Dear Mr. Speaker and Assembly Delegates:

This is a report on Proposed Ordinance 15-12. The proposed ordinance was submitted to the Assembly of Delegates by the Board of Regional Commissioners at the Assembly of Delegates regular meeting on November 18, 2015. A public hearing was scheduled and held by the Standing Committee on Finance on Wednesday, December 2, 2015 at 3:45 p.m. at the Assembly of Delegates Chamber Hall, First District Courthouse Route 6A, Barnstable, Massachusetts. The public hearing was duly advertised in the Cape Cod Times on November 25, 2015.

The purpose of the proposed ordinance was to add to the County’s operating budget for fiscal year 2016 by making a supplemental appropriation from the General Fund of $51,000. Funds shall be derived from Statutory Reserve Funds set aside at the close of FY15.

Committee members present: Chairman John Ohman, Suzanne McAuliffe, Deborah McCutcheon and Julia Taylor. Absent: Teresa Martin.

Suzanne McAuliffe motioned, and it was seconded, to waive the reading of the public hearing notice. Motion carried 4-0-0.

Chairman John Ohman opened the public hearing and invited comments from Finance Director Mary McIsaac and Finance Assistant Bob Lawton.

Bob Lawton indicated that when Mr. Zielinski left the County there were monies owed to him. After a full accounting of what was owed and settlement made, the Finance Department determined there would be a shortfall in FY16. Consideration was given to changes in salaries and positions that entered into the final equation. The net amount needed was determined to be $51,000.

There were questions regarding the full amount of the settlement granted to Mr. Zielinski. Bob Lawton indicated he would inquire as to whether the settlement agreement could be disclosed.

The money would be derived from the Statutory Reserve Fund at there would approximately $142,000 remaining after this adjustment.

There were no comments from the public.

The Chairman closed the public hearing at 3:55 p.m.

Julia Taylor motioned, and it was seconded, to recommend Proposed Ordinance 15-12 to the full Assembly. Motion carried. 4-0-0.

Suzanne McAuliffe motioned, and it was seconded to adjourn the meeting at 3:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

John Ohman
Suzanne McAuliffe
Deborah McCutcheon
Julia Taylor