

MINUTES
Cheshire County Commissioners Meeting
Wednesday, August 12, 2015 09:30am
Department of Corrections
825 Marlboro Street
Keene, NH 03431

PRESENT: Commissioners Charles Weed, and Peter Graves (Absent with notice - Stillman Rogers)

STAFF: Finance Director Trombly and Assistant County Administrator (ACA) Bouchard

GUESTS: Westmoreland Selectman Hammond, Representative Jim McConnell, member of the public Jane Johnson.

Chairman Weed opened the meeting at 9:32AM and Assistant County Administrator Bouchard was recognized for the purpose of presenting the Weekly County Operations report. Bouchard reported the following items:

The facilities department reported that it has found a small amount of mold in one of the exterior walls adjacent to the dispatch center. A remediation company was called in to examine the area and said that there was no danger and that it is very common to find mold in sheet-rocked basement walls in commercial and residential buildings through the area. The effected wall area will be removed and replaced.

Bouchard then presented a proposed bond refinancing time-line that has been received and Director Trombly spoke to the time line and provided details on the transaction process.

Bouchard then discussed a request received from a County resident to be able to bow hunt bear on County property during the September 2015 hunting season. The request was reviewed and discussed at some length. **Commissioner Graves moved to allow the applicant to submit the needed paperwork and documentation to the state Fish and Game department and if the application is approved to allow the applicant to hunt during the September 2015 season on County property. Commissioner Weed seconded the motion and upon vote the motion passed with two (2) Yea's.**

Bouchard then discussed that the overall condition of the Blood Farm house is deteriorating and will need considerable repairs in the near future. A discussion concerning the cost of maintaining the property began and it was determined that a follow-up meeting with the Delegation Farm Committee will be scheduled to review and discuss this item further.

A discussion of the status of the New Hampshire Association of Counties (NHAC) began and it was learned that a part-time Executive Director will be sought and either a law firm or an individual with appropriate County management experience from within the state will be engaged to represent the NHAC at legislative meetings and to lobby the state legislator on issues of importance to all counties in the state.

Bouchard then discussed the status of the second letter recently received from AECOM who represents Kinder Morgan / Tennessee Gas for the installation of the proposed natural gas pipeline in the southern portion of the county. Following discussion it was determined that Bouchard would look at the calendar and suggest some possible dates for a county-wide meeting for the County and towns to meet to discuss

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issues and concerns.

Trombly then discussed the state Managed Medicaid meeting for Assisted Living Facilities (ALF's) that she recently attended and said that the contract language is such that the counties have until the end of the year to sign-on and that there is a forty-five day window between application and payments beginning so implementation must begin shortly.

Old Business was then taken-up for discussion and the status of the swimming hole on Partridge Brook road in Westmoreland was discussed and some of the agenda items for next week were reviewed.

The Commissioner's then reviewed the Weekly Census report.

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

The minutes of August 5, 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 10:27AM 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