

County of Sullivan, NH

**Type of meeting:** Board of Commissioners, Executive Session Meeting Minutes  
**Date/Time:** Tuesday, November 15, 2011 – 4:40 PM  
**Place:** Unity, NH - Sullivan County Health Care Facility, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Frank Smith Living Room, Claremont NH 03743

**Attendees:** Commissioners Bennie Nelson – *Chair*, Jeffrey Barrette – *Vice Chair*, and John M. Callum Jr. – *Clerk*; Greg Chanis – *County Administrator*; County High Sheriff Michael Prozzo; and Sharon Callum – *Administrative Assistant*

Agenda Item No. 9.                      Probable Executive Session Per RSA 91-A:3.II.c.,d. & i. –  
Discussion Related to Possible Emergency Operation Center

**4:40 Motion: to go into executive session per RSA 91-A:3.II.c.,d. & I to discuss an emergency center. Made by: Barrette. Seconded by: Callum Jr. Roll call vote: all in favor. Those in executive session included: the three Commissioners, Greg Chanis, Sheriff Prozzo, and Ms. Callum.**

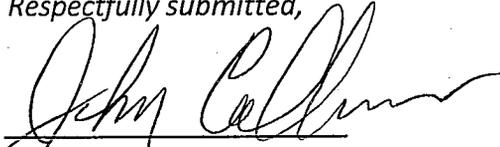
*4:40 Mr. Cressy, Mr. Cunningham, and Ms. Hennig left the room.*

Sheriff Prozzo indicated he met in Executive Session with the Claremont City Council and Police Chief Scott, to discuss a center to include: central dispatch, public health and training facilities; there were eight (8) council members present; council members could not say enough positive comments about the concept; he indicated the Commissioners viewed the project and gave the 'go ahead' to proceed, and, that they would purchase the building for \$1; the Council took an informal consensus, decided to take it off the market, let the County proceed with gathering data and expect them to return in April to say if it's feasible to proceed. Sheriff met with the field representative from Homeland Security/Department of Safety - Danielle Morse, about the project: she'll be sending him a link to check on the status of equipment required and provided him with an application for a funding opportunity – a 50/50 match to pay for a generator; Sheriff and Chanis will begin compiling a budget; they will attain the cost, and research funding sources, for the technology piece; they are researching funding sources for the public health piece, also. Chanis added they may need to bunch together little grants to help out. Sheriff noted, there is no limit on dollar amount or deadline with the Homeland Security grant application, and payment is made as reimbursement for items purchased. Sheriff held one-on-one discussions with the three larger municipal police chiefs: Claremont on board, Charlestown seems to be on board, and Newport noted they understood the concept and traveled with the Sheriff to view Grafton county dispatch center; if concept is packaged correctly - illustrating the savings and efficiencies, he can't see why anyone would say no to the project; he still would like to meet with Grantham; they will await the cost of the radio communication/technology piece, before proceeding. Chanis noted they are trying to do this so that it does not cost extra for tax

payers and revenues pay for the project, while enhancing the public health and providing efficiencies. Sheriff added, they need to then speak with the fire departments.

**4:56 Motion: to come out of Executive Session. Made by: Barrette. Seconded by: Callum Jr. Voice vote: all in favor.**

*Respectfully submitted,*



John M. Callum Jr., Clerk  
Board of Commissioners

*Date minutes approved & kept sealed until matter resolved:*

*December 6, 2011*

*Released 4/3/12 SSC*