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## Sullivan County NH

**Type of meeting: Board of Commissioners Public Business Meeting  
Minutes**

**Date/Time: Tuesday, May 20, 2008; 4:23 PM**

**Place: Unity County Complex, Sullivan County Health Care  
Facility, 5 Nursing Home Drive, Recreation Room**

**Attendees:** Commissioner Jeffrey Barrette – *Chair* and Bennie Nelson – *Vice Chair*;  
Greg Chanis – *Interim County Administrator*; County High Sheriff  
Michael Prozzo; Ted Purdy – *SCHC Administrator*; Marc Hathaway –  
*County Attorney*; Sharon Johnson-Callum (minute taker).  
Commissioner Ethel Jarvis was absent from the meeting.

**4:23 Commissioner Barrette moved to go into Executive Session to discuss  
a pending contract [Per RSA 91.A.3.II.c., d. & e.] Commissioner  
Nelson seconded the motion. Those in Executive Session included:  
Commissioner Barrette and Nelson, County Attorney Marc Hathaway,  
S.C.H.C. Administrator Ted Purdy and Sharon Johnson-Callum (minute  
taker). A role call vote was taken. The motion carried, unanimously.  
Commissioner Jarvis was absent from the vote.**

Mr. Hathaway discussed the outcome of the Union Negotiation meeting held last Friday, where Union members got up and left the meeting after debating language that's been in the draft contract for at least two releases. Both Mr. Hathaway and Mr. Purdy attempted to call the Union parties back to the table, and as of today, this has been to no avail. Mr. Hathaway suggested tasking the Interim County Administrator to check into other options for the Commissioners to run the nursing home, rather than using union contracted employees. At this point, the group discussed how they could encourage members back to the table. It was noted, even if the contract is signed, it needs to go before the Delegation. Mr. Hathaway noted the message from Commissioners should be: we have a contract that makes sense, or, we will pursue other options. Mr. Hathaway and Mr. Purdy confirmed they conveyed, to the Union representatives, the urgency of passing the contract. Mr. Hathaway noted he and Mr. Purdy would be seeing Mr. Lamirande at another meeting and would pursue getting all parties back to the table. Commissioners expressed concern of catastrophic negative PR. Mr. Purdy noted he would extend another invite to bring all parties back and update Commissioner Barrette Friday, then wait through the weekend. Mr. Hathaway proposed placing on a public agenda "Union Negotiation Updates" and inviting the Union members so that the Board could express the urgency of passing the contract; however, he'll need to check legalities of this approach before they do this.

**5:25 Commissioner Nelson moved to come out of Executive Session.  
Commissioner Barrette seconded the motion. There was no  
discussion. A voice vote was taken. The motion carried,  
unanimously. Commissioner Jarvis was absent from the vote.**

Respectfully submitted,

Ethel Jarvis  
Ethel Jarvis, Clerk

EJ/s.j-c.

Date signed: 6-03-08