

GRAFTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING

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

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

EXCUSED: Commissioner Ray Burton

The Meeting was called to order 11:40 AM

Commissioner Gabler moved to approve the minutes from Sept 12, 2005, which was seconded by Commissioner Cryans. Commissioner Cryans noted certain changes that needed to be made which were noted. All were in favor of the Sept. 12, 2005 minutes as corrected.

The Commissioners signed the check registers.

Executive Director Clough informed the Commissioners that she had received a message from Mary Deppe from North Country Council, regarding the withdrawal of the CDBG application for The Franconia Children's Center, saying that there were some financial problems that needed to be reviewed, and that the grant application will be withdrawn, worked on and resubmitted in January.

Executive Director Clough presented the Commissioners with an out-of-cycle merit increase for one of her employees whom she stated has been a very valuable asset since coming on board. Commissioner Gabler moved to accept the recommendation and was seconded by Commissioner Cryans. All were in favor.

Executive Director Clough advised the Commissioners that Carolyn Kirby, Asst. County Attorney in Hillsborough County has issued a legal opinion regarding the OAA and APTD Medical Surcharge increases and it appears that there is no constitutional violation in what the state has done; it is just a rate increase.

Executive Director Clough informed the Commissioners that the federal mileage reimbursement rate has increased to .485 and informed the Commissioners that the county typically offers the same reimbursement. Commissioner Gabler moved to increase the mileage rate, which was seconded by Commissioner Cryans. All were in favor.

Commissioner Cryans signed a credit card slip approving a hotel room for the Sheriff's Dept/Dispatch when they travel for training.

Executive Director Clough informed the Commissioners that a prescription drug rebate of \$19,382. was received from the State of NH for period ending June 30, 2005.

Executive Director Clough presented the Commissioners with the Barbara B. Hill brochure for final approval. Brochure will be sent to all names on the brochure to double check information.

Executive Director Clough presented the Commissioners with an out of state travel request from Human Services for Director Bishop to attend training in San Francisco in November. Money has already been budget for the trip. Commissioner Gabler moved to approve the travel, which was seconded by Commissioner Cryans. All were in favor.

October 11, 2005 will be Pumpkin Day at the Grafton County Farm, with a rain date of October 13th. The Commissioners will meet on the 11th.

Woodsville High School approached the county and asked if it was interested in placing an ad in their yearbook. Executive Director Clough noted that this has not been done in past years and it really didn't seem right to support one school and not all in the county. The Commissioners agreed.

The Executive Director asked that the Commissioners begin to think of who they might want to dedicate the Annual Report to, as it was currently in the works.

The Executive Director relayed notice from Jeri Martino that she had accepted the appointment of Chair on the Employee Council.

*11: 57 AM – Commissioner Gabler moved to enter into Executive Session as per RSA 91-A:3, Paragraph II, Section a). Commissioner Cryans seconded the motion. All were in favor.

12:17 PM – Commissioner Gabler moved to come out of Executive Session and to permanently seal the Minutes from the Session. Commissioner Cryans seconded the motion. All were in favor. No motions were made and no actions were taken while in Executive Session.

The Executive Director informed the Commissioners that she received a letter requesting information from a lawyer representing a former inmate regarding an injury the inmate sustained while he was incarcerated and working on the farm. The injury took place approximately a year ago.

Being no further business the meeting adjourned at 12:25 PM

Raymond S. Burton, Clerk