

MINUTES
Cheshire County Commissioners Meeting
Wednesday, July 06, 2022
County Hall Building
12 Court Street, Keene, NH 03341

Conference Call Information
Phone Call-in Number: +1 646 558 8656
Meeting ID: 409 748 8803
Pin #: 6031233

Present: Commissioners Jack Wozmak, Robert Englund, and Terry Clark
Staff: County Administrator Coates, Finance Director Trombly, and Assistant County Administrator Bouchard.
Guest(s):

At 8:33 AM, Commissioner Wozmak opened the meeting, Administrator Coates took a roll call of the Commissioners, and Commissioners Wozmak, Englund, and Clark responded as “present.”

I. Public Comments

Upon recognition from the Chair, a Public Comment on topics of interest may be made, not to exceed three (3) minutes in length. – **No public comments were received.**

II. Elected Officials & Department Head Updates

To receive, as informational, departmental updates requiring Commissioner review, participation, approval, and impactful departmental and operational issues. **None were noted.**

III. Scheduled Items: None

IV. County Administrator

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

Coates said that there is a good deal of work being done by staff on County energy costs to try to lessen the huge Eversource proposed increase in electric rates to the PUC. A discussion of the cost of power and the future of power cost began, and several alternatives, including adding behind-the-meter solar panels to County buildings, were covered.

Commissioner Clark then spoke about creating a County Community Power Aggregation plan. He said a team would be formed to begin a draft of the document that will be submitted to the State Public Utilities Commission for approval. Several towns have already expressed interest in joining a County Aggregation Plan if implemented.

Commissioner Englund then spoke about nominations for staff awards to the NH County Association that are due by July 18th. A discussion of the local awards being given out within the County vs. being given at the October Conference was covered.

Bouchard then said that the Commissioner’s Cookout is being moved to August 24th due to a scheduling conflict with the caterers with a rain date of August 25th.

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- V. **Old Business:** Commissioner Englund spoke about the listing of the County as a significant donor to the Apple Hill Music organization based on the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds that were awarded to the group following their submission, vetting, and final qualification of their application.
- VI. **New Business:** None
- VII. **Consent Agenda Items:**
Vote to accept the Weekly Manifests and Minutes of June 29, 2022. **Commissioner Englund moved to take the manifests and minutes, and Commissioner Clark seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, the motion passed unanimously.**
- VIII. **Calendar**
Action Expected: To accept the calendar as informational and to make necessary changes/additions.
- IX. **General Discussion for Commissioners**
Master Agenda Item #673: Commissioners - State Cost Shifting Letter and Restorative Justice Program.
- X. **Nonpublic Sessions**
At 9:23 AM, Commissioner Wozmak moved to enter a non-public session under RSA 91-A:3, II(b) to review and discuss hiring any person as a public employee. Commissioner Englund seconded the motion, and upon roll call vote, the motion passed unanimously.

At 9:38 AM, the Commissioners voted unanimously to return to the public session.

At 9:39 AM, Commissioner Wozmak moved to authorize the County Administrator to hire M. S. as the Chief of the Emergency Medical Service (EMS) department based on the presentation and recommendation of Municipal Resources Incorporated Inc. (MRI) and the successful completion of a personnel background check. Commissioner Englund seconded the motion, and upon a roll call vote, the motion passed unanimously.
- XI. **Adjournment**
At 10:03 AM, the Commissioners voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting. Upon roll call vote, the motion passed unanimously.

Recorded and edited by:
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Reviewed and submitted by:
Terry Clark Clerk, Board of Commissioners