



COMMISSIONERS MEETING

Minutes

Wednesday, May 1, 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 #: 6031233

Start Time 08:30 AM

Present: Commissioners Robert Englund, and Terry Clark. Commissioner Jack Wozmak absent with notice.

Staff: County Administrator Coates, Finance Director Trombly, HR Director May, Chief of CCEMS McMurrer, Community Liaison Cannell, Superintendent Iosue, 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 most three (3) minutes in length.

-At 8:32AM the Commissioners opened the meeting, and Commissioners Englund and Clark 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.

-HR Director May requested a non-FMLA leave of absence for an employee of the Sheriff's Department.

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

-Chief of CCEMS McMurrer stated that they have been meeting with Chiefs of other towns to improve relations and collaboration. The Chief said he met with the new Interim Chief of Keene Fire Department. The meeting was very productive and both sides are very eager to work together in a positive and productive manner.

Community Liaison Cannell took the floor and said that she has been working on making contacts within the community to build strong relationships with towns we do have contracts with, towns where we do not, and pertinent organizations.

Cannell said she has had discussions about CCEMS and/or local fire stations becoming a Narcan giveaway system. Where Narcan will be available for those who need it. She said that many trainings have been performed throughout ten towns as well as with community organizations. Some of these trainings include stop the bleed, CPR, and others.

McMurrer said they have been working with Gilsum to bring in interpreters to learn how to have a better understanding of how to work with deaf patients.

McMurrer said that Dr. Suozzi of Cheshire Medical Center wants Cheshire County to become a heart safe community. This would include a certain percentage of the population trained in how to properly use AEDs as well as wide availability of AEDs and more qualifications. He said that the AEDs used by CCEMS utilize batteries that can be bought at any store. This ensures that if an AED runs out of power, it can be recharged without any issue.

County Administrator Coates brought up the idea of purchasing several AEDs for the entire County.

Cannell said that we will have 120 additional citizens trained in the community.

McMurrer said that paramedic intercept billing is up substantially.

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.

-County Administrator Coates said that Southwest NH District Fire Mutual Aid's annual meeting is tonight, May 1. Coates said multiple CCEMS employees and himself will be attending.

Coates said Finance Director Trombly, HR Director May, and Executive Services and Communications Director Bernstein, and himself met to discuss DEI (diversity, equity, and inclusion). He said he reached out to the head of Keene Pride, and other relevant community partners to explore this issue further and enhance the County's promotion of DEI in our workforce.

Coates said we will receive more funding from the opioid abatement settlement. He said he wants to look towards funding organizations who are working on combatting the opioid epidemic.

He said Maplewood Administrator Kindopp is away until May 13th.

He said that Former Facilities Director Harrison retired last week, and his replacement has officially taken over.

IV. Old Business

V. New Business

VI. Consent Agenda Items:

Vote to accept the Weekly Manifests and Minutes of April 24, 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.

VIII. General Discussion for Commissioners

IX. Nonpublic Sessions:

X. Adjournment

At 10:35 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