



GENERAL ASSEMBLY
STATE OF VERMONT
LEGISLATIVE JOINT FISCAL COMMITTEE

Monday, May 4, 2020

Minutes

Members present: Representatives Ancel, Fagan, Hooper, Lippert, and Toll and Senators Ashe, Cummings, Kitchel, Sears, and Westman.

Other attendees: Joint Fiscal Staff and various viewers on live stream.

Senator Cummings, Chair, called the meeting to order at 8:31 a.m., and Representative Ancel moved to approve the minutes of April 27, 2020, meeting. Senator Westman seconded the motion, and the Committee passed the motion and approved the minutes on a unanimous voice vote.

B. JFO #3004 – \$1,250,000,000 from the U.S. Dept. of the Treasury to the VT Agency of Administration. Funds must be used to support the state response to the COVID-19 pandemic, as directed by the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act, Public Law 116-136 of 2020, Sec. 5001 (establishment of the Coronavirus Relief Fund). [JFO received 05/03/20]

Susanne Young, Secretary, Agency of Administration; Adam Greshin, Commissioner, Department of Finance & Management; and Erica Bornemann, Director, Vermont Emergency Management, reviewed the grant resubmitted, with corrections on May 3, 2020, and a COVID-19 funds tracking document.

The Committee expressed concern about the differences between the adopted conditions for acceptance of the AA1 grant and the Administrations proposed conditions, included within the grant. Secretary Young stated that the two were meant to work in tandem and there was no intent to be different. Secretary Young stated that there was no difference and that they assumed the adopted conditions of the Joint Fiscal Committee would be followed. The Committee requested Legislative Counsel to review and advise them on the differences of the conditions.

Senator Kitchel moved to defer action on the grant to allow additional time for the Committee and staff to review and better understand the ramifications of the Administration's proposed grant conditions. Senator Westman seconded the motion, and the Committee approved the motion on a 9-0-1 vote. The Committee agreed to a next meet on Tuesday, May 5, 2020, at 3:30 p.m. and adjourned at 9:37 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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