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COMMISSIONERS' MEETING

MINUTES

May 10, 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 Special Meeting of April 26, 2010 and the Regular Meeting of April 26, 2010 were read and approved unanimously in favor 3-0.

Comments from the County Manager:

The County Manager reported on 3 items: 1) The last couple of weeks while he was on vacation, the County Finance Director Vic Labrecque attended Board of Corrections meetings and they both will be attending the next BOC meeting on Wednesday to talk about the Cumberland County Jail Budget for FY11 beginning this July. Hopefully, they will learn more about what is happening. 2) With the fiscal pressures and challenges our municipalities and citizens are under, Cumberland County over the years has been continuously working on ways that we as a county government can provide for more efficient quality services to our municipalities like dispatch. Valerie Landry is our consultant facilitator who is assisting the County and our Cumberland County Advisory Council with this initiative. Valerie is currently preparing a report based on interviews she is doing with managers to get their feedback on the work we are doing as a county government. 3) Similar to our municipal initiatives, the County is also beginning to work with school officials on the schools recommendations that were part of our 2006-2010 Strategic Plan to examine the opportunity to streamline the back office operations for schools to save taxpayer dollars, provide a quality education K-12 to all county youth, and put more money in the classroom.

Comments from the Commissioners:

Commissioner Shaughnessy:

Commissioner Shaughnessy reported she had the opportunity in April to attend the National Association of Counties' Maine Rural Action Caucus in Washington, D.C. She is on this NACo Steering Committee and represents all of Maine's 16 rural counties. (Under NACo's definition to be an urban county you must have a population of 500,000 or more.) This was an excellent opportunity to meet key legislators and officials from the Obama Administration about the pressing issues facing rural counties. County attendees were invited to attend a Senate Democratic and World Summit and met many of the Senators in charge of monies that come down through USDA, HUD, DOT and a number of grants programs and brought to them

concerns from counties as to what works and what doesn't work. They also met with several officials from the White House regarding these issues and shared information. It was a very exciting and interesting trip.

Commissioner Cloutier:

Commissioner Cloutier indicated he had no comments.

Commissioner Feeney:

Chair Feeney reported indicated he had no comments.

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 for the Informational Item to be presented.

The County Manager presented Finance Director Vic Labrecque with a plaque from the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) of the United States and Canada for achievement in excellence in financial reporting. The award is for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2008. This award is presented to government units whose comprehensive annual financial reports (CAFR's) achieve the highest standards in government accounting and financial reporting. Congratulations were expressed to Mr. Labrecque and his staff by the Commissioners. Mr. Labrecque accepted the award and expressed gratitude to his staff.

Chair Feeney asked for the Action Items to be presented.

Action Items:

10 – 051 Approval, New Employee Entrances for Cumberland County Courthouse

Chair Feeney asked the County Manager for comments.

The County Manager concurs with the item and reported there was a workshop held on Monday, May 3. We now have a clearer understanding of the request by Chief Justice Saufley to have two new alternative employee entrances for the Courthouse. In the times that we live in, the improved safety for employees is a compelling reason for making this change. Based on the presentation at the workshop by the State Courts Administrator Ted Glessner and the changes that have been agreed upon by the Courts to accommodate these new employee entrances, he is recommending that the Board approve the proposed employee entrance change. There is no fiscal impact to the County, as the Courts will pay for the cost of these changes. A discussion followed.

Commissioner Shaughnessy made a Motion to move passage of this item at no cost to the County. Commissioner Cloutier seconded the Motion. All commissioners voted unanimously in favor, 3-1.

10 – 053 Approval, of the 2010 Action Plan for Community Development Block Grant Program Funds by the County Commissioners – Aaron Shapiro, Community Development Block Grant Director.

Chair Feeney asked Aaron Shapiro to present the item. The County Manager concurs with the recommendation.

Mr. Shapiro reported this year's Community Development Program Annual Action Plan allocates funds for projects and activities during the County's fourth Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program year. The Community Development Program's Municipal Oversight Committee (MOC) has endorsed the projects and funding amounts contained in the Annual Action Plan. The Annual Action Plan must be approved and adopted by the County Commissioners prior to submission to HUD. Once approved by HUD, \$1,849,093 in Federal Fiscal Year 2010 CDBG program funds will be available beginning July 1, 2010. The fourth year CDBG allocation will be \$1,849,093 in new resources to the County. No matching funds are required. The program is entirely self-funded with no funds derived from County revenue. It is further recommended that the County Commissioners authorize County Manager Peter Crichton to execute all required Certifications, Applications and Documents in conjunction with the submittal of the Annual Action Plan to HUD. A discussion followed.

Commissioner Cloutier made a Motion to adopt the 2010 Annual Action Plan; and Certifications Pertaining Thereto, First Public Hearing held on April 12, 2010; Second Public Hearing held on April 26, 2010. Commissioner Shaughnessy seconded the Motion. All Commissioners voted unanimously in favor, 3-0. AND a Motion by Commissioner Shaughnessy to authorize County Manager Peter Crichton to execute all required Certifications, Applications and Documents in conjunction with the submittal of the Annual Action Plan to HUD. Seconded by Commissioner Cloutier. All Commissioners voted unanimously in favor, 3-0.

10 – 054 Approval, Cumberland County Board of Assessment Review (BAR) Appointments REMOVE FROM TABLE

Chair Feeney asked for a Motion that this item be removed from being TABLED.

Commissioner Cloutier made a Motion to remove the item from being TABLED. Commissioner Shaughnessy seconded the Motion. All Commissioners voted unanimously in favor, 3-0.

Chair Feeney asked for this item to be presented. The County Manager and Assistant County Manager concur with the recommendation.

The County Manager reported the County has the authority to appoint a Board of Assessment Review to hear tax abatement appeals. The Commissioners may appoint a 5 or 7 person board. Commissioner Cloutier indicated this Board of Assessment will not deal with poverty appeals, the County Commissioners will hear those appeals. There are six members to appoint leaving one vacancy. If there is a person with a real estate background who would be interested to sit on the Board of Assessment, please contact the Commissioners office. A discussion followed.

Commissioner Shaughnessy made a Motion to pass the Assessment Board with a seven member board and get it up and running. The Board of Assessment will review all appeals except poverty appeals going forward. Commissioner Cloutier seconded the Motion. All Commissioners voted unanimously in favor. And Commissioner Cloutier made a Motion to appoint the following people to the Board: Jarry Daigle, Assessor of Waterboro; Bob Konzal, Assessor or Freeport; Peter Coyne, Portland Real Estate Broker and Zoning Board of Appeals; Ned Kitchel, former Falmouth town council and local businessman; James Mason, Portland businessman, Land Use and Liability Attorney, Adjunct UNE professor and Carly Smith, Portland independent title attorney. Commissioner Shaughnessy seconded the Motion. All Commissioners voted unanimously in favor, 3-0.

10 – 055 Approval, Cumberland County Finance Office – Authorize Agreement with CMS to Extend Current Contract

Chair Feeney asked for this item to be presented. The County Manager concurs with the recommendation.

Vic Labrecque, Finance Director reported our current medical provider, Correctional Medical Services (CMS), entered into an agreement on January 1, 2007 to provide health care services to the inmates housed at the County at the Cumberland County Jail and PRC through June 30, 2009. Under the current agreement, the County may elect to continue the agreement for an additional 2 one year periods. From July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2010, and a second extension from July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011. A discussion followed.

Commissioner Shaughnessy made a Motion to pass the contract and authorized the County Manager to sign the contract. Commissioner Cloutier seconded the Motion. All Commissioners voted in favor, 3-0.

There being no further business Commissioner Shaughnessy made a Motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:00 PM. Seconded by Commissioner Cloutier. All voted unanimously in favor, 3-0.

ATTEST:

Barbara M. Buckley

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Deputy Clerk

The next regular Commissioners meeting will be held at 5:30 PM on Monday, May 24, 2010 in the Peter J. Feeney Conference Room, Cumberland County Courthouse Annex 1.