

Carroll County Commissioners Meeting

Minutes

September 8, 2010

Commissioners Present: David Sorensen, Chip Albee, Dorothy Solomon

Public: Maureen Spencer, Henry Spencer, Daymond Steer, Domenic Richardi, Asha Kenney.

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

Public Input

1. Maureen: Questions why there are so many non-public employee issues going on. It seems like things were going well for a while and now there are a lot of issues.

2. Com. Albee: We have made some policy changes and change is difficult. More policy changes are going to be made.

Minutes

MOTION: Commissioner Albee moves to approve the minutes of 8/18/10. Commissioner Sorensen seconds this motion. So voted.

Corrections for minutes of 8/25/10 - Page 3, the Incentive Funds meeting will be on 9/30/10 not 9/21/10. Page 4, item 4, 2nd line should read - 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%.

MOTION: Commissioner Albee moves to approve the minutes of 8/25/10 as corrected. Commissioner Sorensen seconds this motion. So voted.

MOTION: Commissioner Solomon moves to approve the closed minutes of 7/28/10 and 8/18/10. Commissioner Albee seconds this motion. So voted.

Reports

1. Com. Albee: We have been having discussions with the bidders on the Biomass plan. We had narrowed it down to two within our price bracket and received an alternate bid from one of those two. More discussion needs to be done before we award the bid. One of the concerns that came up is the height of the stack with one being 40 feet. That is why we got an alternative

bid from that same company with a 12 foot stack. We received a copy of the Commissioning RFP that went out. We have a non-public session today regarding the jail. The design company is of the opinion that nothing is wrong and we are getting different information from our engineers.

Ted Laliberte, Carroll Count Transit.

1. Ted: We have been at a standstill because we have had no vehicles. The State of NH put them out to bid in April. We have heard from the manufacturer that we have buses arriving through October and November. We are seeking a bus stop location here at the County Administration Building. We need an area where people can leave their cars to pick up the bus either north or south. We thought we were going to be able to use the courthouse, but the State came back and said we could not do that.

2. Com. Sorensen: We have talked a little bit about it and maybe the Administration Building would not be the best location, maybe the old nursing home would be better. What is involved with a bus stop as far as bathroom facilities and shelter from weather?

3. Ted: We are looking at 1 or 2 people at a time just for an access point to get on the bus. Others would be using the bus for their destination for Deeds, court, visiting nursing home or jail. Where do you see a more feasible location?

4. Com. Sorensen: Is there anything in the plans for a small building or area for protection from the weather?

5. Ted: The other locations that we are utilizing now are Hannaford/Job Lot area, 7-Eleven, Indian Mound Shopping Center which could be used. There are other areas that do not have any buildings. Right now with just getting this started, we are just trying to get areas where people can get the bus.

6. Com. Albee: Is there a schedule?

7. Ted: There will be 4 round trips daily starting at 6:30 a.m. There would be 8 stops here, Monday through Friday. The system is designed for people to be in communication with the transit company. In this area, the bus would drop a person off at the location that they needed to be dropped off at, within ¼ mile of the bus route. We want to do what we can to serve people in this area. We are non-profit, Tri-County Community Action Program. Headquarters are out of Tamworth. We will provide a Certificate of Insurance.

8. Com. Sorensen: Would it help if we did a survey here to see how many people might use this transit system?

9. Ted: That would help.
10. Com. Albee: Is this done by a written agreement?
11. Ted: We will provide a Memo of Understanding. Realistically, we are looking at starting in November at this point.
12. Com. Sorensen: Do you know how much it is going to cost to runs this system here and what percentage of subsidy are you going to be looking for?
13. Ted: It is funded close to 80% through NH DOT grants. Funding is based on ridership and usage. We need to get about 20% of our operating budget. The operating budget for the entire transit project is about \$400,000 for the year. We are looking for about \$80,000 through donations, fundraising, other outside grants and community support as well as ridership fares. It will cost \$2-\$3 to ride the bus, depending on destination.
14. Daymond: I think the court might be where the traffic will go because of all the people with no licenses.
15. Ted: This bus will be for anyone who needs a ride.
16. Maureen: Do you foresee the route expanding into Effingham? There are a lot of people in Effingham that could use this service.
17. Ted: The routes were put in place initially to get something started. Once we see how things are moving, there could be some changes and additions to the route.

More information/schedule: Carrollcountytransit.info

Chris Cass and Jim Kimball, BPS, New Building Report

1. Jim: Curtain walls are under way in area C, 150 feet a day, will take about 2 ½ weeks. Structural steel is in area B, hanging beams today. Final concrete pour will be October 14th. We are behind on a couple things, but ahead on others. Roof trusses will be arriving at the end of this week. Concrete will be done by winter. Hydroseeding is currently being installed. The main entrance along the front lawn of the existing nursing home is going to be hydroseeded today. The ponds across the road will be hydroseeded today. Shrubs will be planted next week around the ponds. Gravel for roadways begin next week. Paving scheduled for October. Heat piping is under final design. Location of the silo will be on this side of the facility. Electrics for the kitchen still needs to be discussed.

2. Chris: Russ scheduled Ossipee Fire Department to come out to inspect the riser system and as soon as that is inspected, we can fill the Eastern Propane can fill the tank. The system is built, pressure tested, fence is up and ready to receive propane. One stair in area C is going in right now. Both sets of stairs will be in by next week.

Will Dewitte, Farm - New Farm Ideas

1. Will: We got about 1500 bails of hay last week. Some was mulch hay. Two more fields need to be cut for second cut, will primarily be mulch due to a lot of milkweed. Revenues have been doing good on the hay. It's a little bit slower than hoped. Wood is mostly gone, campfire wood is gone. We are getting ready to start cutting again. I called Dennis a week ago. He is busy doing some things locally. He is hoping to get here soon after that.

2. Will: Power Point Presentation. See attachment.

3. Com. Albee: Asks if more employees will be needed.

4. Will: The employees and myself will be handling the pigs and the cows and possibly using the inmates. There may be some scheduling changes as well.

Sandi McKenzie, MVNH

1. Census is 103. 3 Medicare residents, 30 private pay residents, 70 Medicaid residents.

2. We have been busy getting ready for the time clock installation and working toward installation for the server for MDS 3.0.

3. Rehab/Activity Shared Resident Program - Campfire activities. Friday 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Residents have been totally involved in this activity. Some have gone shopping for food prep and cooking. Toasting marshmallows, singing, telling stories, etc. Cooking on the cement near the storage building. We have contacted the fire department for approval. (We need your approval before they will issue a permit. This is signed by Commissioner Sorensen).

4. Disaster Drill Activities: Last week worked for preparation for Hurricane Earl. The staff did an amazing job. Movement of furniture, conducted food and water inventory and so on.

5. Exciting Rehab News - New staff will be joining our team. Physical therapist (2 weeks ago, occupational therapist will start on September 15th, per diem OT, and currently interviewing speech therapists.

Jason Johnson - House of Corrections

1. Current population is 54 in house, 1 weekenders, 5 transfers, 3 electronic monitor, and 13 on pre-trial release for a total population of 76.

4. Total number of admitted inmates for the week was 20 (6 repeaters) and total number of released inmates for the week was 18. Repeater Charges: 1 in for simple assault, violation of protective order (booked 13 times), 1 in for breach of bail conditions, resisting arrest (booked 10 times), 1 in for simple assault, criminal mischief and obstructing the report of a crime (booked 2 times), 1 in for reckless conduct X2, simple assault, felon in possession of a firearm, criminal restraint, criminal threatening (booked 4 times), 1 in for felon in possession of a firearm (booked 4 times), 1 in for resisting arrest (booked 6 times).

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

6. Officer Michael Baker is here to present a Power Point Presentation on the use of force. He has been with us for about 3 years. He has been through NH Police Standards and Training Instructor Development School. He is a certified firearms instructor through the San Bernardino Sheriff's Department. Please see attachment.

7. Com. Sorensen: What do we have for riots in the jail?

8. Johnson: We have shot guns, but nobody is certified to use them. We have riot protection gear. We do not have any bullet proof or stab resistant vests. We do have taser guns and OC spray.

Cybertron

MOTION: Commissioner Solomon moves to sign contract with Cybertron until the end of the year for \$12,005.45. Commissioner Albee seconds this motion. So voted.

Incentive Funds

1. Com. Sorensen: The meeting has been changed from 9/21 to 9/30 at 9:00 a.m.

MOTION: Commissioner Albee moves to go into non-public session for the security portion of lethal force and also to discuss condition of the jail with attorney. The second is regarding an employee issue at the nursing home. Seconded by Commissioner Albee. So voted.

Meeting adjourned at 10:41 a.m.

April Carpenter, Recording Secretary