



COMMISSIONERS MEETING

Wednesday, August 5, 2026

Minutes

This meeting will be conducted in person and via Zoom at
Department of Corrections
825 Marlboro Road
Keene NH, 03431

Zoom Call-in Number: +1 646 558 8656

Meeting ID: 409 748 8803

Pin #: 603123

Start Time 8:30 AM

Present: Commissioners Terry Clark, Claudia Stewart, and Skipper DiBernardo

Absent:

Staff: County Administrator Coates, HR Director May, DOC Maintenance Director Plaskiewicz, Superintendent Phillips, and Director of Executive Services/Communications Bernstein

Guests:

Public Comments

Upon recognition from the Chair, a Public Comment on topics of interest may be made.

I. Elected Officials & Department Head Updates

To receive, as informational, departmental updates requiring Commissioner review, participation, approval, and impactful departmental and operational issues.

1. Superintendent Phillips said the camera project installation will begin November 1 of this year.

Commissioner Clark asked how long it will take to complete the project.

Phillips said it will be a couple weeks.

2. Phillips said sidewalk construction will be performed at the end of August.

3. DOC Maintenance Director Plaskiewicz said the DOC is currently out of hot water and the air conditioning is down.

On Wednesday, July 29 the power went out and the generator kicked in. The next day the mini-splits went out in certain areas and the water went off in booking.

There were not any indications hot water or air conditioning was out facility wide due to the hot water tank being full, and the day being cooler due to the weather.

On Friday Plaskiewicz had EEI come in to check out any issues for booking and the mini-splits.

Later that day he was alerted that it was starting to get hot in multiple places in the DOC.

He checked the control boards and these showed that the building was heating up.

EEI told him to turn the compressors on and off again to jump the system. They came back online but nothing changed.

On Saturday morning Plaskiewicz came in and could not get a hold of EEI.

Plaskiewicz got his whole team on the issue and could not fix it.

The main engineer at EEI was not available. They could not access any information from their office like they usually can.

The problem was identified as a communications issue with major systems all stemming from the power outage. This will ideally be fixed on Saturday, August 8.

The DOC team said the water is not cold, it is lukewarm around 80-90 degrees so showers are not miserable. They have industrial fans in all units and the temperature is warm, but not terrible around 76 or 77 degrees.

II. Scheduled Items

County Administrator

Weekly Operations Report - The County Administrator will update the Commissioners on activities that have taken place since the previous meeting.

1. County Administrator Coates said all County facilities are locked in on propane costs at \$1.3647 per gallon.
2. Coates said a County sponsored CDBG grant for Keene Daycare Center passed through the Executive Council and is officially approved.
3. Coates said in the past gift cards were given for longevity awards, this year it will be done through checks instead.
4. Coates said the First Responders Appreciation Day is on Sunday, August 16 starting at 10:00AM
5. Coates reminded the Commissioners that the Executive Committee and Delegation meetings are on Monday, August 17 at 5:30PM and 7:00PM respectively.

6. Coates said he spoke to the Fenton Dealership and Monadnock Ford to inquire about discounts for a transport van for Maplewood Nursing Home.

Monadnock Ford has presented two options so far, and Fenton will circle back at the end of this week.

III. Old Business

IV. New Business

V. Consent Agenda Items:

Vote to accept the Weekly Manifests and Minutes of July 29, 2026

Commissioner DiBernardo made a motion to accept the manifest and minutes of July 29, Commissioner Clark seconded. Upon a roll call vote the motion passed unanimously.

VI. Calendar

Action Expected: To accept the calendar as informational and to make necessary changes/additions.

VII. General Discussion for Commissioners

VIII. Nonpublic Sessions:

At 9:42AM Commissioner Clark made a motion to enter into a non-public session pursuant to RSA 91-A:3, II (a). Commissioner DiBernardo seconded. Upon a roll call vote the motion passed unanimously.

As a result of the non-public the Commissioner's made no decisions and no votes were taken.

At 10:08AM the Commissioners unanimously voted to re-enter the public session.

IX. Adjournment

At 10:09AM Commissioner Clark made a motion to adjourn, and Commissioner DiBernardo seconded. Upon a roll call vote the motion passed unanimously.

Minutes Recorded by:
Davis Bernstein
Director of Executive Services & Communications

Minutes Reviewed by:
Commissioner DiBernardo
Clerk, Cheshire County Commissioners