

MINUTES
Cheshire County Commissioners Meeting
Wednesday, July 29, 2015 09:30am
Maplewood Nursing Home
201 River Road
Westmoreland, NH 03467

PRESENT: Commissioners Stillman Rogers, Charles Weed, and Peter Graves

STAFF: Assistant Finance Director Hall, Maplewood Administrator Kindopp, DOC Superintendent Van Wickler, and Assistant County Administrator (ACA) Bouchard

GUESTS: Westmoreland Selectman Hammond and three members of the public.

Chairman Rogers opened the meeting at 9:30AM and recognized Assistant County Administrator Bouchard for the purpose of presenting the Weekly County Operations report. Bouchard reported the following items:

Bouchard said that UNH Cooperative Extension Forester Steve Roberge was marking trees on County Farm property and that he had offered to conduct a tour of the timber cut area for the Commissioners.

Bouchard then said that the Sheriff had communicated that he was in contact with the Director of Facilities at the State Courts Administrative Office and that the State was investigating alternative camera monitoring solutions for the holding cells in the Court system. The Sheriff will provide an update at the August 12th Commissioners meeting.

Bouchard next discussed a violation of water quality standards had occurred at the water treatment plant at the Westmoreland facility. He said that the treatment plant had exceeded state requirements for levels of turbidity in the water and that the water treatment operator would be conducting a review of the problem and submitting a report to the State as required by state statute. He went on to say that a new alarm system was being installed to prevent future occurrences of the problem.

Master Agenda Item #268: Review PowerPoint of DOC Bond Refinancing Options – Hall and Bouchard discussed the presentation sent by PFM that outlined the options for the refunding of the Department of Corrections construction bond and discussed a conference call that with the Director of Finance, the Assistant Director of Finance, David Barnes, Bond Attorney, Devine & Millimet, William Fazioli of PFM Group, (a Public Finance Advisory Firm), and other members of the PFM Group. Bouchard said that based on the outcome of the call, it would appear that the best choice with the most flexible options for a low refinance rate lie with the negotiated sale approach. **Following questions and discussion, Commissioner Weed moved to accept the negotiated sale format for the refunding of the 2007 Department of Corrections Construction bonds that carry a call date of 2017. Commissioner Graves seconded the motion and upon vote the motion passed unanimously.**

Master Agenda Item #269: Review Behavioral Health / Drug Court Response to NHAC Request was then taken-up for discussion. Commissioner Weed expressed skepticism that the request from the New Hampshire Association of Counties for inmate substance abuse and mental

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health data would result in a state support program as the establishment of the drug courts throughout the Counties that was pushed by the state was not funded.

Commissioner Rogers reviewed the history and overall County programs for drug rehab and mental health services and a discussion of the focus of the drug court program on becoming self-sustaining was had. Superintendent Van Wickler related the lack of appropriate services available to County residents who fall between the cracks of available support services and profiled an inmate currently at the jail who is 72 years old that is being held on domestic violence and has severe atypical behavior dementia.

New Business was then discussed and Commissioner Weed reported on a meeting being held at the Primex insurance facility next week that is meant to map out the care needs of the state. He said that he state DHHS commissioner was providing Lean methodology facilitators to proctor the session to help map the needs and process required to implement a program within the state.

Commissioner Graves then discussed a meeting that was held at Maplewood to discuss the implementation of a certified LNA training program that would be run out of the Maplewood facilities. He said that one of the requirements that needs to be met is having the building certified by the state as a training center. He also said that some of the elements of the program such as allocated training times and compensation were still being discussed and need to be worked out over the next few weeks.

Commissioner Rogers then explained for the members of the public attending the meeting reason for the program and discussed the career advancement opportunities and the employee retention goals of the proposed program.

The Commissioner's then reviewed the Weekly Census report.

Commissioner Graves then moved to accept the Weekly Manifest as presented and was seconded by Commissioner Weed. Upon vote the motion passed unanimously.

The minutes of July 22, 2015 were then reviewed and Commissioner Weed moved to accept the minutes as amended. Commissioner Graves seconded the motion and upon vote the motion passed unanimously.

The Commissioners calendar was then reviewed.

At 10:08AM Commissioners Graves moved to enter a Non-Public Session - pursuant to RSA 91-A (II) (a), (b) and (c); to discuss the dismissal, promotion or compensation of a public employee or the disciplining of such employee, without that employee having requested an open meeting.

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The motion was seconded by Commissioner Weed and upon vote the motion passed unanimously.

As a result of the deliberations in nonpublic session, M. M.'s hourly rate was adjusted from \$18.09 to \$19.09 and D. N.'s hour rate was adjusted from \$14.76 to \$15.76 based on increases in their job responsibilities and accountabilities.

The Commissioners unanimously voted to return to public session at 10:36AM.

At 10:37AM Commissioners Graves moved to enter a Non-Public Session - pursuant to RSA 91-A (II) (a), (b) and (c); to discuss a matter, which, if discussed in public, would likely affect adversely the reputation of any person, other than a member of the body or agency itself, without that person having requested an open meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Weed and upon vote the motion passed unanimously.

As a result of the deliberations in nonpublic session, no decisions were made and no vote taken.

The Commissioners unanimously voted to return to public session at 11:15AM.

At 11:17AM Commissioners Weed moved to enter a Non-Public Session - pursuant to RSA 91-A (II) (a), (b) and (c); to discuss the dismissal, promotion or compensation of a public employee or the disciplining of such employee, without that employee having requested an open meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Graves and upon vote the motion passed unanimously.

As a result of the deliberations in nonpublic session the Commissioners approved an unpaid leave of absence for T. B. not to exceed thirty (30) days.

The Commissioners voted unanimously to return to public session at 11:42AM.

At 11:45AM there being no further business to discuss, Commissioner Weed moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion seconded by Commissioner Graves and upon vote the motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

P. Graves, Clerk