

## GRAFTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING

Office of the Commissioners  
3855 Dartmouth College Hwy.  
N. Haverhill, NH 03774  
Tuesday September 1, 2009

PRESENT: Commissioners Michael Cryans, Ray Burton, Executive Director Clough and Secretary Martino

EXCUSED: Commissioner Richards

Commissioner Burton moved to approve the minutes from August 25, 2009, which was seconded by Commissioner Cryans. All were in favor.

Director Clough informed the Commissioners that a preliminary agenda and early registration for the NHAC Conference was available. Conference runs October 26-27.

There will be a going away party for Attorney Rick St. Hilaire for all County employees to attend, on October 1<sup>st</sup> from 12:00 PM to 2:00 PM at the Courthouse. Invitations to County employees will be sent out.

A letter was received from Atty. St. Hilaire regarding an incident that he had been contacted by the Deeds Affiliate President. Attorney St. Hilaire felt it was his position to notify both the Register of Deeds and the Commissioners that they should engage in a conversation about the incident. The incident is regarding redactions to records in the Deeds office and a petition for such from the Court that Register Sharp allegedly assisted an attorney in drafting. Director Clough inquired when the Commissioners would like this to be scheduled. It was decided that it would be scheduled for September 15<sup>th</sup> as that was the next meeting all three (3) Commissioners would be attending.

Commissioner Cryans signed the Equitable Sharing Agreement and Certification Form for the Sheriff's Dept.

An out of state travel request was presented through the Sheriff's office, for a Deputy to attend a seminar in Massachusetts.

Commissioner Burton moved to approve the out of state travel, which was seconded by Commissioner Cryans. All were in favor.

An out of state travel request was presented through UNH Cooperative Extension for one their educators to attend a conference in Alabama, which is a conference that has been attended every year.

Commissioner Burton moved to approve the out of state travel, which was seconded by Commissioner Cryans. All were in favor.

North Country Council will hold its annual conference on October 8, 2009 at 5:00 PM at Attitash.

Coos County will be having a meeting on September 16<sup>th</sup> to discuss the Coos County Farm and its future. Commissioner Burton said that he would like to see someone from the Grafton County administrative level attend this meeting as this is what the Grafton County Farm is facing as well and it would be a good opportunity to hear some other opinions and suggestions.

The Commissioners signed all the TAN paperwork.

A request was received for a prayer meeting to be held in front of the Courthouse on September 11<sup>th</sup> for approximately one hour. The Commissioners agreed to the prayer meeting providing it be open to all denominations.

Commissioner Cryans signed the sub-recipient agreement for AHEAD CDBG.

Director Clough said that the survey team was at the Nursing Home last week and she attended the exit interview. She said the Nursing Home would likely not be deficient free but that all issues could be address rather easily. She said the survey team said that overall it was a good survey.

\*9:41 AM – Commissioner Burton moved to enter into Executive Session as per RSA 91-A:3, Paragraph II, Section a). Commissioner Cryans seconded the motion. All were in favor.

\*9:45 AM– Commissioner Burton moved to come out of Executive Session and to permanently seal the Minutes from the Session. Commissioner Cryans seconded the motion. All were in favor. No motions were made and no actions were taken while in Executive Session.

Commissioner Burton moved to support the recommendations of NHA Bolander in the temporary suspension of two nurses, with no further action taken, which was seconded by Commissioner Cryans. All were in favor.

Director Clough was excused to attend another meeting.

Human Services Administrator Bishop arrived with a copy of expenses per town to date. She said that \$1.1M has been paid down on the cap for the year. There will be a State Finance meeting on the 8<sup>th</sup> and the topic will be the cap.

HSA Bishop will be attending the NHAC meeting on the 25<sup>th</sup> to appoint new officers.

A letter was received from GCSSC saying that because of new State rules, they will be closing their day care program. Grafton County had budgeted \$3500 for the day care at the Senior Center and they are requesting that the remainder of the money be transferred over to into their expanding adult in-home day care, which HSA Bishop supported.

Commissioner Burton motioned to approve moving the remaining day care money for GCSSC over into to the adult in-home day care program, which was seconded by Commissioner Cryans. All were in favor.

HSA Bishop discussed a new dental care health plan from NACo which works similarly to the RX card and asked if the Commissioners would like her to investigate it further. They agreed that it should be

Commissioner Burton moved that the County participate in the NACo dental health program which was seconded by Commissioner Cryans. All were in favor.

Commissioner Burton will not be here on the 8<sup>th</sup> or the 22nd.

Commissioner Burton is representing both the State and the County at Pete & Gerry's Egg Farm and will be welcoming some Europeans who will be visiting.

Commissioner Burton spent yesterday touring with NH Fish & Game and provided a letter for distribution regarding wild turkeys and their management. NH Fish & Game is partnering with other agencies to encourage land owners to allow others to hunt on their land. Commissioner Burton said he will be participating and recommended that the signs he was given be forwarded to Director Clough and Forester Falkenham to see if this is something that County should or would participate in.

Commissioner Burton spent some time with Commissioner of Agriculture L. Merrill visiting farms in Belknap County.

Commissioner Cryans wanted it noted that former Commissioner Dorothy (Campion) Corcoran's husband Marty passed away.

The Hanover Inn along with other agencies is hosting veterans on Saturday September 12<sup>th</sup> at 12 – 3PM.

Commissioners Cryans and Burton attended the UNH Advisory Committee meeting and there are a number of new people on the committee. Wendy Brock is the new liaison between UNH and Cooperative Extension for both Grafton County and Hillsborough. K. Jablonski's position is being upgraded.

101:30 AM being no further business the meeting adjourned

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Raymond S. Burton, Clerk