

GRAFTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING

Office of the Commissioners
3855 Dartmouth College Hwy.
N. Haverhill, NH 03774
Monday September 18, 2006

PRESENT: Commissioners Michael Cryans and William Gabler, Executive Director Julie Clough, and Secretary Jeri Martino.

EXCUSED: Commissioner Ray Burton

The Meeting was called to order at 11:18 AM

Bids for the Digitized Digital Dialer Receiver for the Dispatch Center were opened. Only one bid was submitted:

R.B. Allen Total cost for the master unit installed and operating: \$23,500.
Total cost for remote annunciator installed and operating: \$10,900

There were other options available and Communications Director Tom Andross, who was in attendance, took a moment to review the options. Once reviewed, Director Andross recommended that the Commissioners approve the bid as noted above.

Commissioner Gabler moved to accept the bid of \$34,400, for the master unit and the annunciator installed as recommended, which was seconded by Commissioner Cryans. All were in favor.

Re-submitted bids for the re-wiring of the barns were opened. Two bids were received.

Royal Electric: \$99,373
Conqueror Electric: \$119,884

Superintendent Jim Oakes reviewed the bids making sure that all areas were covered and then recommended that the Commissioners approve the bid from Royal Electric.

Commissioner Gabler moved to accept the bid of \$99,373 for the re-wiring of the barns, from Royal Electric, which was seconded by Commissioner Cryans. All were in favor.

Supt. Oakes then discussed the repair of the cupolas which had a bid acceptance of \$ 9,200 for the southern cupola and \$ 6,590 for the northern cupola from Fenn Way Builders. Fenn Way has since suggested the possibility of using a vinyl type siding that would match the color of the barn and last a lifetime with little or no maintenance, as opposed to using pine that would require maintenance over the years. The recommendation was to rebuild them both on the ground and then replace them. Originally the plan was to do one that way and repair the other where it was. Cost to do both cupolas in this way would be \$20,400. The Commissioners and the Executive Director agreed that using the vinyl would be the best way to go and authorized the change.

*11:32 AM – Commissioner Gabler moved to enter into Executive Session as per RSA 91-A:3, Paragraph II, Section a). Commissioner Cryans seconded the motion. All were in favor.

*11:42 AM – Commissioner Gabler moved to come out of Executive Session and to permanently seal the Minutes from the Session. Commissioner Cryans seconded the motion. All were in favor. No motions were made and no actions were taken while in Executive Session.

Commissioner Gabler moved to concur with the recommendation of Nursing Home Administrator Bolander, to suspend an LPN for a period of three days, which was seconded by Commissioner Cryans. All were in favor.

Commissioner Gabler moved to terminate an RN from employment upon the recommendation of Nursing Home Administrator Bolander, which was seconded by Commissioner Cryans. All were in favor.

Commissioner Cryans thanked and commended NHA Bolander for the terrific event held for Staff Appreciation Day and for the achievement of having a deficiency free inspection.

* 11:45 AM The Commissioners recessed for lunch.

* 1:00 PM The Commissioner resumed their meeting.

Executive Director Clough informed the Commissioners that the bid request for the building of the new heifer barn has been advertised and are scheduled to be opened on Tuesday October 10th, which is when the meeting will be held that week due to the holiday.

Executive Director Clough informed the Commissioners that due to the poor weather conditions this year, the pumpkins on the Farm have not ripened and will affect pumpkin day. The Executive Director said that she might be able to find somewhere to purchase some for the event so that it doesn't have to be cancelled. The Commissioners asked that the Executive Director check into the cost, but stressed the importance of having a pumpkin day at Grafton County.

Superintendent Libby arrived and requested that the Commissioners allow him to occupy the old Commissioners Building saying that he would like to utilize it for a variety of projects, including Drug Court, a possible AA meeting spot and in the future, to have some type of substance abuse program.

Commissioner Gabler asked if there was any type of renovations that needed to be done prior to the jail occupying the space and Supt. Libby said that he may have to address some security issues but other than that not much more would be needed.

Supt. Libby suggested that once Drug Court was moved into the building there may be a possibility of obtaining a grant to help toward paying rent in the building.

Though both Commissioners were in agreement with the request, Commissioner Cryans said that Commissioner Burton would need to be included in the decision as he has had a large concern since the building has vacant, as to its use. The matter will be tabled until next week.

Commissioner Gabler said that there was a special town meeting in Dorchester wherein the warrant to discontinue a certain road was defeated and therefore the road is to be repaired. This is the situation where the town of Dorchester is considering petitioning the County to pay for the road. At present this issue is unresolved.

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:30 PM

Raymond S. Burton, Clerk