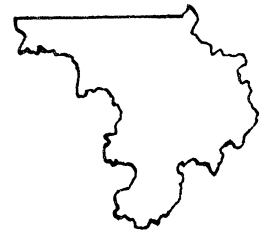


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21 October, 1983

TO: Middlesex County Chief Elected Officials
FROM: Diane Norris, MCAB Coordinator
RE: Meeting summary

The Middlesex County Advisory Board met on October 12, 1983, in the Concord District Court in Concord.

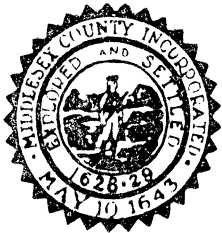
What you did:

- * Elected officers - Ted Mann, (Newton) Chairman, Bob Healy (Cambridge) Vice Chairman, Anne Donald (Sudbury) Secretary
- * Appointed treasurer - Charles Lyons (Arlington)
- * Appointed committees - list attached
- * Appropriated an FY'84 supplemental county budget of \$567,987 in new money and a second half hospital budget of \$8,931,327
- * Accepted an Audit Committee report which included the award of the FY'83 audit contract to Main Hurdman
- * Accepted a Capital Expenditure Committee report acknowledging the completion of the five year capital outlay plan and the expectation of a financing plan
- * Heard Jim Segel, Executive Director of the Massachusetts Municipal Association, outline pending legislation
- * Heard Commissioner William Geary of the M.D.C. Commission describe the demands on cities and towns in the M.D.C. Sewer District to comply with court orders restricting the pollution of Boston Harbor
- * Passed a resolution directing the County Commissioners to take whatever means necessary to secure the overdue court rental from the Commonwealth

Please be in touch with this office if you have any questions on the meeting or on its effect on your city or town.

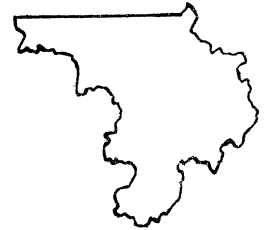
Cities and Town Present

Acton	Boxborough	Hudson	Natick	Stow
Arlington	Cambridge	Lexington	Newton	Sudbury
Ayer	Carlisle	Lincoln	North Reading	Wayland
Bedford	Chelmsford	Maynard	Reading	Weston
Billerica	Concord	Medford	Shirley	Winchester
		Watertown		



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TO: Middlesex County Officials not present at the October 12 meeting
FROM: Mayor Theodore D. Mann, Chairman, MCAB
RE: Quorum Requirements at Advisory Board meetings

On October 12, 23 members of the Middlesex County Advisory Board debated an almost \$2 million supplemental budget request at the Concord District Court. It was not until 10 P.M. when the Cambridge, Billerica, and Chelmsford representatives arrived to round out the quorum that a vote could be taken. Of 100 weighted votes on the Board, 50.14, .14 more than the required 50, were present.

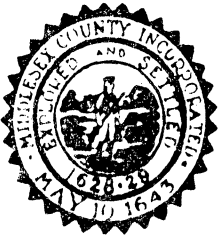
Some cities and towns had unavoidable conflicts. The town of Framingham had a special town meeting that evening to set the tax rate and no selectmen could be present in Concord.

Some cities, such as Everett, did not receive their budget committee recommendations until the day after the meeting. The continual changes in the budget submission by the County Commissioners resulted in the budget committee recommendations being delayed until Thursday afternoon, 6 October. This will not be allowed to occur again as the attached letter to the County Commissioners explains. It should be noted that an announcement concerning a "late September/early October" meeting was sent on August 9, a notice of the time, date, place, and purpose of the meeting was sent on 12 September, and a notice without budget recommendations was sent on 5 October.

There were many significant issues discussed at the meeting in addition to the supplemental budget request. Jim Segel from the Massachusetts Municipal Association presented legislative news. M.D.C. Commissioner William Geary explained a possible \$2 billion dollar impact on cities and towns which are part of the M.D.C. Sewer District. Officers were elected and committees assigned for the current fiscal year. Steps were taken to try and collect the more than \$20 million owed Middlesex by the state in unpaid court rental.

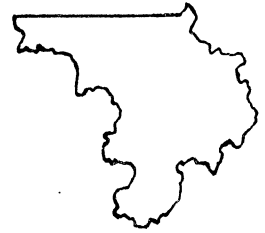
What can be done to assure a quorum at the next Board meeting? The fight to get appropriating authority for the county budget was long and hard. We must act responsibly to keep it.

Your suggestions and updated membership forms can be called or mailed into the Advisory Board office at any time.



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19 October, 1983

Board of County Commissioners
Middlesex County
40 Thorndike Street
Cambridge, MA., 02141

Dear Commissioners;

On September 13, 1983, the County Commissioners voted a supplemental request of \$515,800. September 20 the request increased by \$75,000 and a second half hospital supplemental request of \$6,941,539 was added.

By October 4, the Commissioners changed the total county request to \$526,800, increased the hospital request to \$8,931,327. and provided hospital revenue estimates.

Finally, October 11, one day before the Advisory Board meeting, a hospital reorganization plan, to be voted the next day, was approved by your board.

As members entered the court room at 8:00P.M. October 12, new figures for a capital outlay plan were distributed by the Commissioners.

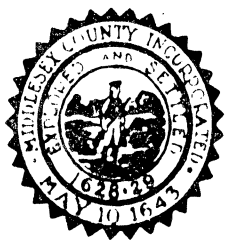
Chapter 35, Section 28B of the Massachusetts General Laws requires an advisory board vote no more than thirty days after submission. It is this advisory board's position that only requests made in that initial submission will be considered. If adequate background material to support such requests does not accompany the submission, the request will be denied. With a support staff paid more than half a million dollars, timely, complete, and accurate budget information is expected.

After the Budget Committee recommendations are complete, the full Board must be notified and given the request and recommendations for its review. Both the Budget Committee and the full Board have insufficient time under your current practise. The recent vote on your capital outlay request demonstrates the Board dissatisfaction with the present method.

In the future any budget request, supplemental or annual, must be delivered in full and on time if a positive vote is expected. We look forward to your cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely;


Theodore D. Mann, Chairman
MCAB



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Committee Assignments - FY'84

Budget

JOHN AGNEW, JR. (Reading)
Paul Boire (Hudson)
Anne Donald (Sudbury)
Irvin Duclos (Ashland)
Richard Fanning (Arlington)
Sherry Martin (Weston)
David Wilkinson (Newton)
Kevin Paicos (No. Reading)
Gena Manalan (Acton)
Robert Folweiler (Bedford)
B. Joseph Tully (Lowell)
Sylvia Shipton (Shirley)
Richard Magerian (Stoneham)
Paul H. Sullivan (Tewksbury)
Robert C. Cain (Wilmington)
Peter Boyer (Watertown)
George Gallitano (Waltham)
Sue Salamoff (Natick)

Legislative

JOHN DELPRETE (Framingham)
Erica Ball (Natick)
Edward Dixon (Weston)
Robert Hargraves (Groton)
Jon E. Zion (Hudson)
Francis Sullivan (Concord)
Susan Salamoff (Natick)

Audit

David Wilkinson (Newton)
Peter Boyer (Watertown)
Gordon Baird (Lincoln)
Ann Sutherland (Lincoln)
Thomas Fallon (Malden)

Capital Expenditure

SHERRY MARTIN (Weston)
Alan Cameron (Carlisle)
Robert Folweiler (Bedford)
Joseph Durant (Hudson)
John Ritscher (Lincoln)

Hospital

GEORGE GALLITANO (WALTHAM)
John Hinckley (Hopkinton)

Personnel

LEONARD ARONSON (Newton)
Peter Boyer (Watertown)
Charles Lyons (Arlington)
John Williams (Winchester)
Jack Ormsbee (Acton)

Insurance

NORMAN ARONSON (Newton)
Gordon Brainard (Billerica)
Peter Boyer (Watertown)
Robert Tennant (Newton)
Evan Weston (Sudbury)

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Comm. from Diane Norris, Coordinator, Middlesex County Advisory Board, transmitting a summary of a Board meeting held on October 12, 1983 at which time officers & committees were appointed.

In City Council,

October 24, 1983

10/24/83

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