

Carroll County Commissioners Meeting
Minutes
June 3, 2009

Commissioners Present: David Sorensen, Chip Albee, Dorothy Solomon

Public Present: Maureen Spencer, Henry Spencer, David Babson, Nate Giarnese

Meeting opened at 8:15am for Public input.

1. Henry Spencer: Gave information from Effingham Selectmen's meeting about wood pellet, bio mass to Commissioners.
 2. Commissioner Albee: Have bio mass person on agenda for next week.
 3. Henry Spencer and Commissioner Albee had discussion on public presentation from Monday night regarding Carroll County responsibility for residents care. Explanation of provision of service. Also discussed kitchen, farm, and inmate utilization.
 4. David Babson: Asked about discussing co-op proposal
 5. Commissioner Sorensen: Not ready to discuss yet. Public hearings next two Mondays
 6. Maureen Spencer: Have you looked into Eco-Maine?
 7. Commissioner Albee: A rep will be here next Wednesday
- Discussion of CDBG information from last week

Closed Public Session

Commissioner Albee made motion to accept public minutes from May 27, 2009 as written. Motion seconded by Commissioner Solomon. Commissioners Sorensen, Albee, and Solomon in favor. So voted.

Commissioner Albee made motion to accept minutes from non-public session on May 18, 2009 in the afternoon. They are now unsealed. Motion seconded by Commissioner Solomon. Commissioners Sorensen, Albee, and Solomon in favor. So voted.

Will Dewitte, Farm Supervisor

1. Reviewing previous farm records on Hay.
Proposed charges for hay
Estimate of 12,000 bales this year plus stored hay.
Delivered rates vs. picked up rate. (copy given to commissioners)
Anything delivered over 25 miles will be .50 per mile.
2. Commissioner Albee: Is this marketable? Stay within range of market.
3. Commissioner Sorensen: Mulch hay. Some people feed it to animals
Discussion of price of hay, delivery of hay amounts. Limiting delivery to better use employees and inmates. Discussion of delivery vs. pick up.
4. Commissioner Albee: Keep accurate record of delivery time this year. Get handle on actual cost. Simplify price structure. Marketing strategy.
5. David Babson: Cost. Are we selling out of field?
6. Will: inmate issues/counting issue/badgering issue. Change techniques next year to better utilize.

7. David Babson: Estimate 12,000 bales, what is storage capacity?
8. Commissioner Sorensen: Room for approx. 5,000 bales
9. Will: Customers buy hay as quick as we can cut it
10. David Babson: Why were there 2000 less bales in 2007 than in 06' and 08'?
11. Commissioner Solomon: Weather, wet last year.
12. Commissioner Sorensen and Albee, Will, and David Babson discussion of pricing, holding hay for winter, restocking hay by purchase. Talk of receipt system and enhancing it in future with breakdown of price and mileage.
13. Commissioner Albee: Keep track of hours for delivery, losing money.
14. Commissioner Sorensen: Check and see if we are charging right amount for lawn mowing on complex.
15. Will: Garden, irrigation, blueberries. What requirements for impound lot? Would like to join tour to locate spot. Well have wood estimate next week. Not processing wood right now, concentrating on hay.
16. Maureen Spencer: Once prices are nailed down, publish on web site.
17. David Babson: Will see if Farm Bureau can do link to County site from their site.

Kathy Garry, Business Office

1. Linda Seguin would like to put granite bench on farm as memorial to Allen Seguin. Sent email from Betsey Miller about energy update. I.e. who qualifies? Do you need any further info for Monday night meeting? Let me know.
2. Commissioner Sorensen: Would like breakdown of private and semi-private rooms in area.

Jason Johnson, HOC

1. In house 55. 2 weekenders, 1 elec. monitor, 6 transfers, 17 pre-trial release, total of 81
25 admitted, 8 repeat, released 29. Repeater charges: 1 SA, 2 W, 2 VOP, 1 OAS, 1 DO, 1 CDA. Farm is using 3 inmates, 8 available.
2. Sgt. Boards were held, had one promotion.
3. Gave letter of commendation to officer for finding contraband in cell. Issue is being investigated.
4. 1 inmate by ambulance to Huggins, kept overnight and returned.
5. Ossipee Canine did search of facility Sunday. No contraband found.
6. New phone system installed Monday
7. New digital antennae. Inmates with old TV's told they need converter box. We must get boxes for day rooms. New TV's available are digital, old TV's need boxes.
8. Went to Merrimack County to discuss classification and alternative sentencing.
9. Meeting with certified jail manager next week for training.
10. Commissioner Albee: A/C issue, TRANE no help. Placement of unit not appropriate. Issue of slab placement and piping.
11. Commissioner Sorensen: Create overhang to protect units from weather. Repair after issue addressed. \$9000.

Sandi McKenzie, MVNH

*Discussion of Monday night public meeting on nursing home.

1. Census is at 99
2. 2 LNA's nominated for state award in Concord. Pat Labranche and Cheryl Vittum.
3. LNA students taking practical exam tomorrow, graduate Friday. One is staying on and others may become per diem if they would like.
4. Medicaid rate setting increase of \$4.93 per day. In effect July 1st.
5. Nursing: night supervisor is retiring from position and moving to position of 11-7 charge nurse part time.
6. New facility meeting every Tuesday. Tom McCardle helping with kitchen design and setup for projected needs.
7. Commissioner Solomon: Next meeting in two weeks. Ideas looked good.
8. Sandi: would like café to be revenue producer, appropriate structure and size.
9. Commissioner Albee: Need to start making decisions on equipment pricing. Talked with Ed Butler on 501c3. Meeting with Susan Palmer Terry today.
10. Commissioner Sorensen: Any state survey results yet? (not yet)
11. Discussion of staff addition for new home. Adding 1 ½ people to staff, not adding nurse.
12. Commissioner Albee: Helpful-take one neighborhood and make a list of people who will work on that neighborhood. Compare with picture of wing. Show what we are doing now and what we will need to do.
13. Sandi: No additional FTE's in nursing, 1 FTE in housekeeping related to floors, 3 FTE's related to café, plan to augment with volunteers as well.
14. Commissioner Sorensen: Put into proposal what is needed, do not add later. Completion date of home is summer of 2011.
15. Sandi: Move in after June- will not get rate set until January. Would like to move in before (by April-May) to get increase in rate. (Tentative for May 1st now).

Susan Palmer Terry, CON

Draft of CON document without appendices distributed to Commissioners. Need signatures on face sheet for filing document.

1. Susan: Suggest that contact person for CON be Sandi or I.
2. Date of commencement on approval.
3. Commissioner Albee: Need to talk to Randy and Gerry

*Discussion of CON, overview of CON, review of document by section. Questions, changes, suggestions, etc.

1. 8 semi-private, 7 bariatric, majority private. Highlight changes of wording by Commissioners. Details
2. Discussion of Bonds, letters from banks, filing date and when changes can be made.
3. Budget based on 98% occupancy
4. Capital Funds: Bonds/conventional
5. Payback/revenue
6. County status is *facility of last resort*.
7. Energy efficiency cost/cannot predict due to rate changes. Building will be more efficient, conforming to LEED standards. Alternative energy being explored.

1 hour discussion and page by page review of CON document. Susan, Paula, and Sandi will make all changes needed by today. Probable submission by Friday/Monday.

Commissioner Sorensen signed cover sheet of document with approval of other Commissioners.

Time Line: Submission on Monday

3 weeks for questions asked,

3 weeks for our response

3 weeks for more questions

3 weeks for more responses.

Commissioner has other things that take precedence in August

Submission process should be complete by September, plead case in November time frame, decision by December.

Discussion of CON board members

Delegation must take action after CON approval. Delegation COULD vote before CON but nothing could be done until CON is approved.

Commissioner Sorensen: Feds are going to change health insurance program. How will national health impact facility?

Commissioners:

1. Commissioner Solomon: Spoke at OCC lunch, gave info on public meetings and where they would be held. Receptive audience. Need board/diagram to distribute to public places.
2. Commissioner Albee: Need smaller design board to distribute. Link on County web site.
3. Henry Spencer: Have Admin. Staff call Selectmen and towns and tell them when meetings are going to be held and where.
4. Commissioner Albee: Revisit loss of money even without nursing home. Cost \$3.5 million without home.
*What is our actual obligation of County for cost of care? Will do further study and nail down figures. Build conservative structure that will return investment.
5. David Babson: Privatization, if you are losing money before, you are going to lose more
By privatizing.

Discussion on Cost of Privatization

Commissioner Albee made motion to adjourn meeting, motion seconded by Commissioner Solomon. Commissioner Sorensen, Albee, and Solomon in favor. So voted.

Meeting adjourned at 11:15am