

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING  
Administration Building ~ UNH Conference Room  
3855 Dartmouth College Highway  
North Haverhill, NH  
Monday Sept. 29, 2008

PRESENT: Representatives Mulholland, Almy, Williams, Aguiar, Dingman, Gionet, Laliberte, Preston and Friedrich, Commissioners Burton, Executive Director Clough and Secretary Jeri Martino.

Commissioner Cryans arrive at 11:00 AM

Chair Mulholland called the meeting to order at 10:25 AM.

Rep. Dingman moved to approve the minutes from July 21, 2008, which was seconded by Rep. Laliberte. Changes were made. Rep. Williams abstained from the vote, all others were in favor.

Rep. Williams asked if there was a violation to the statutes, as noted in the statement made by Rep. Aguiar in the minutes from July 21<sup>st</sup>, referring to paying elected officials longevity. Rep. Aguiar said that in his opinion, unless the delegation voted to approve the longevity for elected officials then it should not be paid. He also questioned the practice of paying longevity at all. He questioned whether or not at some time in the past had a delegation voted to approve certain compensations such as longevity for a County elected official.

Director Clough said that it is the Commissioners prerogative to set the policy for employee compensation and not the delegation, who only approved the budget as a whole.

Rep. Friedrich said that if the delegation votes on the elected official's salaries and that amount includes longevity, then it should be voted on. Rep. Williams asked Director Clough if when they voted on the elected official's salary, did they not vote on the longevity included and she said they did not.

Rep. Almy suggested that perhaps using the Legislators research center in Concord to find out about the authority of the delegation regarding this issue.

Rep. Mulholland said that she would like to defer to this conversation until next month as they were under some time constraints, and so the issue was tabled.

#### TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Elliot said that she had cashed in a CD after its nine month maturity and made a bond payment. This left a balance in the Citizen's Bank cash account at approximately

\$185,000, which was not reflected on the August cash management report as this occurred in September.

In August a Tax Anticipation Note was taken out in the amount of an \$8M line of credit, at Northway Bank at a 2.11% interest rate. The note will mature at the beginning of the year. Taxes are due December 17<sup>th</sup> and a portion will be used to repay the TAN's. So far \$1.9M from that line of credit has been used.

Rep. Williams moved to approve the Treasurer's Report, which was seconded by Rep. Almy. All were in favor.

### FINANCIAL REPORT

Director Clough presented monthly variance reports from July and August but reviewed only August as it was up to date.

Director Clough said that the revenues were lagging and there were a few expenses that were over expended.

The prorated report had revenues over at 16.72% or \$14,346 and expenses under at 14.43% or \$737,244.

Rep. Williams asked about Human Services and how all that was going and Director Clough said that it was starting to work itself out and that an MOA had been signed.

Rep. Laliberte moved to accept the Financial Report which was seconded by Rep. Aguiar. All were in favor.

Rep. Almy said that she would like to spend a little more money next year and get the County some training on its statutory responsibilities, through the LCG. Director Clough said that the County already pays a lot of money to the NHAC and that this topic has been in discussion between she and the Commissioners just recently.

Commissioner Burton said that he plans to be active in asking the NHAC for some training to reinvigorate the information for newly elected officials as well as asking for other things such as the directories which he has been asking for for a long time now.

### COMMISSIONER REPORT:

Director Clough gave the committee information about the Grafton County court case saying that the last day of court was Sept. 22<sup>nd</sup> and that both sides had rested. There is a post trial memorandum that is due by Oct. 6<sup>th</sup> and then it will be up to the Judge to render his decision, which no one knows long will take.

Rep. Almy asked how much money has been spent so far and Director Clough that \$251K has been spent through August 31<sup>st</sup>.

Rep. Preston asked if legal fees have been asked for and Director Clough said that they hadn't but it had been discussed. Rep. Almy said she thought they should be. Rep. Preston asked if it was too late to ask for that and Director Clough said no.

Rep. Aguiar asked when a start date would be if the decision is favorable and Director Clough said that there would likely be an appeal to the Supreme Court and depending on that, it wouldn't be until some time next year.

Commissioner Burton gave the Commissioners report saying that Commissioner Richards is busy with the Farm Advisory Committee and the Alternative Energy Committee.

- All three Commissioners attended the GCEDC Annual Meeting wherein Indeck Energy Services, Inc. out of Alexandria won the First Business Award.
- All three Commissioners attended the ribbon cutting ceremony of the experimental waste water treatment plant in Woodsville.
- Commissioners Burton and Richards attended a transportation forum
- There will be a Governor and Council opening on the state coordinating council
- Commissioners Richards and Burton attended a tri Chamber of Commerce luncheon in Waterville Valley which included Lincoln and Plymouth.
- The first GED graduation was ceremoniously held at the jail which included all three Commissioners and Director Clough and was very inspirational.
- Drug Court will be taking three successful participants to a conference in North Conway
- NHAC County Conference will be held at the Mount Washington hotel the 5 -8<sup>th</sup> of October.
- Commissioner Burton will bring up the topic of longevity at the Commissioners meeting tomorrow.

Director Clough noted that the state surveyors had been at the Nursing Home and it was deemed deficiency free.

The first graduation ceremony for Drug Court will be held on October 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Rep. Almy asked whether or not a grant was received for Drug Court and Director Clough thought they might hear about that soon.

Commissioner Cryans arrived and informed everyone that he had just attended the 76<sup>th</sup> Correctional Academy graduation ceremony for Correctional Officers at the Morrill building in North Haverhill which was a collaboration of efforts between both Grafton and Carroll County.

Rep. Laliberte expressed thanks for receiving minutes from the Energy Committee by email.

Rep. Gionet moved to accept the Commissioners report which was seconded by Rep. Dingman. All were in favor.

11:03 AM Rep. Williams moved to adjourn which was seconded by Rep. Laliberte. All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

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Susan Almy, Clerk