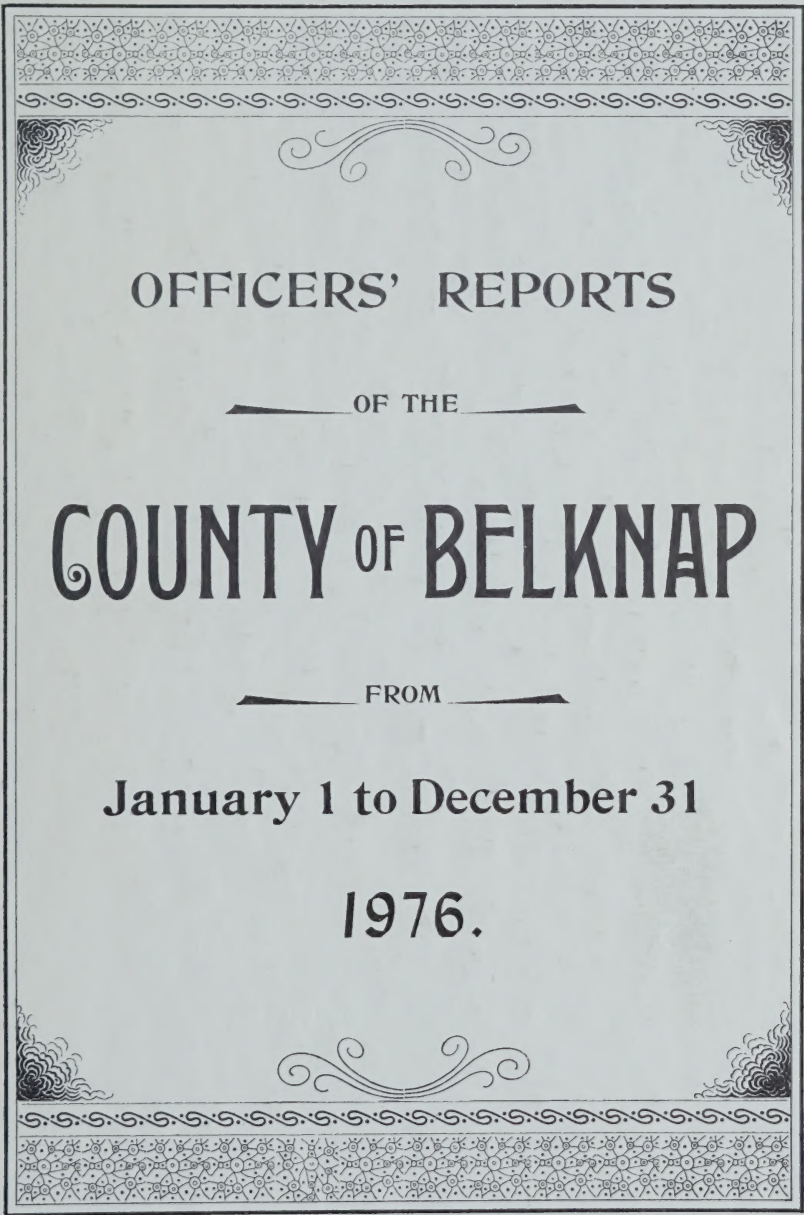


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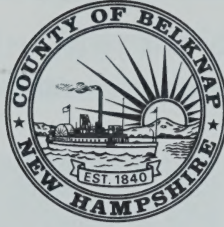
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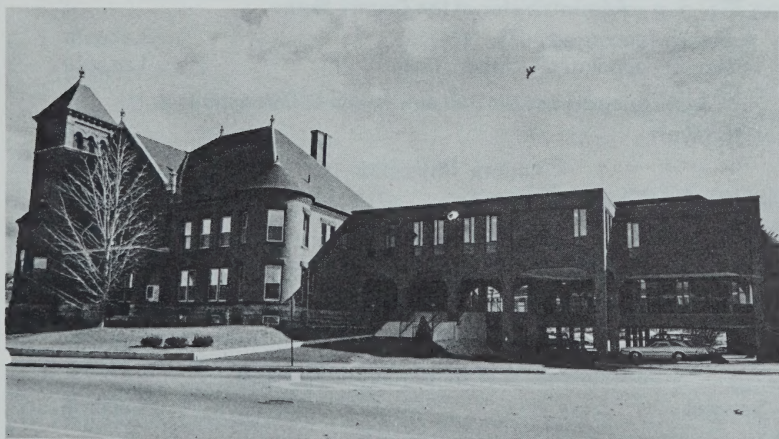
PERLEY BEACH
Administrator, Belknap County Home
July, 1973 - June, 1976

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The old courthouse was erected in 1819 on land donated by Zadok Bowman. When the present facility was built in 1893, the wooden structure was moved across the street and became the People's (Christian) Church. Until 1849, Gilford Academy shared space in the building for classes, and even owned an interest in it for a time (Photo courtesy of the Laconia Library).



The present courthouse was built in 1893 and renovated, with a new wing added, in 1976 (Photo by Dick Shetler).

COUNTY OFFICERS
Commissioners

Marion H. Atwood, Chairman	Sanbornton
Henry T. Spear	Gilford
Dean J. Dexter, Clerk	Laconia

Attorney

Peter Makris	Laconia
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Treasurer

H. Max Wakeman, Jr.	Laconia
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Sheriff

Donald C. Alden	Alton
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Clerk of Superior Court

Robert P. Tilton	Laconia
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Judge of Probate

Richard G. Tilton	Laconia
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Register of Probate

Dorothea R. Conly	Laconia
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Deputy Register of Probate

Estelle J. Bouchard	Laconia
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Register of Deeds

Everett D. Wheeler	Laconia
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Deputy Register of Deeds

Lora M. Dunleavy	Laconia
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Director of Welfare

Margaret P. Ball	Gilford
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Administrator of the County Home

Perley A. Beach (deceased June, 1976)	Laconia
Victor L. Hamel (appointed October, 1976)	Laconia

Superintendent of the Jail and House of Correction

Thomas N. Myatt	Alton
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County Physician

Mendon MacDonald, M.D.	Gilford
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Medical Referee

Norman G. B. McLetchie, M. D.	Gilford
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Administrative Assistant to the Commissioners

Gerald MacKissock	Belmont
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Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds

Peter Vangjel	Laconia
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Chaplains

Father George Chicoine	Laconia
Rev. William Zeckhausen	Laconia

THE BELKNAP COUNTY CONVENTION
(legislative delegation)

1976

District No. 1
(Center Harbor, New Hampton, Meredith) ROBERT P. AMBROSE
MARSHALL FRENCH
ROBERT M. LAWTON

District No. 2
(Belmont & Gilford) WILSON S. MANSFIELD
ESTHER R. NIGHSWANDER
NORMAN C. MARSH

District No. 3
(Sanbornton & Tilton) BARBARA B. BOWLER
KENNETH A. RANDALL

District No. 4
(Alton, Barnstead, Gilmanton) GEORGE B. ROBERTS, JR.
WARREN W. LEARY

District No. 5
(Laconia - Ward 1) BARBARA ANN KIDDER

District No. 6
(Laconia - Ward 2) MAURICE J. GOYETTE

District No. 7
(Laconia, Wards 3 and 4) RICHARD P. BROUILLARD
PETER C. HILDRETH

District No. 8
(Laconia - Ward 5) NEIL C. YOUNG
FRITZ T. SABBOW

District No. 9
(Laconia Ward 6) JAMES W. MURRAY, CHAIRMAN
CHARLES W. BEARD

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

MARSHALL FRENCH, Chairman Meredith
NORMAN C. MARSH Gilford
BARBARA B. BOWLER Tilton
GEORGE B. ROBERTS, JR. Gilmanton
FRITZ T. SABBOW Laconia
JAMES W. MURRAY, Ex-Officio Laconia
PETER C. HILDRETH Laconia
RICHARD P. BROUILLARD, Ex-Officio Laconia

REPORT OF THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

To the Citizens of Belknap County:

The year 1976 was an eventful one in the history of Belknap County. Not only was the county very much involved with the national bicentennial observance, but the completion and dedication of a new \$1.2 million addition to the courthouse was cause enough to make this year a special one to remember.

With the new wing open and the old building fully renovated, Belknap County has an efficient and well ordered facility to meet the growing needs of our government and court system for many years to come. Among the departments with new or expanded facilities are the Office of County Attorney, Probate, Register of Deeds, Sheriff's Department (where a new dispatch center has been created, as well as a new polygraph lie detector section). The Welfare department was also renovated, and many new conference rooms added so that lawyers and members of the public can meet in privacy. Thus a dubious tradition in Belknap County has ended where each new session of court saw hordes of people huddled together in small groups in halls, doorways, and, it seems, every nook and cranny of the courthouse, trying to handle last minute details in privacy before court convened, or before a meeting with some government official or department head began. Some believe the conference rooms alone are worth all the expense of the new building.

The year was also eventful due to the departure of several key county officials who had served the public long and tirelessly and, it should be added, with great distinction. First, Perley Beach, the long time administrator of the County Home, and for some years the Jail, too, passed away in June. A man of immense compassion for the elderly, Mr. Beach was appointed to his post on July 1, 1963. Mr. Victor L. Hamel of Rochester was appointed to take his place in October.

A second major loss to the county was the retirement of Mrs. Marion Atwood, who served as a commissioner for 14 years, and before that, as a member of the state legislature from her beloved Sanbornton. A well attended testimonial dinner was held in her honor at the Ramada Inn after the courthouse rededication ceremonies on November 13th. Many tributes and gifts were presented to Mrs. Atwood, along with expressions of affection from county employees, and such colleagues as House Speaker George B. Roberts, Jr., Governor's Councilor Raymond Burton, New Hampton School President T. Holmes Moore, and many others.

As for the business of the county itself, we have seen costs continue to rise, along with the increasing burdens on our jail and House of Correction facility, due to the growing problem of crime in Belknap County. Yet with inflation, rising unemployment, and the general socio-economic problems which beset us as a community and as a nation, **the Belknap County tax for 1976 went down!** This we attribute to increased efficiency in county management.

The year also saw the addition of a new county department, paid for fully with federal money. Known as the Belknap County Employment and Training Administration, the department is charged with finding jobs for the unemployed through the federal CETA (Manpower) program, under the direction of the County Commissioners. After opening in October, the Belknap program was rated by state authorities as the best in New Hampshire in terms of job placements and absorbtions. Credit for this outstanding rating goes to the program's Executive Director, Dorothy Trujillo, and her excellent staff of Job Developers, Ed Rose and Gary Ezzo. They have helped make a federal program truly responsive and sensitive to local needs and issues.

At this time the Commissioners wish to thank Welfare Director, Mrs. Margaret Ball, for her excellent work, which helped reduce the welfare budget this year; Mr. Tom Myatt, administrator of the Jail and House of Correction, whose duties have increased considerably due to added pressures from federal and state court rulings concerning the treatment and housing of inmates; Mr. Victor Hamel, for his truly exceptional work as the popular, new County Home Administrator; the nurses and aides at the Home and other staff people who work hard and sacrifice much for the benefit of our residents there; the deputies and law enforcement officials who risk their lives daily for the safety of county citizens — to all our fine County employees, the Commissioners offer their sincere appreciation and gratitude for a job well done.

Marion H. Atwood
Henry T. Spear
Dean J. Dexter

BELKNAP COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

County Commissioner Marion Atwood Honored

By JOHN ZANES

Officials and friends gathered at the Ramada Inn Saturday night to honor with a testimonial banquet Mrs. Marion H. Atwood, retiring Belknap County Commissioner.

Rep. George Roberts Jr., of Gilmanton, Speaker of the New Hampshire House, brought a proclamation marking the event, and commemorating Mrs. Atwood's years of service to community, county and state. Mrs. Atwood, said Roberts in introduction, "has some pretty deep feelings about what community means."

Peter Karagianis, president of the Belknap Mill Society, brought a framed statement from the society, reviewing Commissioner Atwood's career, and expressing gratitude for her assistance with the Save the Mills Society and the restoration of the Belknap Mill.

The certificate, Karagianis hoped, might find a permanent place in the remodeled court house.

Indicating with her cane Commissioner Dean Dexter, who acted as master of ceremonies at the dinner, Commissioner Atwood said "as for hanging in the court house, you'll have to consult Junior."

Mrs. Atwood's cane was frequently mentioned by those who had worked with her. Richard Dudley, of Dudley,

Walsh and Moyer, architects of the Court house project, said that there were times he had found the admonitions of the cane "agonizing." The attention to detail that it symbolized, he said, was the secret of success of the project. As did many others, he paid tribute to Commissioner Atwood's common sense.

Ray Burton, Executive Councilor-elect from District One, recalled the year in which he had known Mrs. Atwood, in Grange activities as well as in government. Once after a convention of officials, he said, he had gone with Mrs. Atwood to a bar.

"She ordered ginger ale," Burton said, "and told them to cut it with water."

T. Holmes Moore, president of New Hampton School, of which Mrs. Atwood is a graduate and has been a trustee, spoke warmly of Mrs. Atwood, in the combination of banker and sincerity that best characterizes a testimonial.

"I was a trustee," Mrs. Atwood said. She explained that when she received a letter saying that the school expected trustees to donate \$1,000 she decided to resign. "I give them something from time to time," she said amidst general laughter and applause, "but not \$1,000."

Commissioner Henry Spear

spoke of the years of Mrs. Atwood's service on the commission.

When the court house addition was finished, Commissioner Spear said, there were a few odds and ends left. He gave Mrs. Atwood a brick from the structure, bearing a plate engraved with the date and occasion.

Laconia Mayor Roger B. McGrath expressed admiration of her work on the Airport Authority.

She was presented flowers by Mrs. Margaret Beach, on behalf of the employees of the Belknap County Home.

Commissioner Dexter read messages of congratulations from friends and officials unable to be present, including former U. S. Senator Norris Cotton and former Governors Lane Dwinell and Sherman Adams.

Earl Anderson of The Man-

chester Union Leader's Laconia News Bureau read a prayer that he had written for the occasion.

Perhaps most moving of the tributes was a picture presented to Mrs. Atwood by Margaret P. Ball, County Welfare Director, who hoped that Mrs. Atwood would find a place for it when she goes to make her home with her daughter in Temple. It was a view of Sanbornton Square, in the town that Mrs. Atwood lived in and represented for many years.

"That's where my heart will always be," Mrs. Atwood said.

Among other officials recognized by Dexter were the Sanbornton Selectmen, E. Rogers Rutter, Wayne Smart and Barbara Prokosh.

Rev. Roy C. Blake, pastor of the Evangelical Baptist Church, gave the invocation and benediction.

Court House Rededicated



Gilbert Center, Executive Director of the N. H. Bicentennial Commission, presents a Bicentennial Flag to the County Commissioners during re-dedication ceremonies of the court house on November 13th. Pictured are: Dean Dexter, Mr. Center, Mrs. Marion Atwood and Herry T. Spear.

Officials of Belknap County made formal this generation's solid contribution to history Saturday afternoon, with the rededication of the Belknap County Court House.

The court house, dedicated in 1894, was a solid structure, built for the ages, well-designed of first-class material, constructed and furnished for a sum of \$30,000.

It is the intention of those charged with the new construction that their addition should be as solid and as long lasting. The older structure

has been added to, tastefully and practically. Times have changed, and this one began with a bond issue of one million dollars.

By all existing records the dedication of the court house 80 odd years ago seems to have been an occasion for great pride, with all the trappings of that time, including lengthy speeches and a banquet afterward, running from blue point oysters through soup and fish courses, with cold meats and roasts, including pork in cider sauce, to an assortment of vegetables, a variety of sweets and a choice of desserts. Walnut

ketchup, banana fritters with wine sauce. Leicestershire sauce, mock turtle soup and snow pudding were all on that menu, along with many other items, served at the City Hotel.

But again, times have changed: The operations of government are not the same sort of community event. Long speeches were no more evident Saturday than the potted palms of 1894.

The County Bar Association donated refreshments, and those attending the dedication that would have startled our ancestors with its brevity and point, toured the rededicated facility as their forebears did when the court house was new.

Most impressive of the architecture of the refreshments was a cake, donated by retiring Belknap County Commissioner Marion Atwood, decorated with a picture in frosting of the new facility.

The architect and contractor of the addition presented the keys to the building to Commissioner Atwood, who acknowledged the role of Commissioner Henry Spear of Gilford, to whom she handed the keys, and by whom they were handed to "Junior," Commissioner Dean Dexter of

Laconia.

Gilbert Center of the N. H. Bicentennial Commission, presented a bicentennial flag to the building, noting that Belknap County is officially a Bicentennial Community, as are all the counties of New Hampshire.

Justice William W. Keller offered his congratulations as did Laconia Mayor Roger B. McGrath. Members of the building committee and other county officers were introduced.

The public political style of the present is not the political style of the 1890's. One official noted that the lack of flamboyance had something to do with the common sense that characterizes Commissioner Atwood.

The thing that was the same, beyond doubt, was the pride that the many people involved had in bringing about the new facility as a solid contribution to the county, now and in the future. And the officials today may have had some edge over their forebears in the sense they clearly showed as the structure shows, of making solid the continuity represented in the adaption of the structure of the past with the addition of the present, in order to leave a solid facility that will serve the county for a long time, in time to come.

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**BELKNAP COUNTY DELEGATION
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

A meeting of the Executive Committee of the Belknap County Delegation was held at the Belknap County Courthouse on January 6, 1976 at 4:00 P.M.

Present: Reps. French, Bowler, Sabbow, Marsh, Roberts, Leary, Murray and Brouillard. Commissioners Atwood, Spear, Dexter.

Rep. French presided.

Representatives of the Lakes Region Community Health Agency, Inc. appeared before the Executive Committee requesting that the county provide funds to sustain their program until federal funds are available. City of Laconia funded last two months. The organization serves all towns in Belknap County except Tilton, Alton and New Hampton. Best estimate that \$11,000.00 will be needed. Agency awaiting certification. Executive Committee to take request under advisement. Agency asked to provide budget information and statistics as to number of patients on AFDC.

Robert Harrington of Extension Service appeared to explain proposal for rental from Sulloway Mill. Conference room would be finished with rental to others. Space available in mill somewhat less.

Commissioner Atwood asked for the following additions to the budget:

\$500.00 — Under general government, for historical booklet of county, increase in salary of welfare director over pay scale, old age assistance, and care of children.

Commissioner Atwood explained increase in courthouse expenses for custodian's wages, insurance, salary increases required by pay scale plan adopted last year, county attorney's salary.

Commissioners noted error in proposed salary of secretary for county attorney.

Agreed next meeting Executive Committee, 1-13-76, at 3:30 P.M. and Public Hearing by Executive Committee and Public Hearing by Delegation on Budget, on Monday, January 19, 1976, at 7:00 P.M. on the emergency payment, and on January 19, 1976, at 7:30 P.M. on the Budget for 1976. Meeting of Delegation following hearing on budget and meeting of Executive Committee following hearing on budget.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 6:40 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Richard P. Brouillard, Clerk

**BELKNAP COUNTY DELEGATION
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
PUBLIC HEARING**

The Executive Committee of the Belknap County Delegation convened at 7:20 P.M. on January 19, 1976, at the Belknap County Courthouse, Laconia, New Hampshire.

Present were: Representative Sabbow, Roberts, Leary, Brouillard, Bowler and Murray.

Representative Brouillard presided in the absence of Representatives French and Hildreth.

Mrs. Alida Millham explained the request of the Lakes Region Community Health Agency, Inc., describing the home nursing and home care services offered by the agency. The sum requested by the agency is \$19,100.00. The certification process for the agency was also explained. It was pointed out that only three towns in Belknap County do not receive the services of the agency.

The Belknap County Commissioners requested that a sum not in excess of \$20,000.00 be made in emergency payment to the Lakes Region Community Health Agency, Inc. The Commissioners explained that the request had been included in the budget, and if the budget was not approved by the delegation, this date, that authority be given to make the emergency payment immediately. Commissioner Atwood feels that this will avoid a crisis as far as the County Home facilities are concerned. Mrs. Millham explained the total case load of ninety-five patients of which twenty-one are on OAA or medical assistance. The financial assistance given by the City of Laconia has been to meet current services. The present request is for services to be rendered in the future. Only Alton, Tilton and New Hampton do not avail themselves of the services of this agency. The agency would not object to any restriction on the appropriation so long as such restriction does not prevent its meeting its payroll. There is a grant of approximately \$8,000.00 to the agency awaiting approval by Governor and Council. Mark Mooney spoke in favor. The Town of Belmont will make an appropriation in its budget for the agency. Dr. Gordon Thomas spoke in favor. Agency provides a valuable service to community for home care services. Attorney Rodney Dyer, of the Board of Directors of the agency, spoke in favor of the payment, and explained that unless funding is assured, the agency will discontinue services rather than to incur losses.

Speaking against the request was Mr. Kenneth Deshais of Laconia. It is his opinion that it is not the function of government to redistribute wealth. He pointed out that the power to tax is the power to force contributions.

Speaking in favor was Mr. Walter Estes who explained that his mother receives this type of care and he is concerned about its discon-

tinuation. Hazel Pratt also spoke in favor.

Public hearing adjourned at 8:03 P.M.

Meeting of the Executive Committee was held at 12:40 A.M. Present were Representatives Murray, Roberts, Leary, Sabbow, Brouillard and Bowler.

Representative Murray stated he felt that Rep. Randall should become a member of the Executive Committee because of his background.

Commissioner Dexter made a request on behalf of the Belknap County Commissioners that an emergency payment of \$19,100.00 be made to the Lakes Region Community Health Agency, Inc.

After discussion, Rep. Roberts moved that the consideration of this matter be deferred until the next meeting of the Executive Committee. Motion was seconded by Rep. Sabbow. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 1:20 A.M. on January 20, 1976.

Attached hereto is a list of persons who registered in favor of and against the request.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard P. Brouillard, Clerk

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Request of Lakes Region Community Health Agency, Inc. for an emergency payment.

For —

Doreen Knight, Hazel M. Pratte, Robert M. Herrington, Marianne G. Houston, Virginia Goodale, John P. Merrill, Leslie E. Roberts, Gordon C. G. Thomas, M. D., Beverley B. Curtis, Alida Millham, Rodney Dyer, Mrs. Walter Estes, Mr. Walter Estes, Mark A. Mooney, Stephen B. McNeil, Kathleen McNeil, Mary Lou Goddard, Dorothea, Badger, Paul R. Badger, Stanley Hill, H. Richard Howarth.

Against —

Kenneth A. Deshaies, Carol F. Deshaies.

BELKNAP COUNTY DELEGATION**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

The Executive Committee of the Belknap County Delegation met at the Belknap County Courthouse on February 2, 1976, at 4:00 P.M.

Present: Representatives French, Roberts, Marsh, Murray, Bowler, and Brouillard.

Commissioners Atwood, Spear and Dexter were also present.

Mrs. Alida Millham, Mr. Robert St. Louis and Doreen Knight of Lakes Region Community Health Agency, Inc., were present. It was reported that the agency has received its certificate number. Mrs. Millham explained that \$19,100.00 was requested for the months of February, March and April to meet the agency's operating expenses. The City of Laconia has contributed the operating expenses for December, 1975 and January, 1976. Mrs. Millham also reported that the Town of Gilford had donated the sum of \$3,500.00 to the agency.

County Attorney Makris was called in to the meeting and advised that the Executive Committee had authority under RSA 24:15 II to authorize the emergency payment requested by the County Commissioners.

City Manager Boehner reported that the City of Laconia makes monthly financial payments, and receives a report which gives the number of calls for home care and homemaker services. The City of Laconia appropriated \$17,000.00 last year for the home care program, and has approximately \$7,000.00 left. The agency representatives explained that the balance of this account is being kept for the purpose of use as matching funds under Title XX.

The agency representatives agree to report on the case load and on their operating expenses on a monthly basis.

Representative Roberts moved that the County Commissioners are authorized to pay a sum or sums not in excess of \$19,000.00 to the Lakes Region Community Health Agency, such payments to be made every two weeks based on twelve equal payments, with authority to make larger payments upon request of the agency and substantiation of the need for the larger payment, such payments to be conditioned upon the agency submitting written reports to the Commissioners of their operating expenses, their case load on a geographical basis, and all receipts by the agency for reimbursed services, with authorization by the Belknap County Commissioners to discontinue such payments when in their discretion, the reimbursed services are sufficient to permit the agency to meet its operating expenses.

Motion was seconded by Rep. Bowler. On roll call vote, all

representatives were in favor.

Representative French reported that Charles Evans Associates have reviewed the employee pay grade system and copies of their report were distributed to the members in attendance. It was also explained that the plan as adopted, contemplated a one grade increase to all employees effective six months after the plan was implemented, in order to equalize all employees. Additional sums must therefore be included in the 1976 budget to meet this expense which is estimated at \$12,993.22.

It was agreed that the Executive Committee will meet on February 17, 1976, at 7:00 P.M. at the Belknap County Courthouse, and that the delegation will reconvene on March 1, 1976, at 7:30 P.M. at the Belknap County Courthouse.

On motion duly made by Rep. Marsh, and seconded by Rep. Bowler, it was voted to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard P. Brouillard, Clerk

BELKNAP COUNTY DELEGATION

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Executive Committee of the Belknap County Delegation met at the Belknap County Courthouse on February 17, 1976.

Present: Representatives Murray, Roberts, Leary, Bowler, Brouillard, Sabbow and Marsh. Commissioners Atwood and Spear were also present.

The meeting was called to order at 7:25 P.M.

Representative Marsh presided.

Representative Roberts moved that the Sheriff's Department revenue estimates be increased to \$22,000.00. Motion seconded by Rep. Murray. Motion passed.

Motion by Rep. Roberts and seconded by Rep. Murray to approve the estimated budget expenses for General Government except for accounts 4102:00, 4110:00, and 4110:36. Motion passed.

Motion by Rep. Roberts and seconded by Rep. Murray that the Court House expenses be approved and that the Commissioners provide a copy of the insurance policy to the delegation. Motion passed.

Rep. Brouillard moved and Rep. Roberts seconded that the expenses of the Register of Deeds be approved. Motion passed.

Motion by Rep. Roberts and seconded by Rep. Murray that the Superior Court expenses be approved. Motion passed.

Motion by Rep. Roberts and seconded by Rep. Sabbow that General Welfare expenses, including salary of Welfare Director at labor grade 17 be approved. Motion passed.

Moved by Rep. Roberts and seconded by Rep. Sabbow that account 5100, under Institutional Welfare be reduced to \$137,843.00. Motion passed.

Motion by Rep. Roberts and seconded by Rep. Bowler that the Institutional Welfare expenses be approved. Motion passed.

Rep. Roberts moved, and seconded by Rep. Leary that Jail and HOC expenses be approved, except for the salaries for the two proposed guards. Motion passed. Mr. Myatt is requested to appear at the delegation meeting on March 1, to explain the need for the two proposed guards, the type of insurance coverage presently in effect for him and his staff, and his request for an additional \$25,866.90 to hire four female guards.

Rep. Roberts moved and Rep. Murray seconded that the Jail and HOC expenses be increased by \$3,800.00 for the purchase of a county car, and that proceeds from the sale of the present car become county funds. Rep. Murray moved to amend the motion to require that the car be used for official county business and be principally garaged at the county jail. Seconded by Rep. Leary. Amendment passed. Motion passed.

Rep. Roberts moved, and Rep. Sabbow seconded, that the estimated expenses for budget debt be approved. Motion passed.

Rep. Roberts moved, and Rep. Leary seconded, that Delegation expenses be increased — \$6,250.00, and that Community Health Center appropriation of \$19,000.00 be deleted. Motion passed.

Rep. Roberts moved and Rep. Bowler seconded that other miscellaneous budgets be approved, except for Lakes Region Fire Dispatch budget. Motion passed.

Rep. Brouillard moved and Rep. Sabbow seconded that Lakes Region Fire Dispatch budget be reduced by \$6,000.00, and recommendation be made to the Lakes Region Fire Dispatch that the computer not be acquired at this time. Motion passed.

Motion made and duly seconded that the Executive Committee meet on Wednesday, March 1, 1976, at 3:30 P.M. to complete its recommendations on the 1976 county budget.

Motion duly made and seconded to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 12:03 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Richard P. Brouillard, Clerk

BELKNAP COUNTY DELEGATION**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

The Executive Committee of the Belknap County Delegation met at the Belknap County Courthouse, Laconia, New Hampshire, on March 1, 1976, at 3:00 P.M.

Present: Representatives French, Roberts, Sabbow, Bowler, Hildreth, Murray, Marsh and Brouillard. Commissioners Atwood, Spear and Dexter were also present.

Representative French presided.

The Executive Committee considered the proposed county budget for 1976.

Rep. Roberts moved and Rep. Sabbow seconded approval of revenue estimates, except to increase Sheriff's Department to \$22,000.00. Motion passed.

Rep. Roberts moved and Rep. Sabbow seconded, approval of general government accounts 4100:00—4135:00 except for accounts 4110:00 and 4110:36. Motion passed.

Rep. Brouillard moved and Rep. Sabbow seconded approval of Court House insurance account in the amount of \$5,552.00. Rep. Roberts moved to amend motion to provide that the County Commissioners invite written proposals by public advertisement from all insurance agents located in the county for insurance coverage on the Court House, Rep. Marsh seconded. Amendment passed. Motion passed.

Rep. Roberts moved and Rep. Murray seconded approval of County Attorney account No. 4110:36. Motion passed.

Rep. Roberts moved and Rep. Sabbow seconded approval of County Attorney's salary of \$15,000.00. Rep. Murray moved to amend motion to increase salary to \$20,000.00. Rep. Hildreth seconded. Amendment withdrawn. Motion passed.

Rep. Roberts moved and Rep. Sabbow seconded that the proceeds from the sale of the present County Home car become part of the county treasury. Motion passed.

Rep. Brouillard moved that revenue estimates be increased to show federal grant of \$25,867.00 for female guards and expenses of jail be amended by increasing the same to \$25,867.00 for the expense of female guards. Rep. Roberts moved to amend the motion to provide that the expense of \$25,867.00 be conditioned upon receipt of a federal grant in the same amount. Rep. Sabbow seconded. Motion to amend carried. Motion passed.

Rep. Roberts moved approval of Jail and House of Correction expenses be approved at \$235,974.00 Motion seconded by Rep. Murray. Motion passed.

Rep. Roberts moved that Superior Court budget be increased under equipment by the amount of \$13,191.00, and revenue estimates be increased by the same amount for an expected federal grant. Rep. Brouillard seconded. Motion passed.

Rep. Brouillard moved and Rep. Roberts seconded that the motion of the Executive Committee at the previous meeting to eliminate an appropriation of \$19,000 for the Community Health Center be rescinded. Motion passed.

Rep. Roberts moved that the salaries of secretaries in the Clerk of Court's office be in accordance with the revised Evans proposals. Rep. Brouillard seconded. Motion carried.

Attorney Huot reported that the Lakes Region Fire Dispatch has serious problems with data retrieval, and that the price of the Quantel computer is to be met by a loan of \$50,000.00 from the Rural Fire Defense Act, repayable with interest at the rate of 5 percent, also from a grant in some amount under the same act, as well as an appropriation in last year's county budget. The Board of Directors of Lakes Region Fire Dispatch have voted to buy the computer. Mr. Hambrook reported that an application for a grant from HUD has been applied. The computer could handle county use, however, county would have to pay for the additional storage capacity, and the cost for programming and the cost of some small equipment. No other system of this sort is in use according to the National Fire Protection Association. Attorney Huot said he had authority on behalf of Lakes Region Fire Dispatch to assure the county that it would have at least equal priority to other outside users for the use of the computer, provided the county paid the expense of the equipment required by it for its use. They do not wish to reduce this to a written agreement. Rep. Roberts stated he felt the county should be able to use the computer on a priority basis over outside users, and Attorney Huot agreed. Rep. Roberts moved that \$93,995.00 be appropriated for the Lakes Region Fire Dispatch on condition that the Lakes Region Fire Dispatch enter into a written agreement with Belknap County, such agreement to be approved by the Executive Committee for the sharing of its Quantel computer with the county. Motion seconded by Rep. Hildreth. Motion passed.

It was moved to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard P. Brouillard, Clerk

BELKNAP COUNTY DELEGATION

The recessed meeting of the Belknap County Delegation was held at the Belknap County Court House in Laconia, New Hampshire, on March 1, 1976, at 7:30 P.M.

Present: Representatives Murray, Randall, Marsh, Nighswander, Bowler, Sabbow, French, Roberts, Hildreth, Beard and Brouillard. Commissioners Atwood, Spear and Dexter were also present.

Representative Murray presided.

The Chairman recognized J. Bart Conners and Thomas O'Shea, Secretary and Vice-President, respectively, of the Downtown Merchants Association, who requested that the county appropriate the sum of \$600.00, being a one-time contribution, in order to extend Christmas lights from Main Street down Court Street, to the Exxon Station. Total cost of such installation would be \$1,200.00.

Rep. French presented the report of the Executive Committee on the proposed county budget. Rep. Nighswander moved that the report of the Executive Committee be accepted. Motion seconded by Rep. Sabbow. Motion carried.

Rep. Roberts moved that accounts No. 4008:00 to 4023:00 be approved. Rep. Marsh seconded. Motion passed.

Rep. Roberts moved and Rep. Marsh seconded that all revenue estimates under account 4023:00 be approved. Motion passed.

Rep. Roberts moved that other revenue estimates of \$1,070,053.00 be approved. Rep. French seconded. Motion passed.

Rep. French moved that \$14,000.00 be appropriated for a copier as per the Executive Committee report. Seconded by Rep. Sabbow. Motion passed.

Rep. Roberts moved that the Commissioners advertise for the lease or purchase of the copier, but that they not necessarily be bound to accept the lowest bid. Rep. French seconded. Motion passed.

Rep. Marsh moved and Rep. French seconded approval of accounts 4100:00 through 4102:00. Motion passed.

Rep. Marsh moved and Rep. Beard seconded approval of accounts 4110:00-4135:00. Motion passed.

Rep. Roberts moved and Rep. Sabbow seconded approval of accounts 4160:00 through 4160:93. Motion passed.

Rep. Roberts moved that account 4160:93 be footnoted with a condition that the Commissioners invite written proposals by public advertisement from all insurance agents located in Belknap County for insurance on the Court House. Seconded by Rep. Sabbow. Motion passed.

Rep. Roberts moved and Rep. Sabbow seconded approval of accounts 4120:00-4120:36. Motion passed.

Rep. Brouillard moved and Rep. Beard seconded approval of accounts 4140:00-4140:41. Motion passed.

Rep. Roberts moved approval and Rep. Hildreth seconded, of accounts 4180:40 through 4180:48, including \$13,191.00 being an un-numbered item. Motion passed.

Rep. Roberts moved and Rep. French seconded that the four secretaries in the Clerk of Court's office be covered under the salary range to be determined by the Evans report and paid from account No. 4180:48. Motion passed.

Rep. Roberts moved and Rep. French seconded approval of accounts 4190:00-4190:36, including equipment expense of \$650.00. Motion passed.

Rep. Brouillard moved and Rep. Beard seconded, approval of accounts 5100:00 through 5191:00. Motion passed.

Rep. Marsh moved and Rep. Roberts seconded that the appropriation for institutional welfare be footnoted with a provision that proceeds from the sale of the present County Home car become a part of the County Treasury. Motion passed.

Rep. Brouillard moved and Rep. French seconded approval of the Jail and House of Correction expenses in the amount of \$235,974.00. Rep. Roberts moved to amend to increase the payroll amount by \$7,800.00 to restore the salary for two guard positions now funded by CETA funds, if such funds are unavailable. Rep. Hildreth seconded. On motion to amend, 3 yeas, 7 nays. Motion fails.

On vote on the primary motion, motion carried.

Rep. Roberts moved and Rep. Beard seconded that the Jail and House of Correction budget to be footnoted with the provision that funds from the sale of the present automobile used by the Jail become part of the County Treasury. Motion passed.

Rep. Marsh moved and Rep. Bowler seconded that the County Jail car be used for official county business and be principally garaged at the County Jail. Motion carried.

Rep. Roberts moved and Rep. Hildreth seconded that the County Jail and House of Correction expense budget to the extent of \$25,867.00 be conditioned upon receipt of a federal grant in the same amount for the purpose of hiring female guards. On a tie vote, Chairman Murray voted in

the affirmative. Motion carried.

Rep. Marsh moved and Rep. Sabbow seconded approval of accounts 8360:00 through 9380:00, including non-payroll items totalling \$256,576.00. Motion carried.

Rep. Roberts moved and Rep. Hildreth seconded that \$6,000.00 of the appropriation to the Lakes Region Fire Dispatch Agency be conditioned upon execution of the written agreement, approved by the Belknap County Delegation Executive Committee for sharing in the use of the Quantel computer to be purchased by the Lakes Region Fire Dispatch. Motion passed.

Rep. Marsh moved and Rep. Beard seconded approval of accounts 9115:00-9175:00. Motion passed.

Motion by Rep. Roberts and seconded by Rep. French to adopt the budget as presented and as amended by the Executive Committee providing for total expenditures of \$2,532,118.00, less all other revenue of \$1,070,053.00 and less cash on hand December 31, 1975, of \$237,862.51, and that the balance of \$1,224,202.49, (the foregoing figures all being subject to verification of computation for accuracy) to be raised by taxation. Motion passed.

Rep. Roberts moved and Rep. French seconded to authorize the Belknap County Commissioners to borrow a sum not to exceed \$1,200,000.00 in anticipation of taxes for 1976. Motion carried.

Rep. French moved to adjourn. Rep. Nighswander seconded. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard P. Brouillard, Clerk

A true copy, attest:

Richard P. Brouillard

BELKNAP COUNTY DELEGATION
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Executive Committee of the Belknap County Delegation met at the Belknap County Court House, Laconia, New Hampshire, on May 17, 1976, at 7:30 P.M.

Present: Representatives French, Bowler, Sabbow, Murray, Marsh, and Brouillard. Commissioners Atwood and Spear.

Representative French presided.

The Commissioners reported the budget should be increased by \$768.00 in connection with the appropriation for female guards at County Home. It was agreed that the Commissioners withdraw this request as sufficient funds may be available from the Crime Commission Grant. If transfer from other appropriations needed, authority may be requested later.

Commissioner Atwood reported that the Commissioners did not feel legally bound by footnote relative to County Jail motor vehicle. Discussion followed. Chairman French suggested the matter be taken up by the County Delegation.

Discussion relative to County Home Administration budget as it relates to Car. Committee finds budget total was \$137,843.00 (a reduction of \$1,600.00 on the car from \$5,500.00 for a net of \$3,900.00) rather than \$137,483 as shown on final State Commission budget form. Appropriation for car not reduced to \$3,000.00. Chairman stated he would meet with Mr. MacKissock on May 24, 1976.

County budget for period ending March 31, 1976 reviewed.

Status of County Court House improvement project expenditures and receipts explained by Commissioners. Commissioner Spear explained that Sheriff's department equipment totalled about \$17,000,000. It is expected that the Crime Commission grant will cover this item, but since such funds may be received in next fiscal year, it will be necessary to take this item from federal revenue sharing funds during this fiscal year.

Motion by Representative Marsh to adjourn. Seconded by Representative Bowler. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard P. Brouillard, Clerk

A true copy, attest:

Richard P. Brouillard

BELKNAP COUNTY DELEGATION

Meeting of Belknap County Delegation, at State House, Room 119, 2:50 P.M. on May 25, 1976. Present: Representatives Murray, Hildreth, Ambrose, Mansfield, Lawton, French, Nighswander, Sabbow, Goyette, Randall, Leary, Marsh and Young.

Representative Murray presided.

Representative Hildreth moved, Representative Marsh seconded, that Delegation rescind its action in approving County Budget for 1976. Motion passed. Recorded as opposed Representatives Bowler, Brouillard and French. Representative Nighswander abstained.

Representative Hildreth moved that account No. 6100, Jail Expense, be reduced by \$4,500.00 so that line would read \$239,685.00. Representative Marsh seconded. Representative Hildreth spoke in favor of his motion which was predicated in part on action of Commissioners in not recognizing validity of footnote, and questionable need for a car. Representative French spoke against motion. Representative Marsh spoke in favor of motion.

Representative Hildreth withdrew his motion. Representative Marsh agreed.

Representative Marsh moved that the Delegation reconsider its motion to rescind approval of the budget. Representative Hildreth seconded. Motion passed.

Representative Marsh moved the Delegation reopen the 1976 county budget. Representative Hildreth seconded. Motion passed. Representatives Bowler, Brouillard and Nighswander opposed. Representative Hildreth moved that account No. 6100, Jail Expense, be reduced by \$4,500.00 so that line would read \$239,685.00. Representative Leary seconded. Representative Hildreth said he was aware a car was ordered but he didn't expect any problem from cancellation of order. Representative Nighswander spoke against motion. Representative Bowler questioned the legality of the result of Delegation's action. Representative Goyette questioned whether Delegation is changing conditions of employment. Representative Marsh spoke in favor of motion. Representative Brouillard spoke against motion. Motion passed on following roll call:

In Favor: Ambrose, Goyette, Hildreth, Lawton, Leary, Mansfield, Marsh, Murray, Randall, Sabbow and Young.

Opposed: Bowler, Brouillard and Nighswander.

After vote, Representative Mansfield requested he be recorded as abstaining and Representative French be recorded as opposed on the previous vote.

Representative Marsh moved the 1976 budget be closed. Representative Sabbow seconded. Motion passed. Representative Bowler and

Brouillard opposed.

Representative Marsh moved meeting adjourn. Representative Mansfield seconded.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard P. Brouillard, Clerk

A true copy, attest:

Richard P. Brouillard, Clerk

BELKNAP COUNTY CONVENTION

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Meeting of Executive Committee held at Belknap County Court House, August 9, 1976, at 7:00 P.M.

Present: Reps. French, Murray, Roberts, Bowler, Hildreth, Brouillard, Leary and Marsh.

Also present were Commissioners Atwood, Spear and Dexter.

Mr. MacKissock was also present.

Income and expenditures to date reviewed and report of Mr. MacKissock explained.

David O. Huot appeared relative to unpaid bill from General Electric for a radio console of \$5,600.00. He explained that delegation approved this equipment in September, 1975 for joint use with Sheriff's Department, which was to get a federal grant for this equipment. He thinks this item was included in \$190,000.00 fund approved in September, 1975. (See minutes of 9-3-75) Motion made and carried that the Executive Committee recommend approval of action by the Delegation that its vote of 9-9-75 be amended to reflect that among the equipment authorized to be acquired was the radio console at approximately \$5,600.00.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard P. Brouillard, Clerk

BELKNAP COUNTY CONVENTION

Public hearing held at Belknap County Court House on August 9, 1976 at 7:30 P.M.

Present: Reps. Murray, Roberts, Brouillard, Leary, Marsh, French, Bowler, Hildreth, Sabbow and Young.

Present also, Commissioners Atwood, Dexter, and Spear.

Rep. Murray called hearing to order.

Commissioner Atwood requested that \$40,000.00 be transferred from federal revenue sharing account to the Court House Building Project, so-called, for renovation and refurbishing the court house, including furniture, fixtures and equipment such as radio console for fire dispatch, and other contingencies and unanticipated expenses. Mr. Dudley explained unexpected expenses such as need for chimney, and need to complete construction contract. Commissioners are holding retainage of 10 percent of construction cost. He estimated extras of chimney at \$15,000.00 and Sheriff's department at \$25,000.00. Largest items not completed are built-in court furniture, painting jobs in old building, and landscaping. He recommends Clerk of Works be retained until end of August 1976. He feels unpaid extras total about \$14,000.00. He stated county has right to bring in other contractors to do work. He feels job about 95 percent complete.

Contract is \$1,062,000 and contractor has been paid \$915,000.00. Contractor has requested 50 percent of retainage. Contractor has been paid for extras of about \$60,000.00. Sum of \$1,044,000.00 expended to date is for amounts paid to contractor on contract, extras, and for roofing contract.

Mr. Huot spoke in favor of Commissioner's request.

Public hearing closed.

County Convention meeting called to order. Same ten representatives present.

Rep. Marsh moved, seconded by Rep. Young that request of Commissioners to transfer funds from federal revenue sharing funds be laid on table.

Rep. Roberts moved that Convention recess to a time certain, changed to adjourn at call of Chairman on August 23. Rep. French seconded.

Rep. Young moved convention adjourn at call of Chairman. Not seconded.

Delegation adjourned until August 23, 1976 at 7:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Richard P. Brouillard, Clerk

BELKNAP COUNTY CONVENTION

Meeting, August 23, 1976, at 7:30 P.M., at the Belknap County Court House, Laconia, New Hampshire.

Present: Representatives Murray, Randall, Nighswander, Brouillard, Ambrose, Mansfield, Bowler, Beard, Hildreth, Leary, French, Marsh, Roberts.

Also present: Commissioners Atwood, Spear, and Dexter.

Chairman Murray called the meeting to order.

Commissioner Spear explained need for transfer of \$40,000.00 from federal revenue sharing account to Court House Building Project. Discussion followed.

Rep. Hildreth moved, seconded by Rep. Beard that \$40,000.00 be transferred from the federal revenue sharing account to the Court House Building Project, for renovation and refurnishing the court house, including furniture, fixtures and equipment, such as the radio console for mutual fire dispatch at approximately \$5,800.00, and other contingencies and unanticipated expenses.

Rep. Marsh moved that the question be divided so as to separate amount of transfer to \$34,200 and eliminate \$5,800 for payment of console. Seconded by Rep. French. Motion carried. Rep. Brouillard abstained.

Motion by Rep. French, seconded by Rep. Hildreth, that \$5,856.76 be transferred from Federal Revenue Sharing Funds to building fund for payment of radio console for fire dispatch center. Motion carried unanimously.

Rep. French moved that the County Commissioners be requested to pay the original amount of bill for radio console and resist payment of later charges unless absolutely necessary to pay the same. Seconded by Rep. Leary. Motion carried unanimously.

Rep. French moved, seconded by Rep. Beard that \$34,143.24 be transferred from Federal Revenue Sharing Funds to court house building fund for renovation and refinishing the court house, and for other contingencies and unanticipated expenses. Motion carried. Rep. Marsh in the negative. Rep. Brouillard abstained.

Rep. Brouillard moved, seconded by Rep. Mansfield that the Convention's vote on March 1, 1976, approving transfer of \$14,000.00 from capital reserve fund be modified to reflect that this amount is for purchase of a photocopy machine. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Atwood called on Mr. Myatt to explain that because of elimination of 2 CETA positions, only one guard is on duty on each shift. In the event of an emergency, it is advisable for two guards to enter cell

block, and this is not possible. Commitments are increased substantially this year. He expects his income will be about \$10,000.00 rather than \$4,000 as estimated for boarding of prisoners. County did obtain crime commission grant for salaries of female guards. Mr. Myatt requested that excess amount for additional guards be transferred from female guard account. Rep. Nighswander moved, seconded by Rep. Roberts, that this be referred to Executive Committee. Motion carried unanimously.

Rep. Roberts moved to adjourn, seconded by Rep. Leary. Motion failed.

Rep. Hildreth asked Commissioner Atwood status of eminent domain action against Brouillard property. Commissioner reported that matter is before NH Supreme Court. Rep. Hildreth stated he will move at next meeting to rescind action authorizing acquisition of this property.

Rep. French seconded by Rep. Roberts to adjourn. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard P. Brouillard, Clerk

A true copy, attest:

Richard P. Brouillard, Clerk

BELKNAP COUNTY DELEGATION

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

An executive committee meeting of the Belknap County Delegation was held at 7:30 p.m. at the Belknap County Courthouse on September 20, 1976 with Marshall French, Chairman, presiding.

Members present were: Hon. George B. Roberts, Jr., Hon. Barbara B. Bowler, Hon. Fritz T. Sabbow, Hon. James W. Murray, Hon. Peter Hildreth.

Also present were County Commissioners Marian Atwood, Henry Spear and Dean Dexter.

Thomas Myatt discussed the situation at the House of Correction with reference to guards. He stated that CETA monies had expired in July. He also stated that he had continued to employ the two CETA employees on a temporary basis at the direction of the Belknap County Commissioners and felt that there was a need to retain these two employees on a permanent basis. After much discussion, it was decided that the Executive Committee could not take any action at this time.

Rep. Fritz Sabbow brought up the question of one of the Gunstock Area Commissioner's term expiring on October 1st. It was decided that the Clerk be instructed to advertise during this week to fill the vacancy. The date of October 18th was set for a meeting of the delegation to interview candidates for Gunstock Area Commissioner.

Rep. Peter Hildreth moved that action be taken regarding the eminent domain proceedings against the Brouillard property at the October 18th meeting. The motion lost by a vote of 3 to 2. This matter was considered of great importance and it was decided to be taken up at a separate meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

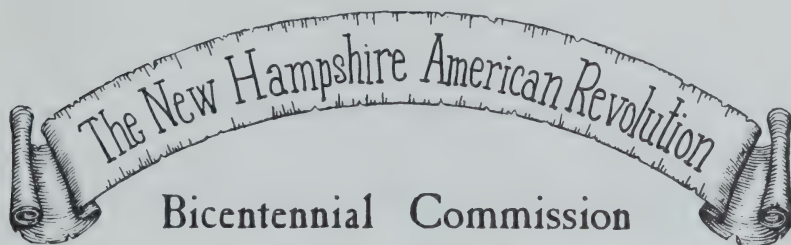
Marshall French, Chairman
Belknap County Executive Committee



House Speaker George B. Roberts, Jr. of Gilmanton presents a proclamation of the N. H. House of Representatives to Mrs. Marion Atwood during her testimonial dinner, commemorating her years of service.



Belknap Mill Society President Peter Karagianis presents a certificate of appreciation to Mrs. Atwood as Commissioner Dean Dexter and Henry Spear look on.



CERTIFICATE of APPRECIATION

Awarded to

the

BELKNAP COUNTY BICENTENNIAL COMMITTEE

For Outstanding Contribution

To Our State's Bicentennial Commemoration

And, Thereby, To Our Nation's Two Hundredth Birthday Observances in 1976

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "J. Duane Squires".

J. Duane Squires, *Chairman*
N.H.A.R.B.C.

January 1, 1977

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Gilbert S. Center".

Gilbert S. Center, *Executive Director*
N.H.A.R.B.C.

BELKNAP COUNTY CONVENTION

Meeting of Belknap County Convention held at Laconia, New Hampshire on October 18, 1976 at 7:30 P.M.

Present: Reps. Murray, French, Beard, Lawton, Mansfield, Bowler, Ambrose, Marsh, Nighswander, Sabbow, Brouillard, Hildreth and Roberts.

Rep. Murray presided.

The Convention interviewed the following candidates for appointment to the Gunstock Recreation Commission: Wilburn Francis, John Grant, George Hurt, Fred Nachbaur, Peter Sabbow and Donald Shoup. Eileen M. Rosand did not appear. The Clerk contacted her home and learned that she had been and was out-of-state because of the serious illness of her mother.

Discussion as to qualifications of the candidates followed.

Motion by Rep. Lawton, seconded by Rep. Beard that each representative must nominate candidates. Election will then be among the top three candidates. Motion amended that each representative nominate one candidate by secret ballot and election will then be held among the three top candidates. Nominated were Messrs. Francis (2) votes, Hurt (5) votes and Shoup (5) votes.

Ballots being cast, the following received the following votes: Shoup (6), Hurt (5) and Francis (2). Mr. Shoup was declared elected.

Rep. Beard moved convention adjourn. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard P. Brouillard, Clerk

Exhibit A
BELKNAP COUNTY
Balance Sheet of General Fund
As at December 31, 1976

ASSETS

Cash in Bank	\$ 141,696.91
Accounts Receivable (fees: Clerk of Court, etc. not posted at end of year):	10,789.89
	10,789.89
Total Assets	\$152,486.80

LIABILITIES, RESERVES, AND FUND BALANCE

Liabilities:

Accounts Payable	\$ 6,069.61
Accrued and withheld payroll taxes	3,921.26
Accrued and withheld retirement	1,928.76
Other withholdings	224.29
	\$ 12,143.92

Fund Balance:

Reserved for encumbrances (for audit)	\$ 4,000.00
Unreserved, unappropriated fund balance (1976 County Surplus)	136,342.88
	\$140,342.88
Total Liabilities, Reserves, and Fund Balances	\$152,486.80

Exhibit B

**Analysis of Changes in Fund Balance of the General Fund
For the Year Ended December 31, 1976**

Fund Balance, January 1, 1976		\$229,036.68
Less:		
Unreserved Fund Balance Used		237,862.51
		<u>237,862.51</u>
		(\$ 8,825.83)
Less:		
Deficiency of realized revenue under budgeted revenue (Sch. B-1)		
Realized Revenue	\$1,452,073.37	
Budgeted Revenue	<u>1,461,080.49</u>	
		(9,007.12)
Add:		
Excess of budgeted appropriations over incurred expenditures (Sch. B-2)		
Budgeted Appropriations	\$1,698,943.00	
Incurred Expenditures	<u>1,547,814.54</u>	
		154,175.83
		<u>154,175.83</u>
Fund Balance, December 31, 1976		\$136,342.88

Schedule B-1

Statement of Budgeted Revenue and Realized Revenue
For the Year Ended December 31, 1976

Sources of Revenue	Budgeted	Realized	Excess	Deficiency
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Taxes From Towns and City	\$1,219,702.49	\$1,219,702.49		
Surplus 1-1-76	237,862.51	229,036.68		8,825.83
Office Rents	2,520.00	865.76		1,654.24
Miscellaneous Income	2,000.00	743.23		1,256.77
Fees, Clerk of Court	43,500.00	52,924.19	9,424.19	
Fees, Register of Deeds	58,000.00	71,934.40	9,424.19	
Fees, Sheriff	22,000.00	15,435.72		
Fees, Fire Dispatch	27,500.00	39,463.48	11,963.48	6,564.28
Income Non-Payroll Items	6,000.00			
Sheriff's Patrol Gilmanton	22,000.00	22,591.00	591.00	
Certificate of Deposit		11,190.69	11,190.69	
Old Age Assistance		47.00	47.00	
Direct Relief		455.56	455.56	
Guards at Jail	25,867.00			25,867.00
Grants	28,991.00	15,486.00		13,505.00
Cruiser trade-in	3,000.00	1,233.85		1,766.15
	<u>\$1,698,943.00</u>	<u>\$1,681,110.05</u>	<u>\$47,606.32</u>	<u>\$65,439.27</u>

Net Deficiency of realized revenue under budgeted Revenue

Note Income from grant realized by the Belknap County Jail and House of Correction and reported on their financial statements as at December 31, 1976.

\$17,832.95

Schedule B-2
Statement of Appropriations and Incurred Expenditures
For the Year Ended December 31, 1976

Appropriation Item	Budgeted	Incurred Expenditures	Excess	Deficiency
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Administration - Commissioners Office	36,419.00	35,277.53	1,141.47	
Office of County Attorney	30,170.00	26,998.01	3,171.99	
Treasurer	1,500.00	1,500.00		
Auditors	4,000.00	4,000.00		
Office of Registry of Deeds	59,450.00	57,931.69	1,518.31	
Register of Probate	3,794.00	3,432.48	361.52	
Medical Referees	4,500.00	2,258.50	2,241.50	
Sheriff's Department	258,938.00	259,310.58		372.58
Court House Maintenance	47,294.00	56,706.37	6,467.45	
Superior Court	201,731.00	195,263.55	81,841.31	
Public Welfare	275,583.00	193,741.69	18,556.00	
County Nursing Home - Net (Note 1)	87,884.00	69,328.00	49,202.00	
Jail and House of Correction - Net (Note 2)	227,474.00	178,272.00		
Extension Service	50,281.00	50,281.00		
Soil Conservation Service	1,650.00	1,650.00		
Airport Authority	15,000.00	15,000.00		
Interest - loans in anticipation of taxes	33,000.00	19,624.38	13,375.62	
Interest - notes (addition to jail)	7,450.00	7,450.00		
Interest - bond issue (new wing Court House)	3,680.00	3,680.00		

Interest - bond issue (new wing Court House)	69,500.00	69,500.00	
Principal - Notes	25,000.00	25,000.00	
Principal - Bond Issue	15,000.00	15,000.00	
Principal - Bond Issue	50,000.00	50,000.00	2,136.43
Delegation Expense	6,250.00	4,113.57	
Lakes Region Fire Dispatch	93,995.00	93,995.00	
Lakes Region Mental Health Center	35,400.00	35,400.00	
Lakes Region Community Health Ctr.	19,000.00	18,630.00	369.80
County Share - New Hampshire Retirement	4,000.00	15,564.69	11,564.69
County Share - Social Security, Blue Cross	25,000.00	35,857.93	10,857.93
Non-Payroll Items (see offset Schedule B-1)	6,000.00		6,000.00
	<u>\$1,698,943.00</u>	<u>\$1,544,767.17</u>	<u>\$186,383.40</u>
Net Excess of Budgeted Appropriations Over Incurred Expenditures			<u>\$32,207.57</u>

			<u>\$154,175.83</u>
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Statement of Appropriations and Incurred Expenditures
For the Year Ended December 31, 1976

<p>Note 1: The net amount of \$87,884.00 represents the anticipated deficit:</p> <p>Gross Appropriation for expense \$912,471.00</p> <p>Less - Budgeted Revenue 824,587.00</p> <p>Net to be financed from general fund \$ 87,884.00</p>	<p>Note 2: The net amount of \$227,474.00 represents the anticipated deficit:</p> <p>Gross appropriation for expense \$231,474.00</p> <p>Less - Budgeted Revenue 4,000.00</p> <p>Net to be financed from general fund \$227,474.00</p>
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Exhibit F

**Balance Sheet of Bond Fund (Court House Improvement Project)
As at December 31, 1976**

ASSETS

Cash in bank	\$ -0-
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LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE

Fund Balance	\$ -0-
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**Analysis of Changes in Bond Fund Balance
For the Year Ended December 31, 1976**

Bond Fund Balance, December 31, 1975	\$125,969.45
Less:	
Project Expenditures:	
Construction contractor	125,969.45
Bond Fund Balance, December 31, 1976	\$ -0-

Notes: See Exhibit H for expenditures in the court house improvements project from Federal Revenue Sharing Funds and Schedule H-2 for appropriation of Federal Revenue Sharing Funds for such project including furnishings.

The initial construction contract was for \$984,222.00 plus change orders of \$101,236.96 to December 31, 1976, total \$1,085,458.96. Work completed to December 31, 1976 amounted to \$1,085,458.96

Disbursed on Contract	\$1,031,186.01
Due Contractor, retainage	54,272.95
	\$1,085,458.96

Exhibit G

**Balance Sheet of Capital Reserve Fund (Gunstock Area)
As at December 31, 1976**

ASSETS

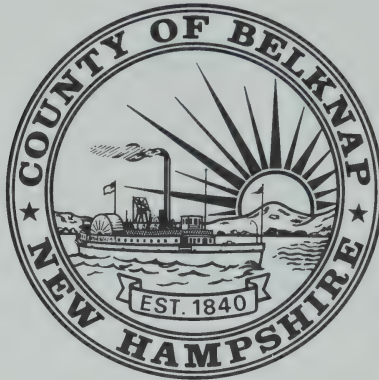
Cash in bank	\$ 8,425.90
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LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE

Fund Balance		
Encumbered	\$ none	
Unencumbered	8,425.90	
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		\$ 8,425.90

**Analysis of Changes in Capital Reserve Fund Balance
For the Year Ended December 31, 1976**

Balance, January 1, 1976		\$14,036.62
Add:		
Interest earned on investments of funds	\$ 701.60	
Receipt from Gunstock	4,706.88	
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		5,408.48
Less:		
Purchase of Xerox Copying Machine		11,019.20
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Balance December 31, 1976		\$ 8,425.90



Belknap County Seal

The seal of Belknap County was commissioned in the latter part of 1976, the year of our nation's bicentennial, and adopted in February of 1977. Designed and executed by Mr. Norman M. Dexter of Nashua, who donated his services to Belknap County, the seal includes several symbols important to the county and its history.

Depicted on the waters of Lake Winnepesaukee, the largest body of fresh water in the northeast (which touches the shores of just about every town and city in the county), is the old paddle wheeler Mount Washington. The Mount graced the Big Lake until 1939, when it was destroyed by fire. Yet, to this day it continues to serve as a symbol of the grace, dignity, and unique New England character for which the people and the area are known throughout the country. It could be said that the Mount stands for the commerce the Lake has provided for our people, going back to the fishing days of the Indians; for the many recreation and leisure time activities the county has offered its many visitors from throughout the world; and for the great creativity with which the people of Belknap County have used these natural resources to their ultimate advantage and prosperity.

The rising sun — a symbol of hope and renewal as well as the blessings of a patient, graceful Providence — is shown bursting forth over Mount Belknap, which lies just east of center in the county. The Mountain is named for Dr. Jeremy Belknap, noted historian, clergyman, and naturalist, after whom the county was named in 1840. Dr. Belknap wrote the first history of New Hampshire, pastored the First Congregational Church at Dover (1766-1786), and founded the Massachusetts Historical Society in 1794.

Originally part of Strafford County, the County of Belknap was formed by Legislative act in December 1840.

Exhibit H

**Balance Sheet of Federal Revenue Sharing Trust Fund
As at December 31, 1976**

ASSETS

Cash in bank	\$172,443.63
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LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE

Fund Balance:

Appropriated (Schedule H-2)	\$ 23,895.64	
Unappropriated (Schedule H-2)	148,547.99	
		\$172,443.63

**Analysis of Changes in Federal Revenue Sharing Trust Fund Balance
For the Year Ended December 31, 1976**

Balance, January 1, 1976	\$254,210.46
Add:	
Revenue Sharing Funds Received	\$128,273.00
Interest earned on investment of funds	10,808.69
	139,081.69
	393,292.15
Subtract:	
Expended for Court House Building Project	220,848.52
	\$172,443.63
Balance, December 31, 1976	\$172,443.63

Exhibit H-1
Federal Revenue Sharing Trust Funds
Statement of Revenue, Expenditures and Appropriations
From Program Inception To December 31, 1976

	End of 24 Mons. Date	Revenue Allocated To Period	Interest Earned in Period
1st Intitlement Period: 1-1-72 to 6-30-72	* 12-31-74	\$ 42,978.00	\$ None
2nd Period: 7-1-72 to 12-31-72	* 12-31-74	41,242.00	None
3rd Period: 7-1-73 to 6-30-73	6-30-75	50,562.00	2,118.94
4th Period: 7-1-73 to 6-30-74	6-30-76	100,406.00	11,009.09
5th Period: 7-1-74 to 6-30-75	6-30-77	133,232.00	9,694.87
6th Period: 7-1-75 to 6-30-76	6-30-78	91,983.00	13,558.87
7th Period: 7-1-76 to 12-31-76	12-31-78	66,951.00	3,825.55
		\$ 527,354.00	\$ 40,207.32
Expended:	Calendar Year 1973		
	Calendar Year 1974		
	Calendar Year 1975		
	Calendar Year 1976		
	Total - Schedule H-3		

Schedule H-2

Total Revenue and Interest	Allocated Expen- ditures	Unexpended Dec. 31, 1976	Appro- priation Changes	Unappro- priated Amounts 12-31-76
\$ 42,978.00	\$ 42,978.00	\$ None	\$	\$ None
41,242.00	41,242.00	None		None
52,680.94	52,680.94	None		None
111,415.09	111,415.09	None		None
142,926.87	142,926.87	None		None
105,541.87	3,874.79	101,667.08	23,895.64	77,771.44
70,776.55		70,776.55		70,776.55
<u>\$ 567,561.32</u>	<u>\$ 395,117.69</u>	<u>\$172,443.63</u>	<u>\$ 23,895.64</u>	<u>\$148,547.99</u>
	\$ 31,254.40			
	137,239.80			
	5,774.97			
	220,848.52			
	<u>\$ 395,117.69</u>			

Exhibit I
Statement of Long Term Indebtedness
As at December 31, 1976

Debt balance, December 31, 1976; payment thereon to be provided from future general fund taxation revenue		\$1,215,000.00
1. Bond Issue, dated November 1, 1964, original Amount \$280,000.00, interest rate 3.20 percent proceeds used for new wing at County Home:		
Principal balance due December 31, 1975	\$ 130,000.00	
Principal paid in 1976	15,000.00	
		\$ 115,000.00
2. Bond Issue, dated August 1, 1975, original amount \$1,000,000.00 interest rate 6.95 percent, Proceeds for Court House improvement project		
Principal Balance due December 31, 1975	\$1,000,000.00	
Principal Paid in 1976	50,000.00	
		\$ 950,000.00
3. Long term notes, dated September 5, 1972 original amount \$234,950.00, interest rates, 3.80, 4.25, 4.50 percent, proceeds used for addition to County Jail:		
Principal balance due December 31, 1975	\$ 175,000.00	
Principal paid in 1976	25,000.00	
		\$ 150,000.00
Total Debt Balance, December 31, 1976		\$1,215,000.00

Exhibit J

**Balance Sheet of Anti-Recession Fund
As at December 31, 1976**

ASSETS

Cash in Bank	\$ 3,035.69
Accounts Receivable	42.00
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Total Assets	\$ 3,077.69

LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE

Fund Balance:		
Encumbered	\$ none	
Unencumbered	3,077.69	
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		\$ 3,077.69

**Analysis of Changes in Anti-Recession Fund Balance
For the Year Ended December 31, 1976**

Balance, January 1, 1976		\$ none
Add:		
Anti-Recession Funds Received	\$3,062.00	
Interest earned on investment of funds	15.69	
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		3,077.69
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Balance, December 31, 1976		\$ 3,077.69

BELKNAP COUNTY NURSING HOME**Administrator's Report**

To the Honorable Board of Commissioners:

Having assumed the position and responsibility of Administrator of this County Nursing Home in October 1976, I wish to make a few observations.

First, in memory of Perley Beach, with whom I shared County problems for eight years as Superintendent and Administrator, he was a great man, with a kind and understanding heart for the elderly; he was a conservative and good business administrator. He will be remembered by his family and many friends for his strong convictions to follow through on what he believed was right.

And Second, I look back to my visit at the Court House when I first met with Commissioners Marion Atwood, Henry Spear, and Dean Dexter, to discuss my qualifications for the position of Administrator.

I believe it was a fateful day, when upon my second visit to the Court House, the three Commissioners had unanimously decided I was the man for the position. Upon my arrival at the Nursing Home, I liked what I saw. I appreciate the challenge at hand, and thank the Commissioners for it.

I want to express my sincere appreciation to the staff and the Volunteers who come to the Home to bring happiness and comfort to our residents; to the many clubs and organizations who have brought cheer at Christmas and throughout the year to the house.

In closing, I say that we are organizing a complete Staff that really cares.

Respectfully submitted,

Victor L. Hamel
Administrator

BELKNAP COUNTY HOME
STATEMENT OF BUDGET OPERATIONS
 (Prepared under the generally accepted method
 of accounting on the accrual basis)
December 31, 1976

	Y-T-D Actual	Y-T-D Budget
0050 Total Patient Revenue	\$ 711,495.21	\$ 824,587.00
0060 Total Other Revenue	20,527.92	15,088.00
Total Jail Revenue	15,459.96	4,000.00
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TOTAL ALL REVENUE	\$ 747,483.09	\$ 843,675.00
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0090 Total Administrative Cost	\$ 126,026.95	\$ 137,483.00
0120 Total Dietary Cost	159,755.73	151,847.00
0100 Total Property and Related Expenses	97,793.90	104,320.00
0130 Total Nursing Care Cost	305,631.99	329,168.00
0160 Total Laundry and Linen Expenses	48,419.23	59,109.00
0170 Total Housekeeping Expenses	41,402.46	39,100.00
0190 Total Physicians & Pharmacy	19,367.89	26,100.00
0172 Total Activities	14,204.08	18,032.00
0200 Total Special Items	3,317.74	12,400.00
0290 Total Jail & House of Correction	220,171.86	231,474.00
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TOTAL ALL COST	\$1,036,091.83	\$1,109,033.00
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LOSS COMBINED	\$ 288,608.74	\$ 265,358.00
COUNTY BUDGET FUNDS		
0230 County Home & Hospital	69,318.00	37,884.00
6040 Jail & House of Correction	178,272.00	227,474.00
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TOTAL COUNTY BUDGET FUNDS	\$ 247,600.00	\$ 265,358.00
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NET LOSS	\$ 41,008.74	-0-
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**COUNTY OF BELKNAP
COUNTY HOME AND HOSPITAL
BALANCE SHEET
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL CONDITION**

**Accrual System
December 31, 1977**

ASSETS

CURRENT ASSETS

Petty Cash	\$ 339.47
Cash in Bank	23,953.56
Patient Receivables	51,386.16
Accounts Receivable Other	1,828.46
Dietary Inventory	3,300.00
General Stores Inventory	3,859.64
Pharmacy Inventory	7,583.66

Total Current Assets	\$ 92,250.95
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FIXED ASSETS

Land & Land Improvements	\$ 1,500.00
Building & Building Improvements	640,396.99
Hospital Equipment	100,796.93
Kitchen Equipment	32,894.01
Laundry Equipment	35,367.06
Maintenance Equipment	9,484.41
Jail & H O C Equipment	33,747.63

Total Fixed Assets	\$ 854,187.03
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Total All Assets	\$ 946,437.98
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LIABILITIES

CURRENT LIABILITIES

Accounts Payable - Home	\$ 26,270.52
Accounts Payable - Jail	4,030.69
Withheld F.I.C.A. Taxes	10,444.92
Withheld Group Insurance	36.05
Withheld Retirement Plan	260.00
Accrued F.I.C.A. Taxes	10,451.81

Total Current Liabilities	\$ 51,493.99
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CAPITAL ACCOUNTS

Plant Capital	\$ 854,217.42
Operating Capital	81,735.31
Net Income or (Loss)	(41,008.74)

Total Capital	\$ 894,943.99
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Total Liabilities and Capital	\$ 946,437.98
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DIRECTOR OF WELFARE'S REPORT

To the Commissioners of Belknap County:

The past year has been another busy year for the Welfare Department. With cut-backs in State programs the burden falls upon the local liable units.

Through July of 1976 the amount of direct and soldier aid dropped considerably. However, in August and September the amount of aid increased due to many people moving into this area from other states. The remaining months remained steady in comparison to the previous two years.

The Belknap County Household Goods Depot became a reality in June with the availability of a place to store our items.

The Community Pantry, which was originated at Saint Joseph's Church, is now housed at the Court House. Through the generosity of local churches and organizations the above services have met a definite need in times of emergency.

Appreciation is extended to the Commissioners and to the citizens of Belknap County who have helped in so many ways for the benefit of our neighbors who are less fortunate.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret P. Ball
Welfare Director

BELKNAP HOUSE OF CORRECTION AND JAIL**To the Commissioners of Belknap County :**

The following report is submitted for the Belknap County House of Correction and Jail. The House of Correction and Jail has operated with an eleven percent increase in prisoners. The total number of prisoners booked for 1976 was 1342. One hundred and twenty-seven of these inmates were females.

We increased the female staff to four, through a grant from the Governor's Crime Commission.

There were four officers graduated from the N. H. Vocational Institute's 80 hour course for Corrections Officers.

Our rehabilitation efforts continued with programs for counseling, education, alcoholics anonymous, and work release. 1976 was the first full year of operation of a new system of bi-monthly guard reports on inmate performance being collated and presented to inmates by the Progress Board. This has provided inmates with regular feedback on their conduct here, as well as furnishing the institution with a formal record of each inmate's performance. Our Education Program, staffed by two part-time teachers, worked with twenty-one inmates during the year; of those enrolled, eleven attempted and nine completed and passed the High School Equivalency Exam. A new program designed so that an inmate could earn the privilege of attending meetings of Alcoholics Anonymous in the community began early in the year. This program released fifteen inmates to a total of 155 A.A. meetings in the surrounding communities without incident.

Respectfully submitted

Thomas N. Myatt
Superintendent

**PRISONERS AT BELKNAP COUNTY
JAIL AND HOUSE OF CORRECTION**

Prisoners in Jail January 1, 1977		13
Admitted during the year		1342
		1355
Prisoners in Jail December 31, 1976		10
Discharged during the year		1345
		1355
Prisoners in House of Correction, January 1, 1977		24
Admitted during the year		88
		112
Prisoners in House of Correction, December 31, 1976		21
Discharged during the year		91
		112

From January 1 to December 31, 1976

	Weeks	Days
Prisoners in Jail	615	1
Prisoners in House of Correction	931	6

CLERK OF COURT'S REPORT

To the Honorable Commissioners of Belknap County :

The facilities of the Superior Court in Belknap County were substantially increased in 1976 with the completion of the Courthouse Addition. The limited use of the new facility during the construction period has given some indication of the great asset this facility will be to the administration of justice in this County. This Court now has two large courtrooms equipped for jury trials. Each courtroom has its own supporting facilities including Judges Chamber, Stenographer's Room, Conference Rooms and a Jury Deliberation Room. A third courtroom, smaller, and designed for use in non-jury matters, has already been used extensively and is now equipped with a four channel recording system. Those people now reporting for jury duty, go directly to their own comfortable lounge. In previous terms of Court, arrays of jurors, of necessity, spent any waiting time in the back of the courtroom. A large public waiting room is now available for those persons arriving to view or participate in the various Court trials.

The cooperation of the County Commissioners and members of the County Delegation is enabling the Court to obtain much needed equipment to further enhance the operational efficiency of the Court. Microfilm readers and a Reader-Printer, a Photocopier, Rotary Docket card cabinets, a Duplicator, an Addressing Machine are some of the equipment being obtained. Also requested is a new filing system for the vault.

The true worth of this new facility is readily apparent to those who are familiar with the operation of this Court and should become apparent to others as the Court is able to reduce the backlog of cases and provide speedier trials for all matters.

The people of Belknap County have provided the Court with comfortable, efficient facilities with which to handle an ever increasing docket. These same persons will share the benefit of these facilities whether they serve as jurors or appear before the Court as parties or witnesses.

In January, 1977, jury trials were conducted in both large courtrooms: Civil Juries in one and State cases in the other. In addition, the trial of cases without a jury were conducted by two Masters using the small courtroom as well as the Probate facility which was made available to the Superior Court by the Judge and Registrar of Probate.

At this writing, there are again two Judges handling jury trials and one Master hearing non-jury matters.

Obviously, the facility is working to the advantage of Belknap County.

Respectfully submitted,
Robert P. Tilton, Clerk

SHERIFF'S REPORT

To the Commissioners of Belknap County:

As Sheriff of Belknap County, I submit my report for the year 1976. The following activities were investigated by the Sheriff's Department in the year 1976:

Abandoned Vehicles	17
Animal Complaints	41
Arrests	241
Assault	6
Bad Checks	2
Burglary	48
Criminal Trespass	1
Drownings	1
Drunk	8
Escorts	1
Family Disturbances	6
Fires	12
Individual Assists	68
Larceny	24
Malicious Damage	21
Mental Case	2
Miscellaneous Complaints	65
Motor Vehicle Checkups	499
Motor Vehicle Complaints	9
Motor Vehicle DE Tags	131
Motor Vehicle Warnings	255
Motor Vehicles Summons Issued	177
Narcotic	12
Prowlers	3
Recovered Stolen Motor Vehicle	1
Recovered Stolen Snowmobile	2
Runaways or Missing Person	5
Sick or Injured Person	6
Snowmobile Complaints	9
Stolen Motor Vehicles	2
Suicides and Attempted Suicides	7
Suspicious Persons & Vehicles	16
Transported Prisoners	196
Weapons Violation	3
Hours of Court Attendance	406½
House, Business & Camp Checks	16,297
Miles Logged on Cruisers	315,788
Value of Property Stolen	\$9,627
Value of Property Recovered	\$8,789
Hours of Patrol	8,772
Hours of Investigation	1,722
Hours of Reports	1,218
Telephone Calls Received	50,029

Radio Transmissions	133,999
Brethalyzer Receipts	\$675
Department Assists	711

CIVIL PROCESS

The following number of civil writs were served during the months listed below:

January, February and March	381
April, May and June	364
July, August and September	357
October, November and December	276
Total Writs Served	1,378
Total writ fees received	\$15,435

As my first term as High Sheriff of Belknap County comes to a close, I would like to sincerely thank the entire Sheriff's Department, the County Commissioners, the County Delegation, and the County Attorney for their full cooperation and respectfully request their continued consideration, without which the Belknap County Sheriff's Department could not succeed as one of the finest Law Enforcement Agencies in the area.

Respectfully submitted,

Donald C. Alden
Sheriff

Belknap County Sheriff's Department

Deputies

Phillip P. Daigneault, assistant Sheriff
 Lt. Robert F. Gilbert
 Lt. Eleanor W. Merrill
 Sgt. Eugene C. Rogers
 George A. Poire, deputy (civil)
 Stephen H. Nedeau, deputy
 Edward Sullivan, deputy
 Stephen Hodges, deputy
 David Varney, deputy
 Robert Hilton, deputy
 Carol A. Cunningham, deputy (head dispatcher)
 Carlton Perkins, deputy
 Linda M. Hickey, civil secretary
 John H. Merrill, court security
 Donald Spear, court security
 Emery St. Cyr, court security

REPORT OF THE COUNTY ATTORNEY

To the Commissioners of Belknap County:

I hereby submit my report as Belknap County Attorney for 1976.

Criminal Matters

A total of 276 indictments were returned by the three Grand Juries and one Special Grand Jury convened in 1976 for the commission of the following felonies:

Burglary and Accomplice to Burglary	91
Attempted Burglary and Accomplice to Att. Burglary	2
Aggravated Assault	4
Robbery	1
Receiving Stolen Property	5
Issuing Bad Checks	13
Sale of a Controlled Drug	7
Theft by Unauthorized Taking	15
Possession of Controlled Drug, Second Offense	13
Forgery and Accomplice to Forgery	43
Felonious Sexual Assault	4
Murder, 1st degree	1
Negligent Homicide	5
Aggravated Felonious Sexual Assault	5
Theft by Deception	7
Escape	5
Arson	4
Manufacture of a Controlled Drug	15
Compounding a Controlled Drug	3
Hit & Run, Personal Injury	3
Falsifying Physical Evidence	1
Unlawful Operation of Motor Vehicle by Habitual Offender	2
Habitual Offender	1
Possession of a Pistol	1
Theft of Services	1
Possession, Over One Pound	10
Criminal Liability for Conduct of Another	1
Conspiracy	1
Transport with Intent to Sell and Accomplice to Transport	5
Prohibited Acts	1
Kidnapping	4
Dispensing a Controlled Drug	2

276

A total of 240 misdemeanor appeals from Municipal or District Courts were taken to the Superior Court.

A number of miscellaneous matters were handled in the course of the year, including committal or release proceedings involving persons with mental illness or suffering from retardation, extradition petitions brought before the Governor for consideration, petitions for support under the New Hampshire Uniform Civil Liability for Support Law brought before the Belknap County Superior Court, non-support complaints, petitions under the Uniform Act on Paternity, the prosecution of welfare fraud cases in the Laconia District Court which were brought by the Division of Welfare, the initiation of all habitual offender petitions in the Superior Court brought by the office of the Attorney General, and all civil matters in which the County or the Belknap County Recreational Area Commission were parties.

Respectfully submitted,

Peter Makris
Belknap County Attorney

**CHAPLAIN'S REPORT
BELKNAP COUNTY HOME**

To the Honorable Board of Commissioners:

I visualize the chaplain's role as being a resource to staff and residents in various capacities during the year, as well as a catalyst to encouraging involvement of clergy and laypersons throughout Belknap County.

Each Sunday afternoon throughout the year, a Protestant service of worship is conducted, with participating churches from Laconia, Meredith, Gilford, Sanbornton, Tilton, Lakeport, and Belmont. Denominations represented are Baptists, Episcopalians, Methodists, United Church of Christ, Salvation Army, and Unitarian.

At present, volunteers from several churches are helping to feed residents unable to feed themselves. 18 members of Gilford Community Church, St. James Episcopal youth group, and young people from the Mormon Church, have been especially helpful.

The long term goal is that more people from the community will become involved in meaningful visitations to residents so that eventually no resident able to benefit through having an interested friend visit them from the community will be without such support. Although it is important that staff relate sensitively to residents, it often means more if someone from the community, who does not have to be there, does likewise — so that no resident will feel abandoned, or unimportant, to at least someone in the wider community.

Of course the real ministry at the Home takes place through the day to day relationships and care of the total staff. The fundamental commitment and caring for the residents which was what made so many people impressed by the County Home's atmosphere under the administrative leadership of Perley Beach is fortunately continued by the new Administrator, Mr. Hamel. The quality of his caring leadership, along with that of Mrs. Beach and Mrs. Badger -- and many other sensitive and dedicated persons working at the Home, is very impressive.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. Wm. Zeckhausen
Chaplain, Belknap County Nursing Home

**CHAPLAIN'S REPORT
BELKNAP COUNTY HOUSE OF CORRECTION
AND JAIL**

To the Honorable County Commissioners:

The role of Protestant Chaplain, within severe limitations of time, is to come to know prisoners and staff, and be available as a resource person. As time goes by, I continue to grow in respect for the capabilities and common sense of Superintendent Myette, David Ambrose, and the rest of the staff. It would be easy for them to become cynical or overly discouraged in their task, but they maintain good feeling and constructive attitudes. I am also impressed by the range of problems that so many prisoners - mostly young and at a crucial time in their lives - are facing. It seems to me that more could be done to alleviate "marking time" by so many prisoners - such as physical activities to relieve tensions and maintain health (especially in the jail), or work projects that contribute to the community, and that possibly increase a sense of self worth for participating prisoners.

There is some interest in community churches in relating helpfully to the House of Correction. My hope is that in the next year a few mature adults will be found who are willing to relate, under the guidance of Mr. Ambrose, to individual prisoners - to try to bring the kinds of influences to bear that some are very much in need of, and which have the potential for helping them turn a corner in living constructive lives as citizens. Some prisoners would respond positively to such a program.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. Wm. Zeckhausen
Chaplain

REPORT OF THE BELKNAP COUNTY EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING ADMINISTRATION

To the Commissioners of Belknap County :

The Belknap County Employment and Training Administration (BCETA) initiated program operations on October 1, 1976 under the federally funded Comprehensive Employment and Training Act. The program purpose is to provide employment and training for Belknap County residents.

Within five months, BCETA had pumped over \$161,000 into the County and employed over 200 persons. Of the persons served, 55 percent completed the program of which two-thirds obtained permanent, full-time, unsubsidized employment.

For the grant year of October 1, 1976 through September 30, 1977, BCETA expects to receive \$677,183 which will enable over 400 persons to be served through training or direct employment.

Programs operated by BCETA include a) On-the-job training for a particular skilled job in both private, profit-making businesses and non-profit organizations; b) public service employment in all levels of government and non-profit organizations; c) work experience for persons now entering or returning to the labor market; d) classroom training for developing or upgrading job skills; and e) summer youth employment for persons between the ages of 14 and 21.

Prior to October 1, Belknap County jointly operated the CETA program with Merrimack County but in order to improve services to Belknap County residents, the Belknap County Commissioners chose to establish a separate program. **Within three months, BCETA had established and held its record for six consecutive months as the best job placement project in seven counties.**

Funding Summary — Expected Revenues

Title I	
Classroom Training, On-the Job Training, Work Experience and Voc- education	\$234,850
Title II	
Public service employment program	150,522
Title III	
Summer youth employment program	78,342
Title VI	
Public service employment program	213,469
	\$677,183

Allocation Summary *
October 1, 1976 — March 31, 1977

Grantee	No. of Positions	Disbursed Wages	% of Total \$\$
Towns & Cities	39	43,200	27 %
Alton	2	661	
Barnstead	1	3,060	
Belmont	3	1,615	
Gilford	2	3,897	
Laconia	24	20,847	
Meredith	5	7,796	
Sanbornton	2	5,324	
Belknap County	23	16,149	10%
State government	25	39,964	24%
Federal government	13	7,886	5%
School districts	7	10,877	7%
Non-profit organizations	53	43,302	27%
Totals	160 *	161,376	100%

*Cumulative total of positions funded and gross wages paid since October 1, 1976.

** Balance of positions funded under on - the - job training contracts with private employers.

Dorothy Trujillo

Executive Director



County Commissioners Bradbury E. Sprague of Meredith, Dean Dexter of Laconia and Henry T. Spear of Gilford were sworn into office January 3, 1977.



The Sheriff's Department provides many support services in the area of law enforcement to local police agencies throughout Belknap County. Deputy Ed Sullivan of Alton is shown here on duty in Gilmanton.

(photo by John Zanes, courtesy Laconia Evening Citizen)

