

Special Commission on County Governance

Thursday, November 10, 2011
Barnstable County Superior Court House, Room 11/12
3:30 PM

Agenda

Introductions by Co-chairs O'Leary & Rauschenbach

Review of Minutes

Speakers:

- **County Administrator Mark Zielinski:** County Finances
- **Lt. Governor Timothy P. Murray** will address the following questions:
 - Can you explain your regionalization efforts on the State Level?
 - What has happened with the new regional governments that have replaced the old county structures?
 - Are there any new, creative or innovation regional efforts underway that might be applicable to Barnstable County?
 - Can you articulate how the Patrick Administration envisions the future of Barnstable County Government?
 - Do you see us continuing on as a "county"? If not, what do you envision?
 - Are you aware of the wide range of services that our County provides to the towns that are encompassed by the County?
 - Is it possible that the County could become a partner with the Commonwealth and provide services that the Commonwealth now provides?
 - As State Government continues to shrink its workforce and eliminate functions - are there any possibilities in your mind for the County to be a partner in providing services like:
 - Public Health functions
 - Department of Environmental Protection functions
 - Housing and Community Development functions
 - Economic Development functions
 - Understanding you can't commit the Patrick administration to something you haven't seen, would you encourage us to be bold; to establish a new structure with new revenues and might you support such an effort when it requires special state legislation? Is it your belief that a plan such as that would be treated in a holistic way or is there a thought at the statewide level that all county governments should be dissolved?

Discussion and questions relative to presentations

Future Meeting Information: Date, time, place, agenda

Public Comment