

GRAFTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING

Administration Building

North Haverhill, NH 03774

April 7th, 2026

PRESENT: Commissioners McLeod, Piper, Hedberg, Assistant County Administrator Elsholz, and Administrative Assistant. Norcross

OTHERS: Nursing Home Administrator Labore, Laura Sokoloski – via Teams, Nick De Mayo – via Teams, Emilie Smith – via Teams.

Commissioner McLeod called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM.

Nursing Home Administrator Labore arrived and gave the following report (* see attached)

1. Review of State Survey Inspection March 31st – April 2nd – NHA Labore reported that the nursing home received a few compliments from the survey team this year. They stated that they found the cleanliness of the building to be very good and it was one of the cleanest facilities in the state. NHA Labore stated that the team also said that the staff at the nursing home were very welcoming, engaging and were very knowledgeable of the residents.

NHA Labore stated that the survey team took five (5) items from their inspection back to their office to talk through. He is not sure if any of these will result in a citation. He explained the various items with the Commissioners and stated that he believes they will have the results back by the end of the week. Once they receive those results, if any items resulted in a deficiency, they would work to put a correction plan in place. NHA Labore stated that he will keep the Commissioners updated once he knows more.

Commissioner Hedberg stated that finding a few items like this is a very good result of an inspection. She commended NHA Labore and his staff for their great work.

2. Request for Non Public Session

MOTION: * 9:19 AM Commissioner Hedberg moved to enter into a non-public session for the purpose of matters which, if discussed in public, would likely affect adversely the reputation of any person, other than a member of the public body itself, unless such person requests an open meeting. This exemption shall extend to any application for assistance or tax abatement or waiver of a fee, fine, or other levy, if based on inability to pay or poverty of the applicant according to RSA 91-A: 3, II (c). Commissioner Piper seconded the motion. This motion requires a roll call vote. Commissioner McLeod called the roll. Commissioner Piper said, "Yes", Commissioner Hedberg said, "Yes," and Commissioner McLeod said, "Yes." Commissioner McLeod stated that a majority of the board voted "yes" and would now go into non-public session.

* 9:45 AM Commissioner McLeod declared the meeting back in public session.

Agenda Items:

1. The Commissioners signed check registers: 1141-1144; 1145-1146; 1148; 2026-03.27.2026.2.
2. The Commissioners received an invitation to the Grafton County Conservation Annual Meeting on May 9th.
3. Asst. CA Elsholz submitted the Crank the Kanc Bike Race Application. She stated that this race goes through Livermore and therefore Commissioner McLeod needs to sign off on the application. The event will be on May 16th.
4. The Commissioners reviewed the DoC Superior Court Report for the month of March.
5. Asst. CA Elsholz submitted a Use and Occupancy Agreement NHDOT for the Broadband Project for Commissioner McLeod to sign.
6. Commissioner McLeod signed a CDBG Drawdown for Lakes Region Planning Commission Transformational Planning Grant in the amount of \$1,750.23.
7. Opioid Abatement Requests
 - a. Woodsville Ambulance – Asst. CA Elsholz stated that CA Libby had reached out to Woodsville Ambulance to ask if the ventilators had been ordered. R. Chumbes responded and stated that all four (4) ventilators have been ordered. He said that if there were any leftover opioid funds they would take any amount even if it was small and that could work on purchasing the brackets little by little. The Commissioners further discussed Woodsville Ambulance’s additional request for the mounting hardware for the ventilators that was left off the original request. They agreed to put this request aside until the budget process is complete.
 - b. White Horse Recovery – Asst. CA Elsholz read a thank you letter from White Horse Recovery for the Opioid Abatement Funding provided by the county.
 - c. Lincoln Police Department – The Commissioners received an Opioid Abatement Request from Lincoln Police Department in the amount of \$32,000 to purchase a 2025 Ford Escape (unmarked) to be utilized exclusively for drug investigations and opioid-related enforcement efforts. The Commissioners felt this was a good request but agreed to wait until they finish the budget process to evaluate what is remaining in Opioid Abatement Funds.

Commissioner Issues:

1. The Commissioners discussed the Opioid Abatement Commission meeting yesterday. Commissioner Hedberg stated that it appears that the Granite United Way grants that are available are for up to \$15,000. She stated that the two (2) year grants up to \$75,000 were discussed as well. Commissioner Hedberg stated that there are more strict rules with these grants, noting that some of these funds are not to be used for staffing. She stated that now that the county has used most of their funds, she suggested coming up with an evaluation tool for future requests when the county receives more Opioid funding. Commissioner McLeod stated that some of these requests the county has received could be funded through the Granite United Way

grants. Commissioner Hedberg noted that the Granite United Way grants are for one (1) time purchases. Commissioner Piper agreed that they should put together a system that is competitive and fair to all for future Opioid Abatement Funding requests.

Commissioner Hedberg stated that the RFP to apply for more Opioid Abatement Funds through the state has been released and responses are due May 15th at noon. Commissioner McLeod noted that these funds would be awarded around September. The applications for the grants through Granite United Way are also available and due on May 1st.

The website links to both the Granite United Way Opioid Abatement Funds application and the DHHS Opioid RFP can be found below:

NH Department of Health and Human Services

[RGA-2027-DBH-01-MITIG: Mitigating Impacts of the Opioid Crisis | New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services](#)

Granite United Way

[Opioid Abatement Community Grants Program \(OACGP\) | Granite United Way](#)

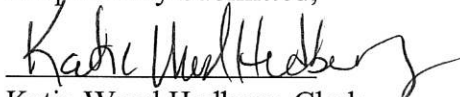
Public Comment:

1. Nick De Mayo stated that Purdue Pharma is a manufacturer of OxyContin and fueling the US opioid crisis. They are filing Chapter 11 bankruptcy and will be changing their name to KNOA Pharmacy. N. De Mayo stated that they have a large litigation of \$7.4 billion and that is where the Opioid Abatement Funds are coming from. N. De Mayo stated that in regard to the request from Lincoln Police Department for a cruiser through Opioid funds, he believes if the police department pulls over a vehicle in which drugs are found and that person is found guilty of doing or dealing drugs, their vehicles can be impounded and can be given to the police department for free. N. De Mayo stated that the response grants have restrictions and cannot be used for salaries but noted that the Commissioners just gave funding to the Littleton Winter Shelter for \$150,000 over three (3) years for supervisor pay.

Commissioner McLeod closed the public comment portion of the meeting. She wanted to clarify that the requirements for Short Term Responsive Grants through Granite United Way are requirements through that agency and does not have to do with the actual Opioid Abatement Fund. Those are requirements specific to those \$15,000 grants.

10:40 AM with no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,


Katie Wood Hedberg, Clerk

**Grafton County Nursing Home
Commissioner's Report:
April 07, 2026**

Current Census

Medicare: 6
NH Medicaid: 60 (9 Pending)
VT. Medicaid: 22 (2 Pending)
VA: 7
Hospice: 2
Private: 26
Total Census: 123

FY '26 Budgeted Census

Medicare: 4
NH Medicaid: 73
VT. Medicaid: 21
VA: 8
Hospice: 0
Private: 18
Budgeted Census: 124

Monthly Admissions/Discharges

Admissions: 4
Deceased Residents: 5
Discharges: 2

Other Topics:

- 1) Review of State Survey Inspection March 31st – April 2nd
- 2) Request For Non-public Session