

GRAFTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING

3855 Dartmouth College Hwy.

North Haverhill, NH 03774

March 12, 2013

PRESENT: Commissioners Mike Cryans, Ray Burton and Martha Richards, and Secretary Martino.

Employee Council members Mark Deem, Rick Tyler and Lisa Langlois arrived.

2:30 PM Commissioner Cryans opened the meeting which began with the Pledge of Allegiance let by Mark Deem.

A handout was given to the Board with requests from the Council. The first request was for a .66 COLA, flat rate increase across the board for all Employee Council members. This did not include salaried employees or Union members. L. Langlois went over how this figure was arrived at.

The second request was that all differentials increase an additional .50 per hours as the last increase had not been seen since early 2000.

The third request was to standardize the "on call" stipend to \$2.50 per hour. At present, various departments receive different amounts for an "on call" stipend.

M. Deem said that all Employee Council members were polled to see what they wanted to request. 109 employees responded and the aforementioned is what the majority wanted.

R. Tyler said the .66 increase would benefit the employees on the lower end of the pay scale.

It was noted that the Council felt that all the Employee Council members were fairly represented by the Council.

Commissioner Cryans asked if the items were shown in priority and that the .66 increase was the most important and the Council said yes.

The Commissioners will review the information and get together again with the Council.

Farm Manager Donnie Kimball and Herdsman Ben White arrived.

The Farm is milking 84 cows, shipping 12,600#'s for an average of 75#'s per cow. The price of milk is \$20.27

Pigs will be born in the spring and FM Kimball plans to ask \$80 each.

Commissioner Cryans asked B. White about keeping his Jersey cows on the County property and what if something happened to them. B. White said he would accept the risk and if something happens, it happens. Right now there are three Jersey cows and two calves that belong to White.

Commissioner Burton said the only way he would be comfortable with this scenario is if White assumes all risk for anything that may happen to the animals and B. White said he does.

Commissioner Richards asked about raising animals for food for the Jail and FM Kimball said that he wouldn't want to lose revenue by giving meat to the Jail.

Commissioner Richards asked about a possibility of getting a rider on the insurance policy for the Farm for B. White's cows.

FM Kimball asked that B. White make the request for items that he would like to see in the Farm budget. White said that they were looking at a new mixer wagon that may run about \$30K and a new pulsation unit for the milking machine, which would be around \$7K for six of them.

White said that he would like to pasture the County animals and suggested that they could be moved to a pasture that his family owns in Vermont at a cost of \$5500. The County doesn't have a trailer so that would have to be included in the fee.

Commissioner Cryans said that is something that would have to be given some thought. Commissioner Burton said his preference would be to use County land to pasture the cows.

FM Kimball will present his budget next week.

Register of Deeds Kelley Monahan arrived with her report. *(see attached) Revenues are down slightly for the month of February but things still seem to be picking up. There are 32 foreclosures year to date.

There was a discussion about documents in Deeds, public access to them and charging per page for copies. No changes have been made as yet though RD Monahan is considering.

County Attorney Lara Saffo arrived with her report *(see attached).

CA Saffo presented the Commissioners with a new Mental Health Court enhancement grant for future approval.

There was a discussion about whether or not there would be enough court time if the Mental Health court was expanded. Atty. Saffo said that the judges are on board with this and the Mental Health coordinator does all the preparation for the court which meets once a month.

Commissioner Burton requested that Atty. Saffo try to get on the agenda when Judge Kelly gets together with all the judges, and present some of the new programs she's been working on.

Atty. Saffo requested approval for one the attorney's to travel to Alabama as he was chosen to participate in a fully paid for training in "Mobile Devices in Court for Prosecutors" which is put on by the US Secret Service Criminal Investigative Division. Training is from April 17-19 and will be at no cost to the County.

Commissioner Burton moved to approve travel to Alabama for one of the attorney's which will be paid in full by the federal government which was seconded by Commissioner Richards. All were in favor.

Atty. Saffo said that a commendation from Senator Ayotte was received on behalf of the Grafton County Mental Health Court.

Nursing Home Administrator Craig Labore arrived.

*4:00 PM - Commissioner Richards moved to enter into non-public session for the purposes of discussing the dismissal, promotion, or compensation of any public employee or the disciplining of such employee according to RSA 91-A:3, II (a). Commissioner Burton seconded the motion. This motion requires a roll call vote, Commissioner Cryans called the roll. Commissioner Richards "yes"; Commissioner Burton "yes" Commissioner Cryans "yes"; Commissioner Cryans stated that a majority of the board voted yes and would now go into non-public session.

*4:15 PM- Commissioner Cryans declared the meeting back in public session.

Commissioner Richards moved to permanently seal the minutes from the just completed non-public session in the event they could affect the reputation of someone other than those of the Board of Commissioners. Commissioner Burton seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Commissioner Cryans asked if everyone had read the minutes from March 5th and had any changes or corrections. Some edits were made.

Commissioner Burton moved to approve the minutes from March 5, 2013 as amended which was seconded by Commissioner Richards. All were in favor.

Commissioner Cryans asked if everyone had read the budget minutes from March 7th and had any changes or corrections. No edits were made.

Commissioner Burton moved to approve the budget minutes from March 7, 2012 as amended which was seconded by Commissioner Richards. All were in favor.

There will be a 90th birthday celebration at the Nursing Home on the 29th at 2:00 PM

There will be a Grafton County Economic Development Council Awards dinner on the 16th of April at the Woodstock Inn in Woodstock, NH. All three Commissioners will be attending.

Commissioner Cryans signed the HUD form 2880 for the CDBG Microenterprise grant.

Commissioner Cryans signed the Municipal Certification form for the CDBG Microenterprise grant.

COMMISSIONER ISSUES:

Commissioner Richards said that the most recent edition of the Upper Valley Magazine has an article on the Grafton County Senior Citizen's Council facilities in Grafton County.

Commissioner Richards said that Attorney Ross Deachman of Plymouth asked her to save the cornerstone from the old Jail as an historical memento.

Commissioner Cryans noted that Hanover philanthropist Jack Byrnes, to whom he dedicated the annual report to in FY08, has passed away at the age of 80. He said that Jack was a wonderful and giving person and has donated millions of dollars to DHMC and numerous other agencies in the upper valley.

Commissioner Burton attended the House Finance Committee public meeting that was held in Whitefield. He said there were at least 41 speakers and much was discussed.

Commissioner Burton received a book from the State's Attorney's Office on Grant Management by Governor Hassen and Attorney Michael Delany

Commissioner Burton wanted to publically thank any and all who participated in the many ways in the old Jail meetings. He said that the Delegation, on March 11, 2013 voted in favor of repurposing funds to demolish the old Jail building. The vote was 16/3 in favor.

4:46 PM With no further business the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully,

Raymond S. Burton, Clerk

**Grafton County Registry of Deeds
Kelley J. Monahan Register
Report to Commissioners
March 12, 2013**

February Revenue

County Revenue 2/2009	\$65,090.84	State Revenue 2/2009	\$266,375.04
County Revenue 2/2010	\$54,282.72	State Revenue 2/2010	\$550,008.00
County Revenue 2/2011	\$71,304.00	State Revenue 2/2011	\$472,685.76
County Revenue 2/2012	\$60,013.56	State Revenue 2/2012	\$491,521.92
County Revenue 2/2013	\$58,687.26	State Revenue 2/2013	\$230,022.72

Foreclosures 2009 25 year to date	Equipment Surcharge Balance \$95,960.45
2010 35 year to date	CD \$50,000.00
2011 29 year to date	Bank of NH \$43,232.98
2012 22 year to date	
2013 32 year to date	
	8 month actual revenue \$666,743.98
	12 month projected revenue \$950,000.00

1. The new Register of Deeds for Cheshire County, Anna Tilton and her deputy spent a day here observing the new Avid recording system and work flow. The registry staff, as always, was very cooperative and helpful.
2. I met with CEO and CFO of Fidlar Technologies, Ernest Riggen and Dave Stile who came to NH to discuss the details of our conversion their new search products.
3. NH Register of Deeds Association met to discuss pending legislation that will affect our offices.

**Respectfully Submitted,
Kelley J. Monahan
March 12, 2013**

**Office of the Grafton County Attorney
Lara Saffo, County Attorney
March 12, 2013
Report to the Commissioners**

(1) Statistics

In 2013, from January 1, 2013 through March 11, 2013, we opened 171 cases.
In 2012, from January 1, 2012 through March 11, 2012, we opened 142 cases
In 2011, from January 1, 2011 through March 11, 2011, we opened 143 cases

(2) The Child Advocacy Center



The tenth annual Shield Our Children From Harm professional conference will be held on April 11, 2013 at Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center. It is a joint effort between the Children's Hospital at Dartmouth, the Child Advocacy Center of Grafton and Sullivan County at DHMC and the Child Advocacy Center at the Family Place in Norwich, Vermont. The focus of this year's conference is excellence in prevention, investigation and treatment of child maltreatment.

(3) Halls of Hope/ASSERT

The Statewide mental health court training occurred on February 22, 2013 at the Plymouth State University's Welcome Center. We were a full house, over 65 people attended. We have trained 227 people about mental health illness and mental health court since the inception of the grant.

At the conference, we were honored to receive a letter from Senator Kelly Ayotte commending the Grafton County Mental Health Court, practitioners from New Hampshire's mental health profession, and members of our justice system for our work in building a multi-disciplined approach to a Mental Health Court system in New Hampshire. I have attached a copy of her letter.

I have a new BJA enhancement grant for your consideration. As you review it do not hesitate to contact me with any questions. It is due to be submitted by the 25th. It is designed to enhance our current mental health court by providing the funding to implement the Plymouth court and provide additional training.

Shelly Golden attended the BJA training in Washington DC from February 28, 2013 to March 1, 2013. She was joined by a circuit court prosecutor from Littleton, New Hampshire, Aliza Anvari, and the Managing Attorney for the Littleton Public Defender's Office, Marcie Hornick. This training is vital to ensure that our mental health court continues to follow best practices.

(4) Upcoming Training

Deputy County Attorney Melissa Pierce, along with Sergeant Ryan Porter of the Canaan Police Department will be presenting "Senior Fraud Prevention: How to Keep Your Money and Identity Safe from Theft" at the Canaan Senior Citizen Center (April 17th at 11:00am), Dartmouth Hitchcock's Aging Resource Center (May 30th, 2013 at 10:00am), and the Horsemeadow Senior Center (June 20th at 11:00 am).

(5) Travel requests

The United States Secret Service, Criminal Investigative Division's National Computer Forensics' Institute has selected Paul Fitzgerald of our office to participate in a fully paid for training in Alabama. The topic is Mobile Devices in Court for Prosecutors. Billing will not be submitted through the county, and there will be no cost to the county. The training is April 17 – 19, 2013.

(6) Circuit Court Prosecution

We have continued to work hard to coordinate and support the circuit court prosecutors in Grafton County.

(7) Sexual Assault Resource Teams

a. Upper Valley SART

We are working with the AG's office to develop an Upper Valley SART. They have met and drafted a mission statement: "To provide an effective, consistent and comprehensive response to adult sexual assault through improved services, enhanced collaboration, and a victim-centered response to promote justice."

b. Plymouth Area SART

This continues to be one of the best, well organized SARTS in New Hampshire. We are working on a promotional activity, and recently conducted another case review of an adult sexual assault prosecution. These case reviews provides an opportunity for all team members to evaluate a case (now that it is completed) and identify where we think the system worked well, and where we think improvements can be made. In particular, we receive feedback from the victim(s), which is invaluable.

(8) Juvenile Diversion Programs

Previously, I provided a powerpoint that outlined basic information about the effectiveness of juvenile diversion/ restorative justice programs. I would like to build on that information by providing, as well as some testimonials from Grafton County. It is vital to recognize that we will lose the Restorative Justice program in the Plymouth area if we do not receive funding.

To that end I am providing a copy of "The Juvenile Diversion Guidebook" a publication prepared by the Models for Change Juvenile Diversion Workgroup. This entity is comprised of the following: the Center for Juvenile Justice Reform, the National Center for Mental Health and

Juvenile Justice, the National Juvenile Defender Center, the National Youth Screening and Assessment Project and the Robert F. Kennedy Children's Action Corps. Among other things, it notes that the funding source for such programs should be counties.

As always, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. I welcome the opportunity to answer any questions

UNITED STATES SENATE
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20510

Kelly A. Ayotte
New Hampshire

February 22, 2013

Staff & Members
NH Mental Health Court State-wide Training
Plymouth, NH

Dear Staff, Members, & Advocates of NH's Mental Health
Courts:

I commend the Grafton County Mental Health Court, practitioners from New Hampshire's mental health profession, and members of our justice system, for your work in building a multi-disciplined approach to a Mental Health Court system in our state.

I was pleased to be an original cosponsor of the Justice & Mental Health Collaboration Act to update and reauthorize the Mentally-Ill Offender Treatment and Crime Reduction Act of 2004. This Act seeks to improve access to effective treatment for people with mental illness involved with the justice system. You are all on the front lines of providing an appropriate response to mentally ill offenders. I wish you the best during this state-wide training. Thank you for all that you do to keep New Hampshire one of the safest states in the nation.

Sincerely,



Kelly A. Ayotte
United States Senator