

Sullivan County NH

Type of meeting: Board of Commissioners Public Business Meeting Minutes
Date/Time: Tuesday, January 7, 2009, 10:15 AM
Place: Remington Woodhull County Complex, 14 Main Street,
Commissioners' Conference Room

Attendees: Commissioners Jeffrey Barrette – *Chair*, Bennie Nelson – *Vice Chair*,
and Ethel Jarvis – *Clerk*; Greg Chanis – *County Administrator*; Ted
Purdy – *S.C.H.C. Administrator*; County Treasurer – Carroll D. French.

Public attendees: Archie Mountain – *Eagle Times* and Gail Moeller – *Unity
Resident*

10:15 The Chair opened the meeting. All recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Agenda Item No. 1. Election of Officers

Motion: to the present slate continue, Commissioner Barrette chair,
myself as Vice Chair and Ethel Jarvis as Clerk.

Made by: Nelson. **Seconded by:** Jarvis.

Discussion: The Chair noted the way we have to do this is nomination for
each position.

Motion: Commissioner Barrette be chair

Made by: Jarvis. **Seconded by:** Nelson.

Voice vote: All in favor.

Motion: Commissioner Bennie Nelson be Vice Chair

Made by: Jarvis. **Seconded by:** Barrette.

Voice vote: All in favor.

Motion: Commissioner Ethel Jarvis as Clerk.

Made by: Nelson. **Seconded by:** Barrette.

Voice vote: All in favor.

**Agenda Item No. 2 Article XXXVI-Informational Request From the
Public and Elected Officials, Proposed Wording
Change & Ratification**

Mr. Chanis noted proposed changes to the current Article XXXVI Informational
Request From the Public and Elected Officials policy in the Employee Manual.
Changes included:

1. removing the personal name of the previous manager and replacing it with
the title: *County Administrator*
2. and update the e-mail address to commissioners@sullivancountynh.gov

Motion: we approve [the document] as presented.

Made by: Nelson. **Seconded by:** Jarvis.

Voice vote: All in favor.

Agenda Item No. 3 DOC Superintendent's Report

Agenda Item No.3.a. Census

Supt. Cunningham distributed the census [Appendix A], reflecting total sentenced at 119 vs. 101 on 1/7/08. A family gift exchange event for both male and female offenders with children was held at Christmas, during which Alice Roberts and several local churches gathered and DOC provided refreshments. DOC reviewed the scope of project with the inmates in advance to discuss how this was about the children. DOC witnessed a little disruptive behavior New Year's eve, but nothing that got out of hand. Commissioner Nelson questioned if the courts were still not holding jury trials in February. Cunningham confirmed the latest jail news release confirmed this. Commissioner Jarvis noted she spoke to Sullivan County Superior Court Clerk who indicated jury trials would be conducted in February.

Agenda Item No. 3.b. Staffing

Supt. Cunningham has two positions to fill. A new officer, Dustin Rhodes, came on board 1/4/09 and will be attending the officer-training academy.

Agenda Item No. 3.c. Sullivan County Criminal Justice Coordinating Committee (SCCJCC)

Supt. Cunningham requested the Board review the current SCCJCC list and decide on when to hold future meetings. Commissioner Nelson would like to see Chief Alex Scott more active on the committee. Comm. Jarvis read through the mission statement as noted on the committee list:

- "It is the direction of the Criminal Justice Coordinating Committee (CJCC) to improve and fully understand the issues influencing the criminal and juvenile justice systems in Sullivan County. Furthermore, the CJCC is directed to enhance cooperation among the various criminal justice agencies and supporting units of local government. [Mission created at Dec 8, 2003 meeting]."*

The group debated each of their interpretations of the mission statement and ideas for the committee. The Chair requested they place the issue on the next agenda.

Agenda Item No. 3.d. Executive Session Per RSA 91-A.II.c. Personnel Issue

The Chair noted the Executive Session would be moved to the end of the meeting.

Agenda Item No. 4. County Administrator's Report

Agenda Item No. 4.a. Request For Transfer of Funds

Mr. Chanis distributed copies of three *Request For Transfer of Funds* sheets [Appendix B.1-3.], one pertained to DOC, the other two to Sullivan County Health Care.

Motion: **to approve all three of the *Request For Transfer of Funds* requests.**

Made by: **Jarvis. Seconded by: Nelson.**

Voice vote: **All in favor.**

Agenda Item No. 4.b. The Meadows Inc. - Report to Attorney General as 501(c)3

Voice vote: Barrette and Nelson in favor. Jarvis opposed. The motion carried with the majority.

Registry of Deeds Burned Volumes

Commissioner Jarvis indicated she rejected a PO to Joseph Marriotti Inc. for \$25,000 to restore eight volumes charred in an 1885 fire; noting, the budget was cut to \$12,000, in order to restore just a few volumes, so wants to stick with the budget. Commissioner Barrette & Nelson both feel the bottom line is most important, the restoration needed, however they expressed concern towards Registry of Deeds revenue being under budget at this point; therefore, they feel overspending what was intended for this restoration is not being fiscally prudent; and, concurred with Jarvis. Mr. Chanis noted he would pass on the disapproval of the PO to the Registrar of Deeds.

Expenses - Spending Freeze Proposal

Commissioner Nelson asked if it would be a prudent exercise to put in place a "spending freeze", so as not to take such drastic measures as Strafford County? The Chair feels Sullivan is not close to the situation Strafford is in, but with Registry and the nursing home under revenue budget, beneficial to send a memo to department heads to reaffirm areas that can be cut / "belt tightened". Mr. Chanis noted all department heads are constantly watching their budgets, certainly on expense budget, and they are showing under budget on expense side. He is aware they do have a shortfall in revenue both in the Health Care Fund 40 and General Fund as it relates to Registry of Deeds, but they are more than making that up being under budget on the expense side as of today's date. Mr. Chanis confirmed he'd create a memo and distribute.

Claremont Meeting 1/29/09 6:30 PM

Commissioner Jarvis questioned the meeting format for the Claremont "capping taxes" meeting on 1/29. Barrette noted it was a "round table" discussion, to talk about how they can mitigate future surprises. He, Ray Gagnon and Guy Santagate met briefly and discussed how scary it is to see large percentage increases in taxes, and what they could mitigate to prevent those things from happening moving forward. He noted they don't have enough predictability from the State, education the same, so decided to convene all who have a hand in process, County/City/School/State, together; Ray Gagnon, as member of the house is involved with state level budget structure, and Senator Bob Odell was invited, also. Barrette and Nelson noted concurred on attending the next Executive Council meeting, scheduled for 2/06/09.

Public Participation Proposed Policy

The Chair recommended, moving forward, they allow public participation at end of meeting limited to 5 minutes per person. Commissioner Jarvis concurred.

Agenda Item No. 6. Public Participation

Gail Moeller spoke, noting the minute taker misquoted her in the "September" meeting. For example, "I said

1. this county needs to look at a policy that will take \$100,000 out of a budget for the nursing home resident air conditioning to save money, at same time, it's building a new facility for the prison and adding central air in the jail, that's what I said, that's not what went into notes, I hope moving forward there needs to be more word or word.

2. also, by reading those notes, I understand finally why Mr. Nelson was insulted by my remarks about mobile homes, because I was misquoted / misunderstood. What I said was, there are a lot of people in this county that live in mobile homes, or modular housing, or whatever, and that it doesn't screen well, doesn't mean people aren't wealthy, but that doesn't screen that they have enough money to pay taxes endlessly. And, when I was at the meeting, the one public hearing about the jail, when they showed the trailer that the DOC guy was working out of, every body, the whole commission, the delegate, every body laughed. My point is, how can we laugh at the office working out of a mobile unit, when a lot of people that are paying ability are here. There is nothing insulting to anybody about that, that I can imagine, unless it's misunderstood and misrepresented.
3. I also, I did say, and did not know you got your health insurance through your job. I did not know that. I know that now. It's listed in the budget that health insurance for you people. Commissioner Jarvis: "Absolutely not". Moeller: No? Okay, then I misunderstood the budget. Jarvis: "Yeah you did. No we don't get health insurance. Two get life insurance". Nelson: the girls out front do, there is health care in the Commissioners' Office.

Moeller discussed her recent written request for daily census info, her previous request for DOC data, the public hearing and "sales pitch" given along with the Ricci Greene "thing"; to which, Barrette noted if she expected them to treat her professionally, they would expect the same in return. He requested her to call the report from Ricci Greene and Associates, a "study" and the power point distributed at the public hearing a "presentation". Moeller noted she feels the statistics in the report unsupported, which is why she requested daily census data. She feels she was given the "run around" in response to her first request, then handed the study, which she feels "does not have any of the numbers in it". After a lengthy discussion regarding her perception of data reflected on previous reports distributed at Board meetings, the Commissioners and Supt. Cunningham pointed out those reports reflect a "snap shot" census for the date the report is compiled. They noted all DOC daily reports are in paper format in storage, DOC does not have software that can produce a daily census head count on each day she is requesting, and the Chair denied her request to physically access stored daily census files. The Chair discussed the RSA's mandating what they can provide and do not have to provide he, in response to her request. It was noted her last written request means they must go through and copy every daily paper census, approximately 10,000 pages, and their response letter noted the fee for this project. The Chair added, because they are public records, they must be kept intact, and there is no RSA that notes they have to allow her an opportunity to go through the stored documents. The group again noted data on previous reports distributed during Board meetings reflects actual head counts for the date of the report is compiled, and are not an average. Moeller assured the Board she would place any future requests in writing.

No other public participation.

Motion: to go into Executive Session 91-A:3.II.c. Personnel Issue

Made by: Jarvis. Seconded by: Nelson.

Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion: to come out of Executive Session.

Made by: Jarvis. Seconded by: Nelson

Voice vote: All in favor.

There was no formal decision required.

DES Shoreland Protection Act Presentation

Mr. Chanis received a call yesterday from WNTK requesting an five minute interview regarding the 1/22/09 DES Shoreland Protection Action presentation, which he referred to the DES Shoreland representative. Commissioner Barrette requested Mr. Chanis contact Archie Mountain, as a follow-up to the press release.

Supt. Cunningham left the room.

Agenda Item No. 7 Meeting Minutes

Agenda Item No. 7.a. Oct. 23, 2008 FY08 Audited Financials Exit Interview
Jarvis noted \$1 contract funds should read \$1 million. Nelson noted the place should read the place Sugar River Bank.

Motion: to approve [the 10/23/08 minutes] as amended.
Made by: Barrette. Seconded by: Nelson.
Voice vote: all in favor.

Agenda Item No. 7.b. Dec. 18, 2008 Public Meeting Minutes

Motion: accepted [the 12/18/08 public] as printed
Made by: Nelson. Seconded by: Jarvis.
Voice vote: All in favor.

Agenda Item No. 7.c. Dec. 18, 2008 4:40 PM Exec. Session Meeting Minutes

Motion: to accept [the 12/18/08 4:40 PM Executive Session] and release.
Made by: Jarvis. Seconded by: Nelson.
Discussion: Chanis briefed the Board on a concerns voiced by a couple union individuals regarding time allocation, the contact they received from the Union reps and AFSME representative and the response he requested Mr. Purdy to give to AFSME. The Chair and Chanis briefly discussed how time allocation is handled, who is responsible for it, and how it's reflected on each paycheck. The Chair requested they make sure time was allocated properly, so that they are not losing any time. Chanis noted doing this would involve review of 13 payrolls and would be an onerous task. The Chair noted he feels it's a worthwhile task to do, feels the Union did a poor job of education, and though it's not our job to educate, as dept heads they should pay attention to allocation. Chanis suggested, since employee receive the time info on their paychecks every two weeks, they review just the individual concerns. Nelson suggested sending a memo in next weeks paycheck to say "we've received a couple peoples concerns" and to "check your stubs". The group concurred.
Voice vote: All in favor.

Agenda Item No. 7.d. Dec. 18, 2008 5:05 PM Exec. Session Meeting Minutes

Motion: to approve and seal permanently.
Made by: Jarvis. Seconded by: Nelson.
Voice vote: All in favor.

Marc Hathaway and Supt. Cunningham returned to the room.

The Commissioners consulted briefly with Attorney Hathaway regarding Ms. Moeller's request to view boxes of records at the DOC in the basement and Commissioner Barrette's refusal to allow this. Attorney concurred with Barrette's response to Ms. Moeller, noting a requestor is not entitled to go through records alone and the County is not required to have someone watch over them.

Motion: to adjourn.

Made by: Barrette. Seconded by: Jarvis.

Voice vote: All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,



Ethel Jarvis, Clerk
Board of Commissioners

Date signed: 1-28-09

EJ/s.j-c.



Sullivan County NH, Board of Commissioners

**REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING
Revised - AGENDA**

Wed, Jan 7, 2009, Time 10:15 AM

Place: Sullivan County Newport Complex
14 Main Street, Newport NH 03773 – Commissioners' Conference Room

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| 10:15 AM – 10:30 AM | 1. | Election of Officers:
a. Chair
b. Vice Chair
c. Clerk |
| 10:30 AM – 10:35 AM | 2. | Article XXXVI-Informational Request From the Public and Elected Officials, Proposed Wording Change & Ratification |
| 10:35 AM – 10:55 AM | 3. | DOC Superintendent's Report
a. Census
b. Staffing
c. Review of SCCJCC List
d. Executive Session Per RSA 91-A.II.c. Personnel Issue |
| 10:55 AM – 11:20 AM | 4. | County Administrator's Report
a. Request For Transfer of Funds
b. The Meadows Inc. – Report to Attorney General as 501(c)3 |
| 11:20 AM – 11:40 AM | 5. | Commissioners' Report
c. Mileage Reimbursement Rate - Review |
| 11:40 AM – 11:55 AM | 6. | Public Participation |
| 11:55 AM – 12:00 PM | 7. | Meeting Minutes Review
a. Oct. 23, 2008 FY08 Audited Financials Exit Interview
b. Dec. 18, 2008 Public Meeting Minutes
c. Dec. 18, 2008 4:40 PM Exec. Session Meeting Minutes
d. Dec. 18, 2008 5:05 PM Exec. Session Meeting Minutes |
| 12:00 PM | 8. | Adjourn meeting |



Sullivan County NH, Board of Commissioners

Upcoming Events:

- **Jan 15th, Thu. Next Board of Commissioners meeting.**
 - **Time: 3 PM. Place:** Unity, Sullivan County Health Care Facility, 1st Floor, Recreation Room.

- **Jan. 19th, Mon. Civil Rights Day - Newport County & State Offices Are Closed**

- **Jan 21st, Wed. DES: Wetlands Protection Forum Presentation.**
 - **Time: 2 PM. Place:** Newport, Probate Court Room, 3rd Floor.

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Article XXXVI Informational Request From the Public and Elected Officials

Requests for public records/information has been set forth in the following New Hampshire State Right-To-Know Laws, set forth in RSA Chapter 91-A:

5. Whenever access to public records is requested, the agency must make a diligent effort to produce the record. An agency is not required to create a record where one does not exist. If public information is requested in a format, which does not exist, the agency is not required to create that format. Brent v. Paquette, 132 N.H. 415 (1989).

6. If the requested records are not immediately available, the agency is required to, within five (5) business days, make the record available, deny the request in writing with reasons, or furnish a written acknowledgement of the request and a statement of the time reasonably necessary to determine whether the request shall be granted or denied. RSA 91-A:4,IV. Arranging a mutually convenient time for the inspection of public documents is consistent with the purposes of the Right-to-Know Law. Brent v. Pacquette, 132 N.H. 415 (1989)

update to Sullivan Chair of Commissioners

Signature

As it pertains to Sullivan County, all requests for information must be made in writing to the County Manager, Ed Gil de Rubio, 14 Main Street, Newport NH 03773; e-mail: manager@sullivancountynh.gov, or faxed to (603) 863-9314. The request will be date stamped with the Commissioners Office date stamp machine the day it arrives or is dropped off with the document placed in the County Manager's In Box. Attempts will be made to respond prior to the 5 day Right To Know Law rule.

If it is necessary to use a photocopying machine (See Right to Know Law III.F.3), unless decided otherwise by a quorum of a public body, a fee will be charged to cover the expense of copies; at a current rate of .10 a copy, with the first 10 pages free.

Sullivan County Board of Commissioners:
Date approved: Tuesday, September 18, 2007

Ethel Jarvis
Ethel Jarvis, Chair

Bennie Nelson
Bennie Nelson, Vice Chair

Jeffrey Bairette
Jeffrey Bairette, Clerk

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Sullivan County Board of Commissioners:
Date approved:

Jeffrey Barrette, Chair

Bennie Nelson, Vice Chair

Ethel Jarvis, Clerk

To: Supt. Cunningham
 From: Lt. Roberts
 Ref: population Breakdown

Tuesday January 7, 2009

POPULATION DATA:

House of Corrections	Pre-Trial Inmates	Protective Custody
Male - 31	Male - 42	Male - 0
Female - 3	Female - 6	Female - 0

THU- Included in the total of HOC male inmates above

Male- 14
 Female- 0

Total Population (In House) - 82 **Total Population January 7, 2008 (in House) 82**

Home Confinement/EM	Weekender	Merr County
Male - 5	Male - 1	Male- 6
Female - 4	Female - 0	Female- 1
NHSP/SPU	Grafton County	Cheshire County
	Admin Transfer	Admin Transfer
Male - 7	Male - 1	Male - 2
Female - 1	Female - 1	Female - 2
Hillsborough County	Phoenix House/Serenity	Strafford Cnty
Admin Transfer		
Male - 4	Male - 1	Male- 2
Female - 0	Female - 0	Female- 0
Belknap County		
Male- 0		
Female- 0		

Total Census - 119 **Total Census January 7, 2008- 101** (118)

Temp Hold for other jurisdictions- Included in the above in house Total population

NHSP	Merrimack County	Hillsborough County	Cheshire
Male- 1	Male- 1	Male- 0	Male- 0
Female- 0	Female- 0	Female- 1	Female- 0

Pre-Trial Services- 21

Male- 11
 Female- 10

REQUEST FOR TRANSFER OF FUNDS

Budget Journal # 14
 ORIGINAL

DEPARTMENT: SCHC

DATE: Jan 2009

	Account description	Account Number	Transfer From (Debit)	Transfer To (Credit)	Purpose of Transfer
1	LPN Salaries	40.540.10003	✓ 225,000		Estimated funding for Contract Nursing for remainder of FY09
	Contract Serv - Nursing	40.541.12029		✓ 225,000	
2	LNA Salaries	40.540.10004	✓ 21,000		Estimated funding for Contract Nursing for remainder of FY09
	Contract Serv - Nursing	40.541.12029		✓ 21,000	
3	FICA (Nursing)	40.540.11010	✓ 34,000		Estimated funding for Contract Nursing for remainder of FY09
	Contract Serv - Nursing	40.541.12029		✓ 34,000	
4	Group Health Ins (Nursing)	40.540.11012	✓ 210,000		Estimated funding for Contract Nursing for remainder of FY09
	Contract Serv - Nursing	40.541.12029		✓ 210,000	
5	Retirement (Nursing)	40.540.11013	135,000		Estimated funding for Contract Nursing for remainder of FY09
	Contract Serv - Nursing	40.541.12029		135,000	
6					Total additional transfer: \$625,000

Sed. Pardo 1/6/09
 Dept. Head / Date

M. Chi 1/7/08
 County Administrator / Date (when applicable)

Officer Bar 1/7/08
 Commissioner Chair / Date

* Suzanne H. Butler Jan. 23, 2009
 Executive Finance Committee Chair / Date

REQUEST FOR TRANSFER OF FUNDS

Budget
Journal #13
ORIGINAL

DEPARTMENT: SCHC

DATE: Jan 2009

	Account description	Account Number	Transfer From (Debit)	Transfer To (Credit)	Purpose of Transfer
1	RN Salaries	40.540.10002	83,000	✓	Estimated funding for RN on-call for remainder of FY09
	RN On-Call	40.541.10002		✓ 83,000	
2	LPN Salaries	40.540.10003	81,000	✓	Estimated funding for LPN on-call for remainder of FY09
	LPN On-Call	40.541.10003		✓ 81,000	
3	LNA Salaries	40.540.10004	36,000	✓	Estimated funding for LNA on-call for remainder of FY09
	LNA On-Call	40.541.10004		✓ 36,000	
4	FICA (Nursing)	40.540.11010	15,300		FICA funding for above transfers
	FICA (On-Call)	40.541.11010		15,300	
5					
6					

Ed Hardy 1/6/09
Dept. Head / Date

[Signature] 1/7/09
County Administrator / Date (when applicable)

[Signature] 1/7/09
Commissioner Chair / Date

* [Signature] January 23, 2009
Executive Finance Committee Chair / Date



IRS Announces 2009 Standard Mileage Rates

IR-2008-131, Nov. 24, 2008

WASHINGTON — The Internal Revenue Service today issued the 2009 optional standard mileage rates used to calculate the deductible costs of operating an automobile for business, charitable, medical or moving purposes.

Beginning on Jan. 1, 2009, the standard mileage rates for the use of a car (also vans, pickups or panel trucks) will be:

- 55 cents per mile for business miles driven
- 24 cents per mile driven for medical or moving purposes
- 14 cents per mile driven in service of charitable organizations

The new rates for business, medical and moving purposes are slightly lower than rates for the second half of 2008 that were raised by a special adjustment mid-year in response to a spike in gasoline prices. The rate for charitable purposes is set by law and is unchanged from 2008.

The business mileage rate was 50.5 cents in the first half of 2008 and 58.5 cents in the second half. The medical and moving rate was 19 cents in the first half and 27 cents in the second half.

The mileage rates for 2009 reflect generally higher transportation costs compared to a year ago, but the rates also factor in the recent reversal of rising gasoline prices. While gasoline is a significant factor in the mileage rate, other fixed and variable costs, such as depreciation, enter the calculation.

The standard mileage rate for business is based on an annual study of the fixed and variable costs of operating an automobile. The rate for medical and moving purposes is based on the variable costs as determined by the same study. Independent contractor Runzheimer International conducted the study.

A taxpayer may not use the business standard mileage rate for a vehicle after using any depreciation method under the Modified Accelerated Cost Recovery System (MACRS) or after claiming a Section 179 deduction for that vehicle. In addition, the business standard mileage rate cannot be used for any vehicle used for hire or for more than four vehicles used simultaneously.

Taxpayers always have the option of calculating the actual costs of using their vehicle rather than using the standard mileage rates.

[Revenue Procedure 2008-72](#) contains additional information on these standard mileage rates.

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Date: January 2, 2009

To: Greater Sullivan County Residents
Sullivan County Town Clerks Offices
Claremont City Hall
Eagle Times
Keene Sentinel
Valley News
WCNL AM 1010 & WNTK

From: Greg Chanis, County Administrator *G.C.*

PRESS RELEASE

The Sullivan County Commissioners will host a comprehensive **Shoreland Protection Act Presentation** by the DES Wetlands Bureau, Shoreland Program Protection Specialist Jay Aube, Wed. 1/21/09.

In June 2007, the NH Legislature enacted significant amendments to the Comprehensive Shoreland Protection Act (CSPA), which became effective July 1, 2008. This presentation will provide an overview of these changes and information on the new shoreland permitting requirements, impervious surface limitations, the standards that apply within the new waterfront buffer, and the grid and points system for managing trees and saplings.

Presentation Date & Time: Wed. January 21st, 2 PM

Place: Newport NH, 14 Main Street, Probate Court Room 3rd Floor. ADA handicapped accessible.

Should you have any questions, please contact the Sullivan County Commissioners Office at (603) 863-2560.