

**Carroll County Commissioners Meeting  
Minutes  
April 29, 2009**

**Commissioners Present:** Commissioner Sorensen, Commissioner Solomon

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

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

**Public Input:**

1. David Babson: When will the person hired for farm supervisor's position be announced.
2. David Sorensen: Person has been offered job, doing criminal check and will take job on condition that he passes criminal check.

**Regular Session:**

1. Commissioner Solomon: Anemometer for measuring wind speed has been placed on the mountain. Cost was \$85.

*Commissioner Solomon made motion that minutes from executive session of April 29, 2009 be sealed pursuant to RSA91A; 3. Commissioner Sorensen seconded the motion. Both commissioners were in favor. Motion passed*

2. Commissioner Sorensen: Dropped 200 raspberry bushes at the farm. Complex is being cleaned up  
Commissioner Albee is at Bio-mass conference in Nashua for two days. Registration fee was \$145.

**Sandi McKenzie, MVNH**

1. Census is at 95, one resident discharged yesterday. 4 referrals, 3 imminent admissions.
2. Red Cross blood drive on Saturday
3. Mother's Day brunch on Sunday, May 10 from 10:45-1:00pm
4. Friday, Susan Palmer Terry is coming to work on projections for CON.
5. Concern Areas: Piped gas? (not needed) We have 11 concentrators, we use 40-68 containers of oxygen per week. Meeting with rep from air/gas at end of week.
6. Preliminary data-staffing for new building, refinement. Looking at culture change
7. Establishing and refining list of furniture that will be going to new home as well as equipment
8. Commissioner Sorensen: Sheriff may have access to some office furniture for free from State police building in Portsmouth. Talk to Captain Hebert.
9. Swine flu: infection control, heightened awareness and safety. CDC website updated every day at 11am. Surveillance.
10. Contracts for landscaping bids, 4 received. Decision will be made soon.
11. Commissioner Solomon: Check on linen contract and which way we need to go: buy linen and launder or use linen service.
12. Lakes Region linen taken over by another company.

13. Storage area (white building) looked at all old equipment; removed 50%-still will be looking to recycle equipment. Barn will be next.
14. Commissioner Solomon: Nursing Home Assessment for potential residents, MVNH is not involved. State would like all homes involved in doing assessments.
15. Sandi: Huge undertaking will revisit it and take it up at County meeting in two weeks. Not an easy situation. Person doing assessment must be educated.  
Explanation: For existing residents and community. Medicaid assessment. More complex than regular assessment, extensive.
16. Commissioner Solomon: State would like to get out of doing the assessments.
17. Commissioner Sorensen: Has state come yet? I would like to be there when they do the exit interview.
18. Sandi: State has not arrived yet, imminent. They will do an entrance and exit interview.  
Explanation of process and visit
19. Commissioner Sorensen: Where do you stand on private vs. Semi-private rooms?
20. Sandi: Building for future, private rooms, residents want own bathrooms.
21. Maureen Spencer: Private rooms are nice. Cost may be an issue. Comment has been made that county is "taking care of county's poor".

Reimbursement from Medicare and Medicaid will be looked at. Fees in the area will be looked at. Semi-private with shared bath is upwards of \$300 per day.

22. Commissioner Sorensen: Rates are low here, will go up when new home is constructed.
23. Sandi: Friday will look at case mix. Delegation, important to break even. Need a mix for reimbursement. Balance- reach out to county.
24. Commissioner Solomon: Going to meeting on becoming VA approved. Find out how our veterans can use their benefits. How they can get those benefits.
25. Sandi: 25% population is private pay. Our draw is level of excellent care, word of mouth.  
Staffing is good, no agency needed recently. Moral is good, not overtaxed. DON can work on floor and she has been called at times.
26. Commissioner Sorensen: 100 beds available, when will other 3 be available?
27. Sandi: 2 need floors waxed and painting finished. The other is a hospice room
28. Commissioner Sorensen: No waiting list as this time? Any use for inmates?
29. Sandi: No, we do have referrals. Summer usually brings waiting list. No use for inmates right now in nursing home. Limited to what they can do at the home due to security issues.

#### **Mike Fowler, HOC**

1. In-house 57, 1 weekender, 1 monitor, 3 transfers, 16 pre trial release, total 78. 22 arrested last week, 8 repeaters, 26 released. (Repeat charges: DWI, Assault, Drug and Alcohol, violation of protective order, violation of probation, OAS, criminal threatening. Farm is using 6 per day, 10 available.
2. April 23<sup>rd</sup> power surge at jail knocked out electricity. Transformer has been ordered. Also lost water and plumbing due to electric problem. We are on minimum power until it is replaced. Captain is away for training.

#### **Robin Reade, Human Resources**

1. Need commissioners to sign Union contracts. Commissioners Sorensen and Solomon signed.

**Kathy Garry, Business Office**

1. Confirming Schedule: May 5<sup>th</sup>-Kennett High School, May 11<sup>th</sup>- Building committee @3pm, May 18<sup>th</sup>- Delegation @ 9am.
2. Will use easels to put nursing home plan/drawings up in lobby of administration building and nursing home.

**Captain Jon Hebert, Sheriff's Department**

1. Schedule walk around to look for impound site. Sgt. Santuccio will be the tour guide as he is in charge of evidence. Registered on State web site for furniture/office equipment. After approval we can go look at what is available. Primarily chairs and cubicles.
2. Commissioner Solomon: UNH Co-op extension has list of needs also. Sandi will make list also.

*Commissioner Solomon moved to accept public minutes from April 22, 2009 as written. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Sorensen. Both commissioners were in favor. Motion passed.*

**Further Public Input:**

1. David Babson: Where is Dennis from HOC?
2. Robin Reade: He is unavailable, personnel matter.
3. Maureen Spencer: Nursing home and co-op building being constructed at same time?
4. Commissioner Sorensen: To be discussed. If both can be built together we need co-op to bring design that they are agreeable to. So far only pieces of each are acceptable to everyone. Pieces of each acceptable design need to be combined.
5. Maureen Spencer: When is co-op contract up in Conway?
6. David Babson: Contract is up in 2012.
7. Maureen: Do not want to see co-op get left behind.
8. Commissioner Sorensen: Ball is in their court
9. David Babson: They are working on design

*Commissioner Sorensen moved to go into executive session pursuant to RSA91A; 3 for personnel issues. Commissioner Solomon seconded the motion. Both commissioners in favor. So voted.*

*Into non-public session at 9:15am*