

Regular Meeting of the
Hillsborough County Board of Commissioners
October 29, 2014
Bouchard Building, Goffstown, NH
Minutes of the Public Session
(Not Official until Approved by the Board and signed by the Clerk.)

Present: Comm. Pappas, Comm. Ziehm, D. Dionne, C. Kirby, B. Moorehead, E. Robinson, G. Wenger, M. Castonguay, and L. Stonner.

Also Present: Rep. S. Spratt

1. Call to Order

Comm. Pappas called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. Rep. Spratt led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Comm. Pappas informed those present that Comm. Holden is attending the quarterly meeting of the National Association of County's Finance Committee in Washington, D.C.

2. Administrative Business

Minutes:

Motion: To approve the minutes of the Board of Commissioner's meeting held on October 15, 2014. Motion by Comm. Ziehm, second by Comm. Pappas.

Payroll Registers

Motion: To approve the following Miscellaneous Payroll registers for the following dates:

- October 17, 2014 \$1,500.00
- October 20, 2014 6,756.20
- October 22, 2014 160.00
- October 23, 2014 382.73
- October 27, 2014 184.00

The total Miscellaneous Payroll is \$8,982.93, subject to review and audit. Motion by Comm. Ziehm, second by Comm. Pappas. Motion carried.

Motion: To approve a Regular Payroll dated October 23, 2014, in the amount of \$1,144,822.44, subject to review and audit. Motion by Comm. Ziehm, second by Comm. Pappas. Motion carried.

Accounts Payable Register

Motion: To approve the following Accounts Payable registers for the following dates:

- October 16, 2014 \$ 560.50
- October 17, 2014 850.07
- October 28, 2014 3,514,577.49

The total Accounts Payable is \$3,515,988.06, subject to review and audit. Motion by Comm. Ziehm, second by Comm. Pappas. Motion carried.

3. Public Comment on Agenda Items

There were no members of the public present who wished to comment on Agenda items.

4. Department of Corrections

Census

Supt. Dionne presented the Department of Correction's Census. He noted as of October 21, 2014, the total in custody was 492; he explained that there were 379 men, including 138 that had been sentenced and 241 that were being held pre-trial; there were 113 women; 56 of the women had been sentenced and 57 were being held pre-trial.

Supt. Dionne informed the Board that 135 individuals were diverted through the Mental Health Courts; 64 were from Manchester and 71 from Nashua. He added that the DOC was holding 43 female inmates from Rockingham County and there were 22 inmates in the community.

Overtime Impact Report

Supt. Dionne noted that he had provided an Overtime Impact Report for the Board for the permanent record.

Supt Dionne informed the Board that the DOC has received an inmate from Rockingham who was transferred due to housing management problems and asked the Board to approve the Administrative Transfer.

Motion: To approve the transfer of an inmate from Rockingham County. Motion by Comm. Ziehm, second by Comm. Pappas. Motion carried.

5. Nursing Home

Census

Mr. Moorehead presented the Nursing Home Census. He indicated that the Census as of October 23, 2014 was 282; it included 209 Medicaid residents, 35 Private Pay residents and 38 Medicare residents

Bid # 05-2015 – Transport SUV

Motion: To approve Bid # 05-2015 for the Nursing Home and to award the bid to Grappone Automotive Group, Bow, NH, at the price of \$27,031, noting that it is the lowest responsible bidder. Motion by Comm. Ziehm, second by Comm. Pappas.

In response to a question from Comm. Ziehm, Mr. Moorehead explained that the purchase was included in the last budget at \$30,000, so this bid is very close to the amount budgeted. Mr. Moorehead added that this vehicle will replace a much older vehicle with cloth seats that is a hand-me-down from the Sheriff's Department and is not good for transporting residents.

Motion carried to approve the vehicle purchase.

National Government Services Revalidation Agreement (Medicare)

Mr. Moorehead provided information relative to the National Government Services Revalidation Agreement (Medicare) and explained that it is essentially a Medicare re-enrollment that has to be done periodically; it requires information that the County is required to provide. Mr. Wenger noted that he is working with Attorney Kirby to review the document and will get it to the Commissioners for approval. Mr. Moorehead noted that this is a time-sensitive document that is required for the County to continue to receive Medicare funding.

Natural Gas Price Lock-in

Following discussion, the Board agreed to authorize M. Lencki to lock in the lowest possible natural gas rate as he has done successfully in past years.

Motion: To authorize M. Lencki to lock in the rates for natural gas. Motion by Comm. Ziehm, second by Comm. Pappas. Motion carried.

6. Old/New Business

NHAC Conference

Those present discussed the NHAC Conference; everyone agreed that the it was very successful, that that the theme was well received, and it added to the fun of the event; there was very good participation in the games. There was also a discussion about the role of NHAC and issues that it needs to address. Mr. Wenger thanked those who helped make the conference a success and recognized H. Bernier from the Nursing Home whose watercolor decorated the cover of the conference brochure; it was noted that Ms. Bernier is donating the painting to the County.

Comm. Ziehm informed those present that she attended a Cooperative Extension group meeting at the Conference that was presented by a Sullivan County Commissioner regarding a transitional housing program that they have; she indicated that she would like to visit their facility. Supt. Dionne indicated that it works in Sullivan County because the transitional housing is located next to the Correctional facility, but in Hillsborough County, that would not be possible at the Valley Street location.

Drug Rehab Center Visit

Comm. Ziehm explained that she and Comm. Holden visited the Nashua Drug Rehabilitation Court on October 20th and noted that she was very impressed with the program, adding that she was able to see 3 individuals appear before the Court. She added that she is also interested in visiting Sullivan County's Drug Court program.

Discussion returned to the conference; those present agreed that the speaker, Al Getler, was a hit as a speaker and he set the tone for the conference.

Mr. Wenger informed the Board that the next meeting of the NHAC Executive Committee is scheduled for November 14th, which is a conflict with the County's Executive Committee. He added that all Commissioners are encouraged to attend even though all Commissioners are not members of the Association's Executive Committee.

Rep. Spratt conferred with Ms. Castonguay and they agreed to move the County's Executive Committee meeting to Thursday, November 13th.

Mr. Wenger noted that Commissioner Maglaras invited him to be one of 7 or 8 individuals to meet with Commissioner Toumpas, NH Dept. of Health & Human Services, the following day. Mr. Moorehead indicated that the NH Healthcare Association met with Comm. Toumpas the previous week. He added that he is concerned relative to what he has heard about ProShare and added that no one knows how rates will be calculated at this point. He added that ProShare and Bed Tax provide approximately 7 million dollars for the County, so this is a significant concern.

Mr. Wenger noted that Hillsborough County employees won the following awards:

- Brian Stowe Hillsborough County Nursing Home Employee of the year
- Sheriff Hardy Sheriff of the year
- Patricia LaFrance County Attorney of the year
- Rep. Steve Spratt Legislator of the year
- Chip Roach Technology employee of the year.

Comm. Pappas noted that Mr. Wenger was voted County Administrator of the year and added that Central Paper was recognized with the Public Service Award.

In response to a request from Comm. Pappas, Mr. Wenger agreed to do a press release related to the conference.

7. Public Comment

Rep. Spratt offered that he would agree with the positive comments made about the NHAC Conference and noted that starting off with humor dropped a lot of barriers and resulted in a relaxing night. He noted that the games brought out many people and created a bond.

Comm. Ziehm expressed her appreciation for the positive job that Rep. Spratt has done as Delegation Chair.

Mr. Wenger asked if the Board would consider meeting at the Nursing Home for one of its next two meetings, and the Board agreed.

8. Non-Public Session

Mr. Wenger requested an opportunity to meet with the Board of Commissioners in Non-Public session consistent with RSA 91-A:3 II (a) relative to personnel.

Motion: To move into Non-Public Session with Mr. Wenger and Attorney Kirby consistent with RSA 91-A:3 II (a) relative to personnel. Motion by Comm. Ziehm, second by Comm. Pappas. Pappas-yes, Ziehm-Yes. Motion carried.

The Board moved into Non-Public Session at 11:06 a.m.

The Board met with Attorney Kirby and Mr. Wenger.

The Board moved out of Non-Public Session at 11:18 a.m.

Motion: To move out of Non-Public Session.. Motion by Comm. Ziehm, second by Comm. Pappas. Motion carried.

9. Adjourn

Lacking further business, Comm. Pappas entertained a motion to adjourn.

Motion: To adjourn the meeting. Motion by Comm. Ziehm, second by Comm. Pappas. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 11:19 a.m.

Approved November 12, 2014

Comm. Sandra Ziehm, Clerk
Hillsborough County Board of Commissioners

Date