

GRAFTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING

Office of the Commissioners
3855 Dartmouth College Hwy.
N. Haverhill, NH 03774
Monday November 14, 2005

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

The Meeting was called to order 11:30 AM

Commissioner Gabler motioned to accept the minutes from the November 7th meeting, which was seconded by Commissioner Burton. Commissioner Cryans made a correction/addition to the minutes. All were in favor of accepting minutes as revised.

The Executive Director informed the Commissioners that there was a break in a sewage line behind the jail last week. Morrill Construction was called in to fix the break. Cost is expected to run between \$3200 - \$3500.

Commissioner Burton asked if there were defibrillators on the property. Executive Director Clough said that she thought that the Courthouse and the Nursing Home had one or more on site. Sheriff Dutile and Director of Communications Tom Andross were present and the Sheriff said that the Courthouse had two defibrillators and that all of his staff were trained on the usage of them. Commissioner Burton spoke of how the town of Bath was given defibrillators to be used at the Brick Store, and how he thought it was an excellent idea.

Sheriff Dutile and Director Andross brought their proposal for dispatch fees to the Commissioners for approval. If approved, the increase will begin in 2006. The towns having some of the largest increases are Littleton and Haverhill, which are due to the size of the population and usage. Commissioner Burton asked the Sheriff if he had spoken to the town of Littleton, which he had not. Commissioner Burton suggested getting in touch with the town selectman to see if they would like the Sheriff and Director to attend a board meeting to talk about the increase, which they agreed to do. The Sheriff said that the towns have been aware of this increase coming so it should come as no surprise. Director Andross stated that even the highest listed dispatch fees are still considerably lower than what it would cost a town to run their own dispatch center, which would be well over \$200K.

Commissioner Burton motioned to accept the proposed fees and to accept the new pricing policy for dispatch charges. Commissioner Gabler seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Director Andross updated the Commissioners on the progress of the surveillance at the Courthouse saying that there will be six cameras installed. A grant in the amount of more than \$12K was received from Homeland Security money. The US Marshals have done their walk through of the building and a report will follow.

Executive Director Clough will be meeting with Senator Burling this afternoon to hear his thoughts regarding the bill he has presented to the legislature regarding the abolition of county government. Commissioner Cryans stated that he would like to send a message along saying

that the Grafton County Commissioners were opposed to the bill and that the removal of county government would be a detriment to the people. Commissioner Gabler said that clearly there are things that the county does better than the state would do, such as running corrections and the nursing home. Commissioner Cryans said that if Senator Burling would like to meet with them at any time that it would be their pleasure.

Being no further business the meeting adjourned at 12:15 PM

Raymond S. Burton, Clerk