

February 18, 2010 – The Merrimack County Board of Commissioners met at 8:30a.m. at the Merrimack County Administration Office, 333 Daniel Webster Highway, Suite 2 in Boscawen, New Hampshire. Commissioner Blanchard, Commissioner Hammond and Commissioner Emeritus JD Colcord were present. County Administrator Kathy Bateson and Administrative Assistant Melinda Harrison was also in attendance.

1. Minutes of previous meeting:

Commissioner Hammond moved approval of the minutes from the February 4, 2010 meeting as presented. Seconded by Commissioner Blanchard with a grammatical change on page 2. Motion carried 2 to 0.

Commissioner Hammond moved approval of the non public minutes from February 4, 2010 as presented. Seconded by Commissioner Blanchard. Motion carried 2 to 0.

Commissioner Blanchard introduced Assistant Nursing Home Director Bob Hemenway who will introduce Karen Rainville, new Director for Assisted Living.

Mr. Hemenway introduced Karen Rainville, Director for Assisted Living. The Board welcomed Ms. Rainville and explained if there was anything they could do to assist Ms. Rainville with transition to let them know.

2. Vendor Manifests

- a. 2/5, 2/11, 2/18, 2/19

Commissioner Hammond moved approval of the vendor manifests as presented. Seconded by Commissioner Blanchard. Motion carried 2 to 0.

3. County Administrator Kathy Bateson:

- a. General County Items

Ms. Bateson indicated a letter was received from the NH Veterans Home in regards to the \$100 donation made in memory of Dr. John C. Shurtleff from the Board as well as the Delegation.

Ms. Bateson also indicated that she got word that Ground Source Magazine would like to do an article on the Geo Thermal System at the nursing home.

Ms. Bateson explained that Merrimack County received an SP1 rating from Standard & Poor for short-term borrowing. The long term debt will be rated at the end of the 2009 audit.

Ms. Bateson explained that there is a TAN's sale today at 11:00a.m.

Ms. Bateson had distributed to the Board proposed 2010 budget reductions and went through the reductions the sub-committee's made and explained that there were also some additional reductions made by Department Heads. Discussion followed.

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In other business Commissioner Blanchard announced that she has invited Health & Human Services Director Nick Toumpas to the meeting on March 18th.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Leslie G. Hammond, Clerk