

BARNSTABLE COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF DELEGATES
Report and Minutes of the Standing Committee on Finance
Proposed Ordinance 15-01
March 4, 2015

Dear Mr. Speaker and Assembly Delegates:

This is a report on Proposed Ordinance 15-01. The proposed ordinance was submitted to the Assembly of Delegates by the Board of Regional Commissioners at the Assembly of Delegates regular meeting on February 18, 2015. A public hearing was scheduled and held by the Standing Committee on Finance on Wednesday, March 4, 2015 at 1:30 p.m. The public hearing was duly advertised in the Cape Cod Times on February 25, 2015.

The purpose of the proposed ordinance was to add to the County's operating budget for Fiscal Year 2015, as enacted in ordinance 14-01, by making supplemental appropriations for the Fiscal Year two-thousand and fifteen of \$25,000 appropriated from the Vehicle Replacement Stabilization Fund.

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

Chair John Ohman opened the committee meeting for the purpose of conducting a public hearing on Proposed Ordinance 15-01.

Deborah McCutcheon motioned, and it was seconded, to waive the reading of the public hearing notice. Motion carried 5-0-0.

Facilities Director Steve Tebo was present to explain the reasons why a vehicle was being requested for the department. The department seeks to replace a 1998 truck that will not pass inspection. The truck is currently only being used on site and not allowed to leave the premises. It is used for snow plowing and the snow plow currently being used will be placed on the new truck. It was noted that 69% of the \$25,000 cost will be reimbursed to the County from the State as part of their rental agreement with the County. The reimbursement will go back to the County's General Fund. Suzanne McAuliffe and other committee members thought it would be a good idea to explore the creation of an on-going fund that could be used to replace vehicles with reimbursements going directly to the fund versus into the General Fund.

Chairman John Ohman asked if there is a vehicle replacement account within the FY16 proposed budget. County Administrator Michael Brillhart responded that a vehicle replacement account exists within the Stabilization Fund but there is no separate account line within the proposed FY16 budget for vehicle replacements. It was noted that this \$25,000 purchase would deplete the account. Facilities are the only County department that receives reimbursements for vehicle purchases.

It was suggested by the committee that a resolution or an ordinance could be drafted through the Assembly to establish a vehicle replacement fund, similar to a revolving fund, which would be funded from reimbursements from the State. There are complexities associated with this type of structure. Administration and the County Commissioners could structure this type of fund accordingly.

There were no other comments. Chairman John Ohman closed the public hearing at 1:50 p.m.

Suzanne McAuliffe motioned, and it was seconded, to recommend Proposed Ordinance 15-01 as written to the full Assembly. Motion carried. 5-0-0.

Julia Taylor motioned, and it was seconded to adjourn the meeting at 2:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

John Ohman, Chairman

Teresa Martin

Deborah McCutcheon

Suzanne McAuliffe

Julia Taylor