

GRAFTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING

Office of the Commissioners  
3855 Dartmouth College Hwy.  
N. Haverhill, NH 03774  
Tuesday June 26, 2007

PRESENT: Commissioners Michael Cryans, Ray Burton and Martha Richards, Executive Director Julie Clough and Secretary Jeri Martino.

Commissioner Cryans opened the meeting at 9:23

Commissioner Richards moved to approve the minutes from June 12, 2007, which was seconded by Commissioner Burton. All were in favor.

Director Clough passed out information on this year's County Conference which will be held at Wentworth by the Sea on November 4<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> with the Awards Banquet being Tuesday, November 6<sup>th</sup>.

Director Clough briefly discussed line item transfers with the Commissioners.

Commissioner Cryans signed the Barbara B. Hill annual report.

The Commissioners signed the check registers.

Director Clough informed the Commissioners that the Proshare transaction was to take place Thursday, with an amount to be retained of \$372,440. ProShare amounts have declined due to a number of changes in the Medicaid system. Director Clough suggested putting the money into the Nursing Home capital reserve fund. She will review this further and make a recommendation to the Board in July.

Director Clough said that there would likely be a need to borrow money this year.

There was a brief discussion about HB2.

The Commissioners reviewed and signed the sub recipient agreement for the Gile project. The Commissioners reviewed and signed the semi-annual report on the Gile Project project.

The Commissioners reviewed and signed the semi-annual report for Green Haven.

The Commissioners reviewed and signed the grant agreement for the Littleton Learning Center.

The Commissioners signed the closeout report for DMS.  
A certification for the close of DMS was received.

The Commissioners received a copy of a thank letter from the Landaff Fire Department for work that had been done by Community Corrections.

The NH Association of Counties forwarded a resolution regarding the loss of federal entitlement benefits for those incarcerated in County Jails and has asked that all ten (10) Counties adopt the resolution that will then be forwarded to the Congressional Delegation. Director Clough read the resolution. The resolution asks for changes to the current law that an individual loses all federal benefits as soon as they are incarcerated rather than when they are actually convicted, this in turn leads to large medical expenses for the Counties to bear. (See Attached Resolution)

Commissioner Richards moved to adopt the resolution, which was seconded by Commissioner Burton. All were in favor.

Commissioner Burton made a request that the County Association let Grafton County know what response is received from the Delegation regarding the resolution.

Commissioner Cryans made a request that the railing work on the front stairs be expedited so that they can be used as soon as possible.

Director Clough presented a letter from Tri-county CAP asking for support in their request in securing a \$50K grant from USDA Rural Development Office. A letter of support will be sent.

The Commissioners discussed a letter that was received from an inmate and it was decided that further information would be needed, and that the letter would be answered when all the information was gathered.

Director Clough presented an innovative idea from D. LaFond of Corrections. Her idea was to make available new orange shoes, at a cost of \$5 each, to inmates so that they don't have to wear "used" shoes. This will provide some revenue and give the inmates the opportunity to own the shoes they wear. Supt. Libby supported the idea.

Commissioner Richards moved to award D. LaFond with a \$200 innovation award, which was seconded by Commissioner Burton. All were in favor.

The Commissioners discussed the Drug Court and what was currently happening.

Director Clough presented the Commissioners with a copy of an email with a request for their opinion for a US Geographical name change. The Commissioners had no objection.

The Commissioners signed an update change of signature authorization on the County credit card.

A third quarter drug rebate was received in the amount of \$3846.

Federal PILT (Payment in Lieu of Taxes) was received in the amount of \$61,724.

SCAAP (State Criminal Alien Assistance Program) grant was received by the Jail in the amount of \$2604.

There is a tentative contract agreement with the Union, which included some language changes, including the County Drug Policy. Financial impact includes a 3.3% COLA, shift differential increase on the 3<sup>rd</sup> shift to \$2. and longevity of \$90. Overall impact to the budget is \$145,254. This is a three year contract wherein wage and health benefits can be reopened each year.

#### COMMISSIONER ISSUES:

Commissioner Burton noted high commendation to the entire staff for the preparation of the budget. Commissioner Cryans agreed and added that he would like to see something done for Director Clough, S. Cunningham and J. Martino for their work. All Commissioners agreed and Commissioner Cryans suggested a \$100 gift certificate for each of them at the place of their choosing. Director Clough and J. Martino thanked the Commissioners for their generosity.

Commissioner Cryans said that he would also like to gather the management team together to thank them as well, for all their hard work.

Commissioner Richards thanked everyone for their indulgence in helping her to understand the budget process.

Commissioner Cryans said that this has been the most difficult budget to date. There were many who opposed the budget, but none of those people had been heard from before.

Commissioner Richards gave Director Clough her copy of the Master Plan with corrections she has made.

Commissioner Richards noted that the town of Alexandria would like to have the Commissioners hold a meeting there. Commissioner Cryans suggested setting a date some time in September.

\*11:20 AM – Commissioner Richards moved to enter into Executive Session as per RSA 91-A:3, Paragraph II, Section a). Commissioner Burton seconded the motion. All were in favor.

\*11:40 AM – Commissioner Burton moved to come out of Executive Session and to permanently seal the Minutes from the Session. Commissioner Richards seconded the motion. All were in favor. No motions were made and no actions were taken while in Executive Session.

There was some discussion regarding the proposed new jail, bonding and the use of the current jail once empty. Commissioner Burton said that he would prefer that the building be eliminated rather than trying to figure out what to use it for.

Meeting schedule for the month of July is as follows:

Commissioners will meet on the 17<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup> and August 7<sup>th</sup>.

There will be NO meetings on the 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> or 31<sup>st</sup>.

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

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Raymond S. Burton, Clerk