

Carroll County Commissioners

Minutes

December 17, 2008

Commissioners Present: David Sorensen, Marge Webster, Peter Olkkola

Others Present: Chip Albee, Dorothy Solomon, David Babson, Lori Lenert, Ashley Rigazzo, Stan Solomon, Robin Reade,

Meeting called to order at 9:00 am by Commissioner Sorensen

Open for Public Input

- David Babson questioned the need for a new water tank. (90,000 tank that we can't use due to no bottom?) We also have 180k-gallon tank.
- Commissioner Sorensen: We need 220k gallons for fire flow. We need a 40k tank but the smallest they make is 50k gallon.
Commissioner Sorensen, Chip Albee, Commissioner Webster and David Babson discussed the water tank issue further. Flow, Pressure, volume, fire protection, etc.
- Commissioner Olkkola: What is the recovery rate of the reservoir?
- Commissioner Sorensen: It is very slow. It took 2 days to refill the tank after flushing the lines.
- Chip Albee: We have a designer, engineer, state fire marshal. We need to get them here for a session so that we know exactly what is needed and what we have.
- Dorothy Solomon: What is the budget expenditure for the web site? Is it in the County business office or Human Resources? What is the cost?
- Commissioner Olkkola: I believe it was around \$5000 or less.
- Dorothy Solomon: Does that cover the cost per year or just the initial setup?
- Commissioner Sorensen: That is the initial setup and then Stephanie Milbury will update the site.

Closed Public Session at 8:40am

Jason Johnson, CCHOC

- Total in house Population is 42.
- 3 out on elec. monitor, 1 weekender, 1 transfer, 1 out to alternate facility for court, 6 on pre-trial release, Total: 53

- Took in 17 last week, 7 repeaters. Released 25. (2 warrant, 1 violation of probation, 1 overnight hold for court, 1 simple assault, 1 burglary and controlled drug act, 1 unlawful possession of alcohol. Farm has been taking out 2 inmates, 6 are available.
- Building issues: Leak in processing area due to ice in valley of roof. Commissioners Sorensen and Webster discussed this issue with Jason
- Energy saving device in stacks?
- Commissioner Sorensen: Technician will be there doing an evaluation and estimate on what it would cost and what it would save to do this. There is no meter on each building so we do not know exactly what each building is using.
- Commissioner Webster: The engineering study that was done at the time of construction told us how much fuel it would take (estimate) each year. We have never budgeted enough. 2003 was \$220k, estimated usage in 2007 was \$275k.
- Commissioner Olkkola: Combined cost of putting meter at nursing home and jail would cost approximately \$15k. (Eastern Propane)
- Joe Boyd has been talking to TRAN about upgrading computer program for furnaces and checking valves. They are running 100% right now and are not working correctly. It would be a significant savings to have these corrected.
Will be asking for \$100k for this in 2010 budget.
- Commissioner Webster: There are six in the pre-trial release program and that is Great, keeping them out of the facility.

Ask for public input

- David Babson wants to know why \$100k in repairs is already needed on the jail. It does not make sense. It should hold up longer than 6 years.
- Commissioner Sorensen: Joe Boyd is the facilities manager and reports to ...
The worst thing we did was build in the winter.

Robin Gordon, County Attorney

- In reference to the article in Conway Daily Sun about the sheriff being upset about constitutional rights being violated; I can assure you that this will not happen. The courts are very cognizant of scheduling and what is happening. I was never approached by the reporter for validation of the statement.
- Commissioner Olkkola: Under “speedy trial” If someone is incarcerated and wants a trial and the time element falls sometime in February, they are not going to waive it, are they going to make an exception or take them to a different county?
- Robin stated that there are lawyers that negotiate this prior it coming up. There are pre-trials and they will know what the time frames are. The court would schedule it in January. The Supreme Court has guidelines for speedy trial guidelines; within 8 months. There is always something going on in the County Attorneys’ office. Very busy, working through cases. Many burglaries recently. Lock your cars and homes.

Forrest Painter, MVNH

- Census is at 95
- Christmas Party at 2pm for residents and staff

- Minor leaks from Friday's storm, Staff all showed up.
- Commissioner Sorensen: What is your emergency food supply?
- We have a 5 day supply in house at MVNH with additional slated to be delivered for emergency.
- Had missing resident drill with CC Fish and Game Dog. Went very well, found "resident" within 5 minutes of dog arrival.
- Commissioner Sorensen: Is there anyone over there on the tracking devices?
- No, we have the wander guard system in place.
- Commissioner Sorensen: Have you been able to check the DEAS amount in the budget?
- The statute says that this is how the state will determine each counties liability. Based on 6 months at one rate and then increases 3.7%.
- Commissioner Sorensen: We were supposed to be held harmless, there was supposed to be no increase. The people who voted on it thought we would be held harmless.
- Forrest explained that being held harmless, but some may be regular fluctuation. This we will argue from the Counties perspective. Last year and this year the budget is identical. Automatic inflation is about \$300k. \$255k harm. I will give the delegation all the facts that I can.
- Commissioner Webster: Also make them understand that if payments had not been calculated as they were, the physical impact on this years budget would have been \$600k deficit. That would make the county budget not balance at all.
- Commissioner Sorensen: Do you think that we are better off with this new system?
- Forrest: No, this is probably costing Carroll County.
- Commissioner Webster: House Bill 2 has a higher physical impact on the small northern counties. The larger counties has closer and cheaper placement. I hope the counties continue to fight. The association of counties will fight this together.
- Commissioner Sorensen: Is the door wiring taken care of?
- Forrest: They were working on it Monday.

Debbie Erickson, MVNH

- Commissioner Sorensen: Is there any reason that you should not be under the director of then nursing home and are you having any problems?
- No, no real problems. I have things under control. I am doing more guiding than doing. The floors are an issue/ girls do not like new floor cleaner that was ordered by floor person. Floors have a film, ruined micro-fiber mop heads.
- Commissioner Webster: How much are the mop heads. Get new ones after floor cleaner issue is resolved.
- Commissioner Webster made motion to have housekeeping under Forrest supervision. Commissioner Sorensen seconded. 2 in favor/1 opposed. Housekeeping is now under control of Forrest Painter.

Kathy Garry, Business Office

- Have had 40+ inquiries on the Request for Proposal for Architect.
- We have received 2 applications for Community Development Block Grant for Economic Development program administrator. Notice was published in papers.

One application from Donna Kerwin-Lane and one from Gerald Coogan.

- Carroll County is the host and it is paid from a grant-max \$6500. Discussion of qualifications of applicants between commissioners
- Commissioner Webster motioned for Donna Kerwin-Lane as CDBG Administrator. Commissioner Sorensen seconded the motion. 2 in favor/1 opposed. Donna Kerwin-Lane is chosen as CDBG Administrator.

Public Input:

- Nate Giarnese: Has there ever been an issue where the delegation has taken away something that is already spent? (i.e.: payroll/benefits for an employee that will be let go because of budget cuts)(budget gets approved on 3/31)
- Commissioners: If there is money elsewhere we will try to fund that position by cutting elsewhere. No, delegation cannot 0 out a department so there will always be some money in the budget. The commissioners have the authority to change around line items. The delegation has the option to approve/disapprove these changes. The issue is that we have to borrow money earlier as there is no surplus. We are paying interest longer because the delegation has chosen to cut everything so there is NO surplus to put into capital reserve. The possibility of a supplemental budget could be introduced in May if needed. We are not able to level-fund and due to the \$550k impact of House Bill 2 it is impossible.
(conversation between Nate Giarnese, Chip Albee and Commissioner Sorensen)
- Commissioner Webster: Someone should submit a bill to take the county delegation piece out of the commissioners budgets and be like all other 50 states who do not have their state reps approve their budget. The commissioners should post their budget, stand by their budget and account for their budget. Keep the legislators out of it. We are the only state that does this. It is an antiquated system that is not necessary. We have never had a legislator come to us, the commissioners, and ask if a certain bill they are voting on in Concord will have a physical impact on this county.
- Chip Albee: The few legislators that we have representing us in Concord is not going to make a difference on the bills.
- David Babson: What is going on with the web site?
- Dorothy Solomon: Who is responsible?
- Commissioner Sorensen: Stephanie Milbury is responsible for updating the website.
- David Babson: I would like to be able to have the minutes before the meeting.
- Robin Reade: Static info is updated all at once by the company that does the modifications, not daily. Minutes are posted after approval only. Remember the website is a work in progress and improvements will come as we don't have a specific IT department.

Commissioner Webster moved to go to non-public session for personnel grievance issues at 10:25am. Seconded by Commissioner Sorensen. Minutes will be sealed at the conclusion of the non-public session.

