

GRAFTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING  
3855 Dartmouth College Hwy  
North Haverhill, NH 03774  
November 6<sup>th</sup> 2014

PRESENT: Commissioners Michael Cryans, Linda Lauer and Martha Richards. Executive Director Julie Libby and Admin. Assistant S. Norcross.

OTHERS PRESENT: Donnie Kimball, Farm Manager, Alex Nuti-de Biasi - Journal Opinion

Commissioner Cryans called the meeting to order at 9:00AM and began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

FM Kimball arrived and gave the following report:

- 1) We are milking sixty eight cows and we are shipping five thousand three hundred pounds of milk for an average of seventy eight pounds per cow.
- 2) The price of milk currently is twenty seven dollars and fifty five cents per hundredweight.
- 3) We closed the Farm Stand for the season on October 31<sup>st</sup> 2014
- 4) We had an excellent year for cow corn. We chopped cow corn from October 18<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup>.
- 5) We are working on spreading manure and digging potatoes
- 6) We are getting the buildings ready for winter. Windows, doors, putting the roof over the gutter cleaners, which was a budget item for keeping water out of the barn.

FM Kimball stated that one of their pickup trucks had a valve problem and ended up at Wells River Chevrolet while he was away on vacation and cost them \$4,600 which was 2/3 of the vehicle repair line. He explained that the truck will not be used as much now that the summer season is over.

Commissioner Cryans asked if everyone had a chance to read the minutes from October 21<sup>st</sup>. Commissioner Lauer moved to approve the minutes. Commissioner Richards seconded the motion and all were in favor.

The Commissioners signed check registers 634-638; 1062-1075

ED Libby discussed appropriation transfers with the Commissioners. She explained that most of them are wages in lieu of health insurance due to employees that were budgeted for insurance plans opted out and went with the wages in lieu of health insurance. She explained that the transfers totaled \$3,482.00.

Commissioner Lauer moved to approve the appropriation transfers totaling \$3,842. Commissioner Richards seconded the motion and all were in favor.

ED Libby asked the Commissioners if they a chance to review the drafted a letter to R. Gasser regarding the county discontinuing to reimburse him for his cell phone and internet bills. They were all in agreement to extend the time period a month.

ED Libby stated that there will be a Drug Court Graduation on November 17<sup>th</sup> at 1:30pm

The Commissioners discussed the Employee Christmas Reception and when they would like to have it. The Commissioners agreed on Friday December 19<sup>th</sup> with Thursday the 18<sup>th</sup> as the backup if the activities room was not available on the 19<sup>th</sup>. ED Libby stated that they would check with Activities Director Harvest Fisher to see if the room is available on that date and go from there.

ED Libby stated that they received the second phase of the Return of Employee Benefits Coverage Surplus from Primex last week in the amount of \$7,081.52 that will go into the miscellaneous revenue account.

ED Libby submitted the CDBG Agreement for the NH Alliance of Regional Development Corporation for Commissioner Cryans and Commissioner Lauer to sign.

Commissioner Cryans signed the Sub recipient Agreement for the Plymouth Senior Center CDBG.

ED Libby stated there will be a Farm Advisory Committee Meeting on Tuesday November 18<sup>th</sup> at 1:00pm.

ED Libby stated that the voting for the New England Police Benevolent Association was held on October 23<sup>rd</sup> at the Department of Corrections and there were twelve (12) that voted against and eleven (11) that voted for representation. The outcome was that the union was not voted in.

She went on to explain that the NEPBA has filed two (2) Unfair Labor Practices against the County with the Public Employees Labor Relations Board and that there will be a hearing in December on the matter. The County is being represented by Elizabeth Bailey of Sheehan, Phinney. Director Libby stated that the County denies any wrong doing.

Commissioner Cryans handed out information he received from the Fruit and Vegetable Trade Show as well as an article from the Valley news article regarding the old Grafton County Jail.

Commissioner Cryans stated that two (2) Grafton County employees received awards at this year's NHAC Conference. Forrest McLeod received the Nursing Home Employee of the year Award and Commissioner Cryans received the Edna McKenna Award.

The Commissioners took a tour of the Admin Building Nursing Home Unit.

10:30AM with no further business the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Linda D. Lauer, Clerk