



COMMISSIONERS MEETING

Wednesday, January 22, 2025

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, Finance Director Trombly, Director of Executive Services/Communications Bernstein, and Superintendent Iosue.

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 Iosue said the Department of Corrections Kitchen Director will be leaving by Friday January 24th. He has already found a replacement for the role.

2. Iosue said that historically correctional officer staffing has been difficult. It has gotten better in the past year, they are currently fully staffed minus one position. He no longer sees a need for a hiring bonus for correctional officers, but would like to keep it for DOC nurses. He would also like to see the referral bonus kept in place.

Finance Director Trombly asked if this was still being utilized in job advertisements.

Iosue said that it hasn't been for the past few months and will remain off of job postings until Iosue decides otherwise.

II. Scheduled Items

Master Agenda Item #1236: CMS Revalidation Paperwork - S. Trombly

Action Expected: To have Chair of the Commissioners Terry Clark sign the revalidation paperwork.

Chair of the Commissioners Terry Clark signed the necessary documents.

Commissioner Stewart made a motion to accept the legal and financial responsibility of the County of Cheshire Skilled Nursing Facility, and have given Kathryn Kindopp, Nursing Home Administrator the authority within this organization to legally and financially bind the County of Cheshire to the laws, regulations, and programs instructions of the Medicare Program. Commissioner Clark seconded the motion. 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. Coates said he will be attending a celebration for the former CEO of Monadnock Family Services Phil Wyzik, at Birdees on January 22nd.

2. Coates asked for a motion to accept the following rollovers that were not in the initial request in December.

- Lifeguard certification was initiated in 2021 through American Rescue Plan funding. There was a major shortage of lifeguards due to the cost for certification, the County will be paying for this program for one more year.

- Reality Check funding in the amount of \$10,000 from Opioid Abatement funding was not received by the organization yet.

- \$75,000 was approved for the Greater Monadnock Collaborative's Promote the Region Program.

Commissioner Stewart made a motion to approve the rollovers, and Commissioner Clark seconded. Upon a roll call vote the motion passed unanimously.

4. Southwest Regional Planning Commission will have their semi-annual meeting at Heberton Hall, Keene Public Library on February 11th at 5:00PM.

5. Coates reminded the Commissioners the NH Association of Counties meeting will be on Thursday January 23rd at 10:00AM at Primex in Concord.

6. Coates said that the next Executive Committee budget review will be on Monday, January 29th at 9:00AM in the Eaton/Hunt Conference Room at Maplewood Nursing Home.

III. Old Business

IV. New Business

1. County Commissioner Clark said that Surry is about to join Cheshire Community Power, Stoddard is as well. Rindge will have it as a warrant article in the coming months.

V. Consent Agenda Items:

Vote to accept the Weekly Manifests and Minutes of January 15, 2025

Commissioner Stewart made a motion to approve the manifests and minutes of January 15. Commissioner DiBernardo 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 9:35AM Commissioner Clark made a motion to enter into a non-public session pursuant to RSA 91-A:3, II (a). Commissioner Stewart seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote the motion passed unanimously.

*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.*

At 10:15AM the Commissioners voted to unanimously exit the non-public. As a result of the non-public no decisions were made, and no actions were taken.

IX. Adjournment

At 10:45AM 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