

Carroll County Commissioners Meeting Minutes
June 23, 2010

Commissioners Present: David Sorensen, Chip Albee, Dorothy Solomon

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

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

Public Input

1. Maureen: I would like to thank the Commissioners for allowing me to ask questions of the people that came regarding the Energy Grants. It was helpful.

2. Daymond: Dorothy was going to talk to a lady about a homeless shelter and I was wondering if she has reached her.

3. Com. Solomon: I am still trying to reach her. I have called her and she is either not home or she is calling back and not able to speak with me. I am on another track right now. My nephew is CEO of Partnerships for the Homeless in NY City. He has given me some things to look into. I am working on contacts.

4. Daymond: Is the bail policy still being worked on?

5. Com. Sorensen: We are still working on it.

6. Maureen: As a follow up; Are you going to have the energy people back and let the towns know that they are here?

7. Com. Albee: They are going to try to go to all the towns. When they come back, we should ask them if they have been in contact with the towns.

8. David: Have the bids gone out for the pellet burner?

9. Com. Albee: Bids will be going out. We have a budget from the engineers and design team. This was developed for the pellet boiler, infrastructure, piping, and design work. The RFP on the boiler is going out this week. The piping is separate. The overall budget is \$592,725.00. With more investigation of the grant money, Chuck Henderson and Senator Shaheen's office have gotten involved and the 2 people that were here from the State are going to weigh in on this as well to see if some of the piping money can be moved over to the purchase of the boiler.

Minutes

Corrections on Minutes of June 16th, 2010 - Page 3, item #2 should read David Sorensen and I attended the luncheon. Page 3, item #5, the word not should be no.

MOTION: Commissioner Solomon moves to accept the Minutes of 6/16/10 as corrected. Commissioner Albee seconds this motion. So voted.

MOTION: Commissioner Solomon moves to accept the closed Minutes of 6/2/10 as corrected. Commissioner Albee seconds this motion. So voted.

Reports

1. Com. Sorensen announces that we have received a check from the Fryeburg Rotary for \$1,000 for the new bus. So far, we have collected \$3,500. We have not heard back from Wolfeboro Rotary.

2. Com. Albee: Regarding the jail, we have an attorney coming in today for non-public to discuss strategy as we have an issue with the eastern end wall that's coming apart from the building. Engineers will look at it. Our insurance company has advised us that we need to close the parking lot which we have done. After meeting with our attorney and further discussions with our insurance company, we will have a better time line for repair.

3. Com. Solomon: Attended meeting for Carroll County Collaborative last Thursday night. Commissioner Albee and I both ended up on the same subcommittee dealing with broad band service and renewable energy to Carroll County. It was good to see that something is coming together. There was a large attendance.

4. Com. Sorensen: I met with Will this morning and they harvested 1100 bails of hay so far. The wagons are working well. They have reduced their overtime because the wagon takes the hay right off the bailer and they can get 3 wagons going. Baybutt is taking all of our rebar that was leftover from the jail.

5. Com. Solomon: Met with Don Litchko who is helping to arrange a plan for the move. A question came up as to whether the wagons could be used to help with moving of furniture.

Jason Johnson, HOC

1. Current population is 51 in house, 0 weekenders, 4 transfers, 2 electronic monitor, and 18 on pre-trial release for a total in population 75.

2. Total number of admitted inmates for the week was 28 (11 repeaters) and total number of released inmates for the week was 27. Repeater Charges include 2 in for Aggravated DWI, 2 in for Protective Custody, 1 in for Criminal Mischief, 1 in for Simple Assault Domestic, 1 in for Reckless Conduct, 1 in for Criminal Threatening, 1 in for Electronic Bench Warrant, 1 in for Violation of Probation and 1 in for Operating After Suspension.

3. Farm has been taking out an average of 4 inmates per day. They have 10 available. Over the last few days, they have taken more out because they have been haying.

4. Some statistics were run between January of 2009 to June of 2009 for comparison to this year. Bookings are down from 452 to 425. Pre-trial Felony days are up from 125 to 229. Average length of stay grid was done as well.

5. Went to IEA class at Primex last Friday. According to Lynn Mitchell, the attorney from the NH State Hospital, individuals can not be brought to the jail pending an IEA, unless there are criminal charges as well. The class was informative.

Kathy Garry, Business Office

1. We received in the mail a Census Bureau Construction Project Report that is to be done monthly. I will contact Jim at BPS because it does reference laborers, costs, etc. They need to know how many people are working. This is something new.

2. Regarding to the Time and Attendance. Robin tried to get a quote from E-Time at ABP, but never got a response from them. The second company was Q-Quest. The issue with them is that everything is done over the phone regarding installation, instruction, etc. The third company is Kronos and we have the proposal from them and includes the time and attendance, scheduling and training, administrator and user training. We will be getting 6 time clocks county wide. Cost is \$106,000.

MOTION: Commissioner Albee moves to award the bid for Time and Attendance System to Kronos for \$106,000. Commissioner Solomon seconds this motion. So voted.

3. The next item that needs to be voted on is the NH Energy Efficiency and Conservation Black Grant agreement. This is the sub grant for the State for \$200,000. It's for the pellet boilers.

MOTION: Commissioner Sorensen moves to accept the NH Energy grant from the State for the pellet boiler for \$200,000. Commissioner Solomon seconds this motion. So voted.

4. The next item to vote on is the bonding for the building project for \$23,500,000.

MOTION: Commissioner Albee moves to go out for bonding for \$23,500,000. Commissioner Sorensen seconds this motion. So voted.

5. For the processing of the bonding, there is an engagement letter for our bonding consult, David Barns. Commissioner Sorensen signs this letter.

6. When they are putting the bids out, we need to know how the loan is structured, whether it's level principal or level payment. If it's level principal, over the life of the loan, there is a savings of \$4,000,000. If it's level payment, the payments start out smaller than level principal, but you end up paying more money over the life of the loan. The initial difference in the first year payment by doing level principal is approximately \$200,000 just for the first year and then it decreases.

7. Com. Albee: We need to have a Finance Committee Meeting to discuss that. As a note, the Delegation will have the ability, if we have savings on this project, to prepay this bond amount which would reduce the principal amount owed on beginning payments.

Robin Reade - Human Resources

1. There was an issue with the website - the domain name needed to be renewed. Will use Robin Reade and Kathy Garry as contacts. Will try to get the domain name under Carroll County's name to own the license.

2. Stephanie's computer needs upgraded software. The estimate is \$200 to install. It is in my budget.

3. Employee recognition will be held Wednesday, July 21st from 4 to 7 p.m. I will send out notification to department heads.

Public Input

1. David: On last week's minutes, I asked the question about the bus transit. There was no answer reported. Regarding the wall at the jail, which end is it.

2. Com. Solomon: Bus transit will begin in September.

3. Com. Albee: It's the eastern end at the parking lot.

4. David: Wouldn't it be beneficial to look into why the Clerk of the Works for the jail was fired? He was fired in August, nobody knows why. This place seems to be so poorly constructed. It's never been disclosed to the public why he was fired. This was supposed to be the best company in the country to build jails and the list goes on and on of the failures of this place.

5. Com. Sorensen: The Commissioners at that time felt that he was not doing his job efficiently. It was a Commissioners' vote of 2 to 1.

6. David: Suggest getting cost of the rebar before selling it to Baybutt. Regarding the loan format, why is it the decision of the Delegation of how you are going to make the payments?

7. Com. Albee: It's our responsibility statutorily to management the money and affairs of the County. That's why we set up a Finance Committee with members of the Delegation on it, so we can have an open discussion. If it becomes a question of not wanting or not being able to make a decision in which direction to go, then I think we do have to bring more members of the Delegation on board to make sure everyone is comfortable with it.

8. Daymond: Regarding the jail wall, what kind of damage is happening?

9. Com. Albee: It's not that dramatic. It has moved about 1 inch in one area. We are looking at insurance coverage. The attorney will be looking at the designer and contractor and determine where the mistake was made or why it is failing.

MOTION: Commissioner Solomon moves to go into non-public session for personnel issues. Seconded by Commissioner Albee. So voted.

Meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.