

GRAFTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING

Jail Conference Room  
North Haverhill, NH 03774  
February 5, 2013

PRESENT: Commissioners Mike Cryans, and Ray Burton, Director Julie Clough and Secretary Martino.

EXCUSED: Martha Richards

**Nursing Home Administrator Craig Labore** arrived.

9:10 AM Commissioner Cryans opened the meeting which began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

NHA Labore began his report by saying the census was 134 and they have been very consistent for a number of months.

Winter Carnival will be held for the residents on the 15<sup>th</sup> of February beginning at 7:00 PM

NHA Labore is working on his budget for presentation to the Commissioners and Union negotiations are coming up soon.

A sub-committee of five County Nursing Home affiliate members, which he is a part of, has been organized to take a more detailed review of the Medicaid Managed Care.

NHA Labore requested a waiver of bid to be able to purchase some slings for the existing lifts they have, which have worn out. He said that because the slings are meant to go specifically with the particular lifts they have, only one company was looked at. He requested the purchase of the slings from EZ Way Inc. in the amount of \$6942.40.

Commissioner Burton moved to approve the waiving of the bid for the slings and to allow the Nursing Home to purchase them from EZ Way Inc. in the amount of \$6,942.40 which was seconded by Commissioner Cryans. All were in favor.

NHA Labore informed the Commissioners that there is a bill at the state for mandatory drug testing for healthcare workers and if that bill passes, it may have an impact on his budget. He said he expected it to pass in some form but he didn't know what the ramifications of that would be.

Commissioner Burton asked NHA Labore if Reiki treatments were done at the Nursing Home and he replied they were not but he would be open to the idea, along with the idea of message therapy.

Commissioner Burton moved to approve the minutes from January 29, 2013 which was seconded by Commissioner Cryans. All were in favor.

The Commissioners signed the check registers.

Director Clough received resolutions from Meredith Village Savings Bank and Ledyard Bank requesting that Commissioner Burton as Clerk, certify by signature that Bonnie Parker is the Grafton County Treasurer and that Frank Stiegler is Deputy Treasurer.

Commissioner Cryans moved to have Commissioner Burton as Clerk, verify and certify with a signature on the requested resolutions that Bonnie Parker is the Grafton County Treasurer and that Frank Stiegler is Deputy Treasurer which was seconded by Commissioner Burton. All were in favor.

Commissioner Burton signed the resolutions.

**Maintenance Superintendent Jim Oakes** arrived to talk to the Commissioners about closing down the old jail. He said he had spoken to the North Haverhill Fire Chief who approved the decision. Supt. Oakes said that he could shut down all the water to the building, suspend the elevator and water service but the power would have to stay on in order for the pump station to work properly.

Commissioner Cryans asked if there were any drawbacks to doing this and Supt. Oakes replied that there may be some issues with water in the pipes that would have to be taken out in buckets and some of the drains may still be frozen from the leak that had recently which could be a problem. He said he could do more in six or seven weeks.

Commissioner Cryans said there is always a concern that the Delegation won't approve the demolition and asked Supt. Oakes what would happen in that case. Supt. Oakes replied that if the building is mothballed properly there shouldn't be any damage.

There was a discussion as to what was still left in the building for salvage material and how the building would be taken down. Supt. Oakes said it would be his preference to be able to close things down systematically and slowly and Commissioner Cryans said he thought that waiting until the Delegation voted on the 11<sup>th</sup> of March to close the building would be fine and Commissioner Burton agreed.

Commissioner Cryans signed and initialed the paperwork for the NHCDFR application for CDBG funds and Commissioner Burton signed as Clerk.

Director Clough presented a contract for the property re-evaluation of the unincorporated town of Livermore, which is required by law every five years.

Commissioner Burton moved to approve the contract for the re-evaluation which was seconded by Commissioner Cryans. All were in favor.

The Commissioners reviewed the DoC Superior Court Report.

There was a discussion about the four venues that were viewed to hold the NHACo Conference this year of which Grafton County is the host. The Mount Washington, Attitash, the Mountain View Grand and Waterville Valley were all looked at and the consensus of those who reviewed the venues thought that the Mountain View Grand in Whitefield would be the best all around choice. Commissioner Cryans attended the site

view of Waterville Valley yesterday and said he didn't think that it would be the right accommodations for the conference. Both Commissioners were in a agreement of the choice.

There was some discussion about what the Commissioners would like to see at the conference. Commissioner Burton thought that Drug Court should have some presence there and he would like to see a celebration of some of the successes of the County. Commissioner Cryans said he would like to see things available to a larger number of employees and said it would be nice to do something memorable.

10:33 AM With no further business the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully,

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Raymond S. Burton, Clerk