

GRAFTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING

Administration Building
North Haverhill, NH 03774
December 10, 2024

PRESENT: Commissioners Piper, Ahern, McLeod, County Administrator Libby, Assistant County Administrator Elsholz, and Administrative Assistant Norcross

OTHERS: Farm Manager Libby, County Attorney Hornick, Commissioner-Elect Hedberg, Nick De Mayo – via Teams, Mike McLaughin, Jim and Shelly McLaughin, Steve Tatham, Lorainne & Dean Jernstrom, Roy Russell, Ralph Larson, Steve Connell, Mary Lou Krambeer, Chuck Henderson, David Beaufait, Sharon Beaufait

Commissioner Piper called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM and began with the Pledge of Allegiance led by Commissioner Ahern.

Annual Report Dedication

The Commissioners presented their FY 2024 Annual Report Dedication to the selected individuals from their respective Districts. Commissioner Piper selected David Beaufait from Enfield, Commissioner Ahern selected the Plymouth Patriots from Plymouth, and Commissioner McLeod selected Mary Lou Krambeer from Bethlehem. Each nominee was presented with a personalized copy of the Annual Report.

Farm Manager Libby arrived and gave the following report (*see attached).

County Attorney Hornick arrived:

Atty. Hornick presented the most recent list of indictments for the Commissioners to review.

Atty. Hornick thanked Commissioner Ahern for his service to the County and the County Attorney's Office.

She reported that the Drug Court team put on a nice Christmas gathering for the participants and are working to increase the numbers for Drug Court.

Atty. Hornick reported that the Public Defender's Office has undergone some changes, and several have left the program because of an administrative change. She noted that she does not know how that will impact their office.

Atty. Hornick answered various questions from the Commissioners.

Agenda Items:

1. Commissioner Piper asked if everyone had a chance to read the minutes from the December 3rd meeting. Commissioner Piper had a small grammatical edit.

MOTION: Commissioner McLeod moved to approve the minutes from December 3rd as amended. Commissioner Ahern seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

2. The Commissioners signed check registers 1076-1082; 2024-12.06.24; 2024-12.09.24.
3. The Commissioners reviewed the DoC Superior Court Report for the month of November.
4. Commissioner Piper signed a CDBG Drawdown request from GRDC for \$21,777.98.
5. FY 2026 Social Service Funding Applications – CA Libby reviewed the application with the Commissioners and stated that the applications will be due January 31st, 2025. She noted that the application is the same as last year, and she would like to get these out to the agencies by the end of this week to give the agencies six (6) weeks to complete the application. Commissioner Piper stated that they have previously discussed changing the methodology of the Social Service funding and felt the Commissioners should further discuss this next week. Commissioner McLeod stated that when the same agencies apply year after year, the Commissioners know these agencies and asked if there is a different way to review the applications. The Commissioners agreed to discuss this further next week. The Commissioners stated that they would accept electronic applications for Social Service funding beginning FY26.
6. CA Libby stated that she had emailed the Commissioners the first batch of municipal ARPA applications last week and then gave them copies of the applications received since then. She stated that next Tuesday, the Commissioners will need to be prepared to review these applications and award the municipalities.

Public Comment

1. Register Monahan asked if the Commissioners would make a public decision on the NHAC Executive Committee appointments. CA Libby stated that it would likely be at their January 8th meeting when Commissioner-Elect Hedberg is sworn into office, as she cannot be appointed to that committee until then.
2. N. De Mayo stated there seems to be some confusion when the group speaks and asked if the Commissioners could have individuals speak clearly so the public can understand what they are saying.

10:34 AM With no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,



Martha S. McLeod, Clerk

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Commissioners Report

1. Milking 60 – shipping 8500 – price of milk went down – paying \$22.60/100wt
2. Took in 12 heifers from another farm – will pay room and board per month
heifers all housed outside in heifer barn
3. Went to Windy Ridge Farm in Troy, Maine – purchased a new yorkshire boar who we
expect to get right to work
4. Ordered parts to fix South gutter cleaner and up size the North gutter cleaner to heavy
duty

Respectfully submitted,

Glenn Libby, Interim Farm Manager