

GRAFTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING

3855 Dartmouth College Hwy.

North Haverhill, NH 03774

Tuesday, October 9, 2012

PRESENT: Commissioners Cryans, Burton and Ahern and Director Clough.

9:01AM Commissioner Cryans opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Farm Manager Kimball arrived with his report saying they were milking 65 cows, shipping 8500#'s of milk for an average of 65 #'s per animal.

Farm Manager Kimball reported that the farm has finished cutting corn on October 8, 2012. The farm has 17 rows of potatoes left to dig up and potatoes have been selling well. The farm stand is winding down. Commissioner Cryans asked when it would close and FM Kimball responded that he did not know that would be up to Supt. Libby.

Next week the farm will be trimming the feet on the cows. FM Kimball continues to look for a replacement vehicle.

FM Kimball mentioned that he still needs to get the fourth cut of grass and spread manure; he stated that they have lots of fall work to do.

Commissioner Burton asked about inmate labor. FM Kimball says that his guys are allowed to have three (3) guys, he stated that currently the Crossroads and Decisions program is going on right now and that affects inmate labor.

Commissioner Burton then asked about potatoes. FM Kimball stated that it was a good crop, they have made quite a few donations and the jail would like 15,000 lbs for the winter. Commissioner Burton also asked about the hens. FM Kimball replied they are still laying, but that they price of grain is crazy. Commissioner Burton then asked about the pigs. FM Kimball stated that he has had two (2) litters this fall and he has twelve (12) to breed for the spring. Next Commissioner Burton asked about unused farm machinery. FM Kimball stated that the only unused equipment is an old potato digger and they use that for spare parts. Everything else gets used and most will go undercover for the winter.

Commissioner Ahern asked FM Kimball to explain the details of the crop failure that led to the lack of pumpkins and the status of the winter squash. FM Kimball stated that they pumpkins had been planted and then they got weedy, they ended up needing to be replanted. Weeds were a problem. Then when they blossomed they didn't get sunshine and it was rainy. In addition, there were no bees to help with pollination. He explained that the squash was similar, but that the squash ended up okay. There are a lot of acorn squash, but they are not ready yet. FM Kimball stated that there were some pumpkins that were sold at the farm stand. He also stated that there was a problem with stem rot.

Register of Deeds Kelley Monahan arrived with a report for the Board. *(see attached). Foreclosures are trending down and revenues are doing well. Commissioner Ahern asked if we

were running ahead on revenue at the end of the first quarter. RD Monahan stated that we were. She stated that things are continuing to move.

RD Monahan stated that the Deeds office had been experiencing some delays in posting data to the internet. After making Fidler aware of this, it was identified that the issue was due to continuing to run the old Connor & Connor search engine. The problem has been solved and RD Monahan sent a letter to account holders explaining the situation.

RD Monahan reported that she received a call from a representative for Lender Processing Solutions inquiring if the County bulk sold data. They were told no. RD Monahan is concerned that this will turn into a freedom of information request as it did in the State of Maine. She has contacted the legal firm that handled the case for Maine to discuss. Maine ended up with the case going to the Supreme Court which ruled that the Maine Registers had set precedent for charge \$1 per page. She feels that NH needs to do the same, but stated that she is not sure that all the Registers in NH feel the same.

RD Monahan told the Commissioners that the Registers will be meeting with a MERS Vice-President for two (2) hours at the NHAC Conference.

Commissioner Cryans asked if everyone had a chance to read the minutes and had any edits or correction. Commissioner Ahern had some edits.

Commissioner Burton moved to approve the minutes as amended which was seconded by Commissioner Ahern. All were in favor.

COMMISSIONER ISSUES:

Commissioner Burton said that he will be interviewing Jan Kinder this afternoon as his recipient of the dedication for this year's annual report.

Treasurer Carol Elliott received the Raymond S Burton Public Service Award last evening at the Grafton County Republican Dinner.

Commissioner Burton noted that the invoices for traveling nurses at the highest he remembers seeing. Commissioner Ahern says this is a consequence of the turnover issue.

Commissioner Burton stated that he and Commissioner Cryans had been invited to address the students in Ron Shako's class at Dartmouth. He asked is anyone had any topics they would like the Rockefeller Research Center to do some research on.

Commissioner Burton stated that he will be attending the Upper Valley Transportation Committee meeting today at UVLSRPC.

Commissioner Burton will be on a Farm and Forest tour on Friday, October 12th. He will also be doing a presentation to the Garage Mechanics and their cars, which is a group of small business owners who meet to discuss how government relates to their businesses.

Commissioner Ahern will be attending the Conservation Tour on Friday 10/12. Commissioner Cryans will also be on that tour. Commissioner Ahern will be attending the Grafton County Farm Bureau meeting on 10/13.

Commissioner Ahern had a couple of topics for research. The first involved researching the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act will affect NH. The other topic is to look at how more elderly people staying at home will affect the Counties and how they will handle it.

Commissioner Ahern will be attending a forum on NH Energy Future at PSU on October 23, 2012 at 7:00 PM.

Commissioner Ahern stated that Senator Jeannie Forrester received the Legislative Service Award.

Commissioner Cryans stated that there will be a ground breaking ceremony for the Biomass Project next Tuesday. Commissioner Cryans stated that the 71st LGC Annual Conference will take place on November 14th & 15th. He also noted that the NHAC will host an orientation for newly elected Legislators on November 28th at Noon.

*10:00 AM – Commissioner Ahern moved to enter into non-public session for the purposes of discussing matters which, if discussed in public, would likely affect adversely the reputation of any person according to RSA 91-A:3, II (c). Commissioner Burton seconded the motion. This motion requires a roll call vote, Commissioner Cryans called the roll. Commissioner Ahern “yes”; Commissioner Burton “yes” Commissioner Cryans “yes”; Commissioner Cryans stated that a majority of the board voted yes and we will now go into non-public session.

11:00 AM Commissioner Cryans declared the meeting back in public session.

Commissioner Ahern moved to seal the minutes of the just completed non public session for the reason that divulgence of the information likely would affect adversely the reputation of any person other than a member of the public body itself, Commissioner Burton seconded. All were in favor.

11:02 AM With no further business the meeting adjourned.

Raymond S. Burton, Clerk

**Grafton County Registry of Deeds
Kelley J. Monahan Register
Report to Commissioners
October 9, 2012**

September Revenue

County Revenue 9/2009	\$79,523.88	State Revenue 9/2009	\$443,381.76
County Revenue 9/2010	\$91,360.22	State Revenue 9/2010	\$509,792.64
County Revenue 9/2011	\$68,850.10	State Revenue 9/2011	\$588,695.04
County Revenue 9/2012	\$80,461.98	State Revenue 9/2012	\$611,006.94

Foreclosures

2009 167 year to date
2010 170 year to date
2011 192 year to date
2012 144 year to date

1. We have experienced a few days of delay of up to a few hours, in posting our data to the internet. The Fidlar team and our team set out to identify what the cause of this delay was. We were concerned that it was an internet speed issue. By having in place the old Conner & Conner search engine, plus the new search engine. The data had to process through 3 programs before it was posted. The problem is solved and I have sent a letter out to the accounts explaining the situation and asking for cooperation.
2. On 9/18/12 LPS a representative from Lender Processing Solutions called inquiring if we bulk sold our data. This type of request is what I have been preparing the Board of Commissioners for.

**Respectfully Submitted,
Kelley J. Monahan
August 14, 2012**