

GRAFTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING

Office of the Commissioners  
3855 Dartmouth College Highway  
North Haverhill, NH 03774  
Tuesday July 15, 2008

PRESENT: Commissioners Michael Cryans, Ray Burton, Martha Richards, Executive Director Clough and Human Services Case Technician Lisa Broughan.

Commissioner Cryans opened the meeting at 9:10 AM

Farm Manager Donnie Kimball arrived with three bids for a Bobcat Skid-Steer Loader.

Northeast Farm Sales & Services Inc., Irasburg VT, \$21,736.41  
Bobcat of Worcester, Shrewsbury, MA, \$28,700.00  
Bobcat of Boston, North Reading, MA, \$29,031.00

Commissioner Richards asked Farm Manager Kimball if he was interested in any other companies that did not provide a bid or other brands aside from Bobcat. Farm Manager Kimball answered that he likes the Bobcat name and would like to stay with equipment from Bobcat. Commissioner Burton asked Farm Manager Kimball if the bid was advertised in the local papers. Farm Manger Kimball answered no as he wanted to stay with Bobcat and didn't see a need for other companies to bid.

Commissioner Burton asked if this was a new piece of equipment. Farm Manager Kimball answered yes. Commissioner Richards asked Farm Manager Kimball how much he had budgeted for the Skid-Steer. Farm Manager Kimball answered \$22,000. Commissioner Richards asked if they sold used Skid-Steers. Farm Manager Kimball answered yes, but he did not want to buy used as they are generally used pretty hard. Commissioner Richards asked what the longevity of the equipment is. Farm Manager Kimball said easily 10 to 15 years. Commissioner Cryans asked Farm Manager Kimball what kind of warranty the Skid-Steer will have. Farm Manager Kimball answered a 60 month power train warranty.

Commissioner Burton moved to accept the bid from Northeast Farm Sales & Services Inc., for \$21,736.41. Commissioner Richards seconded. All were in favor.

Farm Manager Kimball stated that since purchasing a new tractor was cut from his budget he will be fixing the International tractor he has now. It is roughly going to cost \$10,000 to fix. He would like to wait until the end of the season to repair it. Commissioner Richards wondered if the repair should be done, as this is their busy season. Farm Manager Kimball stated that the only bid for repair was from Blackmount, but he has heard of a provider in Canada who fixes International tractors. Commissioner Cryans said he favors using Blackmount as they have been our main provider and has helped out in the past. Commissioner Richards suggested Farm Manager Kimball contact the Canadian provider and get a quote. Farm Manager Kimball agreed to call and shop around for quotes.

Farm Manager Kimball stated that the farm is now getting their diesel fuel from the state garage and are saving around \$.45 a gallon.

Human Services Administrator Nancy Bishop arrived and passed out the list of Committee members for the Incentive Fund and the requests for funds and the amount of money available to allocate. The incentive meetings will be Wednesday and Thursday this week.

Administrator Bishop began discussing HB 2. She stated that the County's interpretation of the MOA is different than John Wallace's interpretation. John Wallace believes that the June State Bill should be considered in the Fiscal Year 09 instead of FY 08. Betsy Miller is having a meeting with John Wallace today to hopefully clear any misunderstandings up. She stated that the transition billing begins with the June State Bill being at the FY 08 rates of 50% non federal share, but they were told that they are sending the bill at 100% of the share. The County's are arguing both issues and are waiting to hear back from Betsy Miller.

Commissioner Burton asked if all 10 Counties signed the memorandum of agreement. N. Bishop answered only 9 did, Rockingham chose not to. Commissioner Burton stated he would like a copy of all emails regarding the disagreement and try to get some clarification with the Department of Health and Human Services.

N. Bishop stated that the MOA states "all bills received by the County after July 1<sup>st</sup> for services in FY 08 be paid at 50% federal share".

Commissioner Cryans asked N. Bishop what was happening with the Human Services Department. N. Bishop said that Darlene had transferred to Human Resources and that she and Lisa were doing the incentive fund meetings and then some clean up of the files.

Nursing Home Administrator Eileen Bolander arrived with her report. The census for the nursing home is at full capacity at 135 residents. Her intern Craig is taking his administrator's test on Wednesday.

Commissioner Burton stated that there is a great appreciation for the presence of the residents from the Nursing Home at the 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade, as well as the residents from Glencliff Home for the Elderly. NHA Bolander stated that the residents enjoy being there.

Commissioner Richards moved to approve the minutes from July 11, with a few changes, which was seconded by Commissioner Cryans. All were in favor.

The Commissioners signed the check registers.

Director Clough gave the Commissioners an updated report on the NACo Prescription Drug Plan that in the month of June had an average of \$11.20 savings per prescription with a total savings of \$10,535.12.

Director Clough said that for the past few years the Commissioners had written a proclamation for family day for the National Center of Addiction and have been requested to do so again. The Commissioners agreed to write a proclamation. National Family day is the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday in September.

Executive Dir. Clough stated that County has received the legal invoices for the month of May and June with a total of \$66,120, regarding the lawsuit with the Jail. As of today the total amount spent for legal fees is \$115,000. There is no date set for the trial as of today.

Executive Dir. Clough stated that there will be a full Delegation meeting on July 21st with an Executive Meeting to follow after.

Human Resources Director Joanne Mann arrived with her report.

Vacancies:

2 Dietary Aides-spare

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1 House Keeping Aide  
1 Assistant Director of Nursing

\* Davis & Towle will be here next week for new hires

\*10:22 AM—Commissioner Richards moved to Executive Session as per RSA 91 – A: 3, paragraph II, Section A). Commissioner Cryans seconded the motion. All were in favor.

\*11:10 AM—Commissioner Cryans moved to come out of Executive Session and to permanently seal the Minutes from the Session. Commissioner Richards seconded the motion. All were in favor. No motions were made and no actions were taken while in Executive Session.

Executive Dir. Clough stated that she is trying to reschedule the meeting on July 22<sup>nd</sup> with Jim Merrill regarding the pilot project with the Woodsville wastewater treatment plant. If that can be accomplished there will be no meeting on July 22<sup>nd</sup>.

#### COMMISSIONER ISSUES

Commissioner Cryans stated that Executive Dir. Clough, Supt. Oakes and himself met with Woodsville Water & Light and presented the plan for the water storage tank. Shannon Larocque also attended on the County's behalf. They met with Richard Roy, Mike Dannehey, Scott Simino and Bob Fagnant and he believed it's going to be nice working together with them.

Commissioner Richards asked if the project will be able to "go green". Executive Dir. Clough answered that Shannon would look into it, but believes it may be substantially more expensive than regular power.

Commissioner Burton would like Marblelife put on the bid list for future bids.

Commissioner Burton stated that his student intern has crafted a letter restoring County health care cost reflecting to help the cost of health

care for inmates. He would like all three Commissioners to sign her letter. Commissioner Richards suggested that Supt. Libby sign it as it is relating to the health care issue in the Jails.

Commissioner Burton said he went to the removal of the Pearl Lake Dam in Lisbon. The dam had been out of service since the 70's.

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:56 am

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Raymond S. Burton, Clerk