



COMMISSIONERS MEETING

Wednesday, July 1, 2026

Minutes

This meeting will be conducted in person and via Zoom at
Maplewood
201 River Road
Westmoreland NH, 03467

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, Finance Director Trombly, 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. Finance Director Trombly and County Administrator Coates discussed an unusually large abandoned property payment of \$508,772.58 received from the State of New Hampshire, significantly higher than the typical annual payment of \$25,000-\$30,000. Trombly expressed concern about potentially having to return the money if future claimants come forward, as the state's RSA regulations allow for reduction of payments to counties for subsequent claims.

The group decided to temporarily set aside the excess amount over the past three years' average and place the remainder in the fund balance or a CD while awaiting clarification from the New Hampshire Treasury regarding the potential for future clawback.

II. Scheduled Items

Master Agenda Item #1368: Investment Rates – S. Trombly

Action Expected: To receive an information on 2026 investment rates.

1. Finance Director Trombly presented investment options of excess tax anticipation note (TAN) funds from various banks including M&T Bank and New Hampshire Public Deposit Investment Pool. Trombly recommended keeping the funds with M&T Bank at a 3.60% rate,

as moving to New Hampshire PDIP would only gain approximately \$3,800 more.

The Commissioners agreed with Trombly highlighting the need to maintain a strong relationship with M&T as they have been good to the County on interest rates and others matters in the past.

Commissioner Clark made a motion to authorize investing excess tax anticipation note (TAN) funds with M&T Bank at a rate of 3.6%. Commissioner Stewart seconded. Upon a roll call vote the motion passed unanimously.

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 he attended a meeting held by GO NORTH staff about EMS funding within the Rural Health Transformation Grant. Coates said he received clarity that the first major RFP for EMS will be going out today, July 1, and the County plans to apply for numerous projects.

2. Coates confirmed with the Commissioners that they will meet at Couty Hall on Saturday, July at 9:00am to begin heading out for the America 250 parade in Keene.

III. Old Business

IV. New Business

V. Consent Agenda Items:

Vote to accept the Weekly Manifests and Minutes of June 24, 2026

Commissioner Stewart made a motion to accept the manifest and minutes of June 24, 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:

IX. Adjournment

At 10:07AM Commissioner Clark made a motion to adjourn, and Commissioner Stewart 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