

GRAFTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING
3855 Dartmouth College Hwy.
North Haverhill, NH 03774
March 5, 2013

PRESENT: Commissioners Mike Cryans, Ray Burton and Martha Richards, and Secretary Martino.

Nursing Home Administrator Craig Labore arrived.

9:00 AM Commissioner Cryans opened the meeting which began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner Cryans began by noting the passing of Dr. C. Everett Koop of Hanover, to whom he had dedicated the annual report to in December, and Commissioner Burton's mother who was at the Grafton County Nursing Home and passed at the age of 95. Commissioner Cryans offered his deepest sympathies to Commissioner Burton and his family on behalf of Grafton County.

Commissioner Burton said that family, church, the grange and Grafton County Senior Citizens were a big part of his mother's life. He thanked NHA Labore and the staff at the Nursing Home, for making her stay a pleasant one.

Commissioner Richards noted that Milton Huckins of Holderness also passed at the age of 94 and had offered some land for use to the Soldier On project.

NHA Labore began his report beginning with the census of 133. He said they expected to be back at full census soon.

NHA Labore informed the Commissioners that the Nursing Home had been part of a NH Joint Underwriting Association settlement class action suit involving medical malpractice and the suit was settled in favor of the plaintiffs. The County has since received a check in the amount of \$208K and there should be another payment to come. It has not been fully decided how that money will be used.

Budget preparations for the Nursing Home are being discussed and Union negotiations are ongoing.

There will be a St. Patrick's Day party for the residents of the Nursing Home on the 15th of March at 2:00 PM.

NHA Labore asked to speak with the Commissioners in non-public to discuss an employee.

*9:20 AM - Commissioner Richards then moved to enter into non-public session for the purposes of discussing the dismissal, promotion, or compensation of any public employee or the disciplining of such employee according to RSA 91-A:3, II (a). Commissioner Burton seconded the motion. This motion requires a roll call vote, Commissioner Cryans called the roll. Commissioner Richards "yes";

Commissioner Burton “yes” Commissioner Cryans “yes”; Commissioner Cryans stated that a majority of the board voted yes and would now go into non-public session.

*9:30 AM– Commissioner Cryans declared the meeting back in public session.

Commissioner Richards moved to permanently seal the minutes from the just completed non-public session in the event they could affect the reputation of someone other than those of the Board of Commissioners. Commissioner Burton seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Commissioner Richards moved to approve the recommendation of NHA Labore move an employee up one grade which was seconded by Commissioner Burton. All were in favor.

Commissioner Burton asked if there was any movement in the Medicaid Managed Care and NHA Labore replied there was not.

Commissioner Cryans asked if there the 2% reduction because of the sequester would have any affect on things and NHA Labore said he didn't think there would be that much of an impact because it only affects those with Medicare and it would probably be under \$10K

Commissioner Cryans asked if everyone had read the minutes and if there were any changes. Commissioner Richards made some edits.

Commissioner Burton moved to approve the minutes as amended which was seconded by Commissioner Richards. All were in favor.

The Commissioners signed the check registers.

COMMISSIONER ISSUES:

Commissioner Burton had received a letter from Sen. Shaheen's office touching base and letting him know that she is available if needed. Commissioner Burton said it has always been the practice in the past to offer an office in the Administration building if someone from an elected official's office wanted to hold office hours here.

Commissioner Richards asked if it would be appropriate to offer the towns of Warren and Plymouth a donation from the County in the amount of \$250 each, which would go toward their 250 anniversary celebration. Commissioner Cryans said it would probably not be appropriate as there will be a number of towns that will be having their anniversaries in years to come and if it were done for one, it would have to be done for others. It was decided that the County would present them with some type of commendation instead.

Commissioner Cryans said that he attended the NHACo executive committee meeting and Lori Shibinette from Merrimack County took the place of Sue Collins on the committee.

Theresa Young is now filling the Public Deposit Pool Board and a recommendation has been made to the Governor for that position.

Commissioners Cryans and Richards attended the last UNHCE monthly meeting and now Kathy Taylor is the Chairman, Luther Kenny is the Vice Chairman and Martha McLeod is the Secretary. Chuck Townsend is the Delegation member represented on the committee.

*10:10 AM - Commissioner Richards then moved to enter into non-public session for the purposes of discussing the dismissal, promotion, or compensation of any public employee or the disciplining of such employee according to RSA 91-A:3, II (a). Commissioner Burton seconded the motion. This motion requires a roll call vote, Commissioner Cryans called the roll. Commissioner Richards "yes"; Commissioner Burton "yes" Commissioner Cryans "yes"; Commissioner Cryans stated that a majority of the board voted yes and would now go into non-public session.

*10:32 AM– Commissioner Cryans declared the meeting back in public session.

Commissioner Richards moved to permanently seal the minutes from the just completed non-public session in the event they could affect the reputation of someone other than those of the Board of Commissioners. Commissioner Burton seconded the motion. All were in favor.

10:32 AM With no further business the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully,

Raymond S. Burton, Clerk