

**Carroll County Commissioners Meeting Minutes**  
**June 16, 2010**

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

**Public:** David Babson, Nate Giarnese, Maureen Spencer, Daymond Steer

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

**Public Input**

1. Babson: Reports on monthly county extension advisory board meeting on 6/15/10. Tina Savage has resigned. Long discussion was had about what to do to replace her. We did vote to void the informal contract/agreement that we had with Strafford County to share a horticultural and agricultural educator. Discussion was had with regards to whether Carroll County should hire their own educator vs. educator from University.

**Reports**

1. Com. Sorensen: Will not be attending the national meeting of County Commissioners in Reno. Agenda does not justify the \$1500.

**Sandi McKenzie - MVNH**

1. Census is 102, 32 private, 3 Medicare, 67 Medicaid.

2. Air Conditioning: Prep work has begun. Small red building removed from the back of the building for the AC unit. Old smoke shack converted to storage for maintenance supplies. Exterior and Interior holes have been drilled to run piping.

3. Conference call on Thursday with CMS (Centers for Medicare and Medicaid) There has been a grant established in all facilities to do background checks. We pay \$25 for each background check per new employee/volunteer. Budget \$1,200 per year (State Police). New national background check program is part of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act. Multi-year Nationwide Program for National and State Background Checks on direct patient access employees of long term care facilities. (#160 million in grants).

4. Moving Plans - will be meeting with Mr. Don Litchko on Monday June 21<sup>st</sup> at 1:00 p.m. to come up with a moving plan.

5. Com. Sorensen: Discussion: We continue to get letters from somebody over at the nursing home that the Commissioners don't take any action regarding an episode that takes place over there. How can we convey to the employees there that the Commissioners are in fact involved?

6. Sandi: If there is an issue that deals with personnel, we deal with those issues. It's protected information. Leadership conveys regarding the issue and appropriate action is taken.

7. Com. Albee: Is the nurse call system settled?

8. Sandi: Yes. I am waiting to hear back from Marie regarding the paging system. Phone system is integrated with the overhead paging system.

### **Robin Gordon - Grant Information**

1. Robin: Software companies were met with over in Belknap County. It will now go out to bid. Met with some good IT people from other county attorney offices. Licenses will be covered by the grant money. The money will be coming from the Attorney General's Office. Maintenance fees for the system would come out of our budget. This will hopefully be settled by the fall.

### **Kathy Garry - Business Office**

1. Kathy: Will put out the John Deere 50 tractor for bid. Two came in - one was for \$500 and the other was for \$1,650.50. Would like to award to Thomas Jambard.

MOTION: Commissioner Albee moves to award the bid for John Deere tractor to Thomas Jambard for \$1650.50. Commissioner Sorensen seconds that motion. So voted.

2. Kathy: Monday is the Energy Meeting. Next Wednesday, we need to have voting items on the agenda - Time and Attendance system, scheduling system. The Energy Grant paperwork has to be signed and voted on. The vote for the bond for the amount needs to be done on Wednesday.

### **Reports**

1. Com. Albee: Attended subcontractor meeting yesterday for the nursing home. Propane tank has been moved. Propane tank will be fenced in. All the piping is done with the exception of that which needs to go under the nursing home area. Has not been hooked up yet. Nurse call and phone systems are still outstanding issues that need to be finalized. Brick samples will be brought in for the next Building Committee Meeting. The systems of checks and balances that we have in place is working wonderfully. For example, during the inspection of the post footings which are interior of the walls to hold the walls, it was discovered by our inspection company, S.W. Cole, that the bolts were 3/8 of an inch too close to the exterior edge of the cement footing. BPS got involved and the solution was to redesign the network of rerods that were internal of that footing to move the bolts the 3/8 of an inch. The question was whether or not the posts were going to be bolted down. BPS's position was that it's a compression situation where all the weight is going down, so there wasn't any lateral problems, but it's good to see that our eyes on the job are working.

There is going to be a change of scope on Andrews because there is ground water building up around the main water line which is over towards the east side of the project.

Where that water line is running, what they have discovered, the ground water at that level isn't draining out properly, so they have already dug a relief drainage area. That pipe was installed.

The old water line system had been removed when they put the new water line in. It was tested and contained asbestos, so we have to arrange for proper disposal. BPS will contact a couple of places and then get back to us.

Steel is due to arrive the first week of July.

2. Com. Solomon: David Sorensen and I attended volunteer luncheon for RSVP. There was a spokesman from the Transit Program had come and explained to the attendees what the program was all about, where the lines would run and what this would do for the community and I think that people were receptive to what they heard.

### **David Meyers - Sheriff's Department**

1. Meyers: A week ago Saturday at 1:00 a.m., there was a number of different power fluctuations because of failure at a substation. We lost the uplink on our microwave dishes and that was the failure. That is not backed up by battery. We immediately went to our backup radios and put out the tones, which are backed up by battery unit. Diesel generator is on a timer and that's where the problem is as there is a 10 minute cool down period. I will talk to Will and Wayne to see if we can change the settings so that it will stay on for a longer period of time. Training will be done for all employees.

2. Com. Albee: I am still getting calls about charging for the shooting range. We need to have a discussion about that.

3. Meyers: There is no policy to charge.

4. Com. Albee: We have made some policy decisions about people that are going out on PR bail and the use of the jail in that format.

5. Meyers: I was at the meeting yesterday at District Court North with Judge Albee and I was there when Jason presented to everyone there; it was very well received by the large attendance. He explained how that was going to work and we have no problem with it at all.

### **Jason Johnson - HOC**

1. Current population is 50 in house, 0 weekenders, 4 transfers, 2 electronic monitor, and 18 on pre-trial release for a total in population of 74.

2. Total number of admitted inmates for the week was 18 (9 repeaters) and total number of released inmates for the week was 16.

Repeat charges: 2 in for unlawful possession of alcohol, 2 in for simple assault, criminal trespass, criminal mischief, false imprisonment, 1 in for arrest warrant, 1 in for resisting arrest X2, simple assault X2, and violation of probation, 2 in for felonious sexual

assault, 1 in for DWI and control drug act, 1 in for breach of bail, 1 in for breach of bail X3, unlawful possession of alcohol, conspiracy to commit robbery.

3. Farm has been taking out an average of 3 inmates per day. They have 10 available.

4. Received a letter last Friday at the Superintendents meeting regarding the State Hospital reducing beds due to budget costs. Under RSA 135:C:62 we may have to hold on to someone for protective custody until they can be IEAed into the State Hospital.

5. At the superintendent meeting, we discussed the 1-5 day sanction imposed by a PPO on SB500. It was decided that we would write to Commissioner Wrenn regarding how he interprets the bill. Does the 1 day sanction mean a 24 hour period or does it fall under the statute saying any part of a day is considered a day. We will wait to hear his response.

6. Needed to send an inmate to the hospital last evening due to an emergency. They need to return to the hospital today for a follow up.

7. There is one non-public item.

### **Public Input**

1. Babson: Question about the \$6,000 maintenance fee for the County Attorney software. Would like to know what that is based upon. How much are the licensing fees?

2. Com. Albee: We don't know that information yet. License fees will be paid through the grant through AG.

3. Babson: Asks what the time and attendance system is.

4. Com. Albee: It's the time clocks for the whole campus. We have 2 or 3 bids for that.

5. Babson: Why is an architect coming to look at the jail?

6. Com. Albee: There is a structural problem with one outside wall.

7. Babson: When is the bus situation starting up?

8. Com. Solomon: They are having difficulty getting the buses built as there are so many orders around the country. There is a start date for September.

9. Maureen: Asks about the meeting last week with Memorial Hospital regarding dialysis.

10. Com. Solomon: Scott McKinnon was in with two women from a dialysis center and it looks like they are going to be able to put something here in Carroll County. It most likely will be in the Conway area. They also need to find a nephrologist. Properties are being looked at. They are looking into accommodating 6 units.

11. Nate: Any progress on exploring the possibility of a homeless shelter?

12. Com. Solomon: I am still exploring the process. There is one woman I have to contact.

**Robin Reade - Human Resources**

1. Copy of jail contracts are handed out 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 9:40 a.m.