



Middlesex County Advisory Board

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TO: Middlesex County Selectmen, Mayors, City Managers
FROM: Diane Norris, Coordinator MCAB
RE: June 23 meeting

Just when you thought it was safe to leave for the summer the County Commissioners have requested a supplemental budget for FY'84. The Advisory Board has no fewer than fifteen nor more than thirty days to respond.

Included in the request is reappropriation of the main - tenance department, commissioners' department and treasurer's office, funding for unpaid medical examiners' bills, equipment changes in the hospital budget, and a Blue Cross appropriation to settle the long standing dispute over method of payments.

The Advisory Board appropriated a maintenance department budget with a staffing pattern attached. It is the Boards' conviction that the money was adequate if a logical plan were implemented. The Commissioners, as elected officials, prefer to implement a plan that followed their management philosophy. A review committee of management, union, and negotiating representatives interviewed each employee to determine job classification and staffing. The maintenance reorganization is the result of that three month process. By reappropriating the original money plus some from the reserve for salaries the schedule will be set for the year.

The Budget Committee is currently reviewing the request and will forward their recommendations prior to the meeting.

Mayor Mann has scheduled the meeting for 7:30 P.M. on Thursday, June 23, 1983 in Newton City Hall. We need a quorum and eligible voters include selectmen, mayors, city managers, or councilmen or alderman appointed by the mayor or manager. If your usual representative cannot be there, you are free to send another selectmen or councilman or alderman.

The mail proxy vote idea has been put aside on advice of counsel. Your real presence is required. Because no "new" money is being requested it is easy to overlook the significance of the meeting. You have insisted on efficient use of taxpayers' money and have the right and obligation to see it happen. More to follow.

P.S. Court takeover money is not yet in the House budget or an outside section.

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Comm. from Diane Norris, Coordinator, Middlesex County Advisory Board Re: meeting of the Board on Thursday, June 23, 1983 at 7:30 p.m. at Newton City Hall Re: supplemental county budget for FY-84.

*copy sent to the City Manager
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In City Council,

June 13, 1983

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Referred to the
City Manager -*