



County Commissioners

Commissioner Carol Holden



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Hillsborough County

- County is a corporate body administered by Board of Commissioners
- Largest county in New Hampshire – 409,000 (2005)
- Bond rating Aa2 (Highest in NH)
- 893 square miles
- 800+ employees



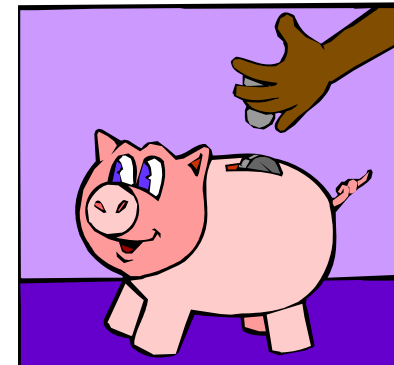
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- Commissioners have the general management and control of the financial affairs of the county and the management and control of its property [O'Brien v. County, 80NH 522 (1923).]
- Mission - Good policy making and internal controls to ensure County property and personnel are properly managed.
 - Fair and effective personnel management
 - Assets protected against loss and misuse
 - Risk management is adequately assessed
 - Long term financial balance is maintained
 - Resources used prudently
 - Programs are achieving their intended outcomes



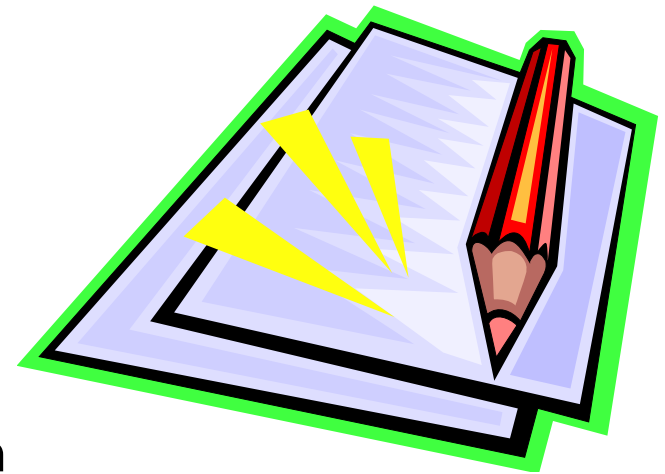
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- Financial Management
 - Oversee and manage financial affairs of County
 - County appropriations
 - Financial statements of income, expenses, assets, and liabilities.
 - Purchase and sell personal property
 - Execute contracts
- Legal Representation
 - Suits (RSA 28:17)
 - Legal Counsel (RSA 28:17-a)
 - Expenses of suits (RSA 28-18)
 - Resolve claims (RSA 28-19)



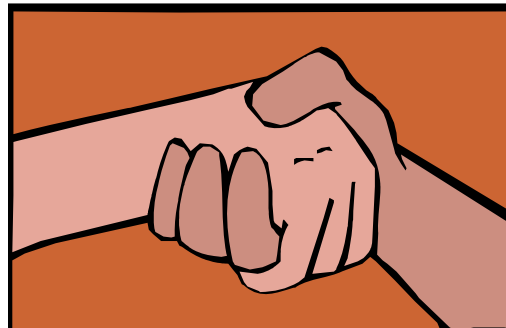
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- **General Government**
 - Insurance
 - Professional fees
 - Dues
- **Projects**
 - Capital improvements and Master Plan
 - Non-routine maintenance
- **Grants**
- **Education /Communication**
 - Monitor & testify on bills
 - Serve on boards: NHAC and NACo



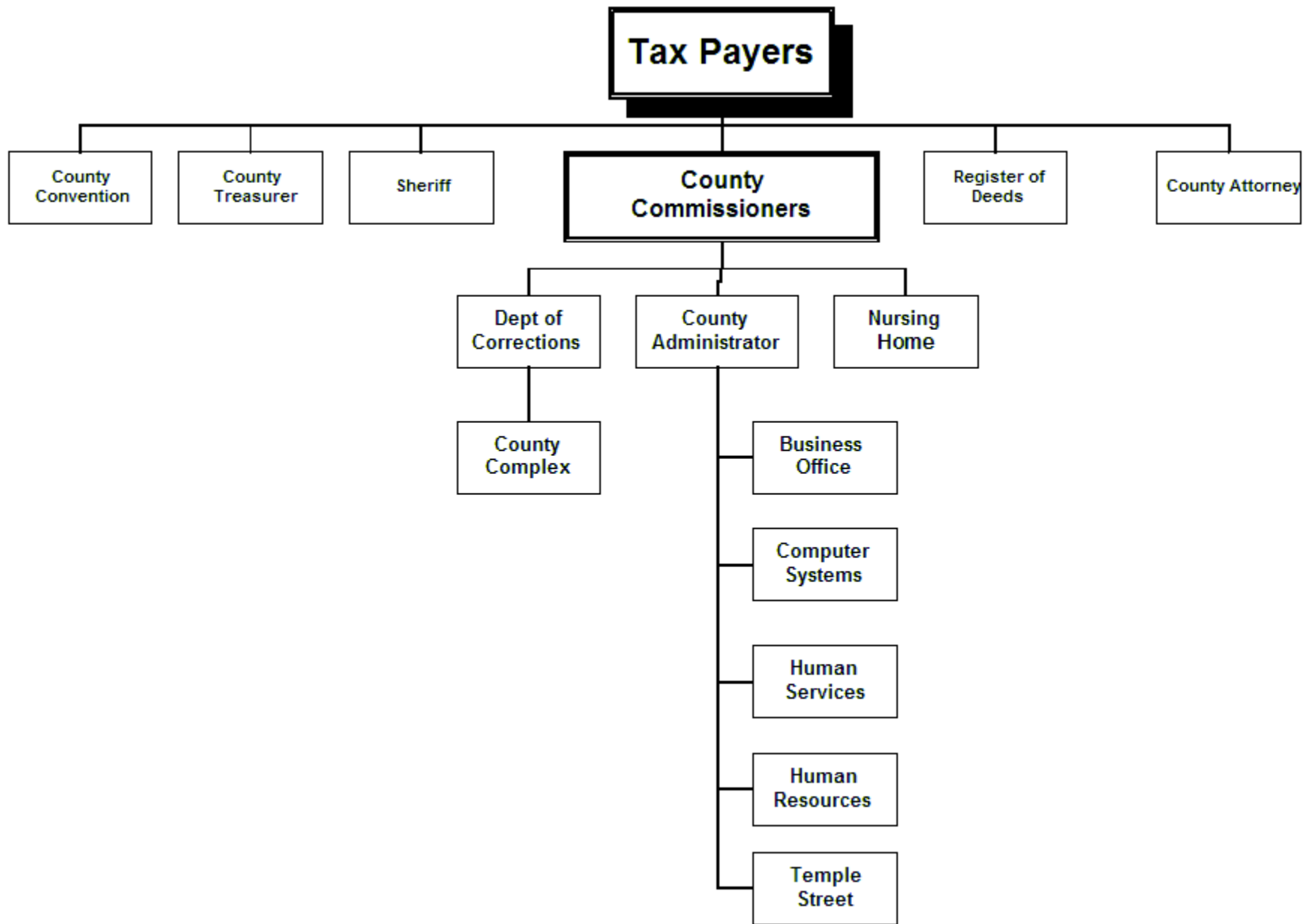
Working Together

- Commissioners
 - Propose budget
 - Recommend projects
 - Recommend the purchase and sale of County real estate
 - Negotiate union contracts
- Delegation
 - Appropriate funds
 - Authorize funds
 - Authorize the purchase and sale of County real estate
 - Approve cost items of union contracts



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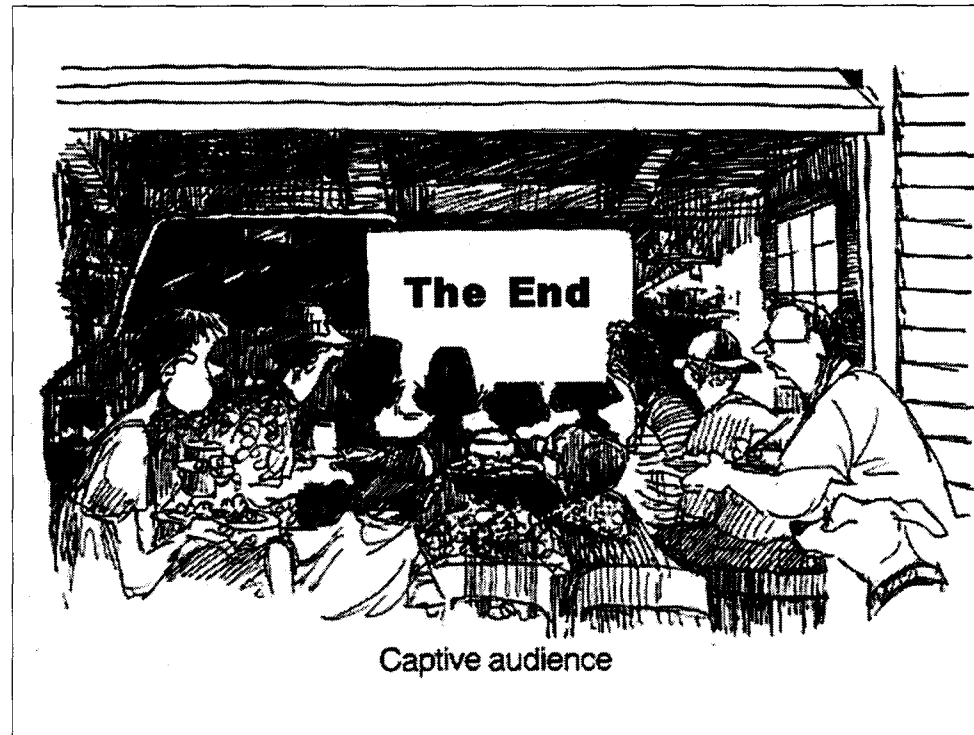
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