

Coös County Commissioners
Special Meeting
Meeting held remotely in accordance with the
Governor's Emergency Order #12 pursuant to Executive Order 2020-04,
June 5, 2020

As Chair of the Coös County Commissioners, I find that due to the State of Emergency declared by the Governor as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic and in accordance with the Governor's Emergency Order #12 pursuant to Executive Order 2020-04, this public body is authorized to meet electronically.

Please note that there is no physical location to observe and listen contemporaneously to this meeting, which was authorized pursuant to the Governor's Emergency Order. However, in accordance with the Emergency Order, I am confirming that we are:

We are utilizing Zoom for this electronic meeting. All members of the Coös County Commissioners have the ability to communicate contemporaneously during this meeting through this platform, and the public has access to contemporaneously listen and, if necessary, participate in this meeting through dialing the following phone # 1-646-558-8656 and meeting ID # 898 0041 1142 password 795209, or by clicking on the following website address: www.zoom.us/join

We previously gave notice to the public of the necessary information for accessing the meeting, including how to access the meeting using Zoom or telephonically. Instructions have also been provided on the website of the Coös County Commissioners at: www.cooscountynh.us

If anybody has a problem, please call 246-3321 Ext. 1211 or email at: jennifer.fish@cooscountynh.us

In the event the public is unable to access the meeting, the meeting will be adjourned and rescheduled. Please note that all votes that are taken during this meeting shall be done by roll call vote.

Let's start the meeting by taking a roll call attendance. When each member states their presence, please also state whether there is anyone in the room with you during this meeting, which is required under the Right-to-Know law.

The following individuals were in attendance remotely: Commissioners Tom Brady, Paul Grenier and Rick Samson (9:20 a.m.); County Administrator Jennifer Fish; Director of Finance Carrie Klebe; Nursing Hospital Administrator Laura Mills; Superintendent Ben Champagne; Sheriff Brian Valerino; and members of the press.

1. Commissioner Brady opened the Commissioners' meeting at 9:02 a.m. and welcomed everyone to the meeting.
2. Approval of the Agenda: A motion was made by Commissioner Grenier, seconded by Commissioner Brady to approve the agenda, as presented. The motion was approved by roll call 2-0.

Commissioner Grenier	Yes	Commissioner Samson	absent	Commissioner Brady	Yes
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Commissioner Brady recessed the meeting at 9:05 a.m. in order to allow Commissioner Samson to join the meeting as he was experiencing technical difficulties. The meeting was back in session at 9:20 a.m.

3. *Approval of the Minutes from the May 29, 2020, special meeting, as presented:* A motion was made by Commissioner Grenier, seconded by Commissioner Samson to approve the minutes of the May 29, 2020, special meeting. The motion was approved by roll call 3-0.

Commissioner Grenier	Yes	Commissioner Samson	Yes	Commissioner Brady	Yes
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4. *Other Business:*

- a. Discussion of County House: The County Administrator reported that the Director of Finance has been in discussions with Danny Hebert. Mr. Hebert is willing to do the entire project. However, a unanimous vote from the Board would be needed to waive the bid process. She continued that if the project does go out to bid, an architect will need to be hired to draw up plans of the project for the bidding process. Ms. Fish asked for direction from the Board.

Commissioner Brady asked when the price was obtained from Mr. Hebert. Ms. Fish replied June 2019. Commissioner Brady continued that this is an emergency situation and he did not understand how county business is being conducted.

Commissioner Samson reported that he had spoken with Dennis Boudle about the proposal from Mr. Hebert. In his opinion, Mr. Hebert is the top contractor in the area for this type of project. The price of materials has skyrocketed and will continue to do so. Commissioner Samson asked if the COVID funding was being pursued.

Commissioner Grenier stated that he had no problem with the contractor. His issue was the funding of the project. He cannot support a project without identified funding.

Director of Finance Carrie Klebe stated that if the project had not been part of the budget it would be approved. Commissioner Brady disputed the statement. The appropriation was added to the budget with the stipulation that grant funding would be pursued. The Delegation's intent was to obtain grant funding for the project. Commissioner Grenier also noted that the Commissioners had removed the appropriation from the proposed budget in February prior to submitting to the Delegation. The Delegation added the appropriation at the March 27 Budget Meeting because of the COVID19 outbreak. A conservative effort should be made at getting grant funding.

Commissioner Samson asked where the Board stood on the project. Commissioner Grenier stated that the need is there - no question about it. But he could not approve the project without designated funding.

Ms. Fish asked if the Board would consider a loan. The Board asked that the GOFERR funding be pursued first. Commissioner Samson asked if the Board would consider a motion to pursue GOFERR funding and request Commissioner Grenier to meet with the committee but also pursue external funding. Commissioner Grenier also stated that it needs to be explained that non-essential county employees need to be moved out of the nursing home. Commissioner Brady noted that the project was not pursued in the past as the Board did not have the funds to do so. Commissioner Grenier also noted that there was no necessity until COVID19.

Laura Mills, NHA, added that each facility was notified and will need to provide an isolation unit in their nursing homes per federal guidelines. She would like to turn the County Administration section into isolation units as a bathroom is located in the area.

A motion was made by Commissioner Samson, seconded by Commissioner Grenier to send Commissioner Grenier to meet with the GOFERR committee and make a presentation to show the necessity of this project which is contingent on COVID19 funds in order to meet federal guidelines.

The motion was approved by roll call 3-0.

Commissioner Grenier	Yes	Commissioner Samson	Yes	Commissioner Brady	Yes
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A motion was made by Commissioner Grenier, seconded by Commissioner Samson to adjourn the meeting at 9:40 a.m. The motion was approved by roll call 3-0.

Commissioner Grenier	Yes	Commissioner Samson	Yes	Commissioner Brady	Yes
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Respectfully submitted,

Commissioner Rick Samson, Clerk