

**Carroll County Commissioners Meeting
Minutes
March 25, 2009**

Commissioners Present: Commissioner Sorensen, Commissioner Solomon, Commissioner Albee

Public Present: Maureen Spencer, David Babson, Joe Kowalski, Ashley Rigazzo, Nate Giarnese

Public Input 8:15am

1. Maureen Spencer had questions on the price of wood, when did it increase. Also questions about garden and usage of veggies by nursing home. Is a building for Co-op extension still going on the complex?
2. Commissioners: Nov-Dec of 08 price increase. Will think about garden, woodchuck problem. Will be discussed at farm meeting on April 22, 2009. Co-op building will be done on the complex, no contracts signed yet, waiting for architects suggestions and site approval. Young architects meeting and design review with 6 finalists on April 7th from 6:30-8:30pm. Co-op should be done before nursing home starts.
3. David Babson: Question on cost and revenue regarding electronic monitoring at HOC.

General Session

Commissioner Solomon moved to seal minutes from non-public session on March 11, 2009 and March 18, 2009. Seconded by Commissioner Albee. All in favor

Commissioner Solomon moved to accept public minutes from March 18, 2009 as corrected. Seconded by Commissioner Albee. All in favor.

1. Commissioner Sorensen: Review of budget progress. County employees will be getting .50 increase. Should be no discord on raises due to low rate of pay in the past. Delegation meets in Concord at 9am to approve budget with 2.9% reduction of DEAS. (\$107k reduction in tax, now under 6%) Operating budget around 4% increase.
Commissioners and architects met with CON board last week, got approval to put in application.
Need to vote on approval of site, concept, and private rooms that building committee has recommended.

Commissioner Solomon made motion to approve choice of site beside Administration building, concept, and majority private rooms. Commissioner Albee seconded motion with amendment that building will be premised on the neighborhood concept. Changes accepted. All in favor

1. Commissioner Albee: County complex abutting neighbor wants to lease portion of land for a garden. Told him to talk to Allen first, then possibly put him on agenda for next week.

2. Commissioner Solomon: County week, Valley Vision will be taping the 24th of April @ 2pm. Information needed about possible radio time from WASR. WMWV will promote on Drive Time on May 4th.
3. Commissioner Sorensen: May 5th discussion at Kennett High School about County government and career opportunities. (May 4th-9th is county government week) Hope to bring people from County complex (sheriff dept, nursing home, jail).

Gary Lemay, PSNH

1. Commissioner Sorensen: PSNH involvement with new nursing home building, site, preliminary information.
 Discussion of PSNH metering, transformers, service plans, high efficiency equipment, grants, offsets, wind and solar, partnering with PSNH as an energy producer.
 Conservation and load management, building shell review, rebate forms for new construction. Work with architects on design.
 Specific rebates availability were discussed as well as wind power, rates, transmission lines, towers and wind studies. Info at NH sustainable energy website and New England sustainable energy website. (www.homepower.com)
 Deregulation: Can pick any energy supplier that you want. (www.powerischoice.com)

Sandi McKenzie and Jen Cormier, MVNH

1. Census is 91. 1 death, 1 transfer due to available resources, Potential for 5+ new residents.
2. Jen Cormier: Spring fling-huge success. National Nursing home week is 13th – 16th, looking for input. Would like chamber involvement. Having blood drive on the 2nd. Rehab department has new equipment.
 Website recommendation: would like link, directions to home, staff, progress on new building, volunteer opportunities.
 Outreach from providers and hospitals is increasing. Like to increase community organization and increase programming
3. Commissioner Sorensen: How close to admitting new residents?
4. Jen: First on Friday and another on Monday, 5 others approved.
5. Commissioner Albee: Need concrete sense of need for private vs. semi-private rooms. Keep track for the next 6 months to a year. How will private rooms increase popularity and census.
6. Jen Cormier: More than 50% request private rooms.

Building committee meeting moved to Monday, March 30, 2009 @ 9:00am

Budget was approved by delegation (phone call relaying info).

Denis Gagne, Eastern Propane

Discussion on contract with Eastern, lease on the 30,000 gal tank. How much to move tank, site location, justification, demand. Fire code tank must be at least 50ft from any building. Cost to move tank and reconnect is at least \$50,000 depending on location.

Commissioners asked for Eastern to prepare to meter jail.

Discussion of negotiation on price of propane, stabilizing price.

Cost of new tank would be \$150k investment plus amortization and up front costs.

Need price better than current. By April 1st have prices based on two buying locations. Not just Selkirk pricing.

Primex Presentation by Mike Ricker and Tammy Denver

In depth discussion of RSA91A. The Right to Know Law

Origin of law, legislature, constitutional and statutory right. Few exemptions in case law.

- Meeting concept: notice to public, description, any gathering of officials must be publicized at least 24 hours in advance. Sub-committees, advisory, panels, bodies, all subject to RTK law.
- Make meeting notes accessible until publication of final minutes
- Non-public limited exemptions. Statutory language. Legal matters are not exempt. Disciplinary, termination, compensation, situations that may negatively impact 3rd party. Employee can request open session. Hiring is non-public, pending law suits (threatened in writing), acquiring, selling or leasing property, Parole board, security, business/finance authority.

Procedure for non-public session

- Vote and state reason
- Must originate in the public meeting
- Motion/second/role call vote
- Exception: pursuant to RSA91A;.....for.....

Discussion in non-public has to stay within the exception stated. Minutes must be taken in non-public session. Roll call vote to seal and reason why.

Two reasons non-public records may be released: release of harm to 3rd party and Board action ineffectual.

Non-public minutes should be sealed at end of session. Do not wait.

Procedure: Go back into public session, seal minutes and adjourn meeting.

Questions and answers

Postings: Web site postings are legal. Government website is approved. Must post every meeting specifically with an agenda. May be posted on building and on web site to satisfy Right to Know law.

Definition of a meeting: Not a meeting unless deliberative. Be cautious on detail and substantive conversations.

Further discussion on RSA91 hearings, emails and phone calls regarding business are open for public record, any discussion or deliberation by commissioners must be done in public with at least 24 hour notice.

Exceptions for emergency meetings, communications. Legitimate emergencies. Take record of phone call (minutes) and publish, report in public session

Adjourn a public meeting in minutes.

Commissioners will work on establishing policies and procedures with complete knowledge of RAS. Board wants to be compliant. 1st legal and policy with an attorney 2nd with the public.

Operational policies: safety and security at all times. How much access is good access?

Fairness and openness

Public can make their own record of meetings, don't need to keep notes or tapes after publishing.

Minutes can be sealed forever, minutes can be un-sealed when issue is resolved

Sheriff Chris Conley

1. Commissioner Albee: Thank you for budget meeting, political motivation. Protected workers. Bring any issues forward.
2. Sheriff Conley: Support effort, very professional. Sheriff Deputies and County workers are the best resource.

Jason Johnson, HOC

1. In house population 50, 1 on monitor, 2 weekenders, 5 transfers, 16 on pre-trial release for a total of 74. Admitted 10 w/5 repeaters. 12 released. Repeater charges: 1 violation of probation and controlled drug act, 1 protective custody, 1 resisting arrest, 1 for simple assault, 1 theft by deception.
Farm is using 5 inmates, 11 available
Took female inmate to hospital Sunday for medical issue, cleared and returned
Females are out in parking lot doing some spring cleanup.
2. Commissioner Sorensen: Confusion on bracelet issue: what is charged to us, expenses and revenue. How many use them, how much do they pay, how many pay?
Come up with figures.

Commissioner Solomon made motion to move to non-public session pursuant to RSA91A:3 for employment issues. Commissioner Albee seconded, all in favor. So voted

Into non-public session at 11:45am