



COMMISSIONERS MEETING

Minutes

Wednesday, July 17, 2024

This meeting will be conducted in person
and electronically (via Zoom) at

County Hall
12 Court Street
Keene, NH 03431

Zoom Call-in Number: +1 646 558 8656

Meeting ID: 409 748 8803

Pin #: 603123

Start Time 08:30 AM

Present: Commissioners Jack Wozmak, Terry Clark and Robert Englund.

Absent:

Staff: County Administrator Coates, Superintendent Iosue, Chief McMurrer, HR Director May, and Director of Executive Services/Communications Bernstein

Guest(s):

Public Comments

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

-At 8:38AM the Commissioners opened the meeting, and all three commissioners responded as present.

I. Elected Officials & Department Head Updates

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

1. Chief McMurrer went over recent call volume data from the beginning of 2024 to today with the Commissioners.

Total calls: 2,203

Primary coverage: 916

Mutual aid/backup: 89

Paramedic intercepts: 240

Public assist: 10

Hospital to hospital: 513

Hospital to non-hospital: 345

Other routine medical transport: 37

Commissioner Wozmak said no one is handling the level of call volume that Cheshire County EMS is. He also stated that due to the nature of CCEMS performing calls in every town, CCEMS being a County-funded program is not an impossibility.

County Administrator Coates said County officials have been in Concord frequently to advocate for improvements to the statewide EMS system, specifically on Medicare reimbursements. He said that he wanted to simplify the data on the County website to be easily readable to as many people as possible.

Coates reiterated that the County Delegation Executive Committee meeting is on August 12th at 10:00AM in Delegation Hall, and the full County Delegation meeting is on August 19th at 7:00PM in Delegation Hall as well.

Chief McMurrer said collaboration has been key with non-profits, crisis teams, etc. to ensure everyone who needs it is receiving proper individualized care.

2. HR Director May asked for a non-FMLA leave of absence for an employee who will be going on their honeymoon for three weeks in October.

Commissioner Englund made a motion to approve the non-FMLA leave of absence, and Commissioner Wozmak seconded. Upon a roll call vote the motion passed unanimously.

II. Scheduled Items

III. County Administrator

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

1. Coates said that a bill was passed that allows for firearms to be allowed in locked vehicles at their place of work in public buildings, including at nursing homes.

2. Coates said the vehicle the County gave to SMART Ride is having transmission issues. He asked the Commissioner to consider funding the repairs.

Commissioner Englund asked how they are doing financially.

Coates said with their increased call volume they are likely doing very well.

3. Coates said the City of Keene has over 20 licensed lifeguards working at community pools partially due to the funding Cheshire County provided to train lifeguards at no cost to the individual.

4. Coates addressed the pro share funding received by the County and asked the Commissioners to vote on the allocation of the following funds.

	\$
Greater Monadnock Collaborative Chamber of Commerce	75,000.00
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Jaffrey Chamber of Commerce	5,000.00
	\$
Rindge Chamber of Commerce	5,000.00
	\$
Center Street Parking Lot Sidewalk	12,650.00
	\$
TV Screens Delegation Hall	2,500.00

Lifeguard Certification	\$ 6,000.00
Radically Rural	\$ 10,000.00
County Attorney office construct 2 new offices	\$ 40,000.00
Website Redesign and Hosting	\$ 25,000.00
Replace 75 Mattresses Maplewood Nursing Home	\$ 20,000.00
Replace Fluid Therapy Machine for Occupational Therapy MNH	\$ 7,300.00
Bagger for zero turn mower MNH	\$ 5,600.00
Transfer to MNH Capital Reserve	\$ 130,000.00
Set aside in Fund Balance for future year budget reduction of taxes	\$ <u>1,820,956.00</u>
Total Pro Share Recommendations	\$ 2,165,006.00

Commissioner Wozmak made a motion to recommend the approval of the Pro Share funding allocations, and Commissioner Clark seconded. Upon a roll call vote the motion passed unanimously

5. Coates said the County received a round of opioid abatement funding last month. He said that the NH Care Collaborative and the Kids Collaborative could use support to send children who have had parents affected by opioid abuse to summer camps, or other opportunities they would not have without the organizations.

Coates presented the following organizations and programs to be funded through the opioid abatement funding and asked for a motion for recommendation of approval from the Commissioners.

	\$
Sheriff's Department Training	15,000.00
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EMS Funding for Training	20,000.00
	\$
Reality Check	10,000.00
	\$
Serenity Center	10,000.00
	\$
Monadnock Family Services	20,000.00
	\$
Kids Collaborative	10,000.00
	\$
New Hampshire Care Collaborate (Service Link)	10,000.00
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Y.A.N.A. (You Are Not Alone)	20,000.00
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Total Opioid Trust fund transfer	115,000.00

Commissioner Wozmak made a motion to recommend the approval of the Opioid Abatement funding allocations, and Commissioner Clark seconded. Upon a roll call vote the motion passed unanimously

IV. Old Business

V. New Business

VI. Consent Agenda Items:

Vote to accept the Weekly Manifests and Minutes of July 10, 2024.

Commissioner Englund moved to accept the manifests and minutes and was seconded by Commissioner Clark. Upon roll call vote, the motion passed unanimously.

VII. Calendar

Action Expected: To accept the calendar as informational and to make necessary

changes/additions.

1. Coates said the Commissioners meeting on July 24th is cancelled.

Director of Communications Bernstein said the meeting on July 31st will be at Maplewood beginning at 9:30AM.

VIII. General Discussion for Commissioners

IX. Nonpublic Sessions:

A non-public session pursuant to RSA 91-A:3, II(d) Consideration of the acquisition, sale or lease of real or personal property which, if discussed in public, would likely benefit a party or parties whose interests are adverse to those of the general community.

A non-public session pursuant to RSA 91-A:3, II (a) The dismissal, promotion, or compensation of any public employee or the disciplining of such employee, or the investigation of any charges against him or her, unless the employee affected (1) has a right to a public meeting, and (2) requests that the meeting be open, in which case the request shall be granted.

- C. McMurrer

At 10:25AM Commissioner Englund made a motion to enter a non-public session pursuant to RSA 91-A:3, II (a), and was seconded by Commissioner Wozmak. Upon a roll call vote

At 10:37AM the Commissioners left the non-public session.

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

A non-public session pursuant to RSA 91-A:3, II(l) Consideration of legal advice provided by legal counsel, either in writing or orally, to one or more members of the public body, even where legal counsel is not present.

A non-public session pursuant to RSA 91-A:3, II(c) Matters which, if discussed in public, would likely affect adversely the reputation of any person, other than a member of this board, unless such person requests an open meeting. This exemption shall extend to include any application for assistance or tax abatement or waiver of a fee, fine or other levy, if based on inability to pay or poverty of the applicant

X. Adjournment

At 10:38 AM, Commissioner Englund moved to adjourn the meeting, which Commissioner Clark seconded. Upon roll call vote, the motion passed unanimously.

Minutes recorded by:
D. Bernstein
Director, Executive Services and
Communications

Reviewed and approved by:
T. Clark, Clerk
Board of Commissioners