

GRAFTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING

3855 Dartmouth College Hwy

North Haverhill, NH 03774

October 8th 2013

PRESENT: Commissioners Ray Burton and Mike Cryans, Director Clough and Admin Assistant S. Norcross

EXCUSED: Commissioner Richards

Commissioner Cryans called the meeting to order at 9:05 AM and began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

FM Kimball arrived and gave the following report:

- 1.) We are milking 68 cows and shipping 10,600 lbs. of milk for an average of 78 lbs. per cow.
- 2.) We are using our new mixer wagon and the cows are doing better since we changed the feed program. Butter fat is up to 3.7 from 3.2.
- 3.) Howard Hatch chopped our cow corn for us. The cow corn was down in production and we couldn't chop about 3 acres because of the wet ground. We will chop the rest later.
- 4.) Farm stand was doing outstanding until the potatoes got hit with several different things. Hollow Heart, Pink Rot and we got late blight. We spoke with Heather Bryant and she suggested we wait for two weeks before we resume harvesting. This was to let the rotten potatoes rot off and if any good potatoes we were left, we could harvest them. So far we have sold or donated 55 tons of potatoes and we were looking for our best year to date.
- 5.) Woodsville Elementary School is coming for Pumpkin Day on October 15th.

FM Kimball stated that they wash and separate all potatoes to get rid of any rotten potatoes.

Commissioner Burton commended FM Kimball for working with other administrators in the County to move the farming operation forward and making sure that no bad potatoes get through and if they do, immediately compensating the customer with a new bag of potatoes.

Commissioner Cryans stated that there has been some discussion with Coos County about having the sub-committee of their Delegation come to tour the farm facility. The Commissioners, FM Kimball and Director Clough discussed dates and stated that they will have the Coos Sub-Committee of the Delegation come on November 7th at 10:00 if that date works for them.

Director Clough stated that the Coos County delegation is in the process of deciding whether or not to tear down their barns and sell their farm land. Coos County Commissioner Samson is trying to prevent the barns from being torn down and the land being sold, so he would like to bring the sub-committee down to tour the Grafton County Farm to see the facility and the farm land then have a meeting with the Farm Advisory Committee, Commissioners and FM Kimball.

Commissioner Burton asked what happened with the old milking pulsators. FM Kimball stated that they are still in the barn. They are waiting for maintenance to come and complete the wiring needed to install the new pulsators.

Register of Deeds Kelley Monahan arrived and gave the following report:

**Grafton County Registry of Deeds
Kelley J. Monahan Register
Report to Commissioners
September 10, 2013**

August Revenue

County Revenue 8/2009 \$ 79,119.71	State Revenue 8/2009 \$451,161.32
County Revenue 8/2010 \$ 82,306.17	State Revenue 8/2010 \$561,433.92
County Revenue 8/2011 \$ 92,307.85	State Revenue 8/2011 \$665,294.40
County Revenue 8/2012 \$ 91,223.74	State Revenue 8/2012 \$599,279.09
County Revenue 8/2013 \$100,189.73	State Revenue 8/2013 \$832,447.97

Foreclosures 2009 121 year to date
2010 151 year to date
2011 146 year to date
2012 130 year to date
2013 114 year to date

Equipment Surcharge Balance \$114,377.12
CD \$60,629.80
Bank of NH \$50,492.10

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1. During the power washing of the back of the Administration building, we detected a big leak coming in from the back porch. It leaked a stream of water onto the files containing historic indexes. Everything in the room was protected in plastic. After investigating the incident with staff member Mary DeRosia, we determined that there were two leaks during that work period. The Maintenance Dept was contacted to mop up the standing puddles.
2. On September 16, 2013, I will be speaking to the Upper Valley Library Cooperative regarding my proposal to offer subscriptions of our new search engine to the libraries of Grafton County. Exploratory conversations with Hanover, Lebanon and Orford have been very positive. This proposal would provide free and secure access to municipal historical societies, conservation commissions and the public.
3. We will be offering two New Hampshire specific webinar trainings to our professional users (accounts). They are scheduled for Sept 24 and Sept 26, and should only take an hour. We are keeping our account holders informed with notices in their monthly statement. These will not be the last time they are offered, and I have invited everyone to view at the registry

4. On August 19th I spoke to the Haverhill Board of Selectman to answer the questions that were presented at their meeting on July 29th. I gave each a copy of NH RSA 478:17-g, which states the following “For copying any document or providing any other service, the charge shall be established and posted by the register of deeds.” I stayed until all concerns were addressed.

Commissioner Cryans asked K. Monahan how she sees things continuing for a while. K. Monahan stated that it is the big sales that come through and drive so much. She stated that she wishes that \$180,000 homes were selling more but she believes there is great value in Grafton County Land.

Commissioner Cryans asked if everyone had a chance to read the minutes. Commissioner Burton moved to approve minutes. Commissioner Cryans seconded the motion and all were in favor.

The Commissioners signed check registers.

Director Clough submitted the GCDoc Superior Court Report to the Commissioners for their review.

Director Clough discussed, with the Commissioners, the Tax Apportionment of the Grafton County Towns that was received from the Dept. of Revenue Administration.

Director Clough gave the Commissioners a thank you card from the Grafton County Home Association regarding the contribution that was made, on from Grafton County, in memory of Kevin Kennedy.

Commissioner Cryans stated that he attended the memorial services for Kevin Kennedy at the Nursing Home and presented Kevin’s 15 year services pins to each of his siblings.

Commissioner Burton stated that he will not be at the Commissioner’s meeting on the 15th. He will be attending a meeting at Health and Human Services regarding the Senior Meals Program throughout the state.

Commissioner Burton asked for a conference update. Director Clough updated the Commissioners.

Commissioner Cryans stated that he attended the symposium co-hosted by Ray Burton and Senator Woodburn in Whitefield regarding issues concerning the northern part of the state.

Commissioner Cryans stated that he was on WTSL and was asked if he had any advice as to what could be improved at the federal level. He stated they, democrats and republicans, need to find a way to work together.

Commissioner Burton stated he attended the Good Ole Boys meeting on Monday October 7th.

Atty. Saffo arrived and gave the following report:

Commissioner Burton asked who pushes the button to ok the use of video between Plymouth and the Department of Corrections. Atty. Saffo stated that the administration side of the judicial branch is the one who gives the permission.

Commissioner Cryans asked when a new judge is appointed how long it will take to get them in court. Atty. Saffo stated that it depends what kind of practice they have and how quickly they can wrap that up. She stated that it would be roughly 60 days to wrap up training and practice.

Atty. Saffo stated that the Drug Court Team that attended the Drug Court Annual Conference learned about the SCRAM bracelet. She stated that it is an alcohol monitoring and electronic monitoring bracelet. The cost is \$1400 per bracelet to purchase it and then there is a \$4 per day fee when the bracelet is in use. Coordinator Gasser has stated that the users will have to pay for the daily fee of the bracelet. Coordinator Bob Gasser asked Atty. Saffo to ask the Commissioners who will sign the 2 year contract for the bracelets. Atty. Saffo stated that it will be for people who are relapsing on alcohol, not for people who are just entering the program. The Judge is the one who decides who is eligible for the bracelet.

Commissioner Cryans asked Director Clough who will sign the contract. Director Clough stated that the Commissioners normally do not sign the operating contracts. The Commissioners stated that Atty. Saffo will sign the contract and tell the Drug Court Coordinator that the budget needs to be monitored so it is not over expended.

Commissioner Burton stated that at the Governor and Council meeting on October 2nd they passed a retroactive agreement that he will give to Atty. Saffo. He stated that he asked Atty. General Joe Foster to make sure it was on the agenda for the next County Atty's meeting. He stated it supports the construction and implementation of a subscription notification service component of the New Hampshire Department of Safety established criminal information sharing system J1. He stated the system is scheduled to connect the State Prison, Courts, and County Jails and designed to allow for future inclusion of all police departments, County Attorneys and other agencies within the State Criminal Justice System.

11:00 AM With no further business the meeting adjourn

Respectfully submitted,

Raymond S. Burton, Clerk