

BARNSTABLE COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF DELEGATES
Standing Committee on Finance
Report on Proposed Ordinance 18-01, 18-02 and 18-03
April 18, 2018

This is a report on Proposed Ordinance 18-01, 18-02 and 18-03. The proposed ordinances were submitted to the Assembly of Delegates by the Board of Regional Commissioners at the Assembly of Delegates regular meeting on February 7, 2018. A public hearing was scheduled and held by the Standing Committee on Finance on Wednesday, April 18, 2018 at 2:00 p.m. at the Harborview Conference Center, Barnstable County Complex, 3195 Main Street Route 6A, Barnstable, Massachusetts. The public hearing was duly advertised in the Cape Cod Times on April 11, 2018.

The purpose of the proposed ordinances are as follows:

18-01: To adopt an Operating Budget for the County for the Fiscal Year 2019, beginning July 1, 2018 and ending June 30, 2019. Operating budget for the County proposed by Commissioners at **\$27,354,113.**

18-02: To authorize the County to purchase capital equipment and implement capital improvements for use in conducting the business of the County and to borrow money. Capital budget proposed by Commissioners **\$388,000.**

18-03: To adopt an Operating Budget for the Dredge Enterprise Fund for the Fiscal Year 2019, beginning July 1, 2018 and ending June 30, 2019. Operating budget for the dredge proposed by Commissioners at **\$2,026,000.**

Committee members present: Chairman Ronald Bergstrom, James Killion, Deborah McCutcheon, Edward McManus (alternate), and Patrick Princi.

Also present in the audience, responding to committee inquiries and making comment were: County Commissioner Leo Cakounes, County Administrator Jack Yunits, Assistant County Administrator Stephen Tebo. Finance Director Mary McIsaac, County Accountant Stephen Amara, Assembly Speaker Suzanne McAuliffe, Provincetown Delegate Brian O'Malley, Bourne Delegate Linda Zuern, Cape Cod Commission Acting Director Kristy Senatori, Cape Cod Commission Finance Director Gail Coyne, Research and Development Office Director Julie Ferguson, AmeriCorps Program Coordinator Daniel Schell, Human Services Director Beth Albert, Health and Environment Director Sean O'Brien, and public member Thomas Ryan from Orleans.

Chair Ronald Bergstrom opened the committee meeting.

Motion to waive reading of public hearing notice made by Patrick Princi, seconded by James Killion. Unanimous. 5-0-0.

Public Hearing opened for comments on Proposed Ordinance 18-03 FY19 Dredge Operating Budget

No public comments made. Public hearing closed.

Public Hearing opened for comments on Proposed Ordinance 18-02 FY19 Capital Budget

No public comments made. Public hearing closed.

Public Hearing opened for comments on Proposed Ordinance 18-01 FY19 County Operating Budget

- Thomas Ryan from Orleans spoke to the committee regarding the Human Rights Commission budget. He spoke in favor of restoring hours to the Human Rights Commission Coordinator position up to 25 hours.

There were two comments submitted by the public via email from:

- Mike Gratis – Town of Bourne Senior Natural Resources Officer
- Bill Keto from Cotuit

Both comments were supportive of the AmeriCorps Program and concerned about the loss of housing at the Bourne House.

There were no other public comments. Public hearing closed.

Summary of recommendations from Finance Committee to Assembly

- **Proposed Ordinance 18-03:** FY19 Dredge Operating Budget of \$2,026,000.
No changes to proposed dredge operating budget made by committee.
On 4/4/18 Finance Committee recommended forwarding the dredge proposed operating budget of \$2,026,000 to the full Assembly.
- **Proposed Ordinance 18-02:** FY19 Capital Budget of \$388,000.
No changes to proposed capital budget made by committee.
Motion made by Patrick Princi to recommend P.O. 18-02 FY19 Capital Budget of \$388,000 to the full Assembly, seconded by Edward McManus. 5-0-0.
- **Proposed Ordinance 18-03:** FY19 County Operating Budget of \$27,354,113.
Committee proposed as follows....
 1. **Motion made by Patrick Princi to increase Commissioners Office Budget by \$8,000 for additional work hours for a Human Rights Coordinator, and to reduce the Shared Costs Budget (Fringes) by \$8,000, seconded by Ronald Bergstrom. 4-1-0. James Killion voted no.**
 2. **Motion made by Deborah McCutcheon to increase Assembly Budget by \$44,204 for a full-time Assembly Clerk (salary and related fringe benefits), and to reduce the Commissioners Office Budget for a 12.5-hour Clerk position by \$44,204, seconded by Ronald Bergstrom. 5-0-0.**
 3. **On 4/4/18 Finance Committee recommended increasing the Assembly Budget by \$15,750 for the professional services of a stenographer, and to reduce the Shared Costs Budget (Fringes) by \$15,750.**
 4. **Motion made by Edward McManus to recommend the budgets of Finance, Debt Service, Public Safety, Misc. & Contingency, but to reduce Shared**

Costs Budget (Fringes) by \$23,750 based on previous action taken by the committee (on stenographer and human rights position). Seconded by Deborah McCutcheon. 4-1-0. James Killion voted no.

- 5. Committee recommended all other remaining department budgets be forwarded to the full Assembly.**

Motion to recess committee meeting at 2:45 P.M. until 3:00 P.M. for another public hearing unrelated to the FY19 budget. Unanimous.

Submitted by:
Janice O’Connell, Clerk
Assembly of Delegates

List of Meeting Materials:

- Proposed Ordinance 18-01, 18-02 & 18-03
- Email public comments (2)
- Finance Committee draft meeting minutes of 4/4/18