

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Administration Building  
3855 Dartmouth College Highway  
North Haverhill, NH  
Monday September 21, 2009

PRESENT: Representatives Williams, Ford, Ward, Friedrich, Laliberte, and Gionet  
Commissioners Cryans and Richards, Treasurer Sievers, Executive Director Clough and  
Secretary Jeri Martino.

EXCUSED: Representatives Mulholland, Aguiar and Preston

Rep. Williams called the meeting to order at 9:08 AM

Rep. Laliberte moved to approve the minutes from July 29, 2009, which was seconded by  
Rep. Ford. All were in favor.

Rep. Laliberte moved to approve the minutes from August 14, 2009, which was seconded  
by Rep. Friedrich. An addition was made. All were in favor.

Rep. Laliberte moved to approve the minutes from August 31, 2009, which was seconded  
by Rep. Williams. All were in favor.

### TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Sievers handed out a report to the committee which stated that the TAN's has  
been set up with Woodsville Guaranty Savings bank at a rate of 1.69%, for up to \$4M.  
Treasurer Sievers said that the hope is to borrow less money in the future.

Treasurer Sievers also said that once the interim County Attorney has been appointed that  
she would like to speak with them about the securitization of funds for investments.

### COMMISSIONERS' REPORT

- Commissioner Cryans said that the pig barn roof is underway.
- October 1<sup>st</sup> there will be a going away party for Attorney St. Hilaire at the Courthouse  
from 12PM to 2PM.
- The Nursing Home survey has been completed and although it went well, they did not  
receive a deficiency free survey which was mainly because of documentation issues.
- The Sheriff's Department is completing their certification and accreditation process  
and when that happens, they will be the only Sheriff's Dept. in New Hampshire to do  
so.
- The fourth GED graduation at the Jail was held and 16 inmates received their  
diplomas with 8 inmates attending the ceremony. Virginia Barry, Commissioner of  
Education, was the commencement speaker. Commissioner Cryans said it was a  
worthy function to attend.

Rep. Friedrich said that she would like to be notified when the GED graduations take place and Director Clough said they are usually held on Wednesdays and she will make sure that everyone is informed of the next one.

Rep. Williams said that the graduations are very important and if people can attend, they should. Commissioner Richards said that they show a great community effort and are a good use of taxpayer money.

Rep. Ford said that the GED standards have been changed and a GED is very difficult to achieve so getting one is quite an accomplishment.

Commissioner Cryans continued on with his report.

- The Commissioners will be holding an on-the-road meeting on October 6<sup>th</sup> at Woodsville High School.
- On October 13<sup>th</sup> there will be a Courtroom Dedication.
- On October 20<sup>th</sup> the Commissioners will hold their meeting in Campton.
- The Plaintiff's brief in the Jail lawsuit has been filed and Elected Officials Salary brief is due shortly. The County's briefs are due at the end of October.

Rep. Williams asked how the Farmstand was doing and Director Clough said that it has been a rough year. She said that all the tomatoes were lost to late blight and there was a problem with the potatoes as well.

Rep. Ward said there were concerns in Coos about their Farm and their revenue loss and he asked Director Clough what the loss would be to Grafton County this year. Director Clough said she hadn't done any of those projections yet so she doesn't have that figure.

Rep. Ward asked about the status of the water tank and the relationship with Woodsville Water and Light. Commissioner Cryans said that there have been some communication but no resolutions as of yet. He said there is no final decision as to ownership.

Rep. Williams said that he would still like to see WWL take over the water tank.

Rep. Ward asked if the audit was complete and Director Clough said that the figures they are seeing are draft only.

Rep. Gionet asked if any more hydro testing had been done on the wells for the water tank and Director Clough said not since spring. She said that test did show however that it was likely that there would be ample water in the area. Rep. Gionet said that he disagreed with Rep. Williams and that he thinks that the County should create their own water supply system.

Rep. Ward asked about the County's funding to ACORN and Commissioner Cryans said that there is no correlation between the ACORN in W. Lebanon and the agency that is currently under scrutiny with the federal government.

Rep. Williams said that someday the Farm is going to need to be fully considered as to whether it should continue. Director Clough said that she and Commissioner Richards attended the meeting in Coos last week regarding their Farm and there were a lot of

intangibles discussed. She said the meeting was very valuable. She also said that Cheshire County is taking a hard look at their Farm also and primarily because of the price of milk.

Rep. Williams said that milk pricing is more a local problem and not as far reaching as one may think.

Commissioner Richards reviewed her opinion of where the Farm should be and that there are a lot of issues with state regulations that need to be addressed. She discussed further the importance of keeping the land for agricultural use.

Rep. Laliberte said there are also state regulations that stymie Farmstands and Farmers Markets in the state and she hears from her constituents about it.

Referring back to the County Farm, Rep. Ward said that it appears that after going over some figures, the Grafton County Farm could be set to lose \$230K this year and that doesn't include capital expenses.

Rep. Williams said that there needs to be a committee put together to review the Farm and it needs to be done soon.

Rep. Gionet asked how the Farmstand revenues are tabulated and Director Clough said that all sales are written on a pad and calculated daily.

Rep. Ward said that he would like to see a five year historical review of the Farm with receipts and capital information. Rep. Williams said that the intangibles need to be calculated in as well.

Rep. Gionet asked if there was a way the committee could get a copy of the meeting minutes at Coos that they could review and Director Clough said she would try to find out.

Rep. Ford moved to approve the Commissioners' Report which was seconded by Rep. Ward. All were in favor.

### FINANCIAL REPORT

Director Clough began by saying that the census in the Nursing Home was 131 and the Jail was 134.

Director Clough reviewed the Variance Report and said that she expects the numbers will even out in the coming months. She then reviewed the Pro-rated Report.

Rep. Ward asked what was driving the Nursing Home revenue increase and Director Clough said that she wasn't sure if the figures were right and she would have to check into it.

Director Clough said that the TANs money has not been drawn down at this point.

Rep. Ward moved to approve the Financial Report which was seconded by Rep. Ford. All were in favor.

There was a discussion about the Delegation meeting coming up in the next hour and how it would be run. Rep. Williams would chair the meeting and Rep. Friedrich would act as clerk.

Rep. Ward said that he had to recuse himself from attending the portion of the meeting wherein the interim County Attorney was elected because of a pending case with Grafton County.

The next Executive Committee meeting would be held on Monday October 19<sup>th</sup>.

9:55 AM With no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

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Phil Preston, Clerk