

Sullivan County NH

Type of Meeting: Board of Commissioners Regular Public Meeting

Date / Time: April 5, 2005; 1:30 p.m.

Place: Newport - Commissioners Conference Room

ATTENDEES: Commissioner Donald S. Clarke, Bennie C. Nelson, and Ethel Jarvis; Ed Gil de Rubio - County Manager; Sharon Johnson-Callum (minute taker)

OTHER PUBLIC IN ATTENDANCE: James Lowe – Argus Champion Staff Writer.

1:30 The meeting was brought to order by Commissioner Chair. All recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 1. MEETING MINUTES

AGENDA ITEM NO. 1.A. UNSEALED APPROVED EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES.

1:32 A motion was made, by Commissioner Nelson, to unseal the approved executive meeting minutes of: Feb 17, 2004, Mar 9, 2004, Mar 23, 2004, Jun 1, 2004, Jun 15, 2004 Contract Issue, Jul 6, 2004, Jul 20, 2004, Sep 7, 2004, Sep 21, 2004, Sep 27, 2004, Oct 12, 2004, Nov 4, 2004 and Dec 7, 2004; with the remaining: Jan 20, 2004, Feb 3, 2004, Apr 16, 2004, Jun 15, 2004 Personnel Issue, and Aug 3, 2004, to be placed in the personnel file of the employee it pertained to. Commissioner Jarvis seconded the motion. Commissioner Nelson noted there was a spelling error on the Jul 6, 2004 approved executive session meeting minutes on page 1, under “Merit Steps/Complaint Received”, in the second sentence and that “set” should be “sit”. The motion carried, with all in favor.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 1.B. FEB 15, 2005 EXECUTIVE SESSIONSTH CORRECTIONS

1:35 A motion was made, by Commissioner Nelson, to approve the amended February 15th executive session minutes. Commissioner Jarvis seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. The motion carried, with all in favor.

1:36 A motion was made, by Commissioner Nelson, to unseal the Feb 15th Executive Session minutes. Commissioner Jarvis seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion carried with all in favor.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 1.C. MARCH 15, 2005 PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES

Commissioner Jarvis noted: page 4, sixth paragraph down, second sentence, the word “know” should be “now”. Minute taker will correct.

1:38 A motion was made by Commissioner Nelson to approved the March 15, 2005 public meeting minutes, with the one spelling correction. Commissioner Jarvis seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. The motion carried with all in favor.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 2 NH STATE PROBATE LEASE

County manager indicated he spoke with Peter Goodwin, NH State Bureau of Court Facilities Administrator, just before the meeting began and gave him a heads up they would be negotiating the lease in the fall. County Manager explained he had requested County Attorney to review the agreement, and that both the County Manager and Attorney approved of the lease renewal. County Manager explained he would like the County to reevaluate the square footage and review, in the fall, the fair market value. Clarke pointed out it would be helpful for the County to know the plans of the State, as it pertains to the reorganization of the Courts - rumors heard on consolidation of some of the court issues.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3 MILEIU THERAPY

County Manager noted he had not had a chance to meet with John Allard regarding the equipment, but still have this on the agenda.

SIDE NOTE

Commissioner Nelson asked on status of plaque for Dr. Sterns. Johnson-Callum recapped an e-mail received from Facilities Director, regarding a plaque, dated 1970, located just to the left of the main entrance in the Nursing Home. The plaque notes who were involved with the building of the Stearns Units: Commissioners, architects and general contractor. Commissioner Nelson pointed out a long standing employee mentioned the issue to him, and they would like to see a plaque dedicated specifically to Dr. Sterns with short bio and picture, similar to the one in the Frank Smith living room. County Manager and minute taker will look further into this.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 4 COUNTY MANAGER REPORT

COUNTY AGREEMENT

County Manager discussed the cone agreement between City of Claremont and Sullivan County, which involves the valve in the sewer pipeline from the County to Claremont. County Manager indicated the Facilities & Operations Director, Greg Chanis, would draft a letter to the City of Claremont public works director instructing Claremont to take it over. Clarke reminded County Manager there is an electrical bill "attached" to the valve which they would be taking over also.

VACATION NOTICE AND PLANS

County Manager reminded Board he would be on vacation next week. Commissioner Clarke requested County Manager to advise Department Heads of his (Clarke's) home phone number, to be used only for extreme emergencies – not day to day problems.

AGENDA ITEM ON. 5 COMMISSIONERS REPORT

UPCOMING EVENTS

April 11th, Monday, the UNH President, Hart, will be visiting the County and holding a conversation at the Opera House at 3:46 p.m. - 6 p.m., which the Board was invited to.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 6 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Argus Champion staff reporter, James Lowe, requested clarification on the UNH visit. It was explained this was UNH President Hart's first visit to Sullivan County, that she was touring all counties; and would be meeting with public officials and UNH Extension programs to review education and prevention programs in area – and hear from the public officials regarding their needs.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 7 EXECUTIVE SESSION PER RSA 91-A:3.II.C. PERSONNEL ISSUE

- 2:09 A motion was made, by Commissioner Nelson, to go into Executive Session, per RSA 91:A:3.II.c., for a personnel issue. Commissioner Jarvis seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion carried with a roll call vote, all were in favor.**
- 2:30 A motion was made, by Commissioner Nelson, to come out of executive session. Commissioners Jarvis seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. The motion carried in favor, unanimously.**
- 2:31 A motion was made, by Commissioner Nelson, to set the County Managers salary at \$100,000. Commissioner Jarvis seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. The motion carried with all in favor.**
- 2:32 A motion was made, by Commissioner Nelson, to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Jarvis seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion carried with all in favor.**

Respectfully submitted,



*Ethel Jarvis, Clerk
Board of Commissioners*