

Carroll County Commissioners Meeting

Minutes

December 16, 2009

Commissioners Present: Commissioner Sorensen, Commissioner Albee

Public: David Babson, Lori Lenart, Maureen Spencer, Henry Spencer, Daymond Steer

Meeting called to order at 8:15 by Commissioner Sorensen

Public Input

1. David Babson: Asked to be put on agenda over two weeks ago and received reply that did not satisfy him. Why is it going to take three weeks to know if I can be on the agenda?
2. Commissioner Albee: We need to check the record that currently exists to see if the questions have already been answered. I have answered all the questions.
3. David Babson: Farm budget and income. A year ago you changed rates so that deficit would decrease. Why is it still and \$84k deficit?
4. Commissioner Sorensen: Will is going to continue to look at the rates we are charging for the different buildings but we should be up where we are supposed to be.
5. David Babson: Looks like there is a \$70k to \$90k difference on third quarter report. It did not drop as I expected it would. Is the cost of the water department tucked into the farm budget as well?
6. Commissioner Sorensen: (looking at figures closely, at \$50k, a lot better) Will has just taken a course regarding the water so some of his money will be coming out of the water department as well. Wood is down this year, next year will be higher. Wood was held over because it was green. We want to sell dry wood.
7. Henry Spencer: I enjoyed the delegation/budget meeting. It was intriguing to see them presented with the budget that was essentially flat and had more income than usual. It was a lot of hard work and it was nice.
8. Maureen Spencer: Linda Fox-Phillips – grant writer for County. Does that include the 501C3? When you negotiated with the union did you know the health insurance rates at the time?
9. Commissioner Sorensen: Yes to the grant writer question.
10. Commissioner Albee: We did not know that rates going into the union negotiations. We are getting bids from other vendors at this time. If those rate increases continue at the 17% increase rate that it did this year it is going to be double in 4 years. We gave a 1% increase in salaries to offset health benefits. Our anniversary date is July so we do not get the figures sooner.
11. David Sorensen: We are in a pool and got a cheaper rate because of being in the July pool.

Public Input closed @ 8:30 am

1. Commissioner Albee attended the Ossipee planning board meeting. It was an advisory meeting, we had questions about fire suppression plans, one member wants us to get an independent consultant to go over our plans. They voted and it did not go

through. Questions on storm water runoff increase on County Road. Jim Rines said it will actually decrease because culverts that are draining fields now are just culverts. He is going to be putting in retention areas to condition the water so in a large storm it will drain off gradually instead of instantaneously. Need to put access in front or side toward old building for fire access. Ossipee zoning has landscaping provision – community is interested in how we are going to landscape the new building.

2. Commissioner Sorensen: We have a farm meeting tonight with Co-op Extension about having a farm day at 6pm. Your problem with horses Mr. Babson, we would probably have to go with a County insurance extension/policy for horses unless we get it through 4H. If you bring your horses here we are responsible. Discussion of coverage and specifics of policies for horses.

Commissioner Albee made motion to approve minutes of December 2, 2009. Motion seconded by Commissioner Albee. One change to minutes, pg. 2, item 7 should read allusion not illusion.

With that correction all in favor, minutes accepted as amended.

Commissioner Albee made motion to approve non-public minutes from November 25, 2009. Seconded by Commissioner Sorensen. All in favor.

Building Committee meeting today at 12:30

Jason Johnson, HOC

1. Current population is 63 in house, 0 weekenders, 7 transfers, 4 electronic monitor, and 19 on pre-trial release for a total in population of 93.

Total number admitted for the week was 9, 5 repeaters. Total number released for the week was 11. Repeater charges: 1 for Habitual Offender and DWI 2nd, 1 for non-support X2, 2 in for PC, 1 in for EBW.

Farm has been taking out an average of 5 inmates per day. They have 12 available.

2. A roof leak developed on one of the front valleys. It leaks when there is a driving rain. We had an issue in the same area prior to this incident.

3. Spoke to Will and asked that he begin removing the snow from around the facility outer walls. He will start that today.

4. We have the Department of Education coming in on Monday to conduct their audit to ensure compliance with the DOE Contract.

5. The League of Women Voters will be coming in on Friday to meet with the women inmates. They have been to most of the other correctional facilities to learn about women issues inside the facilities.

6. Met with Sandi to discuss doing laundry for residents. We will start working on that for new nursing home

7. Commissioner Albee: Budget went well.

8. Commissioner Sorensen: Jail will have subcommittee as well as Sheriff and County Attorney. Jason contact Stan about sub-committee.

9. Jason: When is the annual report due?

10. Commissioner Sorensen: Start writing it up now and then at the end of the year plug in numbers.

11. Jason: Will have it in the first week of January for review.

Discussion with Nate on items he reported incorrectly in his article. Co-pays and rate increases figures were incorrect.

Kevin Hamlin – Glacier Power Presentation

Handouts

1. We are a retail electricity supplier, deregulation supplier; we purchase energy all day and pass on that better pricing to the customer. We are not a broker; we are a supplier and can usually beat the broker's prices. Belknap County has been with us for 6 months; Sullivan may have signed, working on numbers for Cheshire and Strafford right now. 12 month term would be at a .0849 kilowatt charge. Would be a fiscal savings in 2010 of \$22,326. This is an annual contract.
2. Commissioner Albee: We were getting figures of .06 from some of the brokers coming in.
3. Kevin: Our fees are all inclusive; the others hit you at the end. We will come within 2% of our estimated analysis. This is an index rate; you can do month to month or annually. Check or EFT. Month to month rate in either case. Rates are going to come down in the next two years. Natural gas dictates the rate of electricity in New England, not quantity.
4. Commissioner Albee: Joining with other counties will not get a better rate?
5. Kevin: No, it does not matter how many people you join with, still the same rate. Buy from ISO out of New York, wholesale market, price changes hourly. I can run a historical data to show what you would have saved last year if that will be of benefit.
6. Commissioner Albee: We are in the process of designing our new nursing home that will go out to bid in January or February. We have talked to PSNH about green grants/rebates. We are concerned about losing that, although we haven't heard if we are getting anything yet. Do you have any conservation savings/grants?
7. Kevin: No, we don't, we can buy wind power but it is more expensive for us. Been in business since 2004. Home base in Sandwich, MA. Will get references from Norfolk County and Barnstable, MA. We are listed on the PSNH website as a provider. There would be not meter changes or physical changes. Will provide the reference list and the historical for last year.
Discussion of new nursing home and energy needs.
8. David Babson: What is the service they provide as listed on brochure. What is their liability? Will PSNH still manage the lines if they fall or will we lose power?
9. Commissioner Albee: Not a physical service, service of going out and getting the best price for the customer. We will still be paying PSNH for the lines, meters and service and they will maintain the lines.
10. David Babson: Seven different accounts for electricity? When we budget this does it show up as one?
11. Commissioner Sorensen: Some of those are towers. Don't want to jeopardize what savings we could get from PSNH grants.
12. Commissioner Albee: We are in the process; let's see what that is before we do anything. We won't get the rebates if we buy our electric from someone else. They are in the design mix right now, can't change right now. If we are not going to get anything from PSNH then we can change and save.

Sandi McKenzie, MVNH

1. Census is at 95, 9 Medicare, 17 Private pay and 67 Medicaid. Private pay is down- had recent deaths. Have more admissions coming in.
2. Was called in this morning with boiler issue. Two of them are working on 90%. Having exhaust fan replaced but it might be a little more. No residents were removed. I leak on C wing last week. The air handler actuator motor needs to be replaced and will cost \$163. Being worked on.
3. Waste removal proposal given to commissioners. Waste management is much more expensive. Proposing to renew contract for another year with North Conway Incinerator.

Commissioner Albee made motion to renew contract with North Conway Incinerator for waste removal. Motion seconded by Commissioner Sorensen. All in favor.

4. Spoke a few weeks ago on health care facility agreement letter with Rockingham in case of nuclear emergency we would house some of their residents temporarily at their expense.

Commissioner Sorensen moved to accept agreement with Rockingham. Seconded by Commissioner Albee. All in favor.

5. Work with Paula and Sandi on needs for computers (IT committee).
6. Went over to Dept of corrections and had a tour as well. I think we could work something out for doing residents laundry at the HOC. Had a positive exchange, see other opportunities as well.
7. Commissioner Sorensen: Right now there are no washers or dryers in the new home. Laundry will be done elsewhere.
8. Sandi: We are trying to keep options open and develop plans.
9. There is a resident Christmas party on 12/23 – Santa will be there, Christmas dinner for residents and family on Christmas day.

Public Input

Discussion of waste, demolition waste, etc. Different companies available.

1. Daymond: Possible to rent out some of the rooms in the old home for a homeless shelter?
2. Commissioner Albee: If some charitable agency wanted to make a proposal I am sure we would look at it. We would not get into it personally.
3. Henry Spencer: Has the policy for inmates that return late on weekends been implemented?
4. Commissioner Albee: Yes, it has been written up and approved by County Attorney.
5. CDBG – Proposal from Donna Lane applying for the job. \$5,000.
6. Commissioner Sorensen: If we have no more proposals by the end of the day then we will accept this proposal by Donna Lane. Went out to bid in Union Leader and perhaps local papers.

Commissioner Albee made motion to accept proposal by the end of the day if no others received. Commissioner Sorensen seconded the motion. All in favor.

Commissioner Albee made motion to go into non-public session pursuant to RSA91A; 3 for personnel. Commissioner Sorensen seconded the motion. All in favor.

Into non-public at 9:40 am