

## Carroll County Commissioners Meeting

### Minutes

May 20, 2009

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

**Public:** David Babson, Maureen Spencer, Lori Lenart

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

Public Input:

1. David Babson: DISCUSSION: Co-operative extension project discussion on funding, lack of support, political reality. Advertise for architects for project. No real number from co-op. Delegation forcing-not good. Questions on what was done when you went out for bid on nursing home. Contract and format? Went over specific items on contract for bid. Revenue (Co-op does not get revenue) and expense projection needed.
2. Commissioner Sorensen: Co-op can put together maintenance plan and who will take care of building when it is done. Cost to Co-op extension, cost-Capital Reserve.
3. Written proposal letter given to commissioners for Co-op building.
4. Commissioner Albee: Advertise for Project Coordinator does not mean construction manager. Which are you advertising for, PC or CM? Separate. Value of engineering and fund raising/LEED certified.
5. Commissioner Sorensen: Hopefully local contractors will get bid for CM/builder. Hope Co-op forms fund raising committee-public input. Have identified architects and good points of each.
6. Maureen Spencer: Question on profit and loss statement for Nursing home.
7. Commissioner Albee: Quarterly is available at office.
8. Maureen Spencer: Mission Statement for nursing home? Vision Statement for new home?
9. Commissioner Albee: Nice to have building committee input on that. Refer contact from other nursing home finance person to Commissioner Solomon.
10. Maureen Spencer: Selectmen's meeting-info on EcoMaine system. Power from trash/ no smell. Single stream. Worthwhile to check it out and have presentation.

### **General Session**

Sandi McKenzie, MVNH

1. Census is at 98. State arrived yesterday for inspection, will be here for 3 days w/5 surveyors. Life safety (building/environment) 1 Day.  
 Problems: Oxygen Room needs different locking mechanism, Dutch doors need gaskets, fire alarm system needs anti-trip device, electric fireplaces must be disconnected, and 2 areas in ceiling have altered smoke barrier protection, system issues.  
 Education exit interview after 1 tomorrow. Commissioner Solomon will attend
2. Commissioner Solomon: Co-op will be over to look front gardens.
3. Sandi: 3 roof heaters, 1 failed. Eastern propane came and looked at them. It is broken and no parts are available to fix it. \$15k+ to replace it. No solutions yet.

*Commissioner Albee made motion to approve public minutes from May 13, 2009.*

*Commissioner Solomon seconded the motion. Commissioner's Sorensen, Albee, and Solomon in favor. So voted*

Kathy Garry, Business office

1. Friday 10am Primex meeting-health insurance, Saturday-breakfast at nursing home from 8-10am. Estimate to demolition old nursing home entirely = \$100k. Will get letter with written estimate.
2. Did investigation on treasurer issue. Delegation selects treasurer if something happens to current treasurer. Does not automatically revert to Deputy Treasurer.
3. Commissioner Albee: Would be helpful to know in advance who is going to be off and when. Want to know when people will not be around.
4. Kathy will make small calendar for commissioners.

Commissioner Albee: price of \$795 and \$75 for installation of boom (equipment for wind study). Chris Franchi from Green Alternative Energy.

*Commissioner Albee made motion to approve funds for boom installation. Seconded by Commissioner Solomon. Commissioners Sorensen, Albee, and Solomon in favor of motion. So voted.*

Commissioner Sorensen: Carried over money for rubber gasket for water tank. Have proposal for 2009. Local Wakefield company.

*Commissioner Albee made motion to contract person to install gasket on water tank for \$7000. Commissioner Solomon seconded the motion. Commissioners Albee, Sorensen, and Solomon in favor. So voted.*

1. Commissioner Albee: Written policies and procedures for inmates out on work detail being reviewed, tightened up. Will report when completed and implemented.
2. Commissioner Solomon: At Co-op meeting, issue w/advertising and money. Lot being done in community w/young people and schools, 4H. Tina Savage will be working at farm. Wendy Scribner w/forestry. Working operation, doing good job. Attended RSVP luncheon: spoke about public meetings for nursing home, input and support.
3. Commissioner Albee: Attended LEED meeting-consensus-about time we built a new home. Resistance is from politicians in the southern part.
4. Commissioner Sorensen: Resistance from Northern part. Need to be prepared to justify why home is needed.
5. Commissioner Albee: Suggests that Commissioner Solomon write pro-active article on need for nursing home. Study shows there are no beds available in 50 mile radius for our residents. Look at actual impact. Commissioner Solomon will look research at least 2 venues.

Amy Morin, Hales Location

1. Tax warrant to be signed. All taxes have been paid for 2008, no problems. Contract for copier. SAU tuition credit.
2. Discussion on investing surplus to put interest into budget to reduce taxes. Talk to Godfrey (treasurer).
3. Commissioner Sorensen: Would like info on number of homes and potential for additional building permits.

Jason Johnson, HOC

1. In house population 56. 1 weekender, 1 elec. monitor, 4 transfers, 20 pre-trial release, total of 82. Took in 20, released 22, 5 repeaters. (2 controlled drugs, 1 receiving stolen property, 1 criminal trespass, 1 aggravated DWI.) Farm has been taking 4, 10 available.

2. Secure controls replaced transformer. MSU possible bad ballast, fixed by end of week. Tran is in to do yearly service on HVAC system. New uniform shirts are in, will issue when nametags and badges are in.
3. Transported inmate to hospital after fight. Sheriff's office is handling criminal investigation.
4. Call from David Rodrigue. Closing Laconia State facility, wants inmate work crews/labor. DOC will transport, they will supply clothing, lunches, supervisors, tools, and liability. (unless grossly negligent) State inmates get paid, county do not. This would be on a daily, ongoing basis.
5. Commissioner Albee: Co-ordinate w/farm supervisor first. Need to get a firm grasp on what is needed here first, then will know how many inmates are available.
6. Will Dewitt: Explanation of State compensation for inmates.
7. Jason: Would transport by van.
8. Commissioner Albee: Spoke with County Attorney on policies for inmates out on work detail. Plan work session to go over setup. Classification procedures, training set up before July.
9. Jason: Met with Will yesterday to start going over policy and procedures on work details.

#### Will Dewitt, Farm Supervisor

1. Last few days have been spent observing. Spreading fertilizer, making plans and goals. Get garden put in ASAP. Met with Rob to see what I can provide for produce. Met with Jason on procedures and suggestions. Working on getting staff cell-phones. Have not worked directly with inmates yet. Measured cord wood-about 30-35 cord processed, 14-15 unprocessed (should be done already). Working with price on hay/wood. Cord measure is best, too many differences by weight. Will get wood processed. (will check cord measure from log lengths delivered for accuracy).

#### Robin Gordon, County Attorney

1. Introducing new Assistant County Attorney, Thomas Miscio.
2. Commissioner Albee: Input on policies/operations on inmate control.
3. Robin Gordon: Made suggestions. Classify who is qualified to go out on work detail. Informational/group meeting on June 10<sup>th</sup> at 1pm with farm, sheriff, and HOC. Topics will be executive, non-public.

#### Tina Savage, UNH Cooperative Extension

1. Explanation of Veggie Volunteer Program-UNH Cooperative Extension. Volunteers pick fresh produce from Sherman Farms and distribute them to local food pantries. The group is organized by Master Gardner supervising volunteers. They are trained in horticulture. Master Gardner also coordinates 2 times per week to pick w/volunteers. Have been doing this for 6 years, had 69 volunteers last year. Had 500 hrs contributed last year, picked 18,862 lbs of veggies. Had apples last year also. This computes to \$26,200 worth of produce at market price. \$94,500 over the last 6 years. Goes to food pantries, Meals on Wheels, Gibson Center, Dinner Bell, Agape, Ossipee Concerned Citizens, Teen Center, Life Ministries, Wakefield Dinnerbell, Madison... Generally start picking in early July, 2 times per week. Coordinator sets this up with farm person.
2. Commissioner Sorensen: Need to relay to Councilor Burton what is going on in Carroll County.

3. Tina: Coordinator is most important. Encouraging other counties/no takers yet except Carroll. Discussion of community gardens benefits and costs. Should county do community garden:
4. Commissioner Albee: Preparation and social aspect is draw. Irrigation.
5. Tina: Information available on how to set up community garden from agricultural commission.
6. Tina: Lots of chickens now, soil testing, veg. gardens, small grain production, wheat, bedding. Sustainable Agriculture.
7. Babson: Now is the time to find sources for hay, get delegation to approve money for purchase of hay.  
Discussion of Hay production, selling, storage, purchasing, business plan, guaranteed forage analysis on truck loads of hay, must meet standards. Watch hay production/trend. Pricing. Discussion of Organic produce vs. non-organic production. County has to set good example. Pros and cons. How to make a community garden at the county succeed. Do it the right way, not just one way or the other. Organic is good but is not the answer to everything.
8. Maureen: Need to advertise county more. This is a new day/year/people. Just because we did it in the past does not mean it will not work now. People are willing to pay for good, fresh food.

Open for Public Discussion:

1. David Babson: Water tank and top. State would accept tank w/valve for fire usage only. Information from Harry, head of water division w/DES. Lines must be physically separated until need is there for water (fire emergency). Lines must then be disconnected, purged and cleaned and tested before using for regular water supply.
2. Commissioner Albee: Fire needs have not yet been addressed by local fire Dept. State says we need it; fire dept. is not willing to put in writing. Engineering firm did study, came up so many gallons short from what state said. Will can figure it all out for us.
3. Commissioner Solomon: Tell Henry to put Pancake breakfast and public meeting information in paper.

*Commissioner Albee made motion to adjourn meeting. Motion seconded by Commissioner Sorensen. Commissioners Sorensen, Albee, and Solomon in favor. So voted.  
Meeting adjourned at 10:45 am*