

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Administration Building
3855 Dartmouth College Highway
North Haverhill, NH
Monday March 15, 2010

PRESENT: Representatives Mulholland, Ford, Williams, Friedrich, Laliberte, Aguiar, Gionet, Preston and Ward, Commissioners Cryans, Executive Director Clough and Secretary Martino.

OTHERS: Register of Deeds Sharp

Rep. Mulholland called the meeting to order at 10:05 AM

Rep. Williams moved to approve the Executive Committee minutes from March 1, 2010, which was seconded by Rep. Ford. Reps. Ford, Mulholland and Williams were in favor. Reps. Laliberte, Gionet and Aguiar abstained. (Rep. Ward, Preston and Friedrich had not arrived)

Reps. Ward and Preston arrived.

Executive Director Clough informed the committee that there was no Treasurer for the meeting. When asked why that was, Director Clough said that she was informed by the Treasurer that she had exams through the 16th.. Director Clough said that there is still money in all three accounts and that money would need to be drawn down soon.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S FINANCIAL REPORT

Director Clough gave her report next as she had an appointment that she had to leave for. Director Clough reviewed the Variance Report on the revenue side saying that the Farm and Interest will be finishing in the red. On the expense side she noted that HS will not be over expended as the bills are paid as they are received. Once the cap has been reached the number will level out.

Rep. Gionet asked what the Governors Commission fund was and Director Clough said that it was a grant that pays for a licensed alcohol counselor in the Jail and it has been received for the past three or four years now.

Director Clough reviewed the Revenue/Expense report saying that revenue is slightly ahead and the County is below in expenses. Undesignated balance is just under \$3M.

The census at the Nursing Home was 131 with two admissions due in. There are 82 inmates at the Jail with 21 in Drug Court, 10 out on the electronic monitoring bracelet and 6 in treatment.

10:11 AM Rep. Friedrich arrived.

Rep. Aguiar move to accept the Executive Director's report which was seconded by Rep. Ford. All were in favor.

COMMISSIONERS' REPORT

Commissioner Cryans began his report by referring to a letter that was received from the Supreme Court stating that they had had some issues with transcripts from several appeals and that although they don't believe there is anything incorrect in the transcript from the Jail lawsuit they are still going to have the transcript reviewed by the transcription company . The Court stated that if the County did not see any discrepancies in the transcript, they could inform the Court that a review by Rand would not need to be done; otherwise it would take weeks to complete the review. The Supreme Court would not take any action on the recent oral hearing until this was complete. Director Clough said that the legal team for the County reviewed the transcripts and did not see any discrepancies. The attorney for the Plaintiff's would most likely have to agree that a review did not need to be conducted though he has not responded to letter as of this date.

Rep. Mulholland asked how long of a setback this would be and Commissioner Cryans said that letter said it would take several weeks which could translate into months.

- The oral argument on the Elected Official's salaries would be heard on the 24th of March at 10:00 at the Supreme Court in Concord.
- There will be a Drug Court graduation on the 19th of May and if all goes well there will be six graduates. Commissioner Cryans gave a brief overview of the Drug Court process.

Rep. Ford said there is a financial commitment on the part of participants as well. Questions were asked as to how many overall participants there had been. Director Clough said there had been 38 total with 13 failing the program and going to State prison. There are 4 females in the current program. Commissioner Cryans said that the women have the highest rate of failure which is because of the trauma issues that they face.

Rep. Preston asked how soon after beginning the program do people usually fail and Commissioner Cryans said that he didn't know for sure but assumed that it was early in the program.

10:23 Director Clough was excused.

- There will be a GED graduation on the 31st of March at 10:00 AM.
- On April 8th from 4-6PM at Horse Meadow Senior Citizen's Center, the President of UNH will be holding County Conversations.
- Budget meetings are ongoing.

Rep. Mulholland asked if all the committee members were agreeable to do overviews on the same Department budgets they did last year, which they were.

Rep. Gionet asked Commissioner Cryans how the negotiations with Woodsville Water & Light were going and he replied that the County has not heard back from them since they received the MOA. Rep. Gionet stated that although he knows there are different opinions, his belief was that the County should have their own water tank/source.

Rep. Preston moved to accept the Commissioners' Report which was seconded by Rep. Aguiar. All were in favor.

The next Executive Committee meeting will be held on April 19th beginning at 9:00 AM.

10:55 AM Rep. Ford moved to adjourn, which was seconded by Rep Laliberte. All were in favor and with no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Phil Preston, Clerk