

GRAFTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING
3855 Dartmouth College Hwy
North Haverhill, NH 03774
April 14th 2015

PRESENT: Commissioners Cryans, Richards and Lauer, Executive Director Julie Libby and Assistant S. Norcross.

OTHERS PRESENT: RD Monahan, FM Kimball

Commissioner Cryans called the meeting to order at 9:00AM and began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

FM Kimball arrived and gave the following report:

- 1) We are currently milking seventy five head of cattle. We are shipping approximately 6,600 pounds of milk for an average of 88 pounds of milk per cow.
- 2) The price of milk has dropped to \$16.56 per hundredweight.
- 3) The pigs have farrowed and we have around fifty (50) piglets. They are all spoken for at this time.
- 4) Brian, (Farm 3) came back to work Monday and we have a full crew again.
- 5) Welcoming these last few days of good weather and looking toward good weather to get our spring plantings underway.

The Commissioners had a discussion regarding the low number of piglets with the FM Kimball. He stated their orders are not as big as they used to be, people are not raising them anymore. Commissioner Richards stated that they may need to look at their number of pigs in the future.

RD Monahan arrived and gave the following report:

**Grafton County Registry of Deeds
Kelley J. Monahan Register
Report to Commissioners
April 14, 2015**

March Revenue

County Revenue 3/2009	\$ 79,919.92	State Revenue 3/2009	\$ 339,039.36
County Revenue 3/2010	\$ 69,702.17	State Revenue 3/2010	\$ 550,808.00
County Revenue 3/2011	\$ 64,509.75	State Revenue 3/2011	\$ 472,685.76
County Revenue 3/2012	\$ 77,217.55	State Revenue 3/2012	\$ 491,521.92
County Revenue 3/2013	\$ 64,184.04	State Revenue 3/2013	\$ 328,493.76
County Revenue 3/2014	\$ 58,794.91	State Revenue 3/2014	\$ 468,992.69
County Revenue 3/2015	\$ 63,276.39	State Revenue 3/2015	\$ 488,918.40

Foreclosures

2009 41 year to date
2010 57 year to date
2011 54 year to date
2012 44 year to date
2013 44 year to date
2014 40 year to date
2015 24 year to date

Revenue Goal FY/2015 \$925,000.00
8 month total - \$612,534.04
(\$312,465.96)

Surcharge Funds
Bank of New Hampshire \$ 47,621.74
Ledyard Bank CD .50 \$ 101,189.66
\$ 148,811.40

**Respectfully Submitted,
Kelley J. Monahan
April 14, 2015**

RD Monahan had a discussion with the Commissioners regarding copy fees and people pulling copies off the internet illegally without paying. She stated that the budget will go through on June 29th and on July 1st she will be shutting the public off which will force them to come in and do it the old fashioned way. They will still be able to go online to see what book and page they need but access to the documents will be paid for.

Commissioner Richards requested that RD Monahan put out a press release informing the public of these upcoming changes.

Commissioner Cryans read a thank you letter that he received from District/Circuit Court Judge in Lebanon Al Cirone for a proclamation the Commissioners had presented him with.

Commissioner Cryans asked if everyone had a chance to read the minutes from the April 7th 2015 meeting. Commissioner Richards had some edits. Commissioner Lauer moved to approve the minutes from April 7th as amended. Commissioner Richards seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Commissioner Cryans asked if everyone had a chance to read the minutes from the April 9th 2015 budget meeting. Commissioner Richards had some edits. Commissioner Lauer moved to approve the minutes from April 9th as amended. Commissioner Richards seconded the motion and all were in favor.

ED Libby gave the Commissioners a list of appropriation transfers and reviewed the transfers with them. She stated that there are not many accounts on the list and they are all relatively small.

Commissioner Richards moved to approve the appropriation transfers. Commissioner Lauer seconded the motion and all were in favor.

The Commissioners signed check registers 661-662; 1161-1164; 1166.

ED Libby stated that next week the Commissioners are going to have seven (7) public hearings. AHEAD has requested for the county to apply for two (2) planning grants. They are workforce housing planning grants. One (1) is for Bethlehem workforce housing and one is for Orford senior housing. They will have four (4) public hearings in regards to those grants, Donna Lane will do the mid grant public hearing for the Plymouth Senior Center. Michelle Moren-Grey from North Country Council will be here to do the mid grant public hearing for the Regional Development Corporation grant.

ED Libby stated that she received an email from Denis Ward stated that they have set the date for the Farm Advisory Committee for May 19th and wanted to know if that date is ok with the Commissioners. The Commissioners all agreed that May 19th will work.

Commissioner Lauer stated that she attended a meeting that Angela Jones from the DoC had with local mental health providers. She stated that it is an excellent avenue for communication and it went very well. They are meeting again next Friday.

Commissioner Richards attended the Burton Legacy Fund evening with Commissioner Lauer. She stated that Commissioner Cryans, Sheriff Doug Dutile and Barb Dutile were the first recipients of the Legacy Fund and received a framed Burton for Certain pot holder.

Commissioner Richards stated that yesterday she was invited to the barn to watch an artificial insemination by Ben White. She stated she then toured the barn to see the heifers and talked with an inmate who stated he really enjoys working in the barn.

Commissioner Richards stated she was very pleased with the Farm's 5 Year Plan meeting and Seth's positive reactions to the farm's operation. The Farm is heading in the right direction; they just need to make a few adjustments.

Commissioner Cryans attended the Governor and Council breakfast on the April 8th. He stated that several counties had no one there but most counties had a few people there.

Commissioner Cryans stated that he asked Sgt. Webster and Supt. Elliott to have the inmates do some work on the museum in Bath.

*10:00 AM - Commissioner Richards 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 Lauer seconded the motion. This motion requires a roll call vote, Commissioner Cryans called the roll. Commissioner Cryans "yes"; Commissioner Richards "yes"; Commissioner Lauer "yes" Commissioner Cryans stated that a majority of the board voted yes and would now go into non-public session.

*10:37 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 Cryans seconded the motion and all were in favor

Budget Discussion

ED Libby stated she sent a copy of the up-to-date budget to the Commissioners. There is a 2.99% overall increase with 3.59% to be raised by taxes.

Commissioner Richards stated she wanted to discuss their previous decision to do away with the five (5) requests for double step increases. She explained that she thought that all five (5) of the double steps increases were strictly for attorney's office. ED Libby stated that there are three (3) requests out of the Attorney's Office, one (1) from the DoC and one (1) from the Maintenance department. The double step increases add up to roughly \$8,600 in the budget.

Commissioner Lauer asked if the double step increases are done routinely. ED Libby stated that every year they have done them.

Commissioner Lauer moved to modify budget and give double step increases to the five (5) employees. Commissioner Richards seconded the motion and all were in favor.

ED Libby stated that she would like to talk about the parking lot expansion that was listed in the capital budget. Commissioner Lauer asked if they need to expand parking lot. ED Libby stated that she does not believe they had any slips, trips or falls this year. She understands that it is easier if the parking lot is clear. The Commissioners were all in favor of taking it out of the budget and see how next winter is.

ED Libby stated that she had a conversation with NHA Labore on Friday. He is fine with increasing bed days and felt that increasing the census to 127 for October and November was doable. ED Libby stated that NHA Labore had a meeting with the Governor's Commission and Steve Norton from the Public Policy and there was conversation about if DHHS does not set rates and Medicaid Managed Care takes place there will be no Proshare money next year. ED Libby stated that NHA Labore suggested the Commissioners not finalize their budget till after Governors Council meeting on Friday where they may have a better idea of what will happen because there could be severe impacts to the budget if the Proshare money is taken out.

ED Libby stated that her thought is to go through the budget today and make sure they are comfortable with this as of now and wait till Friday's meeting and then finalize budget on the 28th when she comes back from vacation.

ED Libby stated that with the changes the Commissioners just made to the budget the amount to be raised by taxes are 3.48% and an overall increase of 2.93%. ED Libby stated that the bottom line is \$40,132,433.00

Commissioner Cryans stated that they have done their part. Most of the budget is salary and benefits.

Commissioner Lauer moved to accept the budget as presented today. Commissioner Richards seconded the motion and all were in favor.

11:19AM with no further business the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda D. Lauer, Clerk