

## Sullivan County NH

**Type of Meeting: Board of County Commissioners**

Special Meeting – Executive Session – NHAC Issue

**Date / Time:** May 11, 2005 - Wednesday, 10:32 – 10:50 a.m.

**Place:** Newport – County Complex, 14 Main Street, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor,  
Commissioners Conference Room.

**ATTENDEES:** Commissioner Donald Clarke - *Chair*, Bennie Nelson - *Vice Chair*, and Ethel Jarvis - *Clerk*, Ed Gil de Rubio - *County Manager*, and Sharon Johnson-Callum (minute taker).

**10:32 A motion was made by Commissioner Nelson to go back in to Executive Session in order to discuss a County/NHAC/State issue, per RSA 91-A:3.II.e. Commissioner Jarvis seconded the motion. There was no discussion. A roll call vote was taken and passed with all in favor.**

Commissioner Clarke discussed the disagreement between the New Hampshire ten counties and the NH State regarding two issues:

1. Amounts in excess of the cap which are being withheld – Sullivan is holding back approximately \$106,000
2. Amounts withheld for Skilled Nursing Costs – Sullivan has minimal exposure on this issue, possibly one case.

The Commissioners Council agreed to consult with Attorney Bob Dunn of Devine & Millimet who has Medicare / Medicaid experience. They met with him yesterday afternoon and he has agreed to handle the two cases separately. They are encouraging all Commissioners to attend a meeting Tuesday, May 17<sup>th</sup> at 10 a.m. in order to discuss their possible routes. They hope to do this through the courts in an amicable way.

Commissioner Clarke discussed the possible attorney bills. He noted the NHAC has \$20,000 to apply to legal expenses and that they were discussing how to split the expense between the 10 counties for the balance. Commissioner Clarke's recommendation is to support the NHAC on both cases and hope for a return of support in future if so needed.

Group discussed the meeting with Governor at 8 a.m. on Friday at the State House.

**10:50 A motion was made by Commissioner Nelson to come out of Executive Session. Commissioner Jarvis seconded the motion. There was no discussion. A voice vote was taken. The motion carried unanimously.**

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Ethel Jarvis*

*Ethel Jarvis, Clerk  
Board of Commissioners*

*EJ/s.j-c.*