

GRAFTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING

Office of the Commissioners
3855 Dartmouth College Hwy.
N. Haverhill, NH 03774
Tuesday June 3, 2008

PRESENT: Commissioners Ray Burton and Michael Cryans, Executive Director Clough and Secretary Martino.

Excused: Commissioner Martha Richards

Commissioner Cryans called the meeting to order at 9:10.

Commissioner Burton moved to approve the minutes from May 27, 2008, which was seconded by Commissioner Cryans. Additions were made. All were in favor.

The Commissioners signed the check registers.

The Commissioners signed some thank you letters for participants on County Government Day.

Director Clough informed the Commissioners of two letters that were received from Social Service applicants in regards to being approved for less money than requested from the FY09 budget. The letters will be forwarded on to Rep. Williams as he will be reviewing the Social Service portion of the budget.

Director Clough passed out some information that had come from the Register of Deeds just this morning and had not yet been read.

Commissioner Cryans signed the environmental forms for MicroCredit 2008.

The Commissioners signed the closeout agreement for the CDFA Green Haven feasibility study.

Director Clough informed the Commissioners of the electronic receipt of the third quarter drug rebate in the amount of \$4330.

Commissioner Cryans signed the sub-recipient agreement for the Littleton Area Learning Center.

The Commissioners signed the AHEAD CDBG grant agreement.

Director Clough gave the Commissioners a thank you that was received from UNH Cooperative Extension for allowing the use of the facility on Conservation Day, which was a great success.

Human Services Administrator Nancy Bishop arrived and presented the Commissioners with the expenses per town through the month of March and said she is currently working on the month of April. She expects June bill to be fairly small.

Incentive applications went out last week and the notice went into the newspapers as well. The meetings will be held July 16th and 17th. HSA Bishop asked Commissioner Cryans if he had a representative he would like to appoint and he said he would like Cindy Swart, who has been his representative for years. Commissioner Burton has requested Jean Foltane who has also been his representative for years.

Commissioner Burton stated that he thought that having C. Swart on the board is a conflict of interest given that she has prior knowledge of many of the agencies applying. HSA Bishop said that applications are reviewed as a group and decided upon with the knowledge that the full committee has collectively.

Commissioner Burton asked if some of the applicants have or will be receiving money already as a result of the County budget and N. Bishop said yes.

Commissioner Cryans asked if there was any money left from last year that hasn't been requested yet and N. Bishop said that recipients have until the end of September to request their funds.

Commissioner Burton asked how much money is expected to be in the fund and N. Bishop said approximately \$234K. Commissioner Burton then recommended that the committee set apart some money to be available to an agency in the event of an emergency for help in keeping families together if needed, suggesting perhaps money left over from the previous year.

HSA Bishop said that there was nothing new as far as HB2 or the MOA was concerned however, there may be a need to put additional money into the HS budget.

There was a discussion about the HS Dept. and where people would be going.

Commissioner Burton asked if the additional money needed for the budget was in direct relation to what the legislature has decided in the past and N. Bishop said yes.

Nursing Home Administrator Eileen Bolander and intern Craig Labore arrived. NHA Bolander said that there has been a decrease the Medicaid rate from \$153.42 to \$151.48, which is per day per resident.

NHA Bolander said that the pharmacy contract will be up soon and she has sent out bids to two companies, as there are only two in the state. Omni Care is the pharmacy they are currently contracted with and the other company is Pharm America. NHA Bolander said that Omni Care is the by far the best option in price and services and have been very good to work with in the past. Approximately \$12-\$15 thousand dollars are charged out per month.

Commissioner Burton moved to approve the signing of a contract with Omni Care, which was seconded by Commissioner Cryans. All were in favor.

The survey window is currently open and next week on the 10th, some people from Sullivan County will be coming to the Nursing Home for a visit.

Commissioner Burton said that he would like to see the NHAC put together a directory and update the law book. NHA Bolander said she would mention that.

The County Convention will be at the Mount Washington Hotel on October 5 – 8.

Commissioner Burton said that Glencliff will be having its 100 year anniversary in Sept.

Commissioner Burton asked if there was currently a waiting list to get in the Nursing Home and NHA Bolander replied yes. He said “when there’s a waiting list, that’s a compliment”.

COMMISSIONER ISSUES:

Commissioner Burton said that he became aware of a situation on the firing range with some young people involved. Director Clough said that the situation could have had serious consequences as there were kids riding their bikes in the area of the shooting range while the Haverhill Police Dept. was practicing. The problem is that there are numerous access points so it’s difficult to cordon the area off.

Commissioner Burton said that any agency using the facility should post the area with a large sign which covers all accesses to the range, similar to what the DoC uses when they’re out on the road. Director Clough will follow up on it.

Commissioner Burton attended the Thresholds Graduation and he said it was very good and commented on the fact that inmates created their own presentation pamphlet.

Commissioner Burton said he had met with Congressman Hodes and gave him his request in support of health care costs for inmates.

Commissioner Cryans said he and Commissioner Burton visited Mascoma Corp last Thursday and said there were sixty people in the building and though they’re moving, they will remain in Lebanon.

Commissioner Cryans wanted to give credit to Janine Wyans of WNTK radio for all the help and announcement she makes on behalf of the County prescription drug card program.

Commissioner Burton said that he would be studying the materials from the Register of Deeds and that after Commissioner Richards receives hers on Monday, all three Commissioners can discuss it on Tues.

There was some discussion about the replacement of computers in the Deeds vault area. Director Clough said that should be done with cooperation between both Deeds and Connor & Connor.

Commissioner Burton asked where the Jail lawsuit stood and Director Clough said that depositions would take place Friday of this week and Monday and Tuesday of next week. Eight people in total would be deposed.

Director Clough said there was a pre-bid meeting for the sitework portion of the jail project with two possible dates set for ground breaking which were meant to see what kinds of costs they would be looking at for inflation. Ten to eleven excavating companies showed up for the meeting.

Human Services Administrator Nancy Bishop came back with the final MOA from the state and said that \$270K will need to be added to the budget. There will be a Commissioners Council meeting on Friday to sign the MOA. The MOA will need to be discussed and reviewed further before the Board makes any decisions or signs anything. HSA Bishop said that there should be a line changed in the current MOA and the attachments are missing. Commissioner Cryans asked her to ask the state to please make the line change and to send the attachments prior to requesting a signature.

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:50 AM

Raymond S. Burton, Clerk