

GRAFTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING
 Office of the Commissioners
 3855 Dartmouth College Hwy.
 N. Haverhill, NH 03774
 Monday April 17, 2006

PRESENT: Commissioners Ray Burton and William Gabler, Executive Director Julie Clough, and Secretary Jeri Martino.

EXCUSED: Commissioner Michael Cryans

The Meeting was called to order at 11:20 AM

Commissioner Burton moved to approve the minutes from April 10th, which was seconded by Commissioner Gabler.

Executive Director Clough asked what time the Commissioners would like to begin their meeting on May 8th, which is the day President Hart comes from UNH. The Commissioners decided to begin that meeting at 1:00 PM

Executive Director Clough gave the Commissioners an update on the Health Insurance, saying that after a meeting with the Administrative Team, the Union and the Employee Council, it was decided that the County would remain with the current Insurance for now, but that an Insurance Task Force is being established. Commissioner Gabler asked what the reasoning behind the decision was and Executive Director Clough said that not all providers were on board with the Harvard Pilgrim and that would not have been beneficial to employees at this time. The first Insurance Task Force meeting will be on May 17, 2006. Commissioner Gabler will try to attend.

The demolitions of the storage barn and the Blacksmith barn have been completed. All went smoothly and C.M. Whitcher did a phenomenal job according to the Executive Director.

Farm Manager Kimball arrived for the opening of the Farm equipment bids. Bids went as follows:

Spreader		Dump Truck		Feed Wagon		Corn Blower	
A.L. Hall	\$503.00	R. Keith	\$535.00	C.V. Elms	\$515.00	C.V. Elms	\$25.00
Peter Roy	\$451.00	C.V. Elms	\$150.00	A.L. Hall	\$200.00	Dennis McLarr	\$10.00
Richard Saffo	\$400.00	Alan Riley	\$103.98	Dennis McLarr	\$50.00		
Richard Johnson	\$345.00						
Rick Hall	\$250.00						
A.Sutherland	\$150.00						
R. Keith	\$110.00						
Alan Riley	\$103.98						

Commissioner Burton asked if all the equipment being sold was no longer in service to the Farm, and was there anything else that would be for sale in the near future. Farm Manager Kimball said the equipment was no longer in use and the only other items that needed to be taken away would be some steel and metal.

Commissioner Burton moved to accept and award the bids to the highest bidder for each piece of equipment, which was seconded by Commissioner Gabler. All were in favor.

Commissioner Gabler informed FM Kimball that he was very impressed with his staff and that when the Commissioner had questions, they were all answered.

Rep. Almy stopped in after visiting UNH Extension and asked about the Master Garden Project as far as who would be maintaining such an extensive landscape project, mentioning that perhaps inmates should be factored into the equation. Commissioner Gabler said that the maintenance was being taken care of by Supt. Oakes and coordinated with Corrections for help from inmates.

Commissioner Burton said that even though he didn't know who had done the work, he commended the trash clean up on Route 10.

Commissioner Burton said that he had had a query from Lisbon High School Principal, Emery Yuakins, regarding holding a Commissioners meeting at their school.

Commissioner Gabler suggested that both Grafton and Coos County do a joint letter regarding In Lieu of Taxes and send it to members of the Congressional Delegation.

Commissioner Gabler said that his name had been put in for a seat on the Board of Directors for the National Association of Counties.

Local resident Harold Brown was in attendance and Commissioner Gabler asked if he had any input for the meeting. Mr. Brown said that he would like to reiterate on the fact that the Correctional Officers need an area for recreation, lunch or just to change clothes if needed, and that he felt very strongly about that.

Being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:55 AM

Raymond S. Burton, Clerk