

GRAFTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING

3855 Dartmouth College Hwy.

North Haverhill, NH 03774

Tuesday March 13, 2012

PRESENT: Commissioners Cryans, Omer C. Ahern Jr. and Raymond Burton, Director Clough and Secretary Martino.

OTHERS: H. Brown

9:05 AM Commissioner Cryans opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Maintenance Superintendent Jim Oakes arrived for the opening of bid proposals. The first bids opened were those for Trash/Recycling.

<u>COMPANY</u>	<u>TRASH</u>	<u>RECYCLE</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Waste Management:	\$1432	\$337	\$1769
CW Witcher	\$1941.33	\$476.66	\$2417.99
Pete's Rubbish			\$1985.
Casella	\$1304.09	\$299.10	1603.19

Supt. Oakes recommended that the Commissioners accept the bid from Casella Waste in the amount of \$1603.19 as the lowest bidder.

Commissioner Burton moved to accept the bid from Casella Waste in the amount of \$1603.19 which was seconded by Commissioner Ahern. All were in favor.

The next bids that were open were for #2 fuel, propane and diesel fuel.

<u>COMPANY</u>	<u>#2 FUEL</u>	<u>PROPANE</u>	<u>DIESEL</u>
Irving	3.6168	1.959	3.8688
Rymes	3.58	2.07	
Styles	3.699		
Sprague	3.6050		
Dead River	3.479	1.989	3.789

Supt. Oakes wanted to take the bids and look them over in the event there were other charges or stipulation that he wasn't aware of.

Farm Manager Kimball arrived with his report saying they were milking 78 cows, shipping 11600#'s for an average of 74#'s. Price of milk is \$19.88

Seeds have been started in the greenhouse for planting.

FM Kimball is planning to sell some calves and heifers.

FM Kimball is expecting to receive a date for retirement from his herdsman soon.

FM Kimball said that he had spoken to Randy Cassidy who had done the timber cut on the property and asked him if he would take the wood that was originally put out to bid and chip it up and return extra cash made to the County. He asked the Commissioners if they were in agreement with that. Commissioner Ahern said he thought that the Forester was going to be brought in on this and Director Clough said he had been months ago and his response was to get what you could for the wood as it was not in the best shape. He said it appeared to be about 10 cords. Commissioner Cryans thought it would be good to just get it out of there and get it cleaned up.

FM Kimball said that he didn't think it would be possible this year to have any kind of event at the Farm, referring to the event that Farm Bureau was interested in holding. FM Kimball said that he had heard there was going to be a 250 year celebration with Haverhill and Newbury VT in 2013 and thought that would be a better time for him to be able to do something. Commissioner Burton thought it was a good idea to invite the public to the complex but understands this may be a busy year.

There was a discussion about getting crop insurance in the event of flooding.

Corrections Superintendent Libby arrived to recommend that the Commissioners approve the bid from Robinson Supplies that was opened last week for inmate supplies, in the amount of \$34,322.50

Commissioner Burton moved to accept the bid from Robinson Supplies, for inmate supplies, in the amount of \$34,322.50 which was seconded by Commissioner Ahern. All were in favor.

Supt. Oakes returned and recommended that the Commissioners accept the bid for propane from Irving in the amount of 1.959 and #2 fuel oil from Dead River in the amount of 3.479 and diesel in the amount of 3.789.

Commissioner Burton moved to accept the aforementioned recommendation from Supt. Oakes for the fuel bids as noted, which was seconded by Commissioner Ahern. All were in favor.

Register of Deeds Kelley Monahan arrived with her report *(see attached), saying that revenues were down from last year and foreclosures were stabilizing.

RD Monahan wanted to note that she did not use the word "fraudulent" in refereeing to certain liens mentioned in the minutes from January 17th and her report explains the proper wording.

Commissioner Burton asked RD Monahan if there was a law that she was working from that allowed her to refuse any record or documents as she states in the message on the website and she said no, but she has personally chosen not to accept any documents with a potentially biohazard bloodstain on them.

There was a discussion stemming from a conversation that Commissioner Ahern had with the

Tech teacher at Woodsville High School. Commissioner Ahern had suggested that perhaps Woodsville students would have some kind of an interest in the old Jail building. It was determined that they could attend the meeting on April 10th if they were interested and offer their suggestions.

Commissioner Cryans asked if everyone had a chance to read the minutes of March 6th and if anyone had any edits. Commissioner Ahern had an edit.

Commissioner Burton moved to approve the minutes of March 6, 2012 as amended which was seconded by Commissioner Ahern. All were in favor.

Commissioner Cryans asked if everyone had a chance to read the budget minutes of March 8th and if anyone had any edits. Commissioner Ahern had an edit.

Commissioner Burton moved to approve the minutes as amended for March 8, 2012 which was seconded by Commissioner Ahern. All were in favor.

Commissioner Cryans reviewed the signed the Drug Court Case Manager grant monthly report.

The letter to the 13 retirees whose spouses are receiving paid County health benefits were reviewed by the Commissioners. Commissioner Burton said he would like to see the vote that was taken, noted in the letter. Commissioner Cryans said that if the letter contained that information then Commissioner Burton could sign the letter too. Director Clough will redo the letter and have it ready to sign on Thursday.

Director Clough said she has heard from Rep. Bulis that he will be setting the date for the public hearing budget by statute. She said she doesn't know what that statute was but if there was a question then the Commissioners could talk with Rep. Bulis on Monday when the Executive Committee meets.

10:45AM The meeting was adjourned

Raymond S. Burton, Clerk

**Grafton County Registry of Deeds
Kelley J. Monahan Register
Report to Commissioners
March 13, 2012**

February Revenue

County Revenue 2/2009	\$65,090.84	State Revenue 2/2009	\$266,375.04
County Revenue 2/2010	\$52,282.72	State Revenue 2/2010	\$347,089.92
County Revenue 2/2011	\$71,304.59	State Revenue 2/2011	\$554,448.96
County Revenue 2/2012	\$60,013.56	State Revenue 2/2012	\$266,312.64

Foreclosures 2009 31 year to date	FY 11 revenue ytd	\$658,400.24
2010 35 year to date	FY 12 revenue ytd	\$584,202.14
2011 27 year to date		(\$74,198.13)
2012 22 year to date		

February Action

1. The situation with the preserved books is stable, for now. After some research and experimentation, we removed most of the rust spots and salt residue with fine steel wool and plain water on q-tips, drying with hair dryer. They are almost as good as new. We will check the books monthly for any change in condition and take appropriate steps if more attention is needed. They will be moved to the new location when the FY13 budget is approved and funds are available for the clean agent fire suppression system. Until that time, they are stored away from any cracks in ceiling or walls. We may only need to replace one cover where the hinges are badly rusted.

2. I would like to make a correction to the minutes of my 1/17/12 meeting with the Grafton County Board of Commissioners. On page 3 paragraph 4 regarding liens filed on judges, and law enforcement. I would have no way of knowing whether these liens would be fraudulent or not, that is a decision for the court of law, and it is outside my authority to determine. I did not use the word fraudulent. I was referring to liens placed by individuals that are not accompanied by a court order. Law enforcement has coined the term "nuisance lien" or "paper terrorism".

3. On February 18, 2012 have added a new policy to our NHdeeds.com website.
The message states:

The Grafton County Registry of Deeds will refuse to record any documents bearing a blood thumb print. This policy has been adopted for the protection of the registry staff from unnecessary exposure to a bio-hazard.

4. We have had very great feedback from the public on the consolidation of the public viewing room. There is increased efficiency with no-cost solutions.

**Respectfully Submitted,
Kelley J. Monahan
March 13, 2012**