



**COMMISSIONERS MEETING**  
Wednesday, October 16, 2024  
**Minutes**

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

County Hall  
12 Court Street  
Keene NH

**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, Finance Director Trombly, HR Director May, Director of Executive Services Bernstein, Recovery Coach Batdorf-Dwyer, and Treatment Court and Behavioral Health Court Coordinator/Project Director Welsh.

**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.

-Superintendent Iosue reminded the Commissioners that the DOC Officer Graduation will occur after the Commissioners meeting on October 23<sup>rd</sup> at 10:00AM.

Iosue said the DOC is fully staffed.

Iosue said an officer who has been employed for 10 months needs unpaid leave due to mental health struggles. He requests a non-FMLA leave of absence for the employee. He will likely need a few weeks off.

**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.**

-Finance Director Trombly said the budgets should be ready on Friday October 18<sup>th</sup>.

## **II. Scheduled Items**

Master Agenda Item #1217: Treatment Court Semi-Annual Report – A. Welsh & S. Batdorf-Dwyer

**Action Expected: To receive an informational report on the Treatment Court’s activities for the preceding six months.**

- Recovery Coach Batdorf-Dwyer, and Treatment Court and Behavioral Health Court Coordinator/Project Director Welsh gave the following presentation linked externally, [HERE](#).

### **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 a pass-through grant received by CDFA by the County for Monadnock Peer Support has run into some speed bumps due to a lack of responsiveness by MPS. Coates led a meeting to get them back on track.

-The Commissioners discussed who will be attending future NH Association of Counties meetings being that two new Commissioners will be elected in November.

-Coates said the \$1.25 million the County applied for on behalf of the Southwest NH District Fire Mutual Aid is going to be received directly by SWNHDFMA.

-Coates said he will be attending the Westmoreland Select-Board on November 7<sup>th</sup> to discuss the bridge that leads to Maplewood Nursing Home.

-Coates said he will be having lunch with Senator Shaheen after the Commissioners meeting at Noon.

## **III. Old Business**

## **IV. New Business**

## **V. Consent Agenda Items:**

Vote to accept the Weekly Manifests and Minutes of October 9, 2024

## **VI. Calendar**

Action Expected: To accept the calendar as informational and to make necessary changes/additions.

**VII. General Discussion for Commissioners**

**VIII. Nonpublic Sessions:**

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.

RSA 91-A:3, II(b) The hiring of any person as a public employee.

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.

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.

RSA 91-A:3, II(e) Consideration or negotiation of pending claims or litigation which has been threatened in writing or filed against this board or any subdivision thereof, or against any member thereof because of his or her membership therein, until the claim or litigation has been fully adjudicated or otherwise settled

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.

**IX. 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