

GRAFTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING

Office of the Commissioners
3855 Dartmouth College Hwy.
N. Haverhill, NH 03774
Tuesday May 26, 2009

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

Commissioner Cryans opened the meeting at 3:01 PM

Merelise O'Connor, Chief Member Services Officer of the New Hampshire Retirement System along with Peter Foley, Attorney for the NH Retirement System arrived to talk with the Commissioners. Superintendent Libby was also in attendance.

*3:01 PM – 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.

*4:35 PM– Commissioner Richards moved to come out of Executive Session and to permanently seal the Minutes from the Session. Commissioner Burton seconded the motion. All were in favor. No motions were made and no actions were taken while in Executive Session.

Commissioner Burton moved to waive the age requirement and allow an employee to receive County paid health benefits if said employee chooses to retire on July 01, 2009, which was seconded by Commissioner Richards. All were in favor.

Commissioner Burton moved to approve the minutes from May 19, 2009, which was seconded by Commissioner Richards. Edits were made. All were in favor.

The Commissioners signed the check registers.

The review of the goals for the Farm was tabled for another meeting.

Director Clough addressed the issue of upgrading the Deputy Register of Deeds per request of RD Sharp and with the confirmation from the wage consultant. Director Clough said that as she has stated in the past, if the wage consultant recommendations are not to be used, what is the sense of having him and agreed with the recommendation of the consultant. Commissioner Cryans said that he didn't want to penalize the employee and Commissioner Richards said that she was in favor of the increase.

Commissioner Richards moved to approve the grade increase from 4 to 5 for the Deputy Register of Deeds, which was seconded by Commissioner Cryans. All were in favor.

Director Clough said that there is a Federal Grant for a Case Manager for Drug Court and B. Gasser also wants to apply for a Byrne Grant through the State's AG Office. The thought is to have a Drug Case Manager 50% of the time and a Drug Court Supervisor 50% of the time. Director Clough said the Byrne Grant is only a two year grant and then

that money goes away. She said that it was important to keep in mind that after that time money would have to come from the County to pay for that position. Commissioner Cryans said that it should be made clear that this is a two year position and will only be continued if it works out. Commissioner Cryans signed the paperwork for the grant application.

Director Clough said that Union negotiations have been wrapped up and they have agreed to the 1.5% COLA and the change in the prescription drug plan. They will be meeting next week to ratify that decision.

COMMISSIONER ISSUES:

Commissioner Burton said that he would like to invite Mark Sanborn to the Commissioners meeting on June 16th as he is interested in bringing grants to New Hampshire. Commissioner Richards said that she would also like to have BERC back in on that same day to discuss grants as well.

There are two volunteer events coming up that Commissioner Cryans will be attending. One is a Volunteer Recognition Luncheon at the Nursing Home on June 12th at 11:00 AM and the other is a Volunteer Luncheon at the Jail on June 17th at 12:00 PM.

Commissioner Cryans attended a Drug Court event at Webster Place and Grafton County and Strafford County people attended along with many judges.

Commissioner Cryans attended a Memorial Day Ceremony in Hanover Center.

Commissioner Burton attended a Memorial Day Ceremony in Alton.

Commissioners reviewed the power-point presentation for this evenings public hearing on the budget.

Being no further business the meeting adjourned at 5:12PM

Raymond S. Burton, Clerk