

## GRAFTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING

Office of the Commissioners  
3855 Dartmouth College Hwy.  
N. Haverhill, NH 03774  
Tuesday June 2, 2009

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

Commissioner Cryans opened the meeting at 9:10 AM

HSA Bishop arrived with information saying that the VNA will be terminating their Family Support Services as of June and transferring them to Good Beginnings in Sullivan County. She said the VNA is rescinding their Social Service application prior to the Delegation vote. She said that she would advocate moving the VNA's money to Good Beginnings.

Commissioner Cryans said he had a concern about making sure that the services were for Grafton County residents and HSA Bishop said that the understanding is that the money would be used in Grafton County.

Commissioner Burton asked how much money they were talking about and HSA Bishop said \$50K in Family Support Services. The Commissioner had further questions but HSA Bishop said she hadn't received their application yet and couldn't answer everything.

HSA Bishop said that there have been some suggested changes to the incentive funds which has now been taken over by the State. She said that Concord is sending out applications as requested and they would be handled at the District office this year.

Commissioner Cryans suggested that if HSA Bishop had any say, it should be in a recommendation that someone from the County and an elected official be allowed some input.

There was some discussion as to whether the board should make a recommendation to the delegation in regard to GCSSC request for additional money. Commissioner Burton said that something should be put in writing stating the need. Commissioner Cryans questioned whether or not the County would already be a service and then that service would be working with GCSSC and the County also giving to GCSSC. HSA Bishop said that it was her understanding that the County is not funding a current service for protective clients but the Cindy Swart could probably answer that better. She would call C. Swart to discuss this.

HRD Mann arrived

\*9:42 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.

\*11:05 AM – 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.

NHA Bolander arrived. She said that Angie Ricker is winning the LNA of the year award from the NHAC.

Nursing Home census is 131.

NHA Bolander said they were expecting a new Medicaid rate this week. Current rate is \$155.41.

NHA Bolander cautioned the Commissioners that there is a contagious respiratory illness on Maple and that masks are required.

11:15 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.

\*11:25 AM – 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 approve a three day suspension for an employee pending the investigation and to agree with termination of that employee if the investigation warrants as recommended by NHA Bolander, which was seconded by Commissioner Richards. All were in favor.

There will be a retirement ceremony for JD Colcord on Friday after the NHAC meeting.

In a review of a bill from NHAC for dues, Commissioner Burton offered his services as Commissioners for a special project and recommended to NHA Bolander, the incoming President of NHAC, that the relationships with higher officials should be enhanced. Commissioner Cryans said that he thought that monthly meetings should be revitalized and said there were too many excuses made for people to not attend.

Commissioner Cryans said that he would like to present a letter of appreciation to Commissioner Colcord of Merrimack at the meeting Friday.

Superintendent Libby arrived.

11:41 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.

12:20 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 approve the minutes from May 26, 2009, which was seconded by Commissioner Richards. All were in favor.

Commissioner Burton moved to approve the public hearing minutes from May 26, 2009, which was seconded by Commissioner Richards. All were in favor.

The Commissioners signed the check registers.

The Commissioners reviewed and signed the MicroCredit 2009 CDBG grant award in the amount of \$409K.

In a bid request for CDBG Grant Administrator, only one bid was received from D. Lane in the amount of \$7750 lump sum.

Commissioner Burton moved to accept D. Lane's bid for CDBG Grant Administrator in the amount of \$7750, which was seconded by Commissioner Richards. All were in favor.

The Commissioners signed the Retiree Drug Subsidy Service Agreement with LGC for 2009 and 2010 which is a recurring agreement. \$1500 is paid for actuarial services provided.

The Commissioners signed a letter of agreement to NH Fish & Game which allows the Sheriff to enter into the agreement for OHRV patrol which is done annually.

A letter from HRD Mann was presented to the Commissioners which said she would be retiring as of July 1, 2009.

Director Clough presented the Commissioners with a letter from the town of Rumney Planning Board which stated their support for the Farm and its positive impact on inmates.

Director Clough asked the Commissioners to authorize payment for two retirees who left with over 30 years.

Commissioner Burton moved to authorize a one time retirement payment which was seconded by Commissioner Richards. All were in favor.

Director Clough reviewed a letter with the Commissioners from W. Hubbard in regard to the HR Clerk position. Director Clough said that at present, that position is on hold.

#### COMMISSIONER ISSUES:

Commissioner Cryans, Supt. Libby and Director Clough will be speaking at the Rotary Club in Littleton on June 3, 2009.

There was a discussion regarding a meeting with Woodsville Water & Light, who do not appear to want to discuss the water tank with the Commissioners at this time.

There was a discussion about needing to borrow money and Director Clough said that they would need to borrow and that would probably take place in July or early August.

Commissioner Burton went to the Benton Selectboard meeting and they have two new members. He will be visiting Woodstock tonight.

Commissioner Richards recently visited the town of Dorchester.

Commissioner Cryans said that he read in the Valley News that the Gile project has asked for relief from the town of Hanover for the sewer bill as it is considerably higher than anticipated.

Commissioner Cryans said that there will be a new State Representative elected from Lebanon tomorrow to replace Gene Andersen and that he should receive all the budget information as he will be participating in the budget vote.

12:50 PM Being no further business the meeting adjourned

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Raymond S. Burton, Clerk