

BARNSTABLE COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF DELEGATES
Standing Committee on Finance
Minutes

The Standing Committee on Finance met on September 19, 2012 at 3 p.m. to review Proposed Resolution 12-04 (request from the Board of Regional Commissioners for a budget transfer of \$50,500 in FY 2012 within the IT Department).

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

IT Director John Morse was invited to the committee meeting to discuss and present his rationale for the proposed budget transfer request. He indicated that the work load had increased and there is a need for additional personnel. The need has existed for several years and continues to grow and it is not cost effective to hire consultants to conduct administrative tasks that could be performed at a lower cost.

Teresa Martin asked if the increased work load was a result of the \$500,000 grant that the Cape Cod Commission had received and asked if he had raised any issues with their Executive Director regarding the additional work this grant might generate. John Morse said the work load regarding this grant will become a problem in the very near future and the current staff is at its maximum load. He is concerned.

Christopher Kanaga asked what the relationship was between the consulting budget and salary/benefit lines. John Morse indicated the county would be buying more services for less cost as compared to hiring consultants. A consultant can charge anywhere from \$100 per hour or \$1000 per day. At these rates it limits the scope of what can be accomplished. The technical support staff will be doing less administrative tasks.

Leo Cakounes mentioned the fact that the FY2013 budget was already higher than FY2012 and he was not comfortable creating a new position especially when it did not get approval by the Commissioners during the FY2013 budget process.

Marcia King said she was not happy about the process this has followed but will vote to move this forward to the full Assembly.

John Ohman said it has merit but he is not happy with the process and the fact that this is taking place outside of the normal budget process.

Christopher Kanaga would prefer to have this type of request be a part of the regular budget process.

Teresa Martin said she can't support this proposed resolution for several reasons: it is outside of the budget process and it avoids the real discussion about what the real needs are of the department.

Marcia King motioned, and it was seconded, to recommend approval to the full Assembly of Proposed Resolution 12-04 for a budget transfer within the IT Department for FY 2012 of \$50,500

Motion failed. 1-4-0.

The meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by: Janice O'Connell, Assembly Clerk