

Selectmen's Meeting  
July 5, 2016  
10:00 a.m.

The meeting opened at 10:00 a.m. at the York County Government Building. Present were Board Members, George Donovan and Tony Palminteri, County Commissioner, Mike Cote and County Manager Gregg Zinser. Also present were Kathy Dumont and Joyce Wood.

Several topics were discussed.

- Location of new County Courthouse facility: Mr. Zinser and Mr. Cote gave an explanation of the committee set up by the Legislature that will begin meeting to study this. They were given until December 31, 2016 to decide on a location. The group discussed the make-up of this Committee and possible sites that will be looked at.
- Question about another committee being set up and funded thru budget: It was reported that the purpose of the committee had changed to a committee being set up for the purpose of a jail budget review to look at staffing/operations etc. Mr. Cote said that there will be no more than 10 members with potentially 3 from the York County Budget Committee, some Town/City Managers and Commissioners. He added that this committee has not yet been approved by the Commissioners and that there is funding in place to support this committee.
- Future of current courthouse when new court facility is built. This was explained by both Commissioner Cote and Gregg Zinser. They said that the building will be utilized by the County to give more space to the currently crowded office spaces like the Registry of Deeds. Perhaps there may be room for attorney office spaces or other governmental uses.
- Alfred as one of the potential locations for the new court system: The group discussed the potential of Alfred being the site and what utilities are already in place and what would need to be done to accommodate the facility on the York county jail property.
- Use of the Pre-Release Center: Because the pre-release center program will be moving, this building will be vacant. Mr. Zinser reported that there is discussion of a potential plan for a drug rehab/recovery center. Court ordered offenders would be sent to the facility as part of their bail condition or if arrested on a non-violent crime the person may be given the option to go through the program instead of waiting in jail for their court date. These people will be screened before entering and if they decide to leave the facility, the Sheriff will be called as it will mean they have broken their conditions of bail. The York County Shelter have met with the County Officials to discuss interest in overseeing this center and the programs. The building is zoned for a specific amount of beds and the program will take 3 to 6 months for someone to complete. The Selectmen asked about the additional emergency calls that this center will likely create for the Town of Alfred. Added to the current calls to the jail the costs to the Town of Alfred will increase and the feeling is that this is unfair and that somehow these costs should be shared or reimbursed to Alfred. This was discussed and Commissioner Cote said that he will look into this.

The meeting closed with Mr. Palminteri asking that the County Officials keep the Alfred Board updated on these issues and Mr. Donovan suggested periodic meetings between the two entities. All agree to meet on a monthly basis.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:40 a.m.