

**Carroll County Commissioners Meeting Minutes
June 2, 2010**

Commissioners Present: David Sorensen, Dorothy Solomon, Chip Albee

Public: David Babson, Nate Giarnese, Maureen Spencer.

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

Public Input

1. Maureen: Question from May 19th minutes of someone being hired to be in the field at all times. Is this person a Clerk of the Works.

2. Com. Albee: This person was hired by BPS for a total 3 people supervising the project. Chris is the general oversight manager, another person is doing inspections constantly in the field and Jim is working with all of the subcontractors.

3. Babson: I don't see it noted in the last minutes, but I asked about the mileage on the white Sheriff's truck and how many miles does this vehicle actually pull the trailer? How are we progressing with the Co-op Extension moving into the nursing home?

4. Com. Sorensen: Mileage question can be asked of Captain Meyers. There has been no progress on the Co-op Extension location.

Minutes from May 19, 2010

Amendments for May 19th, 2010 with corrections of people in attendance - Kevin Houle and Kathleen Mahoney. Also with addition of question regarding the mileage of Sheriff's truck.

MOTION: Commissioner Solomon moves to approve the minutes of May 19, 2010, as amended. Commissioner Albee seconds this motion. So voted.

Closed Minutes from April 28, 2010

MOTION: Commissioner Solomon moves to approve the closed minutes of April 28th, 2010. Commissioner Sorensen seconds this motion. So voted.

Reports

1. Com. Solomon: Attended design meeting for the new nursing home which included flooring, wall treatment, wall paint, furniture and drapery. Each neighborhood will be a different color, but the resident rooms will be the same color in each of the neighborhoods. Furniture was discussed and likely chosen.

2. Com. Albee: I recommend holding a Building Committee meeting to discuss the interior design.

3. Sandy McKenzie: The plan is to have a Building Committee meeting with the design team.

4. Com. Sorensen: Sets a preliminary date of June 21st at 9:00 a.m. for Building and Design meeting. Emails will be sent out with this information.

5. Com. Solomon: I have been asking various owners of restaurants if they would be willing to give our graduates of the culinary class a job opportunity and so far, they have been very cooperative.

6. Com. Sorensen: All three Commissioners did attend the luncheon event

7. Com. Albee: I went to a Labor Arbitration that went well. The jail has a couple of issues that I think we need to start working on. Perhaps we could individually take a look at what is happening there and decide when we want to start the process of discussion. Two other things came up. One was the decision we need to make about the sidewalks; reducing the amount of concrete sidewalks and make them into paved. This will save on cost and maintenance and improve accessibility.

MOTION: Commissioner Albee moves to accept proposal for substituting black top for concrete on the sidewalks. Commissioner Sorensen seconds this motion. So voted.

8. Com. Albee: Jason Johnson and I have been having conversations with regard to bailing at the jail and as that progresses, I think we as a commission need to talk about our position with regard to what the jail is there for. Personally, I feel that when a person is brought to the jail by a police department, they should be ready to serve their time. What has happened in the past is that people are brought to the jail and then the processing starts there. The function of the jail is to be there when the court decides that that person is going to go to jail. The function of the jail needs to be clarified.

9. Com. Sorensen: The Clerk at Hales Location gave resignation effective December 31, 2010, however, she will vacate her position as soon as we find someone to replace her. We are advertising and accepting applications for this position.

Mike Fowler - HOC

1. Current population is 49 in house. Farm has been taking out an average of 6 people, 0 on work release, 2 on electronic monitor, 19 on pre-trial release program, 3 transfers, 29 admitted and out of those 29, 7 were repeat offenders, 27 of those released for a total population of 73 at this time.

2. Regarding function of the jail, we are the only county facility in the State that currently accepts every single person arrested off the street. Other County facilities run with either they are sentences or a bail has been set that you cannot make, then you get brought into the County facility. An incident that occurred on Saturday: the State Police pulled an

individual over, brought her to the facility to be PR bailed, the lady was homeless and living out of her car. They impounded her car and wanted us to bail her at nighttime, she had no place to go, nobody to pick her up. Usually, our stance is that we don't let anybody walk out the door at nighttime. We were actually informed by the County Attorney that if there is a bail commissioner available and the person wants to get bailed, then we need to bail them. We got stuck in a spot once again of a homeless person with no place to go and for us, we can't let them walk out the door and get hit by a car and then the County itself is facing a huge law suit.

3. Com. Solomon asks if there would be any benefit to have a homeless shelter in Carroll County.

4. Mike: That would be a huge benefit. Unfortunately right now, there is no place for these people to go. We are told by the County Attorney that we have to bail these people, but on the other hand when they are released, we have no authority over them. So we are stuck in the position of either letting them walk out the door and taking a chance of something happening or putting them in a secured County vehicle and trying to bring them to a location which bring up another point of something coming back to bite us.

5. Com. Albee: The point I was trying to make is that it shouldn't have been at our facility. If there is a homeless situation or a welfare situation and these people are going to go out on PR bail, that is the State Police's issue.

6. Mike: That was my question - If State police arrested this person and knew she was going to be PR bailed, why didn't they bring her to the State Police barracks and bailed from there? They already had a bail commissioner lined up to bail her, but instead, they dropped her off to us. We need to have a process that's set in place so that we can deal with anything we are going to face.

7. Com. Sorensen: I think we should notify the police departments and the selectman of a change in our policy.

8. Com. Albee: I will sit down with Captain Fowler and create a letter.

Sandi McKenzie - Nursing Home

1. Census is 102 (1 medical LOA), Medicare 3, Medicaid 67, Private 32.

2. State Survey Last Week: The staff that came to survey us were very professional. We are waiting for a written report. Life Safety: A good percentage of the life safety inspectors presence was in the ceiling having looked at penetration in smoke barriers. The rehabilitation door needs to be hooked up into the fire system and that will cost about \$350.00. The tonic closet had a padlock which is a concern because if a resident were to get into a closet and the closet was padlocked, there is no way for them to get out. Padlocks are not allowed in a facility. Health Survey: Medication closets were at 90 degrees which was not acceptable. Resident trust reporting to probate court - the State guidelines state that we have to do some reporting to probate 180 days. Federal law states that we have to report to probate every 30 days. They are surveying under the Federal law which is every 30 days. The last area had to

do with resident independence choice. There was a lot of discussion with regard to moving onto our healthier dining experience. Residents have a choice, but we are trying to promote healthier choices.

3. Air conditioning to cool the medication closets: We have 2 options. Two portable air conditioners with labor will cost \$1,573.70 (vented) or two air conditioning systems with compressor is \$5,575.00 (ventless).

4. Budgeted Chair: Rock-King chair \$1,574.00 (only rocking wheelchair that works on spasms). We have this chair on trial now and it has been budgeted for.

5. Freezer: last week, we had a compressor failure. Compressor replaced for \$3,000.00.

6. Preliminary Medicaid rate for second half of 2010. July - December per diem rate of \$144.07, which would be an increase of \$38,000.00. January - June was \$140.47.

7. Our bus did arrive last week. The residents were very excited and they went out for an ice cream to try it out. Staff have been educated on the working of the bus.

Jerry Gagne - Maintenance

1. Jerry: Follow up of the air system for dispatch - John from American Air came in. He explained to me what he was going to do and answered a few questions. He gave me a detailed estimate (these were given to the Commissioners). Strogens has the same unit, but their bid is much higher.

MOTION: Commissioner Albee moves to purchase air system for Dispatch subject to available funding. Commissioner Sorensen seconds this motion. So voted.

Jim Kimball and Randy Remick - BPS

1. Jim: Project is going well. Foundation is a little behind and we are talking about boosting the crew to get caught up on that. They are working around the loading dock/multi purpose room now. Plumbers are on site and the interior plumbing will be started. We had a bi-weekly coordination meeting yesterday and everyone is on board.

2. Randy: We still have several bids out. The next biggest one is the roofing package, subcontract labor on the floor, etc. If you go away from concrete to asphalt, that will be a significant savings. We have a BPS forklift on site to help with the contractors. We have added Joe Cherry as a Quality Control Foreman. He is here assisting Chris. Another set of eyes is more than warranted for this size project. No ledge has been hit. Drainage has been working fine. Steel frame is scheduled for mid July. Base pavement will be done October/November. We are still under budget. Bids for boilers have not been put out yet. Grant money discussed.

3. Com. Sorensen: A meeting will be held on June 21st at 9:00 a.m. with Building Committee and Design Team. Suggested that Project update be brought to Commissioners Meeting the first Wednesday of each month.

Public Input

1. Babson: Asks about concrete vs. asphalt, why is the hot top lower maintenance.

2. Com. Sorensen: Asphalt will take the salt and would not produce scaling.

3. Babson: Regarding discussion with Mike regarding the jail and the fact that some towns do not have a police department and ironically, the four towns that pay the least amount of money into the till are using the Sheriff's office as their own police force, while others like Ossipee, Effingham and the rest of them, the taxpayers are paying for their own police facilities.

4. Com. Sorensen: If there is a special event where they hire the Sheriff's Dept to come in and do that, it's not that they are patrolling these four towns, it's only for special events that they get paid to come in.

5. Com. Albee: On a day-to-day basis when they call the dispatch office for whatever criminal mischief, the response by the Sheriff's dept. or the State Police, they are not paying for that.

6. Babson: Why are individual air conditioning units in the trailer?

7. Com. Sorensen: They were taken out for the winter.

8. Babson: Regarding the air quality in the Dispatch Center, my question to you is if you have control over personnel in that dept., don't you also have control over the maintenance of that room?

9. Com. Albee: My position was that if we didn't have a dispatch dept., would we need this air quality device and the answer was no. It doesn't mean that we are not in control of the dispatch dept., it doesn't mean that we are not going to take the money out of the dispatch budget to put it in there, it's just allocation of funds.

Robin Reade - Human Resources

1. Jail contract for the union is given to Commissioners to sign. Copies of the nursing home contracts are given to the Commissioners.

MOTION: Commissioner Albee moves to go into non-public for the purpose of personnel issues. Commissioner Sorensen seconds this motion. So voted.

Meeting adjourned at 9:45 a.m.