

GRAFTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING

3855 Dartmouth College Highway

North Haverhill, NH 03774

July 14th 2017

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

OTHERS PRESENT: AS Director Gilding, Atty. Saffo

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

Commissioner Lauer stated that there were concerns that were brought to their attention from Tuesday's meeting regarding Drug Court's policies and procedures as well as supervision. She stated that the Commissioners felt it was best to bring Alternative Sentencing Director Gilding and County Attorney Saffo in to discuss these issues. Atty. Saffo stated that her main concerns were the policies and procedures not being in final form and the participant's handbook not being consistent with the policies and procedures. She stated that there was confusion with the Drug Court Coordinator as to what version of the policies and procedures was the most current copy. Commissioner Lauer asked if the team has been meeting regularly to review and keep the policies and procedures up to date. AS Director Gilding stated that they have not met in a couple of months due to various trainings that team members have been attending. They have not all been able to have a meeting but are planning to have another one soon once all these trainings are done and the various members have the most up to date information. Commissioner Lauer stated that she is concerned about the two (2) policies not matching. Commissioner Piper stated that they all have to be on the same page regarding these two (2) items. The Commissioners went on to discuss further details regarding the issues with the policies and procedures with AS Director Gilding and Atty. Saffo.

Commissioner Lauer stated that there have also been concerns regarding supervision. Atty. Saffo stated that if they are going to be talking about personnel issues that they need to be discussed in nonpublic session.

*9:19 AM – Commissioner Ahern 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 Piper seconded the motion. This motion requires a roll call vote, Commissioner Lauer called the roll. Commissioner Lauer “yes”; Commissioner Ahern “yes”; Commissioner Piper “yes” Commissioner Lauer stated that a majority of the board voted “yes” and would now go into non-public session.

* 10:44 AM Commissioner Lauer declared the meeting back in public session.

Commissioner Ahern moved to permanently seal the minutes from the just completed non-public session because they could affect the reputation of someone other than those of the Board of Commissioners. Commissioner Piper seconded the motion

Commissioner Ahern moved to have a report from the Alternative Sentencing Director as to what are the expectations of this program and can the program meet those expectations, if there are any challenges to meeting those expectations and to have a written report submitted to the Board of Commissioners within two (2) weeks with time being of the essence. Commissioner Piper seconded the motion for discussion purposes.

Discussion:

Commissioner Lauer asked if this document is for the whole department or just Drug Court. She stated that she would like to see it focused on Drug Court. Commissioner Ahern and Commissioner Piper agreed. AS Director Gilding stated that as of 4:00 this afternoon he is leaving for vacation and would like to request three (3) weeks to have the document completed.

Commissioner Ahern moved to amend his motion to give AS Director Gilding three (3) weeks to complete the report on Drug Court. Commissioner Piper seconded the amendment.

Discussion:

Commissioner Piper asked what the expectations are based on as it is not clear. AS Director Gilding expressed the same concerns. Commissioner Ahern stated that they need to be based upon the policy and procedures and the best practices. County Administrator Libby stated that this document once presented to the Commissioners needs to go to the whole team for further discussion.

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

11:00 AM With no further business the meeting adjourned

Wendy A. Piper, Clerk