

FISCAL COMMITTEE OF THE GENERAL COURT
MINUTES
June 12, 2009

The Fiscal Committee of the General Court met on Friday, June 12, 2009 at 9:00 a.m. in Room 206-208 of the Legislative Office Building.

Members in attendance were as follows:

Representative Marjorie Smith, Chairman
Representative Neal Kurk
Representative Daniel Eaton, Alternate
Representative Robert Foose
Representative Douglas Scamman
Representative Fran Wendelboe, Alternate
Senate President Sylvia Larsen
Senator Bette Lasky, Alternate
Senator Peter Bragdon
Senator John Gallus

Chairman Smith opened the meeting at 9:08 a.m.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES:

On a motion by Representative Eaton, seconded by Representative Foose, that the minutes of the May 15, 2009 meeting be accepted as written. MOTION ADOPTED.

OLD BUSINESS:

EIS 09-045 Department of Administrative Services – requests authorization for various departments to retain state owned passenger automobiles with FY 2008 reported mileage less than 12,000 miles. Tabled 3/20/09. No Action Taken.

EIS 09-099 Department of Health and Human Services – On a motion by Senate President Larsen, seconded by Representative Eaton, that the Committee accept the request of the Department of Health and Human Services to withdraw the item requesting to accept and expend \$161,357, which was Tabled 4/17/09. MOTION ADOPTED.

NEW BUSINESS:

Linda Hodgdon, Commissioner, Department of Administrative Services, Nichols Toumpas, Commissioner, Department of Health and Human Services, Richard C. Bailey, Jr., Chief Information Officer, Department of Information Technology, and Sid Russell, Financial Data Management Unit, Department of Administrative Services presented an update and handout on the status of the N.H. First Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) Project and responded to questions of the Committee.

INFORMATIONAL MATERIALS:

FIS 09-207 Department of Administrative Services – On a motion by Representative Eaton, seconded by Senate President Larsen, that the Committee approve the request of Linda Hodgdon, Commissioner, Department of Administrative Services to withdraw the informational item regarding assignment of State owned space currently leased by the “Laconia Savings Bank” to the Department of Justice effective September 1, 2009 in order to allow for consultation with the Legislature. MOTION ADOPTED.

RSA 9:16-a, TRANSFERS AUTHORIZED:

CONSENT CALENDAR

On a motion by Representative Eaton, seconded by Representative Foose, that the Committee approve the requests on the agenda under this section as submitted. MOTION ADOPTED. [FIS 09-210 Department of Safety – transfer \$3,500, FIS 09-214 Department of Safety – transfer \$6,500, FIS 09-215 Department of Safety – transfer \$20,500, FIS 09-224 Department of Corrections – transfer \$274,300]

RSA 14:30-a, VI FISCAL COMMITTEE APPROVAL REQUIRED FOR ACCEPTANCE AND EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS OVER \$50,000 FROM ANY NON-STATE SOURCE:

CONSENT CALENDAR

On a motion by Representative Eaton, seconded by Senate President Larsen, that the Committee approve the requests on the agenda under this section as submitted. MOTION ADOPTED. [FIS 09-195 Department of Safety – accept and expend \$55,850, FIS 09-197 Department of Safety – authorization to amend FIS 08-303, approved October 22, 2008, by reallocating \$12,440 in federal grant funds, FIS 09-211 Office of Energy and Planning – accept and expend \$382,000, FIS 09-216 Department of Justice – retroactively amend the grant award termination date from May 31, 2009 to June 30, 2009, with no increase in funding (approved FIS 07-261, August 29, 2007), FIS 09-217 Department of Safety – retroactively amend the grant award termination date from November 30, 2008 to June 30, 2009, with no increase in funding (approved FIS 08-089, March 26, 2008), FIS 09-218 Department of Safety – accept and expend \$204,767, FIS 09-219 Department of Safety – accept and expend \$96,804.40]

RSA 14:30-a, VI FISCAL COMMITTEE APPROVAL REQUIRED FOR ACCEPTANCE AND EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS OVER \$50,000 FROM ANY NON-STATE SOURCE:

ARRA FUNDS CONSENT CALENDAR

On a motion by Representative Eaton, seconded by Senate President Larsen, that the Committee approve the requests on the agenda under this section as submitted. MOTION ADOPTED. [FIS 09-223 Department of Cultural Resources – accept and expend \$293,100 in federal ARRA funds through June 30, 2011, FIS 09-225 Department of Justice – accept and expend \$587,000 in federal ARRA funds through September 30, 2012, FIS 09-226 Department of Justice – accept and expend \$60,301 in federal ARRA funds through September 30, 2012, FIS 09-228 Department of Justice – accept and expend \$1,058,641 in federal ARRA funds through April 30, 2011]

RSA 14:30-a, VI FISCAL COMMITTEE APPROVAL REQUIRED FOR ACCEPTANCE AND EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS OVER \$50,000 FROM ANY NON-STATE SOURCE AND RSA 124:15 POSITIONS RESTRICTED:

ARRA FUNDS

EIS 09-198 Department of Environmental Services – Thomas Burack, Commissioner and Susan Carlson, Chief Financial Officer, Department of Environmental Services presented the request and responded to questions of the Committee.

On a motion by Representative Eaton, seconded by Senate President Larsen, that the Committee approve the request of the Department of Environmental Services to accept and expend \$39,163,900 in federal ARRA funds through December 31, 2013 and establish two (2) part-time Environmentalist IV positions and one (1) part-time Environmental Program Manager position through December 31, 2013. MOTION ADOPTED.

EIS 09-199 Department of Environmental Services – Thomas Burack, Commissioner and Susan Carlson, Chief Financial Officer, Department of Environmental Services responded to questions of the Committee.

On a motion by Representative Eaton, seconded by Senate President Larsen, that the Committee approve the request of the Department of Environmental Services to accept and expend \$19,500,000 in federal ARRA funds through October 1, 2015 and establish one (1) part-time Sanitary Engineer III position and one (1) part-time Environmentalist IV position through October 1, 2015. MOTION ADOPTED.

EIS 09-222 Department of Administrative Services – Amy Ignatius, Director, Office of Energy and Planning responded to questions of the Committee.

On a motion by Representative Eaton, seconded by Senate President Larsen, that the Committee approve the request of the Department of Administrative Services to accept and expend \$628,358 in other funds from the Office of Energy and Planning through April 30, 2012 and establish three (3) full-time temporary positions through April 30, 2012; one (1) Public Works Project Manager III, one (1) Public Works Project Manager I, and one (1) Engineering Tech V funded through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. MOTION ADOPTED.

EIS 09-227 Department of Justice – Orville B. Fitch, Deputy Attorney General, and Timothy Brackett, Grants Management, Department of Justice presented the request and responded to questions of the Committee.

On a motion by Senate President Larsen, seconded by Representative Eaton, that the Committee approve the request of the Department of Justice to accept and expend \$6,253,755 in federal ARRA funds through February 28, 2013 and establish three (3) full-time temporary positions to consist of one (1) Cold Case Unit Attorney, one (1) Consumer Protection Attorney

and one (1) Training Specialist and further establish one (1) Cold Case Unit Investigator consultant position through June 30, 2012. MOTION ADOPTED.

RSA 14:30-a, VI FISCAL COMMITTEE APPROVAL REQUIRED FOR ACCEPTANCE AND EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS OVER \$50,000 FROM ANY NON-STATE SOURCE AND RSA 124:15 POSITIONS RESTRICTED:

FIS 09-206 Department of Safety – On a motion by Representative Eaton, seconded by Senate President Larsen, that the Committee approve the request of the Department of Safety to retroactively amend the grant award termination date by extending the end date from March 30, 2009 to June 30, 2009, with no increase in funding (approved FIS 06-327, November 14, 2006, subsequently amended FIS 07-211, June 28, 2007, and further amended FIS 08-140, April 29, 2008) and retroactively amend the end date only, with no increase in funding, for one (1) of the six (6) part-time temporary Word Processor Operator I positions originally approved from March 30, 2009 to June 30, 2009 (approved FIS 06-327, November 14, 2006, subsequently amended FIS 07-211, June 28, 2007, and further amended FIS 08-140, April 29, 2008). MOTION ADOPTED.

RSA 106-H:9, I, FUNDING; FUND ESTABLISHED:

FIS 09-196 Department of Safety – On a motion by Representative Eaton, seconded by Senate President Larsen, that the Committee approve the request of the Department of Safety to budget and expend \$25,800 in prior year carry forward funds. MOTION ADOPTED.

RSA 106-H:9, I, FUNDING; FUND ESTABLISHED AND CHAPTER 49:2, LAWS OF 2006, REVIEW OF CLAIMS:

FIS 09-194 Department of Safety – Wesley Colby, Director, Division of Administration, and Bruce Cheney, Director of Emergency Services, Department of Safety, presented the request and responded to questions of the Committee.

On a motion by Representative Eaton, seconded by Senate President Larsen, that the Committee approve the request of the Department of Safety to accept and expend \$441,632.05 and pay the reimbursement of claims for reasonable expenses incurred in the amount of \$441,632.05 made by Sprint Nextel Corporation. MOTION ADOPTED.

CHAPTER 263:28, II, LAWS OF 2007, DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES; PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY; ADDITIONAL REVENUES; TRANSFER AMONG ACCOUNTS:

FIS 09-220 Department of Health and Human Services – On a motion by Representative Foose, seconded by Senate President Larsen, that the Committee approve the request of the Department of Health and Human Services to accept and expend \$294,662. MOTION ADOPTED.

CHAPTER 263:28, II AND III, LAWS OF 2007, DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES; PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY; ADDITIONAL REVENUES; TRANSFER AMONG ACCOUNTS:

EIS 09-221 Department of Health and Human Services – On a motion by Senate President Larsen, seconded by Representative Foose, that the Committee approve the request of the Department of Health and Human Services to accept and expend \$10,010 in federal funds and to transfer \$10,000 in general funds. MOTION ADOPTED.

LATE ITEMS:

EIS 09-229 Office of The Adjutant General – On a motion by Representative Eaton, seconded by Representative Foose, that the Committee approve the request of the Office of The Adjutant General to accept and expend \$5,081,000 in federal ARRA funds through September 30, 2010. MOTION ADOPTED.

EIS 09-230 Employment Security – On a motion by Representative Eaton, seconded by Representative Foose, that the Committee approve the request of the Department of Employment Security to accept and expend \$2,242,944 in federal ARRA funds with no expiration date and establish six (6) full-time temporary positions through June 30, 2010. MOTION ADOPTED.

EIS 09-231 Employment Security – On a motion by Representative Eaton, seconded by Senate President Larsen, that the Committee approve the request of the Department of Employment Security to accept and expend \$1,617,171 in federal ARRA funds through September 30, 2010 and establish fourteen (14) full-time temporary positions and nine (9) part-time temporary positions through June 30, 2010. MOTION ADOPTED.

INFORMATIONAL MATERIALS:

The Committee requested that the Office of Legislative Budget Assistant provide a report on the number of new full-time and part-time temporary positions created and funded as a result of American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) Stimulus Funds.

The informational items were accepted and placed on file.

AUDITS:

State of New Hampshire, Department of Agriculture, Markets, and Food, Financial Audit Report For the Six Months Ended December 31, 2008 – Richard Mahoney, Director of Audits, and Kimberly Seamans, Senior Audit Manager, Audit Division, Office of Legislative Budget Assistant, presented the report and responded to questions of the Committee. Lorraine Merrill, Commissioner, and Dr. Steven Crawford, State Veterinarian, Department of Agriculture, Markets, and Food were also present to respond to questions of the Committee.

On a motion by Representative Kurk, seconded by Representative Scamman, that the report be accepted, placed on file and released in the usual manner. MOTION ADOPTED

[State of New Hampshire, Board of Nursing, Financial Audit Report For the Six Months Ended December 31, 2008](#) – On a motion by Representative Kurk, seconded by Senator Gallus that the Committee table the audit until the next meeting. MOTION ADOPTED.

ADJOURNMENT:

The next regular meeting of the Fiscal Committee was set for Thursday, July 9, 2009 at 9:00 a.m. (Whereupon the meeting adjourned.)

Representative Neal Kurk, Clerk