

GRAFTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING

Office of the Commissioners
3855 Dartmouth College Hwy.
N. Haverhill, NH 03774
Monday October 2, 2006

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

EXCUSED: Commissioner Ray Burton

At 9:00 AM, The Commissioners, Executive Director Clough and Sec. Martino greeted the local Elementary School children for Pumpkin Day. They toured the piggery, the calf barn and then took a hay ride across the street where the pumpkins were.

The group returned from the Pumpkin Day festivities and the meeting was called to order by Commissioner Cryans at 10:30.

Pat Garvin from North Country Council was in attendance and presented the Commissioners with the Mascoma Corp. CDBG paperwork for signature. While she was present Executive Director Clough presented the Commissioners with the Administration Contract between North Country Council and the County for the Mascoma Corp administrative services. Commissioners also signed the Grant Agreement. There are several documents that need Commissioner Burton's signature, Ex. Director Clough will contact him and request that he stop by sometime this week and sign.

Commissioner Gabler motioned to approve the minutes from the September 18, 2006 minutes, which was seconded by Commissioner Cryans. All were in favor.

The Commissioners signed the check registers.

Executive Director Clough noted that the DRTC grand opening would be held on October 20th at 4:00 PM with the annual GCEDC meeting immediately following at Jesses Restaurant. Commissioner Gabler and Cryans indicated that they would be attending.

A Department head submitted a request for an innovation award for his entire department. After reviewing the request it was determined that the request did not fit the criteria for the award and therefore did not qualify for the award.

Commissioner Gabler formally announced that a company had been chosen by the jail core committee as the choice to produce the needs assessment of the jail. Four companies had responded and three of those four were interviewed. One company, SMRT stood out among the group.

Bids were as follows:

Kimme & Associates	\$ 92,500	<i>(did not meet qualifications)</i>
Voorhis & Associates	\$108,265	<i>plus \$13,283.6 in additional exp. Equaling \$121,548.60</i>
SMRT	\$121,000	<i>with additional \$15,000 if alternate site is needed</i>
Ricci Green	\$165,300	

In Commissioner Gabler's opinion and with agreement from the jail core committee, the choice was that SMRT should be awarded the bid. Commissioner Gabler had contacted Commissioner Burton with this information prior the meeting who said that he would be in favor of the decision of the core committee.

Executive Director Clough asked if that information was communicated in writing, to which Commissioner Gabler replied that it was.

Commissioner Gabler moved to award the bid for the jails' needs assessment to SMRT, which was seconded by Commissioner Cryans. All were in favor.

At this time a contract between the County and SMRT will need to be constructed, to which Commissioner Gabler will look to Sullivan County as they have recently gone through this process.

The use of the old Commissioners building was again discussed and it was noted that Commissioner Burton was in favor of the Jail using the building for the purpose of other programs as approved by the Board of Commissioners.

Commissioner Gabler motioned to cease efforts to lease the old Commissioners building and to allow the building to be used by Corrections for community programs and the Drug Court, which was seconded by Commissioner Cryans. Agreement of approval from Commissioner Burton is attached. All were in favor.

The Commissioners signed the MicroCredit CDBG paperwork.

- ❖ Finding of exemption environmental revue
- ❖ Release of funds
- ❖ Request for first drawdown

Executive Director Clough read a thank you note from the North Haverhill Fair for the use of correctional help. They noted appreciation and said that all the hard work did not go unnoticed. A copy of the letter also went to Superintendent Libby.

Executive Director Clough asked the Commissioners if they had recalled a conversation with the Register of Probate, B. Wyman, regarding a crosswalk for the Courthouse parking lot. Neither Commissioners recalled the conversation and suggested that perhaps it had been directed to Commissioner Burton. The Commissioners and the Executive Director did not however see the need for a crosswalk in the parking lot.

Mr. Harold Brown was at the meeting and Commissioner Cryans asked if he had anything he would like to say. Mr. Brown said that he had read that it cost Strafford County approximately

\$400K for their Drug Court and said that he had hoped that Grafton would try to limit their program and not expand. Commissioner Cryans said that it was not within the County's control to decide who gets sent to jail and that the County Attorney has said that he is already aware of at least twenty people who currently qualify for Drug Court.

Commissioner Gabler noted that Kathi Fortin the Administrative Director for the NH Association of Counties is resigning.

Commissioner Gabler said that he would like to revisit the issue of the Bar Association's use of the legal room in the Courthouse, and asked that the Executive Director Clough schedule a meeting with a BA representative.

Commissioner Cryans noted that at the recent annual NHAC Conference, County Attorney Rick St. Hilaire was awarded County Attorney of the Year, Communication Director Tom Andross was awarded Sheriff's Department Employee of the Year, and Nursing Home Administrator Eileen Bolander was jointly awarded for Interim Management Team, for all the help she had given to Belknap County in their time of need.

Commissioner Cryans also noted that the North Country Regional Charity Foundation awarded Norrine Williams as winner in the North Country. Ms. Williams was one of the people with whom the last Grafton County Report was dedicated to.

The Commissioners will meet on Tuesday next week due to the Holiday on Monday.

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:12 AM

Raymond S. Burton, Clerk