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COMMISSIONERS' MEETING

MINUTES

April 26, 2010

The Board of Cumberland County Commissioners, Richard J. Feeney, Malory O. Shaughnessy and James F. Cloutier convened a meeting at the Cumberland County Courthouse in the Peter J. Feeney Conference room.

Chair Feeney called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM and the following business was conducted.

Minutes of the Cumberland County Commissioners Regular Meeting of April 12, 2010 were read and approved unanimously in favor 3-0.

Comments from the County Manager:

The County Manager and the Assistant County Manager were not at the meeting. Vic Labrecque, Director of Finance, reported he, County Manager Peter Crichton, Commissioner Malory Shaughnessy, Sheriff Mark Dion and Jail Administrator Fran Breton have been actively involved with the Board of Corrections in Augusta. Hopefully, on Wednesday they will receive guidance on what the budget distributions will be for the Cumberland County Jail for FY11.

Comments from the Commissioners:

Commissioner Shaughnessy:

Commissioner Shaughnessy reported she is involved with the BOC and there are some concerns that the moneys have not been distributed back to our county and other counties. The Maine County Commissioners Association is concerned with the process we are in right now and are continuing to see how the process works. The Cumberland County Public Health District continues to move forward and needs to be commended on the work it has done on the H1N1 virus over this last season. They were able to get the clinics up and running and address the issues.

Commissioner Cloutier:

Commissioner Cloutier indicated he had no comments.

Commissioner Feeney:

Chair Feeney reported he attended the Board of Directors meeting last week for the Cumberland County Civic Center. He reported on the following: There will be four high schools and two colleges holding graduations this year at the Civic Center. The month of March was another big month of activities. There were 20 events in 17 days and another 7 days tied up with preparation or restoration activities. Therefore, 24 out of 31 days were used for some type of activity or another at the Civic Center. The attendance for March was 49,370. Some of the events that took place were the Harlem Globetrotters, Playhouse Disney, and the Boston Bruins Alumni vs. the high school senior all-stars. This event generated approximately \$125,000 in gross concessions revenues over the fourteen events. There were 1,000 competitors at the Civic Center for twelve hours of wrestling competition. Concessions exceeded \$20,000. Stars on Ice made its 22nd consecutive annual appearance, the Maine Food and Lodging Expo returned; a rock concert and the Shrine Circus. Concerts are being lined up for future events. The events at the Civic Center are a great boost to the local hospitality economy!

Comments from the Public:

Chair Feeney asked if there were any comments from the public. Hearing none we moved onto the Informational and Public Forum.

Chair Feeney asked Aaron Shapiro, Community Development Block Grant Director, to present his Informational Report.

Mr. Shapiro reported this is the second public hearing. 2010 marks the fourth year of Cumberland County's Community Development program. As in the past we'll have two public hearings as we move forward with the program. The first hearing was presented at the April 12, 2010 Commissioners' meeting with the final approval at the Cumberland County Commissioners meeting on May 10th. He reported the total Cumberland County Community Development HUD/CDBG allocation will be \$1,849,093. This represents an increase of \$372,000 over our 2009 allocation, the result of two factors: 1) a 7.5% overall Federal budget increase in CDBG program funds; and 2) the City of Westbrook's joining the program as our 25th member community. The total allocation is further divided into four components: 1) Administration: \$232,448 (County Admin \$126,500; South Portland Admin \$65,948; Bridgton Admin \$40,000); 2) County Community & Regional Grants: \$946,880; 3) Town of Bridgton \$200,738 (set-aside award for program activities); and 4) City of South Portland: \$469,026 (set-aside award for program activities).

Commissioner Shaughnessy asked Mr. Shapiro to read into the record all the recipients and a brief description. The complete list of the programs receiving funding can be viewed on the County website: www.cumberlandcounty.org.

Chair Feeney asked if the public would like to speak. Karan McPhee, Director of the Center for Therapeutic Recreation reported they are very pleased to be allocated \$8,000. The funds will support a sliding scale fee structure enabling those with the least financial resources to participate in aquatic recreation programs. The program will serve between 12-18 adults with developmental disabilities providing recreation and social activities. A similar program for South Portland residents is funded by the City of South Portland's CDBG set-aside grant.

Keith Luke, Economic Development Director of Westbrook, reported he was pleased the Westbrook Community Center was granted \$212,400 and the Westbrook Grange Hall was granted \$20,344. The Westbrook Community Center will receive funding for renovating and converting the former Wescott Middle School to a community center to serve the needs of low-income residents. The facility will house an array of programs including: Meals on Wheels, Westbrook Food Pantry, Area Agency on Aging, youth services and recreation programs. The Westbrook Grange Hall funding will be used to purchase materials for roof, window, weatherization and handicap accessibility improvements.

Chair Feeney asked for a Motion to go into Executive Session. Commissioner Shaughnessy made a Motion, seconded by Commissioner Cloutier at 5:55 PM to discuss Title 1 MRSA Sec 405 (6) (D) Collective Bargaining Agreement and to discuss the Teamster Supervisor Contract.

Chair Feeney asked for a Motion to go back into regular session. Commissioner Shaughnessy made a Motion, seconded by Commissioner Cloutier at 6:10 PM.

Chair Feeney asked for the action items to be presented.

Action Items:

10 – 048 Approval, Between Cumberland County Commissioners & Teamsters Union Local #340 Cook Unit

Chair Feeney asked for a Motion.

Commissioner Cloutier made a Motion to ratify the contract that has been ratified by the Teamsters Union Local #340 Cook Unit. Commissioner Shaughnessy seconded the Motion. All Commissioners voted unanimously in favor, 3-0.

10 – 049 Approval, Between Cumberland County Commissioners & Teamster Supervisor Contract

Chair Feeney asked for a Motion.

Commissioner Shaughnessy made a Motion to ratify the contract that has been ratified by the Teamster Supervisors. Commissioner Cloutier seconded the Motion. All Commissioners voted unanimously in favor, 3-0.

10 – 050 Approval, Cumberland County Board of Assessment Review (BAR) Appointments

Commissioner Cloutier made a Motion to TABLE this item until the next Commissioners meeting on May 10, 2010. Commissioner Shaughnessy seconded the Motion. All Commissioners voted unanimously in favor, 3-0.

Commissioner Cloutier made a Motion to add to the agenda the Cumberland County Vehicle Leasing for Cruisers in 2010 staff report which relates to the Sheriff's Law Enforcement Department. Commissioner Shaughnessy seconded the Motion. All Commissioners voted in favor, 3-0.

10 - 051 Approval, Cumberland County Vehicle Leasing for Cruisers in 2010

Chair Feeney asked Vic Labrecque to present the item.

Mr. Labrecque apologized for bringing this item in at the last minute but the bids came in a few hours ago. The interest rate for a four year lease is at 2.8%, which are indexed and if approved tonight will save approximately \$1,800 over the next lowest bidder for the next four years. The 2009 Budget recommended that we lease cruisers for the first time. 3 bidders responded to lease 8 vehicles for the Sheriff Law Enforcement department. The bidder information is as follows: Gorham Savings Bank at 3.64 % fixed, annual cost \$49,778; Key Bank at 4.58%, annual cost \$49,880.51; and TD Equipment Finance at 2.8%, annual cost \$49,338.14 (TD Equipment saves the County \$1,759.44 over the lease period). The lease is for approximately \$189,300 for 5 police cruisers, 2 SUV vehicles, and 1 CID detective vehicle. Mr. Labrecque is recommending the Commissioners vote to approve the award for a four year lease to TD Equipment Finance for 4 payments of \$49,338.14 annually. A discussion followed.

Commissioner Cloutier made a Motion to move passage of this proposal with the indication that the Chair of the Commissioners should sign on behalf of the County. Commissioner Shaughnessy seconded the Motion. All Commissioners voted unanimously in favor, 3-0.

There being no further business Commissioner Shaughnessy made a Motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:15 PM. Seconded by Commissioner Cloutier. All voted unanimously in favor, 3-0.

ATTEST:

**Barbara M. Buckley
Deputy Clerk**

The next regular Commissioners meeting will be held at 5:30 PM on Monday, May 10, 2010 in the Peter J. Feeney Conference Room, Cumberland County Courthouse Annex 1.