

Carroll County Commissioners Meeting Minutes
March 3, 2010

Commissioners Present: David Sorensen, Chip Albee, Dorothy Solomon

Public: David Babson, Maureen Spencer, Daymond Steer, Kathleen Maloney

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

Public Input

1. David Babson: Announces that on April 6th, there will be a meeting of the Governors Commission on Expanded Gambling. Not sure where it's going to be held. This will be open to the public.
2. Commissioner Solomon: Sent email to Randy letting him know, the commissioners are very interested in making sure Carroll County people have every opportunity in the bidding process of the nursing home. Randy replied several companies have put in bids for this project.
3. Babson: What is the status of the co-operative extension building? Decision was to be made in March.
4. Commissioner Sorensen: No decision has been made. Will make a motion regarding the secretarial hiring.

Regular Session

Commissioner Solomon moved to accept minutes of February 24, 2010 as amended. Commissioner Albee seconded the motion. Commissioners Albee, Solomon and Sorensen in favor. So voted.

1. Commissioner Albee: Spoke to Randy Remick yesterday. The bidding process is closed as of today @ 2:00 pm. Will prepare all bids, spreadsheets and bring over next Wednesday to go over bids to ensure compliance. Will make sure nothing is missing. All names and pricings will be reviewed. If there is a reason not to accept a bid, will have those things delineated as to why so this can be discussed.
2. Commissioner Solomon: Questions bids for different categories.
3. Commissioner Albee: Many bids for all categories and sub-bids. Need to allow more time next Wednesday for this discussion.
4. Commissioner Solomon: Yesterday attended transit meeting for the bus service in Carroll County. They will be going ahead in July. They have not gotten the buses yet. There will be a lot of public information on how this will serve the public. Color of buses will be two different color blues. There will be a lot of volunteer drivers. RSVP will be handling volunteer drivers directly. Discussion about going to various towns for monetary support of this project.
5. Commissioner Albee: Hospitality furnishing company. Discussed sub-bidding.

6. Commissioner Sorensen: Community Development Block Grant documents were signed for Donna Lane.

7. Commissioner Albee: Issue on Facebook. Need to copyright seal for Carroll County. Misuse of seal.

Jerry O'Neill, Rymes Heating

1. Jerry O'Neill: Questions for County regarding propane bid, what is needed.
2. Commissioner Sorensen: Bidding for tank. Eastern propane owns existing tank and would have to stay with them if tank is kept. Existing tank needs to be moved or new tank brought in.
3. O'Neill: Asks if new MVNH building will be part of the bid.
4. Commissioner Albee: Will involve all buildings; new nursing home, old nursing home, jail, maintenance building.
5. Commissioner Sorensen: Vaporizers are owned by County. Furnaces are separate.
6. Commissioner Albee: All heat loads calculated by our engineers.
7. O'Neill: Asks about employee incentives through Eastern.
8. Commissioner Albee: No CC employee special rates given by Eastern. Willing to look at other recommendations, eg; 3 smaller tanks. Can obtain plans from EGA for new building showing the gas lines, etc.
9. Commissioner Sorensen: talks about the distances involved.

1. Commissioner Sorensen: Looking at bids for third party review regarding fire and safety issues for the new nursing home.
2. Commissioner Albee: Reading from bids paperwork, reimbursable expenses, etc.
3. Babson: Question regarding fire and safety issues, are the bidders looking at the blueprints for code or the actual building?
4. Commissioner Albee: Fire dept and fire marshal wanted to make sure that we had a third party code review, all plans to be reviewed for code compliance.

Commissioner Albee made motion to recommend JRT.AIA from Hopkinton, New Hampshire to do the third party code inspection. Motion seconded by Commissioner Sorensen. Commissioners Solomon, Sorensen and Albee in favor. So Voted.

1. Commissioner Sorensen: Discussion regarding the cooperative extension secretarial becoming a county employee, but after looking at what they are paying and what we are paying, other counties were county employees, but are now going back to being university employees, secretaries. Recommend that Carroll County Co-op Extension Secretary remain as a UNH employees and not a Carroll County employee.
2. Commissioner Albee: Explains that it's not just the rate of pay, but the package that comes along with the rate of pay that significantly lowers the cost. Comparisons made show that it's significantly lower with staying with the university.

3. Babson: Questions the difference in salaries.
4. Commissioner Sorensen: \$11,000 difference between the benefits and the salaries for the whole package. Suggested holding off decision until next week.

Commissioner Solomon made motion to accept non-public session minutes from February 24, 2010. Commissioner Albee seconded the Motion. Commissioners Albee, Solomon, and Sorensen in favor. So Voted.

1. Commissioner Albee: Discussion regarding bid opening process. Randy brought up whether or not to involve the building committee in the decision making process. Suggested that if there were extra money possibly putting that money into ads and recommend that at that level to involve building committee.
2. Commissioner Sorensen: If bids come in low, suggest brick around the bottom that was in the initial design.
3. Commissioner Albee: All bids need to be reviewed in detail.
4. Commissioner Solomon: Discussed change order vs. design change regarding bidding.

1. Commissioner Solomon: Spoke with Scott McKinnon from Memorial Hospital regarding dialysis center for Carroll County. There will be a committee meeting in April. Mr. McKinnon has been speaking with David Tower of Huggins Hospital and Maine Medical regarding this service. Information is still being sought regarding the service and location.
2. David Babson: Comments on the low patient population needing dialysis services.

Jason Johnson, HOC

1. Current population is 55 in house, 1 weekender, 6 transfers, 2 electronic monitor, and 19 on pre-trial release for a total in population 83.
2. Total number of admitted inmates for the week was 34 (14 repeaters) and total number of released inmates for the week was 29. Repeater Charges: 2 in for warrants, 3 in for OAS, 1 in for simple assault, resisting arrest, obstructing the report of a crime, 1 in for criminal trespass and burglary, 1 in for control drug act, 1 in for criminal trespass, criminal threatening, control drug act, resisting arrest, conduct after an accident, disobeying an officer, criminal mischief, OAS, DWI, unlawful possession of alcohol, 1 in for warrant, control drug act, OAS, disobeying an officer, possession of drugs in motor vehicle, 1 in for failure to make restitution, 1 in for simple assault, criminal mischief, criminal trespass, 1 in for violation of protective order, 1 in for kidnapping, simple assault, endangering the welfare of a minor.
3. Farm has been taking out an average of 3 inmates per day. They have nine available.
4. Mr. Len Martin will be coming to meet with me tomorrow to discuss the culinary arts program. The meeting is scheduled for 10 a.m. I have invited Rob Horace to attend as well.

5. We contacted the Northeast Resource Recovery Association regarding the recycling operation. Due to conflicting schedules we will have to push that out until early April.
6. The next academy is scheduled for March 22nd to April 22nd. We will be sending 2 officers.
7. Meeting with Lexus-Nexus for today at 1 p.m. has been rescheduled for Friday at 1 p.m.
8. Last year, it appears that we spent an estimated \$30,000.00 just in man hours and basic administrative costs for processing and PR bailing inmates under 24 hours.
9. Working on updating all the policies to bring them to current ACA standards.

Carlene Ferrier, CCCPH

1. Ferrier: Introduces herself and shows a short video on public health. Talks about the benefits of CCCPH, possibly asking for partnership. Program is federal funded.
2. Commissioner Solomon: asks how long the federal funding will last.
3. Ferrier: Once federal funding runs out, the state will continue to support the program. Program focuses on prevention. Introduces Ellen Laase.
4. Ellen Laase: in charge of H1N1 vaccine program. Clinics held: 22 in Carroll County. 2,178 doses were given. Vaccines were free to public and used the NH guidelines of priority and then was open to general public. Clinics were held at local public facilities.
5. Commissioner Sorensen: questions what would have happened if their service was available.
6. Laase: Local providers were inundated and looking for help. Huggins Hospital and Memorial Hospital received the vaccines and then were distributed to CCCPH.
7. Kathy Maloney: participated in two of the clinics and was very pleased that they were available to the public.
8. Ferrier: In closing, asks for partnership; link on website to CCCPH, asks for large copying, consider providing desk/office area, asks to meet on quarterly basis. Agenda for future includes smoking cessation programs, obesity, food safety, drug and alcohol abuse.

Josephine Belville, Mark Neider, Nancy Davis, Hales Location

1. J. Belville from State of NH Dept. of Revenue: Reason for asking for meeting: property appraisal of the State reviews towns every 5 years. Review all of assessing practices. Hales location is up for review this year. Copy of package made available as well as table. Hales location last looked at in 2005. Look at data accuracy.
2. Mark Neider: Comments converted values in 2005 to existing Avatar system.
3. Belville: Towns need to look at values every 5 years as well as tables. Contracts to be updated.

4. Commissioner Sorensen: Question to Nancy-Did we get the abatement settled regarding one who was assessed too high.
5. Neider: Still needs to be assessed.
6. Commissioner Sorensen: Have there been any new buildings in the past year.
7. Neider: There have been new buildings, not sure how many. Will be looking at those after April 1st and values will be updated at that time. Utilities not reviewed.
8. Belville: One qualified sale. Would like to meet sometime during the assessment before end of 2010. Handouts provided.

David Tower, President of Huggins

1. Commissioner Sorensen: States that they met with Memorial Hospital last week regarding dialysis. Issue with existing patient that required dialysis and so we are now looking into possible dialysis center for Carroll County. Has Huggins Hospital looked into this? What else is going on at Huggins Hospital?
2. David Tower: We are aware of patients needing this service in our area. In general, according to the medical staff, the numbers do not allow to look at this feasibly; 300-400 patients per million with end stage renal problems. 677 patients in the state of NH. Discusses Medicare coverage. Discusses the population growing
3. Commissioner Solomon: Comments about the figure of 677 patients in the state of NH, some of these patients travel out of state for dialysis. Question about Medicare part A and part B paying for dialysis treatment.
4. David Tower: discusses Medicare inpatient vs. outpatient care coverage. Poll done at family practice and internal medicine office state that they have 2 patients at the most in need of this service. This service area is seeing enough demand for possibly oncology center.
5. Commissioner Sorensen: What's going on at Huggins Hospital, with all the construction?
6. David Towers: We are nearing completion of the hospital construction. Expect to have it open and operating hopefully sometime between mid May and mid June. About 4-6 weeks away from completion. Discussed bed count and how the hospital has been designated critical care access hospital. Hospital size increased about 40,000 sq feet.

Sandi McKenzie, MVNH

1. Census is at 101: 6 Medicare, 26 private, 69 Medicaid. There are several potential residents in the pipeline.
2. Congress passed HR 4691 late last night. Extends the cut off of certain programs/services for 30 days/March 31. Why do I bring this up? Without exception/medical necessity Medicare B benefits would cap PT/Speech @ \$1,860/year, OT \$1,860/year.
3. Roof: A few leaks over the past week. When it is dry enough-sealer.

4. Interior design team: should have some information for us next week.
5. Resident council meeting: quiet environment, resident rights, close quarters. Asking residents to use earphones if they are watching TV or listening to the radio after 10 p.m.
6. Resident meeting last week: Reviewed plans for the new building. Snack discussions met with approval by those in attendance.
7. Emergency preparedness/tabletop drill (last week): Good exercise. DOC and farm participated in our drill.

Public Input

1. Joe: Talks about Verizon contract. Have you looked at the contract?
2. Commissioner Albee: We looked at what was signed, have looked extensively through the minutes to see if it was voted on to be signed and this has not been found yet. Rate adjustments were signed. We were not presented with a contract to vote on.
3. Commissioner Sorensen: It was signed for reduced rates. No contract has been found.
4. Joe: Questions about putting this out for public bid.
5. Commissioner Albee: Discussed previously on how to make the phone service less costly and more efficient. Came back with rate reduction, not a contract.
6. Joe: Were there any other bidders for this contract?
7. Commissioner Albee: No.
8. Commissioner Solomon: Are there other services out there that would be any better?
9. Joe: There are other companies.
2ndly, was on the CC website looking for the budget, had to sign into Google account?
10. Robin Reade: System glitch. Will look into it.

1. Babson: Regarding budget being on website, they are printed for the public. Suggested budget be posted so that all line items can be seen for expense and revenue.
2. Commissioner Albee: This can be done, but would need to be changed often. If anyone wants a copy of the budget, they can come pick up a copy at any time at the office. It would be the commissioners budget that hasn't been passed by the delegation. States that he will vote on this only if it states on the website that the final budget approved by the delegates will be posted in the month of April.

Commissioner Sorensen makes a motion to have the budget posted on the website, stating that it's the commissioners budget as of December 1st, and showing on the website that for further details, a copy can be picked up at the County office. Commissioner Solomon seconds the motion. Commissioners Solomon, Sorensen and Albee in favor. So voted.

1. Babson: Question about the public health and the program about food safety.

2. Commissioner Sorensen: The public health moves the process along.
1. Maureen Spencer: Where is the clerk of the works discussion is going.
2. Commissioner Albee: Not in the budget, we are not going to hire one.

Commissioner Albee made motion to adjourn public meeting at 11:35. Motion seconded by Commissioner Solomon. Commissioners Solomon, Albee and Sorensen in favor. Meeting adjourned at 11:35 a.m.

Commissioner Albee made motion to into non-public session pursuant to RSA91A; employee issues and a contract issue. Motion seconded by Commissioner Solomon. Commissioners Solomon, Albee and Sorensen in favor. So voted.

Into non-public at 11:45 a.m.