

Carroll County Commissioners Meeting Minutes
June 30, 2010

Commissioners Present: David Sorensen, Chip Albee, Dorothy Solomon

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

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

Public Input

1. Maureen: Asks if the Commissioners are going to report on the Finance Committee Meeting and asks if June 9th Minutes are going to be approved.
2. David: Asks about the today's agenda regarding Mr. O'Brien from the Ossipee Conservation Dept. - there is no Ossipee Conservation Dept. It was explained that he is from Forestry. Regarding last week's minutes, Nate was present, but was not recorded as being present. Also questioned minutes from the week before when asked the question about transportation and the question wasn't answered in the minutes.
3. Secretary: The answer was recorded and transcribed. The answer to the question is September. This was deleted from the minutes in error.
4. Com. Sorensen: We will look into this to see what happened.

Reports

1. Com. Albee: Reports on Finance Committee Meeting held on June 28th. Two options were discussed; level payment or level principal. Level payment would be the same payment every month for 20 years. Level principal is level principal payment over the same period of time. The net savings by going level principal vs. level payment over the course of the loan is approximately \$1.3 million. We ran a tax comparison to see how the tax rate would be effected because level principal payments start higher and then go down. The level principal payment plan will result in approximately .15 per thousand maximum tax increase. Level payment would be 13.2. There wasn't enough of a difference there and the \$1.3 million was a significant amount for use to make the decision to go with level principal. We have gone for a bond of \$23,500,000 to allow the Delegation the opportunity to take whatever savings are realized in the project and to allocate that money to paying down the bond and reducing the principal or investing in

other capital projects for the County. The rate of interest on the bond is estimated to be approximately 3.83%.

MOTION: Commissioner Albee moves to accept the recommendation of the committee to do a level principal payment plan for \$23,500,000. Commissioner Solomon seconds this motion. So voted.

2. Com. Albee: A couple of meetings were held yesterday with Sandi McKenzie and Chris from BPS and a second meeting with subcontractors. Everything seems to be on pace. We made the election to pour the slabs and put the floor down this summer. The foundation work is going to be completed by the end of July. There was a significant amount of discussion about the amount of testing that is going on. The subcontractors feel that the testing is excessive.

3. Com. Sorensen: We have three bids for concrete. Turcotte Concrete Floors out of Berwick, ME was \$70,497. Second is Salem North Concrete Construction Inc. out of Pelham, ME was \$82,900. Third was Interstate Concrete Construction out of Loudon, NH was \$97,000. Recommendation is to go with Turcotte Concrete Floors out of Berwick, ME.

MOTION: Commissioner Albee moves to award concrete bid to Turcotte Concrete Floors for \$70,497.000. Commissioner Sorensen seconds this motion. So voted.

4. Com. Solomon: Reports on Building Committee Meeting held on June 28. Samples of furniture, flooring and color schemes were shown and discussed. Demos were looked at. We liked what we saw. There were questions about the exterior coloring. Each neighborhood will have a different color scheme.

5. Com. Albee: Regarding the retaining wall, there are two different colors. One was gray and one was rose color. I talked to Baybutt about the rerod. The market value is .25 a lb and he offered .10 a lb. We agreed on .20 a lb. They will inventory by length and do the calculating by that.

6. Com. Sorensen: Regarding Hales Location, we have an abatement request from Richard McClure. There is a market value of \$600,000 and he wanted it adjusted to \$400,000. The company that does the appraising says that it's fair equity and that we shouldn't change it.

MOTION: Commissioner Albee moves to deny the abatement for Richard McClure at

Hales Location. Commissioner Sorensen seconds this motion. So voted.

7. Com. Sorensen: We also have a request from Avatar to update the computer systems from Hales Location. The computer would need to be removed from the location to be updated. Will hold on this for now.

Minutes

MOTION: Commissioner Solomon moves to accept the Minutes of 6/9/10. Commissioner Albee seconds this motion. So voted.

MOTION: Commissioner Solomon moves to accept the Minutes of 6/23/10 as corrected. Commissioner Albee seconds this motion. So voted.

MOTION: Commissioner Solomon moves to accept the closed Minutes of 6/9/10. Commissioner Albee seconds this motion. So voted.

Jason Johnson, HOC

1. Current population is 49 in house, 0 weekenders, 4 transfers, 3 electronic monitor, and 16 on pre-trial release for a total in population 72.

2. Total number of admitted inmates for the week was 26 (115 repeaters) and total number of released inmates for the week was 29. Repeater Charges include 4 in for warrants, 1 in for Reckless Conduct, Criminal Mischief, Criminal Threatening, 1 in for Violation of a Protective Order, 1 in for Protective Custody, 2 in for Unlawful Possession of Alcohol, 2 in for Violation of Probation/Parole, 1 in for warrant and bail jumping, 1 in for DWI, 1 in for B burglary and Accomplice to Burglary, 1 in for Violation of a Protective Order, Resisting Arrest and Protective Custody.

3. Farm has been taking out an average of 4 inmates per day. They have 8 available.

4. Received an e-mail from Mrs. Cotton regarding her son being transferred out of the county. She was concerned about the cost to board him outside of the county and the mental health services provided by the other county facility. I informed her there is no cost to send an inmate out and I could not speak to the services provided by that receiving county.

5. Capt. Fowler and I, along with one other staff member, have been selected to take part in the Certified Public Supervisor/Manager program put on by the New Hampshire

Bureau of Education and Training. The training program is one year for Certified Public Supervisor and two years for the Certified Public Manager.

6. Dave Senecal and Chief Riley were in last Wednesday to look at the facility. Shawn Bergeron was in last Thursday for an inspection. Both inspections resulted in not having to close the administrative portion of the facility at this point. The wall is out at the top approximately 1 and 3/16 inches and bowed out in the middle approximately 1 and 1/2 inches.

7. Holding hiring boards on Friday to fill two open positions.

8. Com. Albee: Regarding the inmate with the heart condition, what is going on with that.

9. Jason: He is scheduled for surgery in July. Medical is working on that regarding cost.

Note: Nate Giarnase arrived at 8:48.

Sandi McKenzie, MVNH

1. Census is 102, 4 Medicare, 30 Private, 68 Medicaid. One expected admission the end of the week. Several are on a waiting list.

2. Planning for the move - Meeting with Mr. Litchko a week ago or so. He has a wealth of information and vast experience in relocating businesses. We will have the first of many brainstorming sessions today at 1:30. We are beginning to think about cataloguing resident belongings with photographs and tagging. After Labor Day, there will be a section of the newsletter each month discussing the move. A mechanism to reach out to the resident families. Budgetary considerations are being discussed.

3. Smoking Ballast - Monday morning around 4:00 a.m., there was a strong smell of something burning. It was isolated to one resident room. Residents were moved and fire dept. was notified. Residents on either side of the room were moved. It was a melting/burning ballast. Light and ballast removed. Electrician came in to inspect the integrity of the wire and it was fine. Lighting was installed. Residents returned to their rooms.

4. Culture/Image - Brainstorming session today. In today's environment, do we want to be identified as a "nursing home"? What images come to mind? This past year

there were 59 admissions and 16 discharges to home. This summer, I will be speaking with DHHS about the licensure application. We will require a new license and a new address. If we decide to change the name of the nursing home, this would be the time to do it.

5. CON Board (Health Services Planning and Review Board) Survey - Nursing home bed moratorium is now set to expire on June 30, 2012. Subcommittee of the board is working to develop a new bed need standard that realistically reflect the need for our long term care population in the State.

6. Air conditioners have been installed and are cooling off the medication rooms nicely.

7. Book Sale: July 9th from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and July 10th from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Kathy Garry, Business Office

1. Kathy was informed by Com. Sorensen that they voted on the bond for 3.83%.

2. I was asked to call Jim about the cement and the bid was for labor only. We have not gotten the price for the cement yet.

3. Last week, we met with Steve Wiseman, the energy person, and he followed up with a call to me at the end of the week. They are going to come and evaluate our buildings tomorrow at 9:00. We will let Will know. He will check out the water system and go around the rest of the complex.

4. Regarding Dick O'Brien sent me an e-mail with some information for you. He is on the agenda for 10:15 today.

Discussion was had regarding the bid awarded to Turcotte and that it was for labor only, not including the concrete. This was bid out separately. Com. Albee states he will look further into this and report next week.

Ann Aiton, Registry of Deed

1. Information packet was handed out to the Commissioners. Informed Commissioners of the importance of protection from property fraud. There is an internet-based system called PFA (Property Fraud Alert) that automatically alerts constituents via email or phone each time there is a recording activity against a property owned by them. Most Registries are taking part in this. This can be provided by our hardware provider and I

think it is well worth while.

Public Input

1. Maureen: Has the website problem been fixed.
2. Robin Reade: It is fixed.
3. Maureen: Can you explain the Avatar issue?
4. Com. Sorensen: Avatar is involved in the recording of all information that is there. They want us to take our computer to them for updating the system. They want it to be accessed via online with password. Com. Albee is going to make a few calls regarding this.
5. Nate: I missed the first part, has the bond gone out for the new nursing home?
6. Com. Albee: We had a meeting to determine the structure of payment. We voted today on that. We are going out for the bond in July.
7. Nate: What is the status of the jail?
8. Com. Albee: Jason reported that it has been inspected and the administration building does not need to be closed. Jason has more details.
9. David: Questions that if we go out for a bond for \$23.5 million, and we only use \$22 million, the Delegation can decide to spend the money elsewhere?
10. Com. Albee: They have two choices. They can either repay the principal balance on the bond itself or they can spend the money on other capital projects. It is for the Delegation to decide.
11. Daymond: Regarding the colors of the new nursing home, the colors you described doesn't sound particularly attractive.
12. Com. Solomon: No decisions have been made yet.
13. David: Asks about the prisoner that needs a heart operation and how much this is going to cost.

14. Com. Albee: His trial hasn't come up yet and this surgery needs to be done. He is in jail for a second degree murder charge. The cost has not been determined yet. We do pay the Medicare rate.

MOTION: Commissioner Albee moves to go into non-public session for the purpose of interviewing for Hales Location. Seconded by Commissioner Solomon. So voted.

Meeting went into non-public at 9:45 a.m.

Meeting back into public session at 10:45 a.m.

Ray O'Brien, Biomass Possibilities and Resources for Carroll County Projects

1. Ray: A letter is passed out to the Commissioners. I got a call from Richard DeMark who stated that he got a call from the Forestry Service saying that they had some money available for engineering on biomass related projects. Maybe the North Country RC&D can be a good resource when it comes to biomass energy plans. This is for those who are ready for engineering. There might be future projects that would require engineering that could be funded through this. The Forest Service's incentive is to advocate for sustainable forest management.

2. Com. Albee: We have been getting into discussions as of late about getting back into farming which would require a greenhouse at some point and time. I think the current pellet plan has a structure that is already being used.

MOTION: Commissioner Sorensen moves to adjourn meeting. Commissioner Albee seconds that motion. So voted.

Meeting adjourned at 11:13 a.m.