

## Carroll County Commissioners Meeting

### Minutes

January 6, 2010

**Commissioners Present:** David Sorensen, Chip Albee, Dorothy Solomon

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

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

#### Public Input

1. David Babson: Was surprised at utility meeting. Heating of facility. What happens if BPS does not meet their GMP?  
Questions of heating, quotes, Gerry's comments about hearing about the campus wide heat system for the first time. EGA "not in our price". Bond covers all but do not have a set of parameters to follow yet. Propane tanks cost money to maintain. Nursing home should be complete; all this should be added on. Talk of heating: BPS → "That's not in our price" quoted continually.
2. Commissioner Albee: \$100k in budget to move tank.
3. Commissioner Sorensen: In floor heating is not in budget.
4. Commissioner Albee: Need grant money for piping – delegation then has to approve the use of it. Then it will be included in price of home.  
Discussion of package – heat plant for all buildings, etc. Type of heating. Piping gas not in quote.
5. Babson: Comments on last week's minutes on utility/engineers meeting. Process – hire independent to oversee, also hire someone to archive all minutes so anyone can listen to them if needed. #4 where I asked questions is not complete, I would like to know what I said, need more detail in minutes.
6. Commissioner Sorensen: Would like to clarify that the Building committee meeting minutes are just for work reference. They do not get approved.
7. Commissioner Albee: Secretary will look into making copy of recording for archive.
8. Babson: There will be a conflict somewhere along the line. Nice to have minutes on tape/recording.
9. Commissioners agreed to archive Building Committee Meeting Minutes.
10. Lori Lenart: Action Team meetings hosted by Carroll County United. 5 action team subjects chosen: Health and Wellness, Balancing economic development in environmental stewardship, self-sufficiency, aligning education and careers (grades 4-12), health, readiness and success (kindergarten-3<sup>rd</sup> grade). 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> of January.
11. Commissioner Sorensen: Has there been a name change?
12. Lori: Yes, Transition happening in Carroll County collaborative. Focus will be put together in Carroll County United. Been suggested that we combine two groups. Steering group and advisory council combined.

13. Commissioner Albee: We have the most well informed county government in the state (referencing conversation he had in Sunapee at a meeting as well as articles in the newspapers).

14. Commissioner Sorensen: Too late to put auditor out to bid. Will look into it in April for next year.

Into regular session at 8:30am

*Commissioner Albee made motion to approve minutes as amended. Change to page one, line seven. Should read "Is there an assessment contract for Hale's".*

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

*Commissioner Solomon made motion to approve closed minutes from December 30, 2009. Commissioner Albee seconded the motion. Commissioners Albee, Sorenson and Solomon in favor. So voted.*

1. Commissioner Albee: In six month review process of sealed minutes
2. Commissioner Solomon: Went to Tech Village to find out about system for taking attendance (time clock) for nursing home and jail. Will look into Chronos.
3. Commissioner Albee: Phone call from Rep. Butler – Sean Bergeron regarding value engineering (another set of eyes to look at plan). Full line up for next week of wood pellet people. One wanted non-public, will be public only. It is not a contract negotiation meeting.
4. Commissioner Sorensen: HE did not want his competitors to hear his presentation. We will have 2 people scheduled now. Also would like Lyman from Conway. Mr. Stockbridge is on agenda regarding his wife being admitted to the nursing home.
5. Commissioner Albee: May want to look at HIPAA regulations on this issue. May not be for public.
6. Commissioner Sorensen: Depends on what he wants to talk about. We should inform him before he starts what constitutes non-public and public. Political pressure is on us. We will listen to what he has to say.

Meeting for Carroll County Farm and Agricultural Festival (Farm Day) on February 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6pm. There will be a farmer's market at a cost of \$10 to those who participate; commercial vendors will be \$25 fee. This will offset the cost of advertising and port-a-potties. If any group in Nursing home would like to participate it would be \$10 for a booth/table. This will be held on August 1, 2010. Any Concerns?

7. Babson: Weather. Looks like all other bases are covered.
8. Commissioner Sorensen: Not going to be a flea market – all agricultural events and activities.

**Will DeWitte, Farm**

1. Here before every shift change to plow and do walkways if they are not good. No complaints. Working on emergency water plan for DES, due end of the month. Putting it in the computer for easier access and updating.
  2. Commissioner Sorensen: Are you on the safety committee? Discussed lights in parking lot?
  3. Will: Light outside shuts off when it gets hot (at admin) Cools off then comes back on. Holding off to see what type of lighting on parking lots.
  4. Commissioner Sorensen: PSNH offered pole for corner of lot. We would have to run wire. Old wire is under pavement. Check before re-paving.
  5. Will: Top priority to have farm building lights (have fixtures) fixed when budget is set. Will look at this year's budget to see if funds are left. (building lights).
  6. Commissioner Albee: Check with Maria on type of lighting/match it. May be price break on quantity. (pole lights). Are you getting set of plans for parking design changes? We need to review and see how it looks.
  7. Will: Concerned with blueberries/moving them. Trying to re-route but some will be in the way. Had ground all prepared. Concerned about transplanting.
  8. Commissioner Sorensen: Scoop – small route system. Move in early spring and water frequently.
  9. Commissioner Albee: Should be able to get on it early.
  10. Will: Ground needs to be dry
  11. Commissioner Sorensen: Alternative is where you prepared the ground for vegetables.
  12. Will: Concern, some spots for Christmas trees are too near to the blueberries then. Co-op has done soil samples on 10 fields. Do not have soil samples for wherever we move blueberries.
  13. Commissioner Sorensen: Quick in spring, 2 -3 wks. Get soil sample.
- Further discussion of blueberries, water, location, dimensions.
14. Commissioner Albee: Do you lose a crop when transplanting?
  15. Will: Probably. Then cannot supply the local sellers. Also have idea on changes to plan.

Discussion of when they (blueberries) should and could be moved. What may hinder keeping them there? (piping underground).

### **Jason Johnson, HOC**

1. Current population is 64 in house, 0 weekenders, 6 transfers, 4 electronic monitor, and 19 on pre-trial release for a total in population of 93.

2. Total number of admitted inmates for the week was 16 (12 repeaters) total number of released inmates was 6. Repeater charges: 2 Violation of Probation, 2 OAS, 2 Simple assault, 2 DWI 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1 breach of bail conditions, 1 criminal threatening, simple assault, and criminal mischief, 1 criminal threatening, 1 theft x2. Farm has been taking out average of 4 inmates per day. 15 available.

3. Commissioner Sorensen: Did you get letter to have annual report in by February 4<sup>th</sup>?

4. Jason: Have draft to bring over this afternoon.

5. Commissioner Albee: Issue about Gerstein/bail – should we bring county attorney in on this and say what we need. The extra authority will help solve problems. Grievance – will talk with Robin Gordon at 11:45 need you to come back and discuss it.

Discussion of wall issues from last week. Joe Boyd recommends taking T walls down.

Discussion of Anger management, drug programs, GED, Bible study.

6. Commissioner Solomon: Possibility for program for college credits?

7. Jason: The Plato program would allow that.

8. Commissioner Solomon: Is there a family program?

9. Jason: Yes, through a grant.

10. Commissioner Sorensen: Check with Stephanie about that program.

11. Commissioner Solomon: How about a trades program: Culinary arts – kitchen that will be available in the future.

12. Commissioner Sorensen: Talk to Rob and see what is being moved from the old kitchen in nursing home. See if it will still be useable.

13. Commissioner Solomon: Talking about inmates working at laundry in old home once new one is built. What is an ozone system for laundry?

14. Jason: “Green” laundry service instead of chemicals.

15. Commissioner Sorensen: College courses on line – could be available at inmate cost. Look into further. Computer access.

16. Commissioner Albee: Supervised educational training – see if there are any grants.

17. Jason: Nancy is looking at education grants at State level for next year. We have 3 computers for inmate use.

18. Commissioner Sorensen: Training how to use computers?

19. Jason: Have someone who developed program to teach computer literacy.

## **Sandra McKenzie, MVNH**

1. Census is 98 (2 medical LOA), 23 Private, 6 Medicare Skilled, 69 Medicaid. 1 pending admit Friday and 1 tour.
2. Keane Computer software provider will do site visit on January 14<sup>th</sup> (schedule, see attached) Invite computer tech committee. Also have Caretracker time and attendance program as well as health care, medical records.
3. Shingles immunizations – strongly suggested by Dr. Lewis (medical director). Cost is \$206 per resident. Feasibility study is underway. Identify Medicare D and other payer sources (gathering info). Looking at expense and feasibility.
4. Boiler: Holding tank (one shut off related to a leak) Watching closely – temperature decrease during high usage times. Handling it but it is an issue.
5. Laundry Area – focus on infection control practices. Traffic control; clearly delineate clean and dirty areas, storage plastic bins, surface non-porous.
6. Building Subcommittee meeting – Wed. January 6<sup>th</sup>, at HOC. Topic will be lighting. Will call Maria and see if they will also talk about outside lighting.
7. The ozone process on laundry – can use cooler water. May be a savings with that process.
8. Did check of day shift cars, Approx. 70. Night shift is less. Will check each shift.
9. Commissioner Sorensen: \$2000 for new tank – if using that water for new home then we should replace it.
10. Commissioner Albee: Have Steve talk to McGill (engineer).
11. Commissioner Sorensen: Where besides baths/showers would hot water be an issue?
12. Commissioner Solomon: Boiler question. What about instant hot water?
13. Commissioner Albee: Quantity for home, but not for institution.

Will need non-public today.

## **Public Comment**

1. Babson: Discuss non-public about person who wants to talk about his wife. Parts would be public and non-public/fine line. Is he going to talk about specifics, employees or policies? Hard to decipher.
2. Commissioner Sorensen: Believe he has a legal advisor.
3. Maureen: Is the person in the facility at this time?
4. Commissioner Albee: No, just feel bad that he does not realize how public this will be.

5. Maureen: Are you going to uphold the policy? Support nursing home. It is an open meeting and he is going to push an issue that he doesn't agree with.
6. Commissioner Albee: Sandi will investigate cost but do not think we are going to change our policy. Do not want him to leave here embarrassed.
7. Maureen: There is a very good reason for this policy to be in place. Why is he insisting on doing this? Sincerely hope you stand behind the policy and not bend.
8. Commissioner Albee: Our director says we cannot provide the service, we will stay with policy.
9. Maureen: He knows the guidelines.
10. Commissioner Sorensen: Are you knowledgeable about anyone who has been in nursing home on dialysis? Need to know specifics.
11. Babson: Asked question last week of person needs to go on dialysis after they are a resident? (they go to hospital and cannot come back).

Pellet man and competitors – is public competition?

12. Commissioner Sorensen: Told him we could not do non-public.
13. Babson: Told Will to buy something on last year's budget? It is January 5<sup>th</sup>. May be against the law.
14. Commissioner Sorensen: Can purchase, books are not closed yet. Will check into it though.
15. Babson: Why are we worried about people in jail getting a college education when our kids can't afford it?
16. Commissioner Solomon: To make them more able to join the work force to reduce recidivism. Online courses can be done anywhere.

Discussion of education in the HOC. Will have future discussions

*Commissioner Albee made motion to go into non-public pursuant to RSA91A; 3 for personnel. Motion seconded by Commissioner Solomon. Commissioners Albee, Solomon, and Sorensen in favor. So voted.*

*Into non-public at 9:40 am*