Dear Mr. Speaker and Assembly Delegates:

This is a report on Proposed Ordinance 12-08. The proposed ordinance was submitted to the Assembly of Delegates by the Board of Regional Commissioners at the Assembly of Delegates regular meeting on August 15, 2012. A public hearing was scheduled to be held by the Standing Committee on Finance on Wednesday September 5, 2012 at 3:00 p.m. The public hearing was duly advertised in the Cape Cod Times on August 29, 2012.

The purpose of the proposed ordinance was to add to the County’s operating budget for Fiscal Year 2013, as enacted in Ordinance No. 12-04, by making supplemental appropriations for the Fiscal Year two-thousand and thirteen in General Government for IT Services Technical Support in the amount of $88,000.

Committee members present: Chair John Ohman, Marcia King, Leo Cakounes, Christopher Kanaga, and Teresa Martin.

Chairman John Ohman opened the public hearing a 3:00 p.m. and read the public notice.

**Leo Cakounes motioned, and it was seconded, to waive the reading of Proposed Ordinance 12-08. Motion passed. 5-0-0.**

IT Director John Morse met with the committee to explain why this request was being made. The Town of Wellfleet IT Department is requesting IT services from the County. This request was coming forward now because the Wellfleet IT staff member was leaving his post this summer. The County negotiated an agreement stipulating that the Town of Wellfleet would pay the County $88,000 annually to provide IT support, management, and administrative services for FY 2013. Once this revenue source starts to flow into the County, spending approval needs to come from the Assembly.

Teresa Martin asked if the IT Department was hiring someone new to handle the additional work. John Morse responded yes a portion of the money would be used for a Technical Support Specialist to handle the additional capacity using a coverage model approach. To start, it will be four days on-site in Wellfleet and one day remote. The Town of Wellfleet will be billed in monthly installments and this is an inter-municipal agreement. John Ohman asked if retirement benefits are included. John Morse responded that a portion of the allocation is designated for salary and benefits which includes retirement. Marcia King asked if the position weren’t funded after this year would the position go away. John Morse said yes that is what would happen and that is how it was presented.

Teresa Martin asked if this would become a model program. John Morse said it has potential to be used as a model for other communities but there is no plan or scheme right now.
Leo Cakounes asked what the benefit was for the County and why it was being done now. John Morse responded that this was the model that the County has operated under when approached by a community for a service that they cannot meet on their own. The negotiated contract would be a flat fee service contract and would not go up or down. The town did not want to hire another single individual and still be faced with coverage issues during vacations, being sick, etc.

Leo Cakounes voiced some concerns regarding the travel distance from the County IT Department to Wellfleet and the expansion of what the County is doing and it is only a break-even situation. John Morse said travel was factored in and another person will add an additional benefit to the County department by providing more expertise. Leo Cakounes said if this new employee were to be terminated next year the County would be on the hook for unemployment benefits.

John Ohman commented that the County has looked very hard at regionalization options without a lot of success. This is an example of an attempt at sub-regionalization that might work for other smaller towns. Marcia King said this is a first attempt and an excellent idea at regionalization.

Marcia King motioned, and it was seconded to recommend approval of Proposed Ordinance 12-08 to the full Assembly. Motion carried. 5-0-0.

There were no comments from the public.

Christopher Kanaga motioned, and it was seconded to close the public hearing and adjourn. Motion carried. 5-0

The meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:
  John Ohman, Chairman
  Marcia King
  Leo Cakounes
  Christopher Kanaga
  Teresa Martin