

GRAFTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING

3855 Dartmouth College Highway

North Haverhill, NH 03774

June 6<sup>th</sup> 2017

PRESENT: Commissioners Lauer, Ahern and Piper. County Administrator Libby and Admin Assistant S. Norcross.

OTHERS PRESENT: Sheriff Dutile, Director of Communications Andross, HR Director Clough, Attorney Saffo, Nursing Home Administrator Labore

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

HR Director Clough arrived and gave the following report:

Grafton County Human Resources Report  
Karen Clough, Human Resources Director  
June 6, 2017

**HR Activity Report (05/03/2017-06/06/2017)**

• **New Hires**

Department	#	Position(s)
Nursing Home	4(1 PT, 3 Per Diem)	3 LNA, 1 Dietary Aide

• **Separations**

Departments	#
Nursing Home	2 (PT)
DOC	2 (FT)

**Reasons:**

- 1 Relocating
- 2 Different job
- 1 Probationary termination

• **Status Changes/ dept transfers:**

Department:  
 Nursing Home: 2 FT LNA to per diem  
                   1 FT LNA transferred to FT Dispatcher  
                   1 FT DOC Cpl. Transferred to County Atty's Office  
                   1 FT Deputy retired to Special Deputy

• **Leave of Absences as of June 6, 2017**

Department	#	
Nursing Home – Nursing	11	(9 are intermittent, 6 for self, 5 for family)
Nursing Home – Non-Nursing	5	(4 are intermittent, 5 for family)
Alternative Sentencing	1	(Intermittent, Self)
County Atty.	1	(Intermittent, family)
Farm	1	(Self)
Maintenance	1	(Family)

Deeds	1	(Intermittent, Family)
TOTAL:	21	

**Scheduled to orient June 7**

1 Per Diem LNA's  
1 PT Dietary Aide  
1 PT LPN

**Current Jobs posted/advertised**

Dietary Aide's  
LNA's (13.05 FTE's vacant)  
RN/LPN (6.3 FTE's vacant for LPN's and 1.85 vacancy for RN's)  
MDS Coordinator  
RN House Supervisor  
MNA  
Unit Aide

Other: Held Health Ins education sessions 5/31 well attended, Benefits Fair tomorrow all vendors here, working on handbook updates, union negotiations,

HR Director Clough noted that they have an influx of per diem employees applying that do not help with filling the vacant FTE's but they help cover shifts.

Commissioner Piper stated that she was at the Enfield Select board meeting last night and a comment was made regarding **hiringgetting** nurses from other countries such as the Philippines. HR Director Clough stated that they have done that in the past. They had between three (3) and six (6) employees from the Philippines. She stated they can look into that again but it costs a lot of money to get them here. They had a one (1) year commitment and they lost all of them once that year contract was up. HR Director Clough stated they did not like New Hampshire weather.

Commissioner Ahern noted that if they could provide housing to nursing home employees here it could help to improve the employment situation at the nursing home.

Commissioner Piper stated that another suggestion made to her was an idea that they may need to invest in the training of nurses and work with the Board of Nursing in New Hampshire. HR Director Clough stated that she and the Director of Nursing attended an Allied Health Care meeting at White Mountains Community College and they are looking into an LPN program that would get some nurses into the system quicker. She stated that they are looking at right around a sixteen (16) month program. She noted that Glencliff has hired someone to coordinate an LPN program for their employees. Glencliff has asked Grafton County to be a clinical site for that program which they are considering and Glencliff has also stated that they will consider opening that program up to other facilities employees. HR Director Clough stated that is another angle they are looking at and if they want to fund their employees to go through that program and if so what it would all entail.

Atty. Saffo arrived and gave the following report:

**Office of the Grafton County Attorney**

**Lara Saffo, County Attorney**

**June 6th, 2016**

**Report to the Commissioners**

**The Mission of the Office of the Grafton County Attorney is to pursue justice and promote the safety and security of the County's citizens, thereby enhancing the quality of life in Grafton County. We will seek to achieve these goals by:**

- **Striving for just disposition of criminal cases through timely, efficient and effective prosecution.**
- **Ensuring that victims and witnesses of crimes are treated with respect, courtesy, and sensitivity as they cooperate with criminal prosecutions.**
- **Improving the criminal justice system by identifying areas of need and working collaboratively with other criminal justice agencies and the community to improve the criminal justice system.**
- **Encouraging and promoting crime prevention and early intervention initiatives.**
- **Identifying, promoting and implementing new and innovative approaches to solving crime problems.**



(1) **Thank you to CADY Inc.**

On May 26<sup>th</sup> was CADY's annual summit. As expressed in CADY's website, this summit "recognizes community accomplishments in preventing and reducing youth alcohol, tobacco and other drug use, spotlight youth development initiatives, and express our appreciation to coalition partners." [www.cadyinc.org](http://www.cadyinc.org). This year the keynote speaker was Kevin A. Sabet, Ph.D., who spoke on the marketing and big business aspects of marijuana and the myths associated with marijuana use in our country. We are fortunate to have CADY in our communities.

(2) **The Caseload at the Office of the Grafton County Attorney.**

*The dramatic increase in referrals to the Office of the Grafton County Attorney from law enforcement agencies continues.*

Calendar year 2016 figures:

As reported previously, the Office of the Grafton County Attorney (OGCA) experienced an increase of over 120 referrals last year. In calendar year 2015 we had 750 referrals, in calendar year 2016 we had 894 referrals.

2017 figures show that last year's increase is not only sustained, but continues to increase dramatically

From January 1, 2016 to June 5th, 2016, the OGCA received **366** referrals.

From January 1, 2017 to April 7th, 2017, the OGCA received **451** referrals.

**This is an increase of 85 cases since January 1, 2017.**

Of those 451 referrals, 238 of those cases had at least one victim.

**Felony first:**

In April, we received 19 felony first referrals.

In May we received 45 felony first cases. 16 of these individuals were incarcerated, so the arraignment was the next day, and we had to file the charges and a probable cause affidavit the next day. 29 of these cases were defendants that were processed, and either made bail or their bail was personal recognizance.

The court schedules arraignments weekly (every Mondays), so these are all fast tracked cases. We have to file the charges and the probable cause affidavit five days before the arraignment, so generally within a week or two. Our victim witness program must respond right away as well. This is a fast track for the law enforcement agencies, who have to get us needed material on an expedited basis.

On June 15<sup>th</sup>, I will be meeting with a representative of the New Hampshire Judicial Council, which is providing a report to the NH legislature on this program.

These numbers do NOT include forensic interviews of children, which best practices require the prosecutors attend. Please see the attachment on forensic interviews of children where there is a suspicion or concern of abuse.

We may not prosecute some referrals. Also, some referrals have more than one charge (why there are more charges than referrals in the attached sheets outlining the new referrals by town and by type of crime).

(3) Plymouth Area CAC /OGCA Office

Many hands make light work. We have to thank the Town of Plymouth, the Town of Campton, the AFSCMA Council 93 Local, 3380 for their financial contributions towards this project. We also need to thank members of the Plymouth Police Department and Child Advocacy Center, who donated their time to move donated items into the CAC space and help paint it. We also appreciate TASCOS Security donating their time and providing equipment at cost. I will continue to work on funding for this space, reaching out to the towns that are served by it.

Having a more localized location will not only save money and travel for local law enforcement and crisis program advocates, it will also better serve victims and their families.

(4) CHILD ADVOCACY CENTER:

Attached please find a handout we developed for the delegation.

Like the County Attorney's office, the CAC continues to experience high numbers. It is vital that prosecution is involved in these cases from the inception. Similar to our drug unit, we hope to develop a child abuse unit at our office, although there are far too many of these cases for one prosecutor, so we have three that specialize in these cases (and carry additional caseload). We are hoping to be able to have one of the three be the primary contact for the CAC.

The OGCA participates in three types of meetings for the Grafton and Sullivan County CAC at DHMC, **case review meetings**: Twice a month we have meetings to review all pending cases, and provide a status on past interviews. We have one meeting in Lebanon once a month. We have a meeting in Littleton and Plymouth (alternative locations) once a month. We also participate in **Director and Advisory Board meetings**. We have meetings six times a year to discuss the program, and often have supplemental meetings to discuss a specific issue, such as sustainability.

(5) Computer forensics/Digital Evidence

Advanced knowledge, training and experience is needed in the areas of computer forensics and digital evidence. Most crimes have an aspect regarding digital evidence. However, some crimes are very dependent on tracking information as it progresses through the web and computers. We are working on an initiative to have this expertise readily available at the Office of the Grafton County Attorney.

(6) Sexual Assault Initiatives

I wanted to take this time to summarize a number of initiatives designed to improve our response to child and adult sexual assaults.

UNH Prevention Innovations Research Center grant – community colleges

The newest initiative is the UNH Prevention Innovations Research Center Grant to Combat Sexual Assaults with a focus on community (not residential) colleges. Friday the county attorney participated in a training with representatives from all the community colleges. The Grafton County Attorney is the prosecution representative on the TAG team for this grant (Technical Advisory Group). It was a privilege to work with them. The next steps include summer half-day work sessions to work on prevention plans for all community colleges (in Grafton that is the Littleton branch of White Mountains Community College

and the Lebanon branch of River Valley College). In early June, Prevention Innovations we will be sharing with schools the individual climate survey information as well as the aggregated data for all of the Colleges. If you have not been on the UNH Prevention Innovations website, it is worth reviewing. <http://cola.unh.edu/prevention-innovations-research-center>

#### Sexual Assault Justice Initiative grant

Grafton County is part of this grant as well. This grant funds a full time investigator out of major crimes that focuses on adult sexual assaults in rural counties. Trooper Catherine Shackford's expertise and assistance has been well received in numerous towns investigating these cases. The next part of the grant involves hiring a prosecution consultant and arranging for multiple training events for prosecutors in the six rural counties. I have a conference call today with the grant coordinator to provide data and other information needed to finalize plans for this position and training for prosecutors in New Hampshire. Parameters have been designed to collect data to evaluate the effectiveness of this grant.

#### Prosecutors Sexual Assault workgroup

Sexual assault prosecutors in New Hampshire meet bi monthly to share information and discuss how we can improve our response to child and adult sexual assaults. Grafton organizes and attends these meetings. We are hoping the SAJI prosecutor consultant will manage the group after he or she is hired.

#### Sexual Assault Resource Teams

Grafton County has three Sexual Assault Resource Teams, and hopes to include Northern Grafton County shortly. Most counties have one Sexual Assault Resource Team. Grafton needs more due to its geography and the fact that team members do not overly in the different corners of Grafton. We have three crisis advocacy programs, three elder and adult services offices, four circuit courts, and four hospitals. These teams do a number of things, including holding informational events, and case reviews. In case reviews, we look at cases that we either finished prosecuting or declined to prosecute and round table them, with all stakeholders present. It is an effective tool to self-evaluate. Our SARTS are:

Haverhill Area SART  
Plymouth Area SART  
Upper Valley SART

To learn more about SARTs please see <http://www.nsvrc.org/projects/sexual-assault-response-teams-sart-0>.

#### (7) Community Partnerships

We support the building of strong partnerships and collaborations with law enforcement, all members of the criminal justice system, and the communities we serve.

**ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE:**

Attorney General – County Attorney meetings  
AG Child Abuse and Neglect Conference Committee  
AG Protocol drafting: Adult Sexual Assaults, Human Trafficking

**ALTERNATIVE SENTENCING**

**Drug Court**

We have weekly team meetings, followed by the open court session every Monday. There may be additional hearings as well, in addition to required trainings.

Other drug initiatives: Haverhill Area Substance Abuse Coalition (Cottage Hospital)

We participate regularly in other initiatives.

**Justice Involved Veterans Task Force**

This group meets monthly, and this year presented enabling legislation that I testified in support of. We can attend these meetings telephonically.

**Mental Health Court**

We have not been able to attend these meetings each month, but try to attend as much as possible.

**Adult Diversion**

We work with the adult diversion as well.

**FIRMM**

We look forward to working with this sentencing alternative as well

**STATEWIDE SOFTWARE/PBK**

We participate in monthly statewide software meetings to enhance the use and efficiency of our statewide prosecutor's software.

This includes working on the Uniform Charging Table for the State of New Hampshire, and specifically developing elements of offenses for everyone to use in New Hampshire

**NH HUMAN TRAFFICKING COALITION**

We are a member agency with the New Hampshire Human Trafficking Coalition.

**(8) Felony First**

A new NH law restructuring felony case processing, known as Felony First, started April 1, 2017. In drafting my budget, I had hoped we would not start until July 1, 2017 (which was the initial indicators). As noted in last spring's budget presentation, other counties requested additional positions to accommodate felony first:

Belknap County: received funding for one attorney, hired

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Coos County: received funding for one attorney, hired  
Hillsborough County: this year asking for five attorneys, two support staff, two victim witness personnel  
Merrimack County: receiving funding for two attorneys and one support person  
Cheshire County: Year 1(they were the first to implement) one attorney, Year 2 a part time support person  
Sullivan County: received funding for one attorney, hired  
Rockingham: two prosecutors, one support person.

This program is up and running, and has been as smooth as can be expected.

(9) Grants

a. VAWA Grant

We received this grant, for \$30,000 towards the cost of a prosecutor to handle in part domestic violence and sexual assault cases. The year for the grant is June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2016 – June 30, 2017. The reports have been submitted.

b. VOCA Grant

We received the grant is for \$50,000 towards our Victim Witness Program. It pays for some of the costs of a Victim Witness Coordinator and for a new program, in our case Circuit Court Prosecution services. We have the official paperwork and are accepting referrals. It has already proven beneficial. The reports have been submitted.

c. Haverhill Area Substance Abuse and Prevention Coalition

This prevention initiative is for the SAU 23 catchment area.

d. Partnership with UNH – Prevention Innovations Research Center Collaboration

We received this grant and are participating in prevention initiatives for college sexual assaults.

e. Sexual Assault Justice Initiative

As noted above, This is a DOJ grant that we will benefit from. The hiring committee hired the full time adult sexual assault investigator, and the grant has begun. The grant manager/prosecution consultant position is going to be advertised.

(10) Areas of needed expertise

- a. Arson
- b. Drugs
- c. Domestic violence
- d. Child sexual assault
- e. Adult sexual assault
- f. Abuse of Elders
- g. Assaults – simple to first degree
- h. Cybercrime



- i. Failure to register as a sex offender
- j. Gang activity
- k. Internet Crimes Against Children
- l. Negligent homicides – assault related
- m. Negligent homicides – DWI related / Driving Under the Influence, Serious bodily injury
- n. White collar crime – bank fraud, business fraud
- o. White collar crime – financial exploitation of family members/the elderly
- p. Computer fraud
- q. Property related offenses (bank checks/fraudulent use of a credit card/willful concealment)
- r. Property related offenses – burglaries and robberies
- s. And more . . .

(11)Adjourn to discuss legal matters.

9:54 AM Commissioner Ahern moved to temporarily adjourn this meeting for the purpose of consulting legal counsel. Commissioner Piper seconded the motion and all were in favor. Commissioner Lauer stated that they will now adjourn this public meeting for the purpose of consulting with legal counsel. The public must leave the meeting room and the door will be closed.

10:03 AM Commissioner Lauer reconvened the meeting.

CDBG Administrator Donna Lane and Olivia Bealeu from AHEAD arrived for a public hearing for Friendship House.

10:05AM Commissioner Lauer Opened the Public Hearing and it was noted that handouts were available to the public.

Community Development Block Grant funds are available to municipalities through the NH Community Development Finance Authority. Up to \$500,000 annually is available for economic development projects; up to \$500,000 for public facility and housing projects; up to \$500,000 in emergency grants; and up to \$12,000 is available for each planning grant. All projects must primarily benefit low and moderate income persons. The purpose of the hearing is to inform the public on, and take public comment on, a proposed change to a CDBG award. The County had applied for, and was awarded, CDBG funding for the construction of a new Friendship House Facility, 2957 Main Street in Bethlehem, New Hampshire. The Friendship House is a drug treatment facility that serves primarily low and moderate income persons. The subrecipient at the time of the CDBG application was proposed to be Tri-County Community Action Program. Since that time, it has been determined that a different subrecipient would be better AHEAD, Littleton, NH is the proposed new subrecipient for this project. This hearing is to discuss this proposed change of subrecipient to AHEAD, Qtr., Inc.

Commissioner Lauer asked if there were any comments from the public. There were no members of the public present.

O. Bebeau stated that Tri County Cap went into receivership a few years ago and that is when AHEAD took over the Notre Dame project. They have since had a new Executive Director whose goal was to get them operating in the black again and out of the red. She noted that he has done a great job with that and in the process they have recognized that one (1) of their not well performing projects due to code violations was the Friendship House. They were forced in 2014 to reduce the number of beds from 32 to 18 because of the violations they had in the structure. There were a number of barriers and obstacles in front of them and they came to AHEAD and asked if they would help them develop the property. She stated that they took on a development services agreement and decided to help them and raised \$5 million to reconstruct a new building and move the program to that new building when it is completed which they are hoping will be next summer. It was identified by all funding sources, Tri-County Cap's Board and AHEAD's Board that they would be much more successful if AHEAD owned the property. They currently have a purchase and sales agreement in place and will take over the project hopefully in the middle of July when they close and begin construction. Donna Lane noted that Tri County Cap is in favor of this change and everyone is on board. O. Bebeau stated that there will also be a new operating entity. Northern Communities Health Consortium will be operating the program and AHEAD will be managing.

Commissioner Ahern stated that he is concerned when they say a nonprofit organization that Grafton County has been funding is in receivership and raises red flags in his mind. Donna Lane said that would have been a reason to be concerned a couple of years ago but they have since got back on track.

Commissioner Ahern also noted that he is concerned about new entities coming on board and asked if there was more administration coming on board that will be receiving tax payer money. O. Bebeau stated that she believes the program is funded by DHHS and other programs that support treatment of drug and alcohol addicted behaviors and they will have opportunities to have private payers come in with insurance. There will ultimately be less of a burden on the taxpayers then there has been because of the opportunities of the new facility to have private payers come in. Commissioner Ahern stated that he becomes concerned when he sees more agencies come in that have their own administrative staff that wants to be paid.

O. Bebeau stated that on the economic development side one of the goals of this project is they hope to retain seventeen (17) existing employees who would be unemployed if they did not keep going and then create eight (8) new jobs as well. They were also encouraged to reapply for Northern Borders funding in the amount of \$250,000 to support economic development activities.

10:15 Commissioners Close Public Hearing

Commissioner Ahern moved to replace the subrecipient of the CDBG awarded Friendship House Drug Rehabilitation Facility Project from Tri – County Community Action Program to AHEAD Qtr., Inc. Commissioner Piper seconded the motion.

Discussion:

Commissioner Ahern stated that he is making this motion based upon the representations given to the board.

The Commissioners voted on the motion and all were in favor.

Nursing Home Administrator Labore arrived and gave the following report:

Grafton County Nursing Home  
Commissioner's Report  
June 06, 2017

Census:

Medicare: 6  
Medicaid: 100  
Private: 21  
Total: 127

Year-To-Date Numbers:

2017 Totals

Admissions (YTD) 28  
Deaths (YTD) 21  
Discharges (YTD) 7

Other Topics:

- 1) Budget Update
  - a. Clinical Compliance Director – NHA Labore stated that he has done some additional thinking on this position. They had a consultant come and look at the MDS Department, specifically on their quality measures. They performed an audit of their coding and analysis of what is being entered into the assessments. They found that there were some improved opportunities for education for certain individuals working in the department as well as looking at some systems for the Nursing Home as a whole. The good news is based on that report the areas that they had been flagging on they were not flagging on any longer. Through conversations with the consultant, a lot of what they talked about is where they need to be going forward as a whole for

- the Nursing Department and the MDS operation. Based on those discussions NHA Labore stated that he has changed his thinking along the lines that the MDS Coordinator should be capable of doing the education that needs to be done. They should be capable to go out and research and follow up much sooner on things that need to be done in areas that they are triggering for rather than just letting it build. He stated that they have spoken with the current MDS Coordinator and this individual does not feel comfortable taking on the new responsibilities that they need the coordinator to do and will be stepping down so they do have an opening for an MDS Coordinator. They will not going to be moving forward with the Clinical Compliance Director position and will be proposing at his meeting with the Executive Committee on Friday to take that out of the budget and put a portion of the \$17,000 back into the consulting line and the rest will go back into the general fund.
- b. Proposed Medicaid Increase 7/1/17 Increase of \$10.93 to \$172.75.
- 2) Medicaid Crossover Payments
- a. Anthem Supplemental Plan – NHA Labore stated that historically when a resident is on a Medicare Part A or Part B Rehab stay the state picks up a copayment. The residents get twenty (20) days of the stay covered 100% by the Medicare benefit. On day twenty –one (21) there is copay and that fluctuates from year to year and it is around \$160 and the state has historically paid that for someone on the Medicaid program. He stated that they began to notice a few months ago a back log of these payments and have been working with the state to figure out why they are not paying this any longer. The state has been pointing fingers at the vendor that they have been using to operate the Medicaid Management Information System. The vendor has been point the finger back at the state and it turns out that the state will be announcing an end to that crossover payment. They will no longer will be covering that supplemental payment. NHA Labore stated that has resulted in a back log of about \$11,500 which the state has promised that they will be made whole on regardless of the decisions that are made. He stated that they have had to move their Medicaid recipients into another supplemental program. They have identified one through Anthem that will cover that crossover payment. There is a monthly premium that the resident will have to pay but they will have access to have that reimbursed. NHA Labore stated that he wanted to inform the Commissioners of this change in case they have constituents that contact them regarding the notice they received from the Nursing Home.
- 3) Volunteer Statistics 2016-2017
- a. 1510.25 Individual Hours
  - b. NH Average for volunteer time \$24.90 (\$37,605.23 total contribution of time)
  - c. Increase of 217 hours from last year
  - d. Annual volunteer Recognition event, 11am June 15<sup>th</sup>
- 4) Nursing Home Computer Server Sale – NHA Labore stated that they had purchased a server with their previous health record system that never got up and running. He stated that they are trying to sell this server and it was sent out to bid. One (1) bid was received for \$500 which is much lower than what the value of that server is. He asked if the Commissioners could waive the bid for this server so they put it on the internet to get more money for it.

Commissioner Ahern moved to waive bid process on the Nursing Home

Computer server sale per RSA 28:8-a. Commissioner Piper seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Sheriff Dutile and Director of Communications Andross arrived to discuss the Dispatch Billing for FY18. They stated that they are recommending two (2) adjustments to the standard billing amounts – specifically limiting the Towns of Warren and Woodstock assessments to a 30% increase as they did for other towns in FY16 and FY17. Both towns’ increases are tied to increases in traffic enforcement activity and likely related to recent personnel changes. With this proposed adjustment they will still meet their targeted fiscal year revenue projection.

Commissioner Ahern asked what the risks are of them losing any agencies. Sheriff Dutile stated that he does not foresee losing any agencies. He stated that they have lost some and gained some over the years and most of those losses were because the towns wanted to be dispatched with their neighboring towns and not because of money. He stated that they think this is a fair to bill for their services as it is based on usage of the system.

Commissioner Ahern moved to accept the Dispatch Billing proposal for FY18.  
Commissioner Piper seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Commissioner Lauer asked if everyone had a chance to read the minutes from the May 30<sup>th</sup> meeting. Commissioner Ahern had an edit.

Commissioner Ahern moved to approve the minutes from the May 30<sup>th</sup> meeting as amended. Commissioner Piper seconded the motion and all were in favor.

The Commissioners signed check registers 68; 1192 -1196.

NACO Prescription Drug Report for the month of April – CA Libby stated that they had a total of fifty three (53) total utilizers. There was an average price savings of \$17.61 or 28.52% for a total of \$2,007.51. The total live savings of the program is \$788,791.69.

Request Permission to Close: Extension, HR and IT – 7/3/17. CA Libby stated that she has received requests for those three (3) departments to close their offices on July 3<sup>rd</sup> with employees using earned time for the day.

Commissioner Ahern moved to close the UNH Extension, Human Resources and IT Departments on July 3<sup>rd</sup>. Commissioner Piper seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Conway Village Fire Request – CA Libby stated that she received a response from her contact in Coos County that it is very common for unincorporated places to pay for these services. The letter stated that they think the Commissioners would want to negotiate a contract with Conway and the funds from Livermore would cover those costs. The Commissioners discussed the issue and stated that they would like more information from the Conway Fire District regarding how many calls are made to Livermore and what the costs are for those calls.

CA Libby stated that the ProShare Transaction is set to take place next Tuesday June 13<sup>th</sup>. She

stated that they do not have an amount as of yet but have budgeted \$1.2 million for this fiscal year. She noted that she expects that the county's payment will be at least \$1.5 million and will be higher than last year.

CA Libby stated that Melanson Heath will be here to perform their preliminary audit on June 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>. They will be here July 24<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> for their yearend audit.

CA Libby submitted the DoC Superior Court report for the month of May for the Commissioners to review.

CA Libby noted that she will be going back through all revenue estimates and talking with department heads to see if there could be any room for increases.

#### Commissioner Issues:

Commissioner Ahern stated that he received a call from a constituent from Wentworth regarding public access to the back fields on county property that have been closed off to vehicle traffic. His constituent has expressed concern that the county property has been posted, he has hunted on the property over the years and feels it is not fair to have that land posted not allowing vehicles. Commissioner Ahern stated that he feels they should be allowed to drive up to the top of the hill where the shooting range is. CA Libby stated that in October of 2014 the Sheriff came to the Commissioners and wanted to gate the road because the shooting range was being used to dump trash, the hay fields were being driven on and the water tank was having graffiti drawn on it. The compromise was to not allow vehicles and permit foot traffic only. Commissioner Ahern stated that he feels there may be an issue if they are not allowing access on property that is in current use. Commissioner Lauer stated that it is not fair that all tax payers should have to pay for damages done on the property by a few. Commissioner Ahern stated that he would like to allow vehicles access to the roads but post that there is to be no dumping of trash. CA Libby stated that she would recommend that the Commissioners have the Farm Manager, Maintenance Superintendent and Sherriff in to speak with the Commissioners before any decision is made as they were the ones to come to the board in 2014 and made the request to close that road to vehicles. The Commissioners agreed to meet with the department heads and CA Libby stated that she would set up that meeting.

Commissioner Piper stated that she attended the NHAC Executive Committee meeting Friday with CA Libby and Commissioner Lauer. She asked about the \$10,000 check that has been requested from all counties to match the \$100,000 appropriation by the state. The total \$200,000 is intended to enable counties to study alternatives to Managed Care for nursing homes. ~~She stated that George~~ Maglaris' first response was that counties they can wait if they like until tll the legislature has approved the budget and the \$100,000 match has been appropriated by the state. ~~H-He stated that his~~ concern, however, is that it is believed by state officials that all counties won't act together to come up with a new model for Medicaid Managed Care. Commissioner Piper stated that Commissioner Maglaris believes that that it was noted if the counties were to put up their \$10,000 now and have it in writing that it will not be now spent, the legislature will be more likely to keep the \$100,000 appropriation. Commissioner Piper stated that she thinks they should ~~give~~ the NHAC them the check to show ~~them~~ good faith on the part

~~of the counties that the counties are willing to do this~~. The Commissioners each expressed their concerns and after some discussion they agreed to send in their \$10,000 payment to the NHAC.

Commissioner Ahern moved to send the \$10,000 payment to the NHAC. Commissioner Piper seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Commissioner Piper stated that she attended the Enfield Select Board meeting last night and talked about the budget asking for questions and suggestions and that is where it was mentioned about ~~bring hiring over~~ nurses from the Philippines that was discussed when HRD Clough was here. The chair of the board also mentioned that they received a grant to install a new sewer line. CA Libby stated she needs to know where the grant came from in order to get more information on it.

Commissioner Piper stated that she is going to the Lebanon City Council to talk about the budget. She stated that they have asked her if the proposed budget was online and she stated that it was not and only the operating budget gets posted on the website. The Commissioners discussed the issue and agreed that they feel if the budget is clearly labeled as a proposed budget and subject to change that a new tab can be created on the website for the proposed budgets.

11:45 AM With no further business the meeting adjourned

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Wendy A. Piper, Clerk