

Regular Meeting of the
Hillsborough County Board of Commissioners
November 15, 2013
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. Holden, Comm. Ziehm, J. Hardy, C. Beauceac, D. Dionne, T. Dubois, C. Kirby, D. Reidy, E. Robinson, M. Castonguay, G. Wenger, and L. Stonner

Also Present: Rep. S. Spratt

Call to Order

Comm. Pappas called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

G. Wenger led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Comm. Pappas noted that Comm. Ziehm would need to leave early to attend a funeral and requested that the Non-Public Sessions be held at the beginning of the meeting so that all Commissioners would be present.

Non-Public Session

Comm. Pappas entertained a motion relative to Non-Public Sessions.

Motion: To move into Non-Public Session with Supt. Dionne and Attorney Kirby consistent with RSA 91-A:3 II (e) relative to litigation, and then with Attorney Kirby consistent with RSA 91-A:3 II (e) relative to litigation. Motion by Comm. Holden, second by Comm. Ziehm. Ziehm-yes, Pappas-yes, Holden-yes. Motion carried.

The Board moved into Non-Public session at 9:03 a.m.

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The Board moved out of Non-Public Session at 9:17 a.m.

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

Motion: To authorize settlement in the cases as discussed in Non-Public session. Motion by Comm. Holden, second by Comm. Ziehm. Motion carried.

Motion: To authorize settlement in the Nursing Home matter as discussed in Non-Public session. Motion by Comm. Holden, second by Comm. Ziehm. Motion carried.

Administrative Business

Approval of Payroll Registers

Motion: To approve the following Miscellaneous Payroll registers in the following amounts, noting that each is subject to review and audit:

11/07/13	\$ 2,556.35
11/08/13	123.92

The total Miscellaneous Payroll is \$2,680.27. Motion by Comm. Holden, second by Comm. Ziehm. Motion carried.

Motion: To approve a Regular Payroll register dated November 7, 2013 in the amount of \$1,122,095.26, subject to review and audit. Motion by Comm. Ziehm, second by Comm. Holden. Motion carried.

Approval of Accounts Payable Register:

Motion: To approve the following Accounts Payable registers in the following amounts:

11/13/13,	\$3,765,543.01
11/14/13	2,439,023.05

The total Accounts Payable is \$6,204,566.06, subject to review and audit. Motion by Comm. Holden, second by Comm. Ziehm. Motion carried.

Public Comment on Agenda items

There was no one present who wished to comment on Agenda items.

Transfer # FY2014-06 – Sheriff's Office

Motion: To approve Transfer # FY2014-06 for the Sheriff's Office to transfer the amount of \$40,000 from Contingency Grant Expense, line 4199-7740, and to transfer the amount of \$34,900 to Sheriff's Detail, line 4217-7010, and to transfer the amount of \$5,100 to the Sheriff's Detail-Retirement line 4217-7130. Motion by Comm. Holden, second by Comm. Ziehm.

Sheriff Hardy explained this transfer is to cover a dramatic and unanticipated increase in the request for Sheriff's Detail Officers, adding that the County has realized net revenue of \$11,000 to date. He indicated that the requests for the current fiscal year have already exceeded the previous fiscal year and explained that all expense is billed to the entities requesting the details.

Motion carried.

Department of Corrections

Supt. Dionne presented the Department of Correction's census. He noted that as of November 5th, the total in custody was 531; it included 412 men; 155 had been sentenced and 257 were awaiting trial; there were 119 women in custody; 51 had been sentenced and 68 were awaiting trial. He added that there are a total of 159 individuals in the diversionary Mental Health program; the DOC is also holding 43 female inmates from Rockingham County and 1 male inmate from Belknap County. Supt Dionne informed the Board that there are 21 in the community and 4 inmates in the Pre-Trial Supervision program that is a part of the Federally-funded grant that expires at the end of the fiscal year.

Supt. Dionne informed the Board that he provided the Overtime Impact Report for the record. He added that he will be requesting another transfer in the Overtime line in the next month; he is hopeful he can find the funds in the Salary & Wages line.

Bid # FY14-66 – Spork Kits

Supt. Dionne requested Board approval Bid # FY14-66 for Spork Kits

Motion: To approve Bid # FY14-66 for Spork Kits for the Department of Corrections, and to award the bid to Central Paper Products, Manchester, NH at a price of \$13.24/case and a total of \$7,944, noting it is the lowest responsible bidder meeting the specifications. Motion by Comm. Holden, second by Comm. Ziehm. Motion carried.

Nursing Home

Census

T. Dubois reported that the Census at the Nursing Home as of November 7, 2013 was 282 residents; there were 218 Medicaid residents, 33 Private Pay residents and 31 Medicare residents.

Year-to-Date Revenue

Ms. Dubois reported that the unaudited Revenue to date for Room & Board has a positive variance of \$195,663; the actual Bed Tax for the first quarter was \$23,729 but there was a corrected amount resulting in Revenue of \$139,205, which represents a total of \$162,934 for Bed Tax for the quarter. It is uncertain if that payment will be booked in the current fiscal year or be pulled back into FY 2013. Mr. Wenger noted that the auditors will address that issue.

Old/New Business

Mr. Wenger requested a moment of personal privilege to express his and his family's gratitude to the Nursing Home and explained that his father had been a patient at the Nursing Home for several months. He observed that during that time he learned a great deal about the Nursing Home and noted that he is very impressed with the care and loving nature of all the employees, adding that the care was above and beyond what was expected.

The Chair recognized Rep. Spratt, who is the Delegation Chair.

Rep. Spratt informed those present that the Medicaid expansion vote occurred the previous day; there was lively debate; it will proceed to the House of Representatives on November 21st. He added that the Senate was not willing to compromise. Rep. Spratt noted that there was a comment made by Nancy Rollins relative to Nursing Homes not being needed and added that this is only one person's opinion and that many of the Representative believe that the Nursing Homes play a vital role in the Counties.

Comm. Pappas thanked Rep. Spratt for his presentation at the NH Association of Counties' Convention. He responded that his intent was to spark debate, adding that he has been speaking with the Chair of Human Health & Services relative to establishing a statutory committee that would bring all the players to the table including the Counties, the Nursing Homes and the private sector. He noted that he has been asked to join the committee.

The Board discussed the County Holiday Schedule; Comm. Holden offered a motion.

Motion: To approve the County Holidays as listed in the table; it is based on holidays observed in previous years. Motion by Comm. Holden, second by Comm. Ziehm. Motion carried.

Mr. Wenger directed the Commissioners to an invitation included in their packets; it is to celebrate the rebirth of the building formerly owned by the Order of Odd Fellows; the event will occur on Thursday, Nov. 21 from 4:00 to 6:30 p.m. Mr. Wenger added that this is the building that will serve as the Manchester Community Resource Center, adding that the renovation was partially funded by a CDBG grant approved by the Board of Commissioners.

Planning Discussion – Charrette Next Steps

Mr. Wenger observed that he has had conversation with S. Desruisseaux from the Town of Goffstown; she indicated that the Town, particularly the Selectmen is interested in attending the next Board meeting. The Board discussed prioritizing its agenda for that meeting relative to a planning discussion with the Selectmen.

Following discussion relative to addressing the uses of County lands and buildings, the Board agreed to begin with a discussion of recreational use of the land and partnerships with the Town, youth groups and civic organizations. The focus will be on developing relationships, uses of the land, recreation, and generating revenue as well as getting acquainted with the new Selectmen.

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

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

The meeting adjourned at 10:07 a.m.

Approved 11/27/13

Comm. Sandra Ziehm, Clerk
Hillsborough County Board of Commissioners

Date