

## Carroll County Commissioners

### Minutes

November 12, 2008

**Commissioners Present:** David Sorensen, Marge Webster

**Others Present:** David Babson, Chip Albee, Maureen Spencer, Henry Spencer, Jon Hebert, Chris Connelly, Susan Wiley, Jason Johnson, Nate Giarnese.

**Meeting called to order** at 8:15 am by Commissioner Sorensen

### **Public Input**

- David Babson asked when the commissioners receive the minutes and why they cannot be posted as a draft as soon as they are available. Commissioner Sorensen replied that they would look into doing that.
- Susan Wiley asked if the disbursements of incentive funds are posted on the web site. Commissioner Sorensen replied that they were.
- Public discussion on web site followed.
- Henry Spencer asked about going into non-public session and why that would be done. Commissioner Sorensen stated that it was for personnel issues.
- Commissioner Sorensen described his conversation with Fred Abruzzi(sp) about reimbursement for the nursing home through Physical Therapy, Occupational Therapy and Speech Therapy. There is a need to look forward to see how many patients will have a need for these services.
- Henry Spencer stated that he would like to see a Vision Statement for the nursing home.
- Chip Albee asked if a decision is going to be made from the interviews of last week. Commissioner Sorensen asked for any comments on the interviews.
- Maureen Spencer voiced concern over the low estimate of Mr. Pulling. Commissioner Sorensen said that Mr. Pulling had called him and explained that he was concerned but he wanted to start low. Mr. Pulling was cutting costs with metal partitions and Commissioner Sorensen does not want these in the new home.
- Chip Albee expressed his desire to have no or low impact on the taxes to the residents of the county.
- Commissioner Sorensen did not agree with Mr. Pulling's estimate.
- Jon Hebert stated that Chris Connelly is now active in the Sheriff's department. He is handling the day-to-day operations for the transition into his new position. The firing range issue has been taken care of and the DES feels there is no problem with the range here. (see attached list of information) Jon Hebert described the process that could be used in the future.
- David Babson added that he thought the web site was very good and it will be a real asset.

*Commissioner Sorensen closed the general public session at 8:35 am*

- Commissioner Sorensen asked for approval of the minutes from last weeks meeting. Commissioner Webster made motion, Commissioner Sorensen seconded the motion. Approval was unanimous.

- Commissioner Sorensen stated that they would vote on the acceptance of last week's proposals. Commissioner Webster made motion that the proposal be awarded to Bonnet, Page and Stone. Commissioner Sorensen seconded the motion. Commissioner Sorensen called for the vote, approval was unanimous.

Jason Johnson, H.O.C.

- In house population is 55
- 4 out on electronic monitors
- 2 transfers
- Total population of 61
- Admitted 18 inmates last week, 8 repeaters, released 13. Repeat offenders were: 1 violation of probation, 2 for DWI and related charges, 1 for receiving stolen property, 1 for breach of bail, 3 for warrants. The Farm has been taking out 3 inmates per day, 8 are available.
- Training for staff recertification was conducted for use of phazer, OC, and use of force. This will be repeated next week and again on a different topic twice in December so everyone meets his or her recertification hours.
- The mental health conference was last Thursday and Friday. It was extremely informative. The meeting was very positive at the county level with people who want to become active in helping out in the mental health situation in our community
- We took in one female inmate for Coos county as administrative transfer
- A pre-trial release program was submitted to the commissioners for approval.
- Commissioner Sorensen stated that Commissioner Elect Albee will be working with the jail budget and if you could meet with him and assist him that would be a big help.
- Commissioner Sorensen said that regarding the budget there will be \$50k added to the program section for working with Strafford County in getting the inmates out of the jail. Peter Farber is the judge who will be doing the judges duties without cost to us. This is all on drug and alcohol abuse. Have you found out how many in the jail are in there because of drugs and alcohol? Jason will be working on that today.
- Commissioner Sorensen asked about other programs being worked on at the jail. Jason discussed the re-entry program stating that the financial (budget management) aspect is being worked on right now (there will also be training on parenting and nutrition). It is a five-week session held on Monday evenings. The people who are currently in the program are doing these classes. New inmates that have been admitted recently will be going out to rehab. Prior to rehab we will be working with them to prepare them for the transition.

- Commissioner Sorensen asked if the male and female population were separate. Jason replied that they were.
- David Babson stated that there is no way to measure the success of the training programs on the inmates.
- Commissioner Sorensen said that that is the problem today. There is no way to measure the success rate from training whether it is in school or in jail.

- Commissioner Webster stated that the academy program would hopefully assist these people to learn to live in the environment where they got into trouble originally. She also observed that the female population is increasing.
- Jason questioned how you measure success. Is it the person who is out for multiple years before coming back instead of every few months? This could be considered success.

*Commissioner Sorensen asked if there were any further questions before going to non-public session*

- David Babson asked about the reference in last week's minutes to a Juvenile holding area at the jail. Commissioner Sorensen stated that there is no area in the new jail. Commissioner Webster stated that it is not allowable by law to have them under the same roof.
- Henry Spencer questioned going in to non-public session. Specifically asking if it is an employee issue so stated according to the law 91A. The minutes for non-public session were also questioned. Commissioner Sorensen stated that it is a meeting concerning personnel and that all the non-public records are sealed.

*Commissioner Webster made motion to go into non-public session. Commissioner Sorenson seconded the motion. Unanimous to move to non-public session at 8:55am.*