

GRAFTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING

Office of the Commissioners  
3855 Dartmouth College Hwy.  
N. Haverhill, NH 03774  
Monday December 19, 2005

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

EXCUSED: Commissioner William Gabler

The Meeting was called to order 11:10 AM

Commissioner Burton motioned to accept the minutes from the December 12th meeting, which was seconded by Commissioner Cryans. All were in favor.

The Commissioners signed the check registers.

Commissioner Cryans recognized the highly decorated and properly uniformed Superintendent Libby. Supt Libby began by thanking the Commissioners for their support of the DoC assessment meeting that was held on the 15<sup>th</sup>, and then proposed the following:

1. That the Commissioners consent to the Superintendent making an application to the NIC for the next phase of the new facility process, which would be a trip to Colorado.
2. That the county reaches out to both Coos and Sullivan Counties to see if they were interested in considering a facility with combined efforts.

Commissioner Burton suggested sending an open invitation to the two Counties. Commissioner Cryans had some reservations saying that extending an overture was fine, however, this proposal would also need to be reasonable from a Grafton County perspective. Commissioner Burton suggested to offer having a discussion and putting a 30-60 day time limit on it for reply.

The Commissioners supported Supt. Libby in his requests.

Commissioner Burton made mention of the fact that he had contacted someone at NACo, both by email and by phone, regarding how other counties had dealt with the closing of buildings in their areas, to see if they had any ideas about the armory building in Woodsville, but has not received any replies from anyone and was slightly annoyed. He noted that he had just approved payment for a bill for the NACo dues and thought that his queries should be answered.

Commissioner Burton received a note from Mr. Gibney regarding a design and patented light that he had proposed to Grafton County. Executive Director will check with Supt. Oakes to see if it is anything the county is interested in and the county will respond back to Mr. Gibney.

Commissioner Cryans signed a Safe Haven Grant for Emerge.

Forester Nory Parr provided the Executive Director with a bid prospectus for the wood cut for the Commissioners to review. Commissioner Burton noted that it is the consensus of the board that the bid offering receive public distribution county wide.

The Commissioners signed a Group II Certification form from the NH Retirement System.

The Commissioners signed two proclamations for people who were retiring after fifteen years.

New Hampshire State Veterinarian Steve Crawford arrived, along with Farm Manager Donnie Kimball, DoC Supt. Glenn Libby and UNH Dairy Specialist Michal Lunac.

Commissioner Cryans thanked Dr. Crawford for coming and asked him how long he had been on the job. Dr. Crawford replied that he had been the State DVM since July 8, 2005 after moving here from California. Dr. Crawford had already visited the North Haverhill Fair and has said that he has heard nothing but good things about Grafton County and applauds the county for its farm operation.

Farm Manager Kimball and Supt. Libby informed Dr. Crawford about the program that puts inmates to work on the farm, in both a dairy and an agricultural capacity. They also discussed the farm stand operation.

Commissioner Burton commended Dr. Crawford for getting out into the rural communities to see operations and he noted that he was particularly proud of this county's healthy herd.

The discussion turned to the topic of animal composting and the fact that at present, there isn't really enough information on it in the state of NH. Dairy Special Lunac said that Vermont is very active on the issue and he had just met with a committee to try to set some guidelines on the practice though this bill has not passed in legislature. Dr. Crawford said that at present you are allowed to bury animals on your property with exceptions, some of those being public image and mass burials in the case of disease.

Commissioner Burton encouraged Dr. Crawford to send all the county farms the latest updated information on items of interest and importance.

The group was planning to tour the farm after the meeting.

Being no further business the meeting adjourned at 12:00 PM

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Raymond S. Burton, Clerk