, growth in the area of volunteers will be a focus.

During 1986, a sizeable donation was given toward the purchase of a bronze

offering box to be secured into the wall in the All Faiths' Chapel. The beautiful piece is slated to be shipped shortly. Also, the grandmother clock in the chapel was overhauled earlier this year, and regular maintenance continues as required. The pews in the chapel were rearranged to allow for additional space for people who transport themselves in wheelchairs.

I would like to express my deep gratitude to the County for the privilege to minister to the needs of its residents and employees. I count it a privilege to serve.

Respectfully submitted,

E. Dennis Marasco, M. Div.
Director of Pastoral Care

1986 ROCKINGHAM COUNTY FARM ANNUAL REPORT

To the Honorable Board of Commissioners:

The Rockingham County Farm produced eleven thousand (11,000) bales of hay and approximately ninety (90) acres of corn silage. Despite the bad weather last summer, we had some good crops, about half of the hay is for sale.

The County Farm has the best swine herd and facilities in the State and the beef herd is one of the larger and better herds in the State.

The inmates play a big part in the caring of the animals and crop harvesting.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Bartlett
Rockingham County Farm Manager

ROCKINGHAM COUNTY HUMAN SERVICES ANNUAL REPORT

Implementation of Senate Bill #1 (Settlement Law) went smoothly in the General and Categorical Assistance portions of the law. The same cannot be said of the court ordered payment of costs for children.

As of January 1, 1986, the State Division of Children and Youth Services became liable for 75% of all court ordered services for juveniles with the counties paying the remaining 25% of costs. The system, on the State level, was cumbersome at best but as the year progressed gradually was refined.

Rockingham County has a caseload of approximately 500 children receiving court ordered services and a cooperative effort with social workers, probation and the courts is being maintained to keep these costs at a minimum while still providing necessary services. The County Parent/Child Mediation Programs also continue to enjoy success in keeping families intact.

Money has been set aside to develop and implement a Drug/Alcohol Education Curriculum for elementary schools. This project is already underway and pilot programs will be starting in 2 elementary schools in September 1987.

The change in the law has been an exciting one and a learning experience for all. I look forward to more advances in 1987.

Sincerely,

Maureen Barrows, Director
Rockingham County Human Resources

ROCKINGHAM COUNTY MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT

January 23, 1987

To the Honorable Board of County Commissioners;

The year 1986 was a very productive year for the Maintenance Department. With the guidance of the County Commissioners, we were able to make changes and adjustments, enabling us to maintain a more efficient preventive maintenance program.

Many projects were instituted within the County Complex, as well as within the department. We were able to accomplish these projects with minimal setback to our daily operations, while keeping the cost to a minimum.

The following are some of the accomplishments completed throughout the year:

A. Rockingham County Nursing Home:

1. Remodel Beauty Shop.
2. Install Ceiling Fans in all Day Rooms.
3. Renovate new location for Adult Medical Day Care.

B. Rockingham County Farm:

1. Enclose fuel tank for Slaughter House.
2. Repair and install new roofing on Farm Utility Shed.
3. Renovated Farmer's Garage.

C. Rockingham County Jail:

1. Remodel the Work Release Center.
2. Relocated U.I.P.S. Unit to the Sheriff Penthouse.
3. Install Expansion Tank and additional supports for water main.

D. Rockingham County Complex:

1. Paint the interior and exterior of the Well House.

In closing, I would like to express my gratitude and thanks to all Department Heads, and their respective staffs, for their cooperation throughout the year. I would like to give a very special thanks to the entire Maintenance Staff for helping to make 1986 a very successful and productive year.

Respectfully submitted,

Elwood Paradis
Supervisor

**ROCKINGHAM COUNTY
COUNTY TAX APPORTIONMENT
1986**

	Proportion of Tax	Amount
Atkinson	16.19	140,388
Auburn	9.20	79,776
Brentwood	6.18	53,588
Candia	7.78	67,462
Chester	6.93	60,092
Danville	4.62	40,061
Deerfield	7.38	63,994
Derry	59.34	514,553
East Kingston	3.43	29,742
Epping	9.03	78,302
Exeter	34.79	301,673
Fremont	4.01	34,772
Greenland	9.22	79,949
Hampstead	16.03	139,000
Hampton	62.15	538,919
Hampton Falls	10.06	87,233
Kensington	5.49	47,605
Kingston	14.42	125,040
Londonderry	49.24	426,973
New Castle	6.88	59,658
Newfields	3.92	33,991
Newington	27.56	238,980
Newmarket	11.22	97,292
Newton	7.91	68,590
North Hampton	17.94	155,563
Northwood	7.35	63,734
Nottingham	6.85	59,398
Plaistow	20.62	178,802
Portsmouth	86.82	752,840
Raymond	14.14	122,612
Rye	30.46	264,127
Salem	87.76	760,991
Sandown	8.07	69,977
Seabrook	283.03	2,454,230
South Hampton	2.88	24,973
Stratham	11.20	97,118
Windham	29.90	259,271
Total	1000.00	8,671,269

OFFICE OF REGISTER OF DEEDS

Rockingham County
Exeter, NH 03833

February 27, 1987

To the Honorable Board of Commissioners:

1986 was a year which set new highs in all departments in the Registry of Deeds. The total number of documents recorded was 87,739 which was 33% over the previous year. Compare these figures with 1981 in which only 27,269 documents were recorded, indicating a growth pattern in Rockingham County of over 220% in five years.

As of this date there does not appear to be much of a slow down in sight and we expect 1987 to be on a par with 1986.

A big 'Thank You' is due both the Board of Commissioners and the County Delegation for their continued whole hearted support of this department.

Respectfully submitted,

Betty Waitt Luce
Register of Deeds

1986 Statistics

Number of Recordings	87,739	
Number of Copies Made	329,932	
Receipts		\$1,934,381.12
Expenditures	\$488,527.83	
Encumbered	17,339.79	
		<u>505,867.62</u>
Surplus		<u>\$1,428,513.50</u>

**STATISTICS ON THE WORK OF
THE PROBATE OFFICE FOR ROCKINGHAM COUNTY
FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1986**

Adoptions	177
Changes of Names	140
Conservators Appointed	15
Guardians Appointed: Imcompetents; Minors & Persons of Minors	108
Wills Allowed	403
Administrations Allowed	176
Voluntary Administrations	174
Marriage Waivers Granted	225
Death Certificates Filed	88
Petitions to File & Record Authenticated Copies of Wills	49
Terminations of Parental Rights	20
Relinquishment of Parental Rights	22
Wills Filed Not Probated	121
NEW FILES OPENED	1,718
Trustees Appointed	14
Accounts Allowed: Administrators; Trustees; Guardians and Conservators	1,117
Licenses Issued: Goods & Chattels; Real Estate & Securities	39

The Rockingham County Probate Office is currently using a computerized system to better handle and facilitate matters coming before the Court. This enables the staff to efficiently handle and process the heavy workload of the Probate Office. The cooperation of all the county officers has been most helpful during the past year and we look forward to our continued association.

Edward J. Howard
Register of Probate
Rockingham County Probate Office

REPORT OF COUNTY ATTORNEY OFFICE OF THE ROCKINGHAM COUNTY ATTORNEY

This last year was a pivotal one in the development of the office of the Rockingham County Attorney. At the beginning of the year there were five attorneys available for prosecutorial duties, including the County Attorney himself, and three paralegal support staff members. By the end of the year the number of attorney's had expanded by one, the paralegal support staff had expanded by two, and the office had added a new position of Victim/Witness Advocate.

This expansion of the personnel at the County Attorney's Office, reflects the County Delegation's recognition of the ever increasing complexity of criminal prosecutions. Although the number of total cases handled by the County Attorney's Office has remained constant for approximately four years, the nature of the cases has changed radically. For instance, in 1986 the County Attorney's Office was relieved of its historical obligation to prosecute Motor Vehicle Habitual Offender Petitions. Several hundred of these cases had been dealt with on an annual basis prior to this last year. These cases were relatively simple often calling for only one hearing in court.

Conversely, the legislation expanded Felonious Sexual Assault offenses into areas that had previously been dealt with as misdemeanors at the District Court level. This expansion has, to a great extent balanced the drop in total number of cases caused by termination of the Habitual Offender prosecutions. Sexual assault cases doubled during 1986. Needless to say, these cases are not simple in nature and each case warrants a substantial expenditure of prosecutorial time. Only the expansion of the work force at the County Attorney's Office has made it possible for us to keep pace with criminal activity in the County.

As mentioned above, 1986 saw the addition of a Victim/Witness Advocate to the staff of the County Attorney. This position generated enormous interest with more than 100 persons ultimately applying for employment. With this kind of choice available we were able to employ an individual admirably suited for the position. Victim/Witness Advocate programs are springing up in many jurisdictions and are receiving support at the national level. Because of this support, the County Attorney's Office applied for and received a Federal Grant in the amount of \$50,000.00 to pay one half of the costs of the program over a two year period.

Finally, I would like to say that I believe that I was enriched by my experiences in the County Attorney's Office and that I enjoyed working with and for so very many people in both government and law enforcement. I regret that circumstances did not permit me the option of remaining as your County Attorney. Although great advances have been made in the rates of compensation paid to attorneys involved in prosecution, there is much still to be done. If Rockingham County is to remain in the forefront of law enforcement here in New Hampshire, we can no longer afford to treat the attorneys employed by the County as the financial-step-children-of the legal profession.

Respectfully submitted,
Stephen J. C. Woods, Esq.

1986 ANNUAL REPORT SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

The Rockingham County Sheriff's Department continues to serve the ever increasing demands of the citizens throughout Rockingham County for their services. The entire department endeavors to operate efficiently under a reasonable budget for the benefit of all taxpayers. Our aim is to maintain our earned position as the best of its kind, continually upgrading and training our personnel to meet the constantly developing needs due to the growth of the County.

In 1986 the Civil Division served 14,158 civil papers garnering \$302,263.55 in revenue for the County. As the New Hampshire Statutes now mandate that more processes are to be served "in-hand," additional hours must be spent by the deputies to complete their civil work.

The Rockingham County Dispatch Center becomes more fully computerized with the implementation of the State Police on Line Telecommunication System (S.P.O.T.S.) along with a computerized logging system for both Fire and Police related calls. The Dispatch Center has added five towns to the Fire Dispatch Service bringing the total to 12 towns now being dispatched by the Sheriff's Department adding a 40% increase in calls for their Fire, Ambulance and Rescue Services over 1985.

The 25 towns being dispatched by the Sheriff's Department for police related calls remains to be the primary activity source the Communication Center deals with on a daily basis, logging an average of 500 plus log entries for police related activities in a 24 hour period.

All aspects of the Criminal Division have increased over the year including Arrest Orders, transports, polygraphs, child abuse, juvenile cases and investigations of all types.

This being my last Sheriff's Department Annual Report as High Sheriff of Rockingham County, I would like to sincerely thank my staff and all other law enforcement agencies, from local to federal level, for helping to keep crime to a minimum in Rockingham County. I would also like to thank the County Commissioners, the Sheriff's Sub-Committee and the Rockingham County Convention Representatives for their cooperation in making 1986 a successful year.

**ANNUAL REPORT OF
THE ROCKINGHAM COUNTY
JAIL & HOUSE OF CORRECTION
January 1, 1986 through December 31, 1986**

To the Honorable Board of Commissioners;

The past year was both challenging and rewarding for the staff and administration of the Rockingham County Jail and House of Correction.

Southeastern New Hampshire Services and Center for life management provided drug and alcohol counseling for the inmates, both pre-trial and sentenced group sessions were held along with individual counseling and films.

The Adult Basic Education was very successful for its fourth year, sixteen inmates earned their GED's while many others learned to read and write for the first time in their lives. The computers which were purchased last year continue to be valuable tools for learning.

The work release program had its most successful year in 1986. The Work Release Center was opened in June and has been holding steady with about fourteen participants with steady employment. The Center has proven to be valuable in the rehabilitation process of these men.

Volunteer staff has increased this year with volunteers running the A.A. programs and assisting in the GED and education programs.

We have had a continuous increase in commitments to the facility causing an overcrowding situation. The cause of this is mainly the courts are sentencing for longer periods of time. We are getting sentences broken down to run consecutively, one year than another year to run consecutive, so the subject will do his time at the county level instead of going to the state prison, which he would do if he was sentenced to two years, thereby he does a long term sentence at a short term facility. We are also overcrowded with seven day DWI sentences that usually come in on a weekend to start their sentences. We have been running above what the maximum holding allowance is and we feel that it is going to get worse in the coming years.

At this time we would like to thank the entire staff of the Rockingham County Jail and House of Correction for their dedication and professionalism.

We would also like to express our appreciation and thanks to the following people and their departments for their co-operation and assistance throughout 1986: William Sturtevant, Administrator of the Nursing Home, Sheriff Charles Vetter and A. Paradis, Director of the Maintenance Department.

Finally, we would like to express our thanks to the Rockingham County Board of Commissioners for their continued support and guidance throughout the year.

Respectfully submitted,

John D. Courtney, Jr.
Superintendent

Patricia Donovan
Deputy Superintendent

**1986 ANNUAL REPORT
DEPARTMENT OF PASTORAL CARE
ROCKINGHAM COUNTY JAIL AND HOUSE OF CORRECTION**

“Jesus increased in wisdom (mentally) and stature (physically), in favor with God (spiritually) and humankind (socially).” Luke 2:52

The above statement provides the foundation for the philosophy of the Department of Pastoral Care in that it models the necessary concept of balance. A person must keep proper balance to move smoothly through life. This is simply exemplified by looking at the inmates who use available resources to better themselves. When they choose resources that provide balance like AA (spiritual and social), GED (mental and social), work (physical and social) and chapel (spiritual and social), they have a better chance for lower recidivism. One reason for this is that they are practicing basic life skills in jail that will support and propel them in outside world.

The purpose of the Department of Pastoral Care is to assist in meeting the spiritual needs of interested inmates and to provide access to the other resources available, thus fostering their balance.

In 1986, this was done by providing Monday and Wednesday night volunteer Bible studies and visitation. On Sundays, there are regular chapel services that are open to all faiths, and on the second Monday of the month, a Roman Catholic Mass is conducted by Father Ron Corriveau of St. Joseph's Rectory. During holiday seasons, there are special services as appropriate. Also, a resident of the Rockingham County Nursing Home is presently playing the organ at Sunday services. This gives the men a chance to relate to an older person as well. Father Lawrence Lennon has graciously been on call for visitation with our Spanish speaking population. The Prison Concerns Group has maintained active participation throughout the year, and Prison Fellowship has begun to work as well.

Here are some of the ways: On the second Thursday of each month, a meeting of all volunteers involved with the Jail/House of Correction have been held. This evolving group has met some outstanding needs of the men and their families at the jail. They have found jobs for some men during work release and after incarceration, visited family members while men are incarcerated, provided money for specific needs of men just leaving the facility and gifts for them and their families at Christmas. They have visited interested inmates some of whom had not before had a visitor at Rockingham County, and they have written Christmas cards to inmates and continued correspondence with those interested.

In addition to meeting the above human needs, the Jail chapel was able to purchase additional tapes and records for special music during services, including Christmas. Some beautiful reusable wreaths were purchased for holiday decoration and there now exists a loaning library in the Jail chapel. Finally, the chapel is now endowed with reversible all-season altar cloths, pulpit hangings and bookmarks.

I want to express my deep gratitude to all persons who worked with me to provide the hope of change for the men incarcerated here.

Respectfully submitted,
E. Dennis Marasco, M. Div.
Director of Pastoral Care

ROCKINGHAM COUNTY COOPERATIVE EXTENSION SERVICE ANNUAL REPORT 1986

“Helping people help themselves” by utilizing practical information is the mission of the Cooperative Extension Service. Extension focuses on the positive development of people and communities so that they may effectively identify and solve the various problems directly affecting them. The people of the county are served by Extension through meetings, training workshops, demonstrations, individual consultation, tours, subject matter, newsletters, bulletins, telephone, correspondence, office visits, and newspaper releases. The Extension Service is a source of reliable up-to-date information adjusted to the needs of the people of the county. Extension specialists at UNH provide additional technical support. Programs are available to all and most are free of charge.

The Cooperative Extension Service is a unique partnership between the US Department of Agriculture, the State Land Grant College (University of New Hampshire) and County government. Extension currently has five departments -Agriculture, Home Economics, Forestry, Sea Grant, and 4-H Youth Development. The Rockingham County Cooperative Extension Service Council made up of thirteen local citizens, meets monthly and has responsibilities for program and personnel guidance; budget preparation and accountability.

Rockingham County Cooperative Extension Service

Nancy Adams Shelly Kapitan
Extension Agents, Agriculture

Lynn Garland Laura Pike
Extension Agents, 4-H

Claudia Boozer
Extension Agent, Home Economics

Phil Auger
County Extension Forester

Stan Knowles
Extension Specialist, Sea Grant

AGRICULTURAL ANNUAL REPORT 1986

The County Agricultural Agents work closely with both commercial and home audiences to produce crops, preserve natural resources, and improve business management skills and profitability. In addition, working with local school and recreation departments such as Chester, Candia, Kensington, Salem and Londonderry to improve ball field conditions and reduce injuries is also an important component of the agricultural program.

This past year, Rockingham County experienced some distinct changes in the agricultural scene. Ten farms participated in the government sponsored dairy herd buyout program. While some of these farms have discontinued all farming operations, the Extension Service has taken an active role in assisting those interested in entering alternative agricultural pursuits. Changes of this nature are indicative of the shift in commercial agriculture we are experiencing in Rockingham County. While the numbers of large, wholesale vegetable and fruit operations are on the decline, the smaller retail operations based on direct marketing, roadside stands and "pick-your-own" are on the increase. In these changing areas, where creative marketing skills are as essential as sound production, the Extension Service continues to fulfill its role in education. Horticultural businesses such as landscaping, nursery and greenhouse production continue to expand and prosper as increased county growth demands these services.

The agricultural department is ready to meet the demands of the community. Information and assistance is provided through two-lite farm tours, individual visits, newsletters, group meetings and educational programs.

FORESTRY ANNUAL REPORT 1986

The Extension Forestry Program in Rockingham County is focusing more each year on open space protection. Techniques for private landowners, community projects and options for developers are some of the program areas being emphasized. Traditional work with private forest landowners and industries is, and will continue to be, a major role of the Rockingham Extension County Forester. This includes assistance with shade tree problems, forest management, and forest harvesting practices.

HOME ECONOMICS ANNUAL REPORT 1986

The Home Economics program provides opportunities for individuals to gain information in the areas of foods and nutrition, money management, human development, clothing construction, and home improvement. Many programs are held in cooperation with volunteer Extension Groups and other community organizations.

Helping individuals increase family resources is a primary focus of Home Economics programming. This year 44 women participated in a professional dressmaker course and as a result 18 have now started their own small business. Individuals saved money by participating in do-it-yourself workshops such as furniture reseating, slipcovering, upholstery and simple home repairs. Money management was learned through a Money Mechanics correspondence course, and Exploring Family Finances workshop. Consumer decision-making was addressed through a Medical Quackery presentation to senior citizen groups.

Nutrition information focused this year on presentations to over 400 men and women on Calcium and Osteoporosis. A Nutrition correspondence course and 10-week Weight Control course also reached over 50 people with nutrition principles.

Providing support for personal and family changes occurred through a Turn Chance into Choice and Living in Stepfamilies workshop.

Edith Lovering, Extension Home Economist, retired after 15 years of service to the Cooperative Extension Service. Her contribution to the Home Economics program will continue to be reflected in Certified Instructors she trained to teach various clothing and home improvement programs.

SEA GRANT EXTENSION ANNUAL REPORT 1986

The Sea Grant Extension Specialist position is established to provide assistance to the commercial users of our marine resources in both Rockingham and Strafford Counties. The position is filled on a one half time basis because of limited funding. One objective is to assist commercial fishermen with financial planning. Tax workshops are being offered to assist the industry with the recently changed federal tax laws. Other initiatives will emphasize computer use in marine business management and the use of home computers for record keeping among fishermen.

New Hampshire's 18 miles of seacoast supports a multi-million dollar commercial fishing industry in addition to the well known coastal recreation industry. The economic importance of these two industries can not be over-emphasized. These coastal natural resources must be carefully managed if we are to protect them for generations.

4-H ANNUAL REPORT 1986

Learn by doing and having fun while doing it describes 4-H, an out of school program that emphasizes project and life skill development. In Rockingham County over 260 people serve on the 4-H volunteer staff. In 1986 over 900 4-H members completed 4-H projects and were active in traditional 4-H club programs. Additionally 300 youth were reached through 4-H short courses in childcare/babysitting, let's go fishing, marine science and forestry. Over 3,000 youth benefited from 4-H "Kids on the Block" handicapped awareness program, Embryology and International 4-H Youth Exchange school enrichment programs.

4-H offers fifty different project categories that emphasize growth from beginner to advanced levels in skills and knowledge. Major project groupings are: Plant Science, Home Economics, Agriculture Science, Natural Science, Mechanical Science, Citizenship, Leadership, Health and Safety, Communications, Leisure and Cultural Education, Energy, Jobs and Careers. In addition to project areas, 4-H members (ages 8-19) learn basic life skills - developing positive self concepts, relating to others, building group skills, practicing leadership skills, participating in community service and improving communication skills. Youth can participate in 4-H as a 4-H Club member, as an Independent 4-H member, as a 4-H Special Interest Group and as a 4-H Camper. Entire families can also get involved as a 4-H Family Unit.

4-H members and volunteer leaders continue to excel on local, county regional, state, New England and national levels. This year three teens were delegates to National 4-H Congress, two to a National Leadership Camp and two leaders attended National 4-H Leadership Forum.

ROCKINGHAM COUNTY TREASURER REPORT OF CONDITION

1986 represented a year of mixed opportunities for Rockingham County. Our Revenue Anticipation Note ("RAN") sale in January resulted in an excellent net interest cost, but by the third quarter of 1986 we were receiving a lower rate of interest on our investments than the rate of interest paid in January 1986.

As reported to you in the 1985 annual report, the tax law changes have had some effect on our notes. Rockingham County was one of the first governmental units to finance their RANS in 1986, and we had to make provisions for paying the investors a taxable rate of interest in the event the notes became taxable during the year. Due to the changes not becoming effective until January 1, 1987, the notes of 1986 have not been changed in any way.

Along with the reduction of interest rates during 1986, Rockingham County did not meet its goal of investment earnings exceeding interest costs for the year for the first time since 1982. Earnings for the year totalled \$517,664, and interest expense for the same period was \$536,437. This resulted in a loss against interest costs of \$18,773 and resulted largely from falling interest rates from January to December. The fact that our note sale was delayed in January for a period of two weeks created additional minor difficulties which had a limited impact on the net loss effect. These figures compare with the 1985 investment earnings of \$686,369, versus interest costs of \$524,117 for the same period.

Prospects for 1987 indicate that rates should remain relatively flat for the majority of the year with a slight upward trend during the last half of the year. This type of trend should have a positive impact on the earnings of Rockingham County.

As the final changes from the 1986 Tax Reform Act are to become law, a few of the regulations are worthy of mention as they relate to the future finances of Rockingham County.

We are now limited in our total borrowing without paying a premium on the interest rate. The limit is \$10 million dollars and although it appears that we will be able to manage under that cap for this year, there will be additional problems in future years. When the borrowing exceeds \$10 million, the banks and financial institutions will not be able to deduct the interest costs for their income taxes, and therefore Rockingham County will be required to pay a greater interest rate for its money.

A second important piece in the legislation is the requirement that the funds borrowed be used within a period of six months from the date of the borrowing. This forces a closer monitoring of our daily financial condition, and it is possible that we could be without funds for a short period of time while a new note issue is being funded. Presently your Treasurer is investigating the possibility of establishing a revolving note arrangement whereby Rockingham County could access credit instantly for its current needs without an unnecessary delay. This use requirement will force us to borrow at least twice each year, and although the interest costs in dollars will be reduced, Rockingham County will be subject to

additional changes in the interest rates because of these multiple fundings, and there will not be as great an opportunity to manage the funds and make money on all of the receipts of Rockingham County as we have in the past.

Although the future picture does not appear to be as favorable for Rockingham County's investment results, we continue to examine all reasonable possibilities for investment instruments.

Although my personal commitment is to have our interest costs absorbed by investment earnings, this will be a more difficult task with the changes in the federal regulations.

In addition, without the staff in the administration office, we would not have been able to maintain the current level of service. We would be remiss if we did not acknowledge their assistance and contributions.

Respectfully submitted,

Clarke R. Chandler, Treasurer
Rockingham County

Irene Dodge, Deputy Treasurer
Rockingham County

ROCKINGHAM COUNTY NUTRITION PROGRAM ANNUAL REPORT 1985-1986

In the fiscal year 1985-1986, Rockingham County Nutrition Program served 212,689 meals to 2,267 clients in Rockingham County. This breaks down to 98,818 congregate meals, and 113,871 homedelivered meals. RCNP is dedicated to serving hot nutritious meals to the elderly of Rockingham County, in both homedelivered and group settings. Each meal consists of the following:

- 3 ounces cooked portion of meat or protein alternate
- 2, ½ cup servings of fruit, vegetables or juices
- 1 slice of enriched or whole grain bread or alternate
- 1 teaspoon of fortified butter or margarine
- 1, ½ cup serving of dessert
- 1, ½ pint of milk, whole or skim
- optional beverages - coffee or tea

Plus:

- Diabetic or salt restricted substitutions
- Specials: soup bars, salad bars, dessert bars
- canned meals for blizzard days, for some homebound certified in need.
- frozen meals for weekends, for some homebound certified in need.
- light meals for dinner, for some homebound certified in need.

All meals are catered by SAGA Food Corporation, in Sanford, Maine. The menus are a joint effort between RCNP and the caterer. Nutritional standards are set by the nutritionist on staff at SAGA.

RCNP serves every town within the county. We have thirteen sites. The site locations are: Candia, Derry, Epping, Exeter, Londonderry, Newmarket, Portsmouth Margeson Apartments, Portsmouth Senior Center (group meals only are served at Portsmouth Senior Center, while both group and homedelivered meals are served at Portsmouth Margeson), Plaistow, Raymond, Salem, Seabrook, and Windham.

Our services go beyond the group and homedelivered meals as our site managers often do social services, such as referrals, support counseling, and home tasks in order to help the older person stay in his/her home. Our staff includes forty staff, three full-time, and forty part-time. We use many older volunteers to help us keep the costs of the program to a minimum as well as enabling the older person to keep busy.

RCNP does provide transportation to and from the meal site to clients in certain localities throughout the county. In Derry the van is used to deliver meals, take elderly to and from the meal site, to doctors' appointments, and on shopping trips. In Salem, RCNP has a cooperative agreement with the town of Salem. The town van is driven by an RCNP employee, to take meals and participants to and from the site. In Exeter, RCNP has a cooperative agreement with Rockingham County Nursing Home. The home's van is driven by a Nutrition Program driver to take the elderly to and from the Exeter meal site, three days a week. In towns

where van service is not provided by RCNP, the site manager tries to coordinate with other agencies to transport clients either to and from the meal site and/or other places they need to go. For the year RCNP provided 13,402 units of transportation.

RCNP is located at the county complex in Brentwood, in the administrative building. This locality serves RCNP well, as we are in the middle of the county and this allows us to be in close proximity to all of the sites. Also, being in the same building as the county commissioners allows us to keep abreast of information affecting the county and thus affecting our clients. The Rockingham County Nursing Home has also proven to be an invaluable resource.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra Perou-Hermans

1986 BUDGET OF ROCKINGHAM COUNTY
Appropriations and Estimates of Revenue
For the Calendar Year January 1, 1986 to December 31, 1986

	Appropriations Previous Fiscal Year 1986	Actual Expenditures Previous Fiscal Year 1986	Appropriations Ensnuing Fiscal Year 1987
Purpose of Appropriation			
Current Maintenance:			
General Government:			
Administration - Commissioners' Office	\$ 172,511.00	\$ 169,033.78	\$ 184,097.00
Administration - Treasurer	19,667.00	18,101.28	27,071.00
Administration - Auditors'	16,000.00	16,000.00	17,000.00
County Attorney	395,113.00	376,948.39	448,127.00
Register of Deeds	539,471.00	488,771.77	555,552.00
Sheriff	1,019,215.00	1,007,444.88	1,184,974.00
Medical Referee	36,300.00	52,473.71	44,000.00
Maintenance of Court House	1,226,054.00	1,079,365.01	1,211,000.00
Public Welfare - OAA - C.B. - Grants	4,398,340.00	4,209,817.42	4,582,911.00
Farm Special	10,500.00	9,116.00	13,000.00
County Nursing Home:			
Administration	8,588,216.00	8,581,054.11	9,207,037.00
Insurance	100,000.00	106,679.16	150,000.00
County Jail: Special	9,941.00	9,779.18	6,800.00
Jail Expense	1,655,477.00	1,587,603.64	1,792,854.00
Revenue Sharing Ads	500.00	107.29	100.00
County Farm:			
Farm Expense	168,994.00	148,026.24	165,592.00

Accrued Retirement	35,000.00	32,721.00	35,000.00
Cooperative Extension Service: Expense	241,573.00	205,924.09	248,471.00
NHACO Dues - Corr. Coordinator	7,606.00	7,606.00	9,600.00
Debt Service:			
Interest:			
On Tax Anticipation Notes	536,436.00	536,436.41	180,000.00
On Long Term Notes	174,000.00	174,000.00	153,000.00
On Bonded Debt	350,000.00	350,000.00	350,000.00
Principal:			
Real Estate Ins.	-0-	-0-	12,036.00
Taxes - Maintenance	-0-	-0-	6,000.00
Taxes - Farm	-0-	-0-	8,402.00
Legal Fees	12,000.00	11,160.11	12,000.00
Capital Outlay, New Construction and Equipment:			
Personnel	33,899.00	33,263.41	37,664.00
Maintenance Special	-0-	-0-	23,500.00
Revenue Sharing Specials	235,747.00	213,571.58	66,223.00
Human Services	312,232.00	277,430.00	342,974.00
Computer Software	15,000.00	14,204.12	9,000.00
Sheriff Special	15,260.00	15,260.00	51,600.00
County Convention Expense	22,234.00	15,727.59	29,139.00
County Home Special	33,000.00	31,805.60	-0-
Registry of Deeds Special	5,791.00	1,092.00	98,870.00
Computer Project	-0-	-0-	69,378.00
Total Appropriations	\$20,386,077.00	\$19,780,523.77	\$21,332,972.00

Sources of Revenue	Estimated Revenue Previous Fiscal Year 1986	Actual Revenue Previous Fiscal Year 1986	Estimated Revenue Ensuuing Fiscal Year 1987
Current Income:			
Superior Court - Fines and Forfeited Bail	\$ 129,000.00	\$ 129,269.88	129,000.00
Register of Deeds - Fees	1,100,000.00	1,934,564.28	1,500,000.00
Sheriff's Writ Fees	300,000.00	392,622.87	350,000.00
County Attorney	-0-	2,518.00	25,000.00
County Nursing Home:			
Patient Income	6,994,249.00	6,827,973.35	7,239,710.00
County Jail:			
Jail	50,000.00	73,419.90	50,000.00
County Farm:			
Farm	125,000.00	123,509.75	130,000.00
Cooperative Extension Service	-0-	195.52	-0-
Income Other Than Current Revenue:			
Interest	500,000.00	520,396.17	170,000.00
Welfare:			
Direct Relief	-0-	3,261.64	-0-
Board and Care of Children	5,000.00	9,472.61	5,000.00
Other:			
Maintenance	545,680.00	607,240.28	648,759.00
Commissioners	2,400.00	7,556.29	2,400.00
Miscellaneous & Telephone	-0-	25,753.05	-0-
Personnel	23,730.00	22,201.33	26,386.00
Proceeds of Bonds and Long Term Notes:			
Grants	24,000.00	73,500.00	136,597.00
Revenue Sharing Funds Used	247,747.00	225,571.58	66,223.00

R.C. Conservation District	3,500.00	3,500.00	10,000.00
Surplus Used to Reduce Tax Rate	1,644,502.00	1,644,501.76	1,473,834.00
N.H. Unemployment Insurance Reimb.	20,000.00	37,350.15	30,000.00
Total Income From All Sources Except Taxation:	(8,671,269.00)	8,671,269.00	(9,340,063.00)
*Amount Necessary To Be Raised by County Tax	\$11,714,808.00	\$21,335,647.41	\$11,992,909.00
Total Revenues			

*Total estimated "Income From All Sources Except Taxation" deducted from estimated "Appropriations" should give "Amount Necessary to be Raised by County Tax."

I hereby certify that this is a true copy of the Budget as voted by the County Convention.

Chairman Rep. Patricia M. Skinner
 Clerk Annie Mae Schwaner
 County Convention

1986
4TH QUARTER
REVENUE SHARING

Department	Amount	1st Quarter	2nd Quarter	3rd Quarter	4th Quarter	Total
Sheriff Budget	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 12,000.00	\$ -0-	\$ -0-	\$ -0-	\$ 12,000.00
Sheriff Department	69,500.00	4,560.00	58,123.14	2,640.87	4,260.50	69,584.51
Register of Deeds	88,735.00	2,112.60	673.68	73,216.53	4,175.40	80,178.21
County Attorney	20,304.00	-0-	6,150.67	2,185.00	1,538.00	9,873.67
Farm	6,500.00	-0-	6,026.50	52.65	306.36	6,385.51
Maintenance	22,500.00	-0-	2,485.00	-0-	17,790.00	20,275.00
County Home	28,208.00	-0-	-0-	13,300.34	13,974.34	27,274.68
Housekeeping:	16,280.00					(16,180.23)
Nursing Dept.:	11,928.00					(11,094.45)
Grand Total	\$247,747.00	\$18,672.60	\$73,458.99	\$91,395.39	\$42,044.60	\$225,571.58

Revenue Sharing Money Available--Year End 1986:

1985 Balance Brought Forward:	\$ 15,118.71
1986 Federal Deposits:	270,538.00
1986 Interest Paid:	6,139.50
1986 Service Charges:	-
1-2-3-4th Quarter Payments:	-225,571.58
Year End Balance in Revenue Sharing Account:	\$ 66,223.73

