

MINUTES  
Cheshire County Commissioners Meeting  
Wednesday August 15, 2018 09:30AM  
County Hall Building  
Stillman Rogers Conference Room  
12 Court Street, Keene, NH 03431

**Present:** Commissioners Peter Graves, Joseph Cartwright and Charles Weed

**Staff:** Count Administrator Coates, Finance Director Trombly, HR Director May, Sheriff Rivera, and Assistant County Administrator Bouchard

**Guest(s):**

At 9:32AM Commissioner Graves opened the meeting and **Commissioner Cartwright moved to enter non-public session to discuss a matter pursuant to RSA 91-A:3, II(e) Consideration or negotiation of pending claims or litigation which has been threatened in writing or filed against this board or any subdivision thereof, or against any member thereof because of his or her membership therein, until the claim or litigation has been fully adjudicated or otherwise settled. Commissioner Weed seconded the motion and upon vote the motion passed unanimously.**

**Following discussion, Commissioner Cartwright moved to settle all claims with the vendor as presented with the condition that the vendor sign a full unconditional release for all parties involved in the project. Commissioner Graves seconded the motion and upon vote the motion passed with two (2) Yea's and one (1) Nay with Commissioners Cartwright and Graves voting Yay and Commissioner Weed voting Nay.**

**10:04AM Commissioner Weed moved to exit nonpublic session and was seconded by Commissioner Cartwright. Upon vote the motion passed unanimously.**

**At 10:06AM Commissioner Cartwright moved to enter a non-public session to discuss an issue pursuant to RSA 91-A:3, II(c) Matters which, if discussed in public, would likely affect adversely the reputation of any person, other than a member of this board, unless such person requests an open meeting. and was seconded by Commissioner Graves. Upon vote the motion passed unanimously.**

**As a result of deliberations in non-public session no decisions were made and no vote was taken.**

**At 10:25AM Commissioner Weed moved to exit non-public session and was seconded by Commissioner Cartwright. Upon vote the motion passed unanimously.**

**At 10:27AM Commissioner Weed moved to enter non-public session to discuss a matter pursuant to RSA 91-A:3, II(e) Consideration or negotiation of pending claims or litigation which has been threatened in writing or filed against this board or any subdivision thereof, or against any member thereof because of his or her membership therein, until the claim or litigation has been fully adjudicated or otherwise settled.**

**As a result of deliberations in non-public session no decisions were made and no vote was taken.**

**At 10:32AM Commissioner Weed moved to exit non-public session and was seconded by Commissioner Cartwright. Upon vote the motion passed unanimously.**

**At 10:33AM Commissioners Cartwright moved to leave public session and to enter a non-meeting to discuss matters relating to union negotiations. Commissioner Weed seconded the motion. Upon vote the motion passed unanimously.**

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**At 10:55AM Commissioner Weed moved to re-enter public session and was seconded by Commissioner Cartwright. Upon vote the motion passed unanimously.**

Coates then discussed an upcoming meeting on Monday to review the possible implementation of the Sencio project (A health management solution that combines computer technology integrated with focused care management services to help people stay in their homes longer before entering assisted living or nursing care). A great deal of investigation and further discussions need to take place in the coming months to fully understand the costs and benefits of the program. A formal meeting will Region 1 IDN Fall Advisory Council Meeting on Thursday, September 13<sup>th</sup>, from 8:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. that will be held at The Common Man in Claremont, NH.

A discussion of the impact of the recent Supreme Court decision concerning workers who choose not to join unions and may not be required to help pay for collective bargaining was reviewed as well as its effect on the County employee unions.

Administrator Coates was then recognized for the Weekly Operations Report.

Coates said that he has received a proposal from the UNH Coop for the Economic Development position that was previously discussed. He went on to say that a great deal more investigation must be completed and other options will be considered before a decision to move forward can be made.

Coates said that he has received documentation from the opiate lawsuit attorney that he will review and that will eventually to be distributed to county department heads for their input.

He then discussed staff relocations at Maplewood and the impact that the of the lack of air conditioning in some of the temporary work areas is having on productivity.

He then said that AmeriGas has pumped the propane from the old DOC tank and that the tank is now empty and can be removed. This will be coordinated with the removal of the adjunct 10K gallon oil tank.

Coates said that Irving oil will present their proposal for installing a 10K propane tank at Maplewood to support the planned installation of the new propane boilers as part of the reconstruction of the facility.

Coates then said that he has learned that Sullivan County has voted to send their requested share of the Federal Pro Share monies for the operation of County Nursing Homes to the state in support of the regional Integrated Delivery Network (IDN's) programs that Cheshire and parts of Grafton County also participate in.

Coates discussed the upcoming NHAC Annual Conference and said that the Commissioners have been signed-up for the seminars that they requested and have accommodations available as well. A general discussion of Conference seminars and planned meetings was had.

Following discussion, **Commissioner Cartwright moved to cancel the September 19<sup>th</sup> due to scheduling conflicts with the NHAC Annual Conference. Commissioner Weed seconded the motion and upon vote the motion passed unanimously.**

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Old Business: Commissioner Cartwright asked if the purchase order for the electric kettle at the Department of Corrections was received by finance. Trombly said she will need to look into the issue.

Commissioner Graves discussed the recent local incident that involved taking fifty-three (53) animals from a residence to the Monadnock Humane Society.

New Business:

The Weekly Census was then reviewed.

**The Weekly Manifest was then reviewed with questions from the Commissioners. At the conclusion of the questions, Commissioner Cartwright moved to accept the Manifest as presented and was seconded by Commissioner Weed. Upon vote the motion passed unanimously.**

**The minutes of August 1st and August 6th, 2018 were then reviewed and Commissioner moved to Weed accept the minutes as presented and was seconded by Commissioner Cartwright Upon vote the motion passed unanimously.**

**The calendar was then reviewed.**

**General Discussion: None**

**At 11:47AM there being no further business to discuss, Commissioner Cartwright moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion to adjourn was seconded by Commissioner Weed and upon vote the motion passed unanimously.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Charles Weed  
Clerk, Board of Commissioners