

GRAFTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING
3855 Dartmouth College Hwy
North Haverhill, NH 03774
September 2nd 2014

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

OTHERS PRESENT: NHA Labore, Supt. Oakes

EXCUSED: Commissioner Martha Richards.

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

NHA Labore arrived and gave the following report:

Grafton County Nursing Home
Commissioner's Report

September 02, 2014

Census:

Medicare: 5
Medicaid: 99
Private: 24
Total: 128

Year To Date Numbers:

Admissions (YTD) 37
Discharges (YTD) 5
Deaths (YTD) 33

Other Topics:

- 1) Renovation Project Update
- NHA Labore stated that they have a meeting planned for tomorrow afternoon with the construction manager as well as Banwell architects to talk about where they are at with the planning. There will also be a staff meeting next week at the Nursing Home to give an update to the staff and answer any more questions they may have.

- 2) Accounts Receivable Update
 - NHA Labore stated that they have put about \$13,000 into the old balances that are outstanding. For August the accounts receivable balance was at \$865,000 and they have not closed the month yet.
- 3) Medicaid Managed Care Update
 - NHA Labore updated the Commissioners on the Medicaid Managed Care project. He stated that a letter had been drafted as a result of a meeting that Nursing Home Administrators across the state held with the MCO's last month. The end result of that meeting was that there are more questions than answers. The letter is from the Commissioners and is to be sent to the Grafton County Delegation. The letter is encouraging the representatives to ask the Governor to delay implementation of Phase II, as none of the players are ready. The Executive Committee meets on 09/15/14, NHA Labore will be present to review more details with them and answer questions they might have.
- 4) Alzheimer's Walk
 - NHA Labore stated that the walk will be this Saturday September 6th.
- 5) Fire Works Program
 - NHA Labore stated that the fireworks display will be held this Friday evening around 8:00pm. They have received all necessary approvals. The Assistant Fire Chief from North Haverhill Fire Department will be there and the Haverhill Police Department and Dispatch are aware of what will be going on. The fireworks will be launched by a licensed fireworks technician.

Supt. Oakes arrived and presented the Commissioners with three (3) bid prices for the purchase of new toilets in the nursing home.

Supt. Oakes stated that A.J Sexauer came in with the lowest quote of \$ 5,455.54 and recommends the Commissioners accept their bid and purchase the toilets from A J Sexauer.

Commissioner Lauer moved to accept the bid from A J Sexauer in the amount of \$5,455.54 for the purchase of the toilets for the Nursing Home toilet replacement project. Commissioner Cryans seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Commissioner Cryans asked if everyone had a chance to read the minutes from August 26th. Commissioner Lauer moved to accept the minutes from the August 26th meeting. Commissioner Cryans seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Commissioner Cryans and Lauer signed check registers 625, 1026, 1032-1035.

ED Clough read a letter to the Commissioners from the North Country Scenic Byways Council. The letter stated that the group was formed on July 16th with the intent to provide advisory oversight to the state designated scenic and cultural byways in the North Country. The letter stated that Grafton County was identified as one that should have a voting membership in the group due to the interest in the byways, but noted that only towns are required to have a membership. They established regular meetings every 2nd Thursday of May and November.

Commissioner Lauer stated that she would represent Grafton County on the North Country Scenic Byways Council.

ED Clough presented the MS-45, the last financial form to file with DRA that enables them to set the tax rates, to be signed by Commissioner Lauer.

ED Clough stated that they held the first round of interviews for the Alternative Sentencing Director last Thursday and Friday. They interviewed six (6) candidates and narrowed the list down to three (3) to come back this Thursday for a more detailed interview process. She stated they hope to narrow it down to the top one (1) or two (2) to be presented to the full board.

ED Clough and the Commissioners discussed the agenda for the September 16th Commissioner meeting that is being held at the Enfield Town Hall.

Commissioner Cryans stated that he and Commissioner Richards attended the ground breaking ceremony for the new field house at Plymouth State University.

Commissioner Cryans attended the signing by the Governor in Claremont of the new bus route that will go from Claremont to Lebanon.

Commissioner Lauer stated that she will be attending an event at the Friendship House this afternoon in Bethlehem.

10:17 AM With no further business the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda D. Lauer, Clerk