

GRAFTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING
3855 Dartmouth College Hwy
North Haverhill, NH 03774
December 8th 2015

PRESENT: Commissioners Cryans, Lauer and Richards. ED Libby and Admin Assistant S. Norcross.

OTHERS PRESENT: Forrester Jim Frohn, COA Heather Bryant, FM Kimball, RD Monahan.

Commissioner Lauer participated by phone according to RSA 91-A:2 with the reason being that she was unable to attend due to medical reasons. Telephone participation was at her request. It was noted that all votes must be taken by a roll call.

COA Heather Bryant arrived to introduce Jim Frohn, the new UNH Cooperative Extension Forester to the Commissioners and ED Libby.

FM Kimball arrived and gave the following report:

- 1) We are milking eighty head of cattle and shipping approximately 13,000 pounds of milk. The average per cow is eighty two (82) pounds.
- 2) Price of milk is \$18.13 per hundredweight, increasing some from a couple of months ago.
- 3) We had a good year growing corn and grass for the cows.
- 4) Field work is done. We are working on bush hogging pasture and cutting brush.
- 5) The farm stand did well. Farm stand made \$55,000, plus what was donated and what went to the jail. Potatoes are all sold, did well with them this year.

Commissioner Lauer asked about the pigs. FM Kimball stated they had eighty (80) fall piglets and PT Farms will be picking up fifty (50) of them. He has about seventy (70) chickens and will need a new batch come spring. They are laying about three (3) dozen eggs a day.

FM Kimball stated they are laying rubber mats down in the heifer barn.

RD Monahan arrived and gave the following report:

**Grafton County Registry of Deeds
Kelley J. Monahan Register
Report to Commissioners
December 8, 2015**

November Revenue

County Revenue 11/2009	\$81,039.29	State Revenue 11/2009	\$506,117.76
County Revenue 11/2010	\$96,526.70	State Revenue 11/2010	\$692,679.64
County Revenue 11/2011	\$71,738.89	State Revenue 11/2011	\$352,029.44
County Revenue 11/2012	\$80,044.74	State Revenue 11/2012	\$523,386.26

County Revenue 11/2013 \$65,255.13
County Revenue 11/2014 \$63,966.55
County Revenue 11/2015 \$84,227.65

State Revenue 11/2013 \$475,565.28
State Revenue 11/2014 \$546,435.84
State Revenue 11/2015 \$861,408.00

Foreclosures

2009 160 year to date
2010 193 year to date
2011 190 year to date
2012 175 year to date
2013 145 year to date
2014 129 year to date
2015 100 year to date

1. I received the requested letter of clarification letter from Steve Hamil at NH DRA regarding our audit. It is attached to this report. The initial report stated that there were missing tax stamps, the letter clarifies that a few were simply out of sequence during the day that we converted to our Avid system.
2. I have enclosed two pieces of legislation that will potentially affect the NH Registries of Deeds. HB1129 has the potential to eliminate a minimum of \$60,000 from revenue received from businesses that are hold copy charge accounts with the registry. As I have it structured the fees, the user fee almost covers the software line which brings the images to the internet in a secure manner for these accounts. The second is a study commission which will conduct a study of converting New Hampshire to a Torrens system of registered land title.

Respectfully submitted,

**Kelley J. Monahan
December 8, 2015**

RD Monahan stated that they have pulled the plug on Laredo for this year and are hoping to make some tweaks and move forward with it next year.

Commissioner Cryans asked if everyone had a chance to read the minutes from December 1st.

Commissioner Richards moved to approve the minutes from December 1st.
Commissioner Lauer seconded the motion and all were in favor. This motion requires a roll call vote, Commissioner Cryans called the roll. Commissioner Cryans “yes”;
Commissioner Richards “yes”; Commissioner Lauer “yes”. Commissioner Cryans stated that a majority of the board voted yes and the motion is passed.

The Commissioners signed check registers 708-710; 1082; 1084-1086; 1092.

ED Libby submitted the GCDoc Superior Court Report for the month of November for the Commissioners to review.

ED Libby stated that she received a request from State Treasurer Bill Dwyer stating that he had received a request from the National Association of State Treasurers. They are planning on

submitting a letter to the members of Congress appealing for the preservation of tax advantages associated with the municipal bond investing. He is submitting his name as a sign on in support of the letter and is asking that other elected officials in New Hampshire do the same thing. ED Libby stated that Congress is trying to pass a tax reform package that would take away some of the benefits of tax exempt municipal bonds. All three (3) Commissioners stated that they will put their name on the letter.

ED Libby submitted a final drawdown request for the CDBG for Polly's Pancake in the amount of \$4,242.00 for Commissioner Cryans to sign.

ED Libby submitted a final drawdown request for the CDBG RDC's 2014 in the amount of \$2,111 for Commissioners Cryans to sign.

ED Libby submitted a CDBG Drawdown for the MWVEC 2015 MicroCredit for Commissioner Cryans to sign.

ED Libby submitted a CDBG Drawdown for the WREN 2015 MicroCredit in the amount of \$10,000 for Commissioner Cryans to sign.

ED Libby stated that the 2015 HealthTrust Annual Meeting is on Thursday the 10th. She stated that they are eligible to cast a vote and that they have designated Cathy Stacey to vote for Grafton County at that meeting.

ED Libby asked the Commissioners if they would like to start their meeting on the 22nd at a later time due to the Employee Christmas Party starting at 2:00. The Commissioners agreed to start the meeting at 12:30 PM.

Commissioner Richards stated she cannot attend the Drug Court Christmas Party due to a Legislative breakfast at Plymouth State.

Commissioner Lauer stated that the Bath Brick Store has closed for the winter.

Commissioner Richards stated that she was in Ashland last night and continues to visit her towns.

Commissioner Cryans stated that he along with George Maglaris, Tina Nadeau and ASD Amero, and Alex Casale from Strafford County will be going to talk to the Legislative Group about Drug Courts today. Carroll, Coos and Cheshire Counties will be coming to Drug Court on January 11th.

Commissioner Cryans attended the Glencliff holiday party. Reps. Ford and Smith were in attendance as well.

10:05 PM with no further business the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda D. Lauer, Clerk