

**Carroll County Commissioner's Meeting
Minutes
March 18, 2009**

Commissioners Present: Commissioner Sorensen, Commissioner Albee, Commissioner Solomon

Others Present: David Babson, Henry Spencer, Maureen Spencer, Ashley Rigazzo, Joe Kowalski, Nate Giarnese, Kevin Houle

Open meeting for public input at 8:20am

1. Henry Spencer: Questions on credit card usage by county employees, method of usage, who uses it and is it reimbursed or accounted for. Travel expenses: is it in plan to use voucher system with written details? Last year one commissioner was significantly over the \$500 limit, did county recoup money? Travel expenses should be submitted for approval and reimbursement, kept better track of. Cannot limit travel if paid for by outside source.
2. Commissioner Sorensen and Albee: Commissioners will be using their own personal credit cards and submitting receipts for reimbursement, no longer using county credit card it will no longer be a problem keeping track. All money was paid back, Kathy Garry did calculations.
3. Maureen Spencer: Hold public meetings for ideas on nursing home? When?
4. Commissioner Albee: Once the basic plan is decided upon a meeting will be held for input from the public. Neighborhood plan and private rooms has been decided by a large committee already. These issues are cast in stone.
5. David Babson: a) Past commissioners expenses, go over transactions and make record that reimbursement was made. b) Antifreeze was in storage room because diesel motors need antifreeze (motor was in the room). c) MNA sign on bonus? d) Selling stuff: Craig's list or eBay. e) Jason's explanation of his seminar was excellent. f) Inmates working outside, are towns going to pay for that service, travel, etc?
6. Commissioner Sorensen: MNA is coming on staff in May after graduation. Mr. Babson could help with setting up eBay or Craig's list? There are costs involved w/supervising inmates on work details. Still have to discuss cost and reimbursement issues.

General Session

Commissioner Albee made motion to approve minutes as written for March 11, 2009. Seconded by Commissioner Solomon. All in favor

Allen Seguin, Farm

1. Everything is going fine. Truck is going to shop tomorrow for body and inspection today. On road fuel tank set up yesterday. Diesel tank is for off road. Processing wood every day, wood is ½ processed. Approx. 36 cord. Got 30 bags of sawdust on Mon and Tues alone. Use sawdust for raspberries. May want to check insurance policy of inmates if they go off County property. Truck will be back in 3-4 weeks. It is at Manchester Precision truck bodies.
2. Commissioner Sorensen: Selling processed wood? Set figure for wood? Rep. McKonkey (sp?) wants price set for wood. Right now getting \$250 for green. Surcharge for delivery?

3. Allen: Still mud season, selling in fall will make more money when wood is dry.
4. Commissioner Sorensen: Working on dozer?
5. Allen: Has a new paint job, doing regular maintenance on it, looks like new and it is a 1962. Used for getting logs out of woods. Keeping people busy.

Sandi McKenzie, MVNH

1. 91 residents, 2 deaths this week, 6 pending admissions, Medicaid random audit on March 31st. Cost report will be completed next week to file by end of month.
Residents are having spring fling on Saturday from 4:30-7:00.
Staffing is improved, getting per diems from other facilities.
Medication nursing assistant will be joining staff in May.
Volunteers: Susan LeClaire and I are meeting with Terri Hooper from Huggins to set up volunteer program.
Painting was done by volunteers last week
Looking for donations of industrial paint for hallways (beige)
Staff is no longer using disposables unless food is leaving facility.
Estimate of fresh food usage given to commissioners
\$400k cut from budget already, nowhere else to cut but we will look again.
2. Commissioner Solomon: Rep. Butler is aware
3. Commissioner Sorensen: Items that can be reduced are advertising budget (under HR budget) Recreation (bus driver expense) Look at contracted services-may cut there.
4. Sandi: Use web site for advertising
5. Commissioner Albee: Decide what can be looked at in a work session by next Monday. Also need last 4 months of resident population average (average 95) Are there any pictures of facility interior for CON meeting tomorrow? Double check budget for empty beds.
6. Sandi: Concentrating on life safety issues. EGA has pics. Looking at HB113, conditions, health-safety. Lack of dignity and privacy as well as quality of life.
7. Commissioner Sorensen: Include Maintenance person in tour of Merrimack and Huntington on Friday. Need to make travel arrangements.
Administrator attends affiliate meetings; bring up mentoring of nursing home staff?
What is available?

Kathy Garry, Business Office

1. Budget-DEAS
NAOC- meeting on the 24th with State Reps and stimulus guru to get exact numbers probable 6.2% reduction.
Hillsborough County is making those reductions in budget. Called HR at state and could not get hard facts. Talked about Pro-share money. Consider last year as what we will get, may be more due to stimulus. Eileen Bollanger (sp?) will meet you on Friday for tour.
Will get letter from Faziolli for CON meeting. Bond rating is based on tax, median income, debt, and property values.

Chris Franchi, Green Alternative Energy, LLC

1. Specialize in small wind. Consulting scale only-do not install large installations
2. Commissioner Albee: Primary interest is wind potential.
3. Chris: Testing affects scale of system-data collection. Time of day/season/etc.

Further discussion between Chris and Commissioners about wind studies, rate negotiations with PSNH and CO-OP, recommendation of equipment, tower height, analyzing information, residential windmill costs, wind speed and output, potential for solar. GPS coordinates needed to do proposal for wind study.

Jason Johnson, HOC

1. 53 in house, 1 out on monitor, 1 weekender, 5 transfers, 16 pre-trial release: total 76
Admitted 11 last week, 7 Repeat offenders, 11 released.
Charges: 1 alcohol related offense, 1 OAS, 1 protective custody, 4 warrants.
Farm is using 6 inmates, 14 available.
Programs person holds three classes on one day. Will review program schedule and see if it can be adjusted to accommodate farm workers.
2. Commissioner Sorensen: Foresee increase in electronic monitoring?
3. Jason: Court decides if person goes out on monitor.
4. Commissioner Sorensen: Spent \$44k in 2008 for monitoring, budgeted \$14k-overspent.
Increased to \$35k this year, can we reduce that amount?
5. Jason: Pre-trial release people may also have monitors on them. Will get number for you.
Budgeted for 60 meals and in-house population is 63. Cannot cut there.
6. Commissioner Sorensen: You will be told of any changes we make so you can justify them before they are submitted.

Captain Jon Hebert, Sheriff's Department

1. Budget issues and thoughts. Specific areas: special details: Cost vs. Revenue

Discussion of Sheriff writ fees, true writ fees collected, account accumulation.
Account is zeroed out every year now and put into general fund. Captain Hebert is working to map historical trend. Writ account gets turned over monthly.
Specific budget line items and details. Reduced forestry by \$5k
Court bailiffs budgeted on court days, we have no control
No major changes in special details. County makes money on each detail
Was told not to overestimate revenue, adjusted line item to \$30k anticipated revenue.
2. Commissioner Sorensen: Break down expenses as well as revenue, need set figures for Monday.
3. Commissioner Albee: Discussion on replacements and new hires
4. Capt. Hebert: Support delegation but budget has been tightened. We are providing a service; do we want to limit service? Sworn Deputies-fill positions needed. Have never come to commissioners. Stand ready to follow policies put in place.

Commissioners want to review who is hired and replaced for information purposes.
Need info to defend Sheriff Department to delegation.
5. Commissioner Albee: Rep wants layoffs/furloughs/no hires.
6. Capt. Hebert: Delegation will not tell us what they want specifically. We have done great work. Last minute one Rep decides it is not good enough. Comments made about county employees "not operating in the real world." These comments affect staff morale when told they are lucky they have jobs.

7. Commissioner Sorensen: Commissioners stand up for County employees to delegation. Delegation does not know county employees and what they do.

Ken Raincourt, Mt. Washington Observatory

Discussion on wind energy and alternative energy.

1. Wind energy pros and cons: Build Green from the first and maximize savings
2. Solar does work in NH, saves heat and electric, is low maintenance when built correctly.

Discussion of wind/solar/green construction, wind studies, solar study, solar panels, Payback, bio-mass. Regulating air flow/computer generated (like a thermostat, duct work setup is crucial)

Future discussion will be held.

Open discussion between commissioners w/public input

1. Commissioner Solomon: 3/6 attended legislative meeting @ Huggins about effect on community and what is the relationship to MVNH. They are in full accord with MVNH and will provide clinical help. Also in full accord with bus transportation project. Transportation is needed.

Possible grants/money from stimulus package. Ideas: Build Green

UNH Co-op is holding meeting on April 7th to hear ideas from Young Architects committee.

Upcoming County Week

Commissioners Solomon and Albee are working on Media (Valley Vision)

If Strafford County is not going to fund Co-op, Carroll County is not going to take over for them.

2. Commissioner Albee: Town of Tuftonboro requests careful consideration of two way communication (emergency.) Would like solution to repeater issue and see it resolved.
3. David Babson: Question on electronic monitors, revenue vs. expenses
4. Jason Johnson: Revenue is down due to increase by new company. Went from \$4 to \$12. Has GPS capability now. Court can order that inmates not pay for their monitors. We have no control.
5. Henry Spencer: Last gasp-hiring freeze, layoffs, furloughs. This is the first time that political aspects have been discussed in public and I commend that. It is reprehensible for delegation to do this.
6. Nate Giarnese: Questions on commissioner travel, county credit cards, permission for reimbursement.
7. Mr. Houle thanked Commissioner Albee for a previous insight on meeting etiquette.

Commissioner Solomon moved to go into executive session pursuant to RSA91A; 3 for personnel. Commissioner Albee seconded the motion. All in favor.

Public meeting ended at 11:15am

