

## **Carroll County Commissioners Meeting**

### **Minutes**

**August 25, 2010**

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

**Public:** Rep. Susan Wiley, David Babson, Asha Kenney, Maureen Spencer, Nate Giarnase, Joe Kowalski, Daymond Steer, Kathy Maloney, Brad Harriman, Domenic Richardi.

Meeting called to order at 8:17 am by Commissioner Sorensen

### **Public Input**

1. Harriman: Research was done regarding the plans for County Farm Road. (Copies of the plans were handed out to the Commissioners and others). Highlighted sections, drains, etc. were discussed. Drains are not working because of the design of the road. As the current nursing home project is underway, it will be a good time to have this road project completed.

2. Com. Sorensen: As far as finishing the road, we don't have the money in our budget to hard top that road. Do you know how much it would cost to do that?

3. Harriman: 555 feet would be in the \$40,000 to \$50,000 range.

4. Com. Sorensen: We can bring it up at the Delegation meeting on the 20<sup>th</sup> of September and see what they have to say. I think, in the meantime, if we can have the farm crew cut out or divert some of that soil so that it will run into our drainage system, it will take care of some of the problem.

5. Will: If we do pave that, now that we have the blueberries in the other field, we are accessing that more than we used to, can we look at putting in a culvert to make that entrance easier to access into that side of the field also?

6. Com. Albee: Now that you have the drainage plan, maybe you could advise the farm crew about how to direct the water to the drains that we have. The paving I think is secondary to the movement of the water into that retention pond. I think we can do a lot of that ourselves and then we can bring the pavement project before the Delegation.

7. Harriman: According to the plans, the road should be higher than what it is now, which is also important to make the drainage work too.

8. Babson: Have you had any discussion about moving the Cooperative Extension into the old nursing home?

9. Com. Sorensen: No.

## **Reports**

1. Com. Albee: Field Report from EGA - The west wing is all insulated and ready for pour. The foundation is completely in and backfilled. Decking on the east wing is ongoing. The 2<sup>nd</sup> floor decking is going to have concrete poured tomorrow or Friday. The loading dock area is all backfilled. The entry walkway piers are all in. The west wing is going to be poured Monday or Tuesday of next week. The steel will commence the end of next week on the west side of the building. We are having a discussion about the retaining wall on the eastern end of the building. Depending on the subcontractors, we may wait to put that retaining wall in until next spring, just for access purposes. I went to an exit interview with the consultant that was brought in on the jail operations which the superintendent will talk about.

2. Com. Sorensen: We received some correspondence. One from the Ossipee Corner Fire Department. They are going to be flushing the hydrants on September 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. They will not be doing the ones at the nursing home because of the construction. We also received correspondence from Tri-County Cap Transit seeking permission to utilize the parking area at the County Administration Building for public transit route, scheduled to begin operations this fall upon arrival of vehicles. We need to discuss this more thoroughly regarding bathroom facilities, cover from rain, etc.

3. Com. Albee: If we are going to be using the campus, I think we should look into utilizing the old nursing home lobby area. I think we need to have the transit people come here.

## **Will Dewitte - Farm**

1. Will: The gardens are doing well. We have been picking and giving a lot to the nursing home and taking vegetables to the food pantry. We have been cleaning barns. We have been sending scrap metal to the junk yard and getting paid for that. I plan on starting some second cut hay in the next 1-2 weeks. The volume isn't as high as I would like it to be. The wood lot is having the driveway put in. I have someone trucking in some 1 ½ inch stone for the top because the State wants the mud to come off the tires before the trucks come out. We will do the log cut and then look at the paving after that; we have a permit stating that we can do the logging first. Once we get the paving done, we should cable it off. Regarding the campfire wood, I was asked to have a 5,000 bag commitment at the beginning of the season and we have provided a little over that. Larger numbers will be discussed for next year. I have been doing some research; visited Grafton County Farm and saw some of their operations and I have some ideas that I want to present to the Commission at a later date once I get things put together. I will have all my information together for the Delegation.

## **Sandi McKenzie, MVNH**

1. Census is 103. One resident is on medical leave of absence. 3 Medicare residents, 27 private pay residents, 73 Medicaid residents, 1 resident out on medical leave of absence. We have 10 on a waiting list.

2. New Construction - Preview of resident room available. We have placed a picture in our newsletter and have shared with the residents and staff.

3. Survey - follow up - Friday, August 20<sup>th</sup>, we are in compliance.

4. We had a meeting a few weeks ago regarding 501C3. We are working on naming opportunities to present for the September meeting, possibly "Friends of Mountain View".

5. LNA course - slated for September. Overwhelming response with 8 spots and 25 applicants. We are now interviewing the applicants and choosing the 8.

6. NH DHHS Alert - Prevention measures for Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE) and West Nile Virus (WNV). Avoiding mosquito bites by the use of protective clothing and insect repellents. Those at highest risk are children and those over the age of 55. The risk is highest from late July through September.

## **Incentive Funds**

1. Com. Sorensen: We need to set a date for the Incentive Funds Meeting. All agreed to be do this on 9/30/10 @ 9:00 a.m.

2. Rep. Wiley: I have been trying to get a hold of John Harrington. Have tried 8 times. I will call him again this morning.

## **Carroll County Coalition for Public Health**

1. Com. Sorensen: I have a copy of their budget. They have received \$216,948 through grants, Public Health Capacity Assessment, National Association of County and City Health Officials, MRC Grant, Multi-State Learning Collaborative. The original grant was \$70,000. They then got phase 1, 2 and 3 for a total of \$216,948 to run the Public Health Coalition. They have eliminated the office that they were once in. They are now sharing an office with Huggins Hospital and Memorial Hospital. I am also on their committee to look at reviewing they bylaws. It was very hastily put together when they were first established. We will take a look at that and see if we can improve upon it.

## **Sheriff's Budget**

1. Com. Sorensen: We asked the Sheriff to come in and talk about his budget. Since he is not here, we can talk about where he is over. Secretaries is at 93%. Special Deputies is at 124% over. Education and Conferences is at 213% of the budget. Firearm training and equipment is at 128% of the budget spent. New equipment - \$2,000 was budgeted and he spent \$13,000, at 781% of the budget spent. We just want him to explain where he is going with the budget.

2. Com. Albee: There are probably some corrections that need to happen. In looking at Special Details, it's at 14% of the budget, personal days is at 5%.

3. Com. Sorensen: I think what happens is that he gives the information to our bookkeeper and he is telling her where it is to be taken from.

4. Com. Albee: His whole budget is at 55% year-to-date, so that's where he should be. His revenue is short as well, but that's determined to a large extent by the number of writs and service of process which are running at 34%. The Forestry is down as well. The jail also has some issues with some line items on their budget which we will have to go over. It could be that things are just misapplied.

### **Jason Johnson - House of Corrections**

1. Com. Albee: Asks for explanation between House of Corrections and Jail which are on the weekly reports.

2. Johnson: House of Corrections are sentenced inmates. Inmates classified under Jail are pre-trial.

3. Current population is 51 in house, 2 weekenders, 6 transfers, 2 electronic monitor, and 12 on pre-trial release for a total population of 73.

4. Total number of admitted inmates for the week was 16 (6 repeaters) and total number of released inmates for the week was 16. Repeater Charges: 1 in for warrant, 3 in for violation of probation, 1 in for burglary, 1 in for aggravated felonious sexual assault, felonious sexual assault and sexual assault.

5. Farm has been taking out an average of 4 inmates per day. They have 11 available.

6. The operations assessment went very well. John Alese will be filing a report with the Board of Commissioners with his findings within the next week or two. He will make some recommendations for some changes; interior security and some food related items. Will have a meeting on that as far as food costs. The cost for the past year or two has been \$3.15 per meal. Portion control and caloric intake will be looked at.

7. Com. Sorensen: Is there any way of tracking who the repeaters are and how often they repeat.

8. Johnson: It will be difficult to do. I am working with Melissa Smith from the County Attorney's office to bring in a Victim Impact Program. She is looking at a program that is in Tennessee right now. The cost of the program is about \$1,500. She is looking into this more.

9. Com. Albee: I don't have a corrected budget, but the one that I received last week, your salaries are running at 75% and a nursing salary that is running low.

10. Johnson: I spoke to Kathy about that and she has to make some journal entries and move people to the areas where they need to be, so this should be corrected.

11. Com. Albee: On Other Fees and Services, you are at 71%. What is that?

12. Johnson: That is all the service contracts, but out of that as well is that we had to pay the union attorney for negotiations, the building wall issue.

### **Public Input**

1. Daymond: How many times have you scheduled a meeting with the Sheriff and had him not show up?

2. Com. Sorensen: This is the second time. Apparently, he had to be in court the first time.

3. Rep. Wiley: Regarding your request to have the repeat offenders be tracked, I think that is something that ought to be followed through on.

4. Maureen: Do you have a projected date of when you are going to unseal some minutes from non-public sessions.

5. Com. Albee: You can ask Robin. I know that she is putting them together. They are reviewed by council from Primex. I am not sure if that has been done yet.

6. Daymond: Where are we with the bidding process on the nursing home?

7. Com. Albee: We are almost done. There are a few more to go. We still have the interior finish, furniture and fixtures. All indications are that it is going to come in under as the other ones have.

8. Babson: Earlier today, I asked if you have had the discussion about moving the

Cooperative Extension into the old nursing home and the answer was no. Is it ok to changing that answer to yes because you have discussed having the bus stop there?

9. Com. Sorensen: It was just mentioned today. It has not been discussed.

10. Com. Albee: We need a lot more discussion with transit authority.

11. Babson: We spend a lot of time studying what programs for recidivism have been successful. Has anybody considered contacting somebody that was here five years ago and asking why they haven't come back?

12. Com. Sorensen: That is what Jason mentioned earlier; finding out what is going on in other areas.

13. Com. Albee: The other part of the equation that would be important, but isn't going to happen probably in this fiscal climate, is that when someone is arrested and put in our jail, there are any number of different agencies and parts of government that are aware of that, but they never coordinate. It would be a simple matter given the computing ability in this country to be able to track somewhat as soon as they are arrested through the court system, into the jail system and then if they come back again, have that person flagged as a recidivist, and have that comparison of what did they do last time to put them in jail, what did they do this time, and is there a pattern; is there some program that we can put together for that person or that group of people. None of that has happened. We are trying to get dialogue with the Superior Court about our pre-release program, but the walls that are up between that level of government and this level of government are pretty substantial and they are difficult to overcome.

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:47 a.m.

April Carpenter  
Recording Secretary