

## Sullivan County NH

**Type of meeting:** Board of Commissioners Executive Session Meeting  
Minutes Per RSA 91-A.3.II.c & e. – Possible Litigation  
Issue

**Date:** Tuesday, April 1, 2008; 4:39 PM

**Place:** Remington Woodhull County Complex, 14 Main Street,  
Newport NH

**Attendees:** Commissioner Jeffrey Barrette – *Chair* and Ethel Jarvis - *Clerk*, Greg Chanis – *Interim County Administrator*; Marc Hathaway – *County Attorney*; Ross Cunningham – *D.O.C. Superintendent (arrived later)*; and Sharon Johnson-Callum (minute taker). Commissioner Nelson was absent from the meeting.

**4:39** Commissioner Barrette moved to go into Executive Session for a possible litigation issue, per RSA 91-A:3.II.c.and e., per legal counsel. Commissioner Jarvis seconded the motion. Those in Executive Session included: Commissioner Barrette and Jarvis, Marc Hathaway, Greg Chanis, Sharon Johnson-Callum. There was no discussion. A role call vote was taken. The vote carried unanimously. Commissioner Nelson was not present for the vote.

Mr. Hathaway indicated they are currently working through all the e-mails printed; the Board has a lot to be pleased with regarding the high level of work. He only saw one issue that does not relate to the care and feeding of inmates or institutional securities.

The group broke for 10 minutes to locate Superintendent Cunningham as Mr. Hathaway wanted him to participate in the discussions.

**4:40** Supt. Ross Cunningham joined the Executive Session.

Mr. Hathaway noted the issue involves subject matter pre-dating the current Superintendent, and involved the interaction between House of Corrections staff and a prospective candidate for the Superintendent position; integrity was compromised with staff at DOC, and this warrants further review. Commissioner Barrette noted a DOC employee approached him during the selection process. Mr. Hathaway noted this is an awkward scenario as the current Superintendent was hired through the process this affects. Supt. Cunningham will work with the County Attorney and Human Resources to draft a plan.

**5:04** Commissioner Barrette moved to come out of Executive Session. Commissioner Jarvis seconded the motion. There was no discussion. A voice vote was taken. The motion carried, unanimously. Commissioner Nelson was not present for the vote.

Respectfully submitted,



Ethel Jarvis, Clerk  
Board of Commissioners

EJ/s.j-c.

Date signed: 4-16-08