

MINUTES
Cheshire County Commissioners Meeting
Wednesday, July 10, 2019
Maplewood Nursing Home
201 River Road, Westmoreland, NH 03467

Present: Commissioners: Charles Weed, John Wozmak and Robert Englund

Staff: County Administrator Coates, Finance Director Trombly, HR Director May, Maplewood Administrator Kindopp, and Assistant County Administrator Bouchard

Guest(s):

At 8:30AM The Chairman opened the meeting and recognized the County Administrator for the Weekly Operations report

Coates said that the Delegation Executive Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for Monday July 29th for the 2nd quarter budget review and other business, and the full Delegation will meet on Monday August 12th at 7:00pm in Delegation Hall. The agendas for the meetings was discussed and options for timbering and surveying the plot of land owned by the county in the town of Chesterfield was reviewed.

At 8:39AM Commissioner Weed joined the meeting.

A discussion concerning the status of the “new” courthouse at 33 Winter Street began and the options for the building that is due to be sold by Monadnock Development Corporation (MEDC), as required by the original financing agreement, in April of 2020 were covered.

A discussion of the Pro-Share monies for the County Nursing Homes began and it was discussed that the proposed formula being considered for County Integrated Delivery Network (IDN) funding is very uneven among the Counties and the plan may have a difficult time to be accepted as presented. A deeper review of the proposed numbers was completed and the fairness and equity to all Counties was covered. The funding of the IDN program after 2020 when the federal grant ends was reviewed and the overall goals of the grant and local IDN’s missions was also discussed.

Coates then said that the Eversource Battery site access agreement for the plot of land in Westmoreland has been signed for them so that they can begin an environmental and operational review.

Coates then discussed staffing issues at the various departments in the County and reviewed some suggestions regarding position funding to be able to be competitive in the labor market and he reviewed retention programs that are being considered and implemented.

At 9:55AM Commissioner Englund moved to enter 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 and was seconded by Commissioner Weed. Upon vote the motion passed unanimously.

As a result of deliberations in non-public session a decision was made and a unanimous (3-0) vote was taken to increase the compensation of A. W. due to added responsibilities recently assigned by the County, to be effective to June 3, 2019.

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At 10:05AM the Commissioners voted unanimously to return to public session.

Coates resumed the Weekly Operations report and said that the Restorative Justice program has received it's first referral from the Jaffrey local prosecutor and he will be contacting the County Attorney's office to inform them of event.

Old Business: None

New Business: None

The Weekly Census was then reviewed and the report was accepted as informational.

Commissioner Wozmak asked about the invitation from the federal government inviting the Counties of the Northeast to the White House for discussion of issues relevant to counties in New Hampshire. An extended conversation began concerning the many connections between the Federal, State, and Local governments and how communication, programs, and funding would be enhanced in many cases with the Counties working directly with the Federal funding sources.

The Weekly Manifest was then reviewed, and Commissioner Wozmak moved to accept the Manifest as presented and was seconded by Commissioner Weed, upon vote the motion passed unanimously.

The minutes of June 26, 2019 were then reviewed and Commissioner Weed moved to accept the minutes as amended and was seconded by Commissioner Englund. Upon vote the motion passed unanimously.

The calendar was then reviewed and no changes were noted.

General Discussion: Commissioner Weed then discussed the Keene Energy Committee.

At 11:21AM there being no further business to discuss, Commissioner Englund moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion to adjourn was seconded by Commissioner Wozmak and upon vote the motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,
R. Englund, Clerk