

GRAFTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING
3855 Dartmouth College Highway
North Haverhill, NH 03774
May 30th, 2017

PRESENT: Commissioners Lauer, Ahern and Piper. County Administrator Libby and Admin Assistant S. Norcross.

OTHERS PRESENT: Sheriff Dutile, Detective Eric James

Commissioner Lauer called the meeting to order at 2:00PM and began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Sheriff Dutile and Detective James arrived to discuss a training that Detective James attended. Sheriff Dutile stated that in March he came to the Commissioners to have an out of state travel request approved for Detective James to attend the "Internet Crimes against Children" investigation class in Boston from April 18th – 20th. He stated that he felt it would be helpful for Detective James to come to the Board and discuss what he learned at that training. Detective James went on to discuss the various pieces of the training and how it is very important for his job as well as answer questions from the Commissioners.

Sheriff Dutile noted that the comments that were made by Commissioner Ahern at the public hearing regarding being against out of state travel bothered him. Commissioner Ahern stated that he is concerned about the tax payers paying for out of state travel and noted that this one was reimbursed 100%. Sheriff Dutile noted that even if this training was not 100% reimbursed he would have been in front of the Commissioners to request this travel because it was very important specialized training that will not come to New Hampshire. He wouldn't ask for these requests if he didn't feel it was necessary.

The Commissioners thanked Detective James and Sheriff Dutile for coming in to discuss what he learned from the training and stated that it is nice to hear feedback from the employees who attend these various trainings.

Commissioner Lauer asked if everyone had a chance to read the minutes from the May 22nd Public Hearing and the May 23rd Commissioner meeting. Commissioner Ahern and Commissioner Piper both had a couple edits from the May 22nd Public Hearing minutes.

Commissioner Ahern moved to approve the minutes from the May 22nd Public Hearing as amended. Commissioner Piper seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Commissioner Ahern moved to approve the minutes from the May 23rd Commissioner meeting. Commissioner Piper seconded the motion and all were in favor.

The Commissioners signed check registers 1190-1191.

CA Libby submitted a CDBG Grant Agreement for: NH Alliance of RDC's ED Allocation for

Commissioner Lauer and Commissioner Piper to sign.

CA Libby stated that the preliminary Nursing Home Reimbursement Rate effective 7/1/17 is going up \$10.93/day. The current rate is \$161.82 and the preliminary rate as of July 1st is \$172.75 for the first six (6) months of the next fiscal year.

CA Libby stated that the Commissioners all received an email from NHAC President Maglaras requesting that each county send \$10,000 now that was voted on at the April 7th Commissioners Council meeting to match the \$100,000 appropriation that is part of SB 155. She stated that she was not aware of this and asked the Commissioners if she is supposed to be sending the \$10,000. Commissioner Piper stated that on the Legislative Committee call last week she learned of the \$100,000 appropriation. She explained that the issue is that if the legislature accepts the delay of Medicaid Managed Care to July 2019 then George Maglaras has talked about how that gives the counties plenty of time to come up with an alternative to Managed Care. CA Libby stated that the letter states on April 7th consistent with the vote of the NHAC Commissioners' Council each county will contribute \$10,000. Commissioner Lauer noted that she does not believe that was the vote as there were some Commissioners there that could not promise they would have the funds but supported the idea. CA Libby stated that she was not sure why they are sending them \$10,000 now before the legislation has even been passed. The Commissioners further discussed the issue and stated that they wanted some clarification on this issue and to wait until the State budget has been passed with their \$100,000 appropriation before they send any funds. It was noted that there is a NHAC Executive Committee meeting on Friday, June 2nd and perhaps there will be greater discussion at that meeting.

CA Libby stated they have started negotiations with the Nursing Home Employee Union last Thursday and have another meeting set for this Thursday.

CA Libby noted that the Executive Committee will begin their budget meetings next week with meetings on June 5th and June 9th both at 9:00am. She asked the Commissioners if they would be able to meet with the Subcommittee of the Executive Committee that was formed at their last meeting one (1) of those two (2) days next week as they would all already be at the county. The Commissioners all stated that either the 5th or 9th would work for them. CA Libby stated that she will get that meeting finalized.

CA Libby read a letter to the Commissioners from the Conway Village Fire District stating that it has come to their attention that their Fire Department has been providing Fire, Rescue and EMS coverage within parts of Livermore for free since the Kancamagus Highway was built. The letter stated that the Conway Village Fire District is a small village district within the town of Conway and the taxpayers cannot afford to provide these services for free any longer. They are requesting that Grafton County formalize an agreement in which the county pays \$5,000 a year to provide these services. CA Libby stated that she has sent this to Coos County who does all the paperwork for Livermore and asked if any of the other unincorporated places in Coos County have a similar agreement and asked if the Commissioners were to agree to this if it could come out of the funds that are set up for Livermore that Coos County uses to administer the paperwork. Commissioner Lauer stated that she understands where they are coming from and that providing those services are expensive. CA Libby stated that she is doing some more research and hopes to have more

information next week when they meet.

Commissioner Ahern attended the BOS meeting in Warren last Thursday and attended follow up Economic Development meeting for Warren.

Commissioner Piper stated that she had already addressed her Commissioner issue regarding the \$100,000 appropriation for the NHAC.

Commissioners Lauer and Ahern attended the CADY Regional Prevention Summit at Plymouth State University on Friday.

2:57 PM With no further business the meeting adjourned and the Commissioners went to tour the farm and the farmland with Farm Manager Kimball.

Wendy A. Piper, Clerk