

GRAFTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING

3855 Dartmouth College Hwy.

North Haverhill, NH 03774

May 14th 2013

PRESENT: Commissioners Ray Burton, Mike Cryans and Martha Richards, Director Clough and Admin Assistant S. Tempelmeyer

Commissioner Cryans called the Meeting to order at 2:08 and began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

* 2:10 PM Commissioner Richards moved to enter into non-public session for the purposes of discussing the hiring of any person as a public employee per RSA 91-A: 3, II (b) 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.

* 3:45 PM 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 Cryans seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Supt. Jim Oakes arrived to open the bids for the demo of the jail. He stated Chris Whitcher was there to discuss bidding on the demo of the jail. Supt Oakes stated that Mr. Whitcher had his secretary contact the Commissioners' Office back in April to inquire about bidding on the project and she was told that the bid documents were not out yet and that they would let Mr. Whitcher know when they were. Supt Oakes stated that no one had told him that Mr. Whitcher called. He stated that his guess was that Mr. Whitcher was waiting for a call to inform him on the bids. Supt Oakes stated that it was well advertised in the newspapers as well as in three (3) or four (4) Trade publications that really get it out there when we advertise. He then stated that Mr. Whitcher said that he saw something about the bid after the fact and realized he had missed the deadline. Mr. Whitcher stated that he understands that he missed the deadline and that there was no excuse why this slipped through their fingers but he wanted to come in and see what he could do as this is what he does and it is in his backyard. He stated that he had done the demolition on the barns when they burnt several years ago.

Commissioner Richards asked Mr. Whitcher if he had done a lot of demo work over the years. Mr. Whitcher stated that they have been in business for 12 years. They are based in Warren. Commissioner Richards also asked if he has ever been in the jail and Mr. Whitcher stated that he has not been in the jail. He stated that if he was given the opportunity that he could have a proposal within 48 hours or in 24 hours if needed.

Commissioner Burton stated that he has known Mr. Whitcher's family for years and that there is no question in his opinion it slipped through the cracks. He stated that if we monkey around with these bids and try to open the door for somebody who did not bid in the normal manner, then we would be opening ourselves up with others. He moved on to state that speaking for himself that he is not trying to maneuver things for Mr. Whitcher as much as he admires him, his business and his family. Commissioner Burton stated that Mr. Whitcher should make sure that he is on all the bid lists for the county and leave a business card.

Supt. Oakes stated what they are looking for with the bids is not only the price, but to make sure that they have documented proof that they are qualified to do the work, and they have to be able to clearly show that they are going to be able to meet the project timeline. He stated that they are looking for at least three (3) projects in similar size and scope.

Bids were as follows:

All-ways Wrecking (Bridgewater, NH): \$185,000
Hammond Grinding & Recycling (Caanan, NH): \$129,997
Spears Brothers Building Wrecking (Laconia, NH): \$68,000
Jay-Mor Enterprises (Pelham, NH): \$186,650
Green Environmental/William Renard (Norwell, MA): \$94,700

Supt. Oakes will take the bids and review them. He will come back before the Board at their meeting next week to make a recommendation for awarding the bid.

FM Kimball arrived and presented his report to the Commissioners:

May Farm Report 2013

We are currently milking 78 head and shipping 12,300 lbs for an average of 78 lbs per cow. The price of milk remains at \$19.96 per hundredweight.

We are doing spring work which consists of getting the ground ready for planting and planting our crops for the year. This also includes getting the equipment ready for the various types of planting we do.

We have 75 acres of cow corn planted. We are now planting potatoes, 10 ton this year. We have started putting seeds in the ground for the Farm Stand. We have planted four rows of beans, two yellow and two green. After the frost tonight, we will be planting some of the Greenhouse started plants and more seeds and hope to complete the first round of planting in the Farm Stand Garden by the 31st of May.

Our next project after planting is done is to mend fences and build fence to pasture dry cows and heifers below the DOC.

FM Kimball stated that the rain helped with the seeds, they planted 5 acres of corn the 2nd of May and it is already showing.

Commissioner Burton asked for a status of the farm equipment. FM Kimball stated that the equipment is getting old, but they keep it up as best they can. He also stated that the inmate labor is shorthanded, the inmates are going through the Crossroads program at the Jail right now which puts them in a bind but they're getting by. He also stated that they starting to sell pigs. They started with 10 litters and 2 left. He also stated that they have 70 hens producing around 60 eggs everyday, which go to the jail, nursing home, Hatchland Dairy and the Farm Stand once it opens.

Commissioner Richards asked if the budget passes when FM Kimball will plan on getting his mixing wagon. FM Kimball stated that he will need it as soon as possible. Commissioner Richards then asked about then hens and what happens after they get too old to lay eggs. FM Kimball stated that after the hens are too old which is about after a year they get bought back.

Commissioner Burton asked about the beehives. FM Kimball stated that he knows someone from 4H who was going to have a hive here but he hasn't got ahold of him yet. He stated that Dick Fabrizio from Windy Ridge Orchard has someone bring in hives and takes care of them. He stated that might be an avenue for the county to have someone bring in hives and take care of them.

Commissioner Richards asked FM Kimball to check with Mr. Fabrizio about possibly getting hives.

FM Kimball stated that he would like to request an upgrade for one of his farm employees. He stated that the employee is currently considered a Farm Helper but he is more of an Asst. Herdsman/Milker. FM Kimball stated that working with HR they have come up with a new job title/position and he would like to have this new job description replace the Farm Helper job description, this would then move his employee up to an Assistant Herdsman. He stated that these two employees he has are very good County employees and that he believes one will step in when he retires.

Director Clough stated that they don't have an Asst. Herdsman position. She stated that there is the Manager, then the Herdsman position and the Farm Helper position. In looking at what FM Kimball's current Farm Helper does, it is a lot more than what the job description entails. She stated that this new job would not add another position, but would replace the Farm Helper position; it would be two (2) pay grades higher because of the added responsibility the position has. She stated that it would be a \$.40 cent an hour increase, which works out as \$20 a week more.

Commissioner Burton stated that they should go ahead with the change. He stated that he seldom sees a vet bill which means they are taking good care of the herd. Commissioner Burton moved to approve the position change and make it effective the start of the next pay period. Commissioner Richards seconded the motion, all were in favor.

Commissioner Cryans asked if everyone had a chance to read the minutes from the May 07, 2013 meeting and if there were any edits. Commissioner Richards had several edits. Commissioner Burton moved to approve the minutes as amended. Commissioner Richards seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Commissioners signed the check registers.

Commissioner Richards stated that she will do a press release announcing the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for the Biomass Plant.

Director Clough submitted a resolution for the commissioners to sign making May National Drug Court Month. Commissioner Burton moved to adopt the resolution to make the month of May be known as National Drug Court Month, Commissioner Richards seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Director Clough presented an application for Educational Assistant to the Commissioners for their approval. Commissioner Burton moved approval of the application, seconded by Commissioner Richards, all were in favor.

Director Clough submitted the Drug Court Case Manager Report for the month of April to be signed by Commissioner Cryans.

Director Clough presented an out-of-state travel request from Bob Gasser for Case Manager Jennifer Stone to travel to Marlborough, MA for a one-day seminar. It will require a one night stay in a hotel. Commissioner Richards moved to approve the out-of-state travel request, seconded by Commissioner Burton, all were in favor.

Commissioner Issues:

Commissioner Burton asked Director Clough if she could get a list of the CDGB Grants that the County has had for the last ten (10) years.

Commissioner Burton stated that it should be noted that the County had a very successful family day at the GCNH. He stated that it was organized by Harvest Fisher and all of her staff. He stated it was an estimated 200 people attended.

Commissioner Burton submitted a letter to Director Clough from Dr. Genereaux which requires response after consultation, relative to people being denied coming into the Nursing Home.

Commissioner Burton stated that he wanted to thank and show his appreciation for all that was put into celebrating April's New Hampshire County Government month on May 1st.

4:55 PM being no other business Commissioner Richards moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Burton seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Raymond S. Burton, Clerk