

Carroll County Commissioners Meeting

Minutes

October 6, 2010

Commissioners Present: Chip Albee, Dorothy Solomon

Public: David Babson, Maureen Spencer, Joe Kowalski, Daymond Steer, Eric Eisele, Asha Kenney, Dominic Richardi

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

Public Input

1. Babson: Asks if Mike Eldridge has been contacted at the State highway barn to ask that the political signs be removed off of County property.

2. Com. Albee: I will take care of that.

3. Babson: Asks again about the Sheriff's budget overtures.

4. Com. Albee: We have not gotten the explanations, but the Sheriff will be in today.

5. Babson: Asks about joint purchases between all the County departments and if this has been discussed. There could be a lot of money saved.

6. Com. Albee: We don't have a purchasing department, but that discussion has come up over the last couple of years. We do joint purchasing to some degree.

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Corrections: Page 4, under defend in place, 3 lines from bottom, should read - fire origin.
Page 5 -should be Shaheen's, not Shaheens'.

MOTION: Commissioner Albee moves to approve the minutes of 9/22/10. Commissioner Solomon seconds this motion. So voted.

Reports

1. Com. Solomon: We were not here last week because all three of the Commissioners were at the ribbon cutting for the VA CBOC that opened up on Hobbs Street in Conway. It was

very well attended. This will be very helpful to the Veterans as well as those who help the Veterans. I spoke with the doctor and he said the VA would bring more specialists to the CBOC so veterans could avoid traveling to Manchester for minor treatments like nail clipping. I also did mention that our new nursing home would be looking to contract with the Veterans Administration so that Veterans can use our facility instead of going to either Manchester or Tilton.

I have a meeting next Thursday with the administrator over at Memorial Hospital regarding the dialysis center.

Monday, Commissioner Albee and I were at the 501C3 meeting and we ironed out a few loose ends. We are going to be sending a letter out to get sponsors for get money for projects that we need. The first project that we are looking into are new beds for the nursing home.

2. Com. Albee: One point that was made at the 501C3 is that they did get a legal opinion that there is no affect of the vote by the Delegation to obligate the 501C3 for the \$2 million. We are moving along with the nursing home. The roof trusses are going up. The expectation is that the east side of the building will be weather tight by November. All of the cement should be poured in the next week and a half. We have some bids to award. Flooring includes all the flooring; carpets, linoleum, etc.

Flooring - R. Fraser Company, Hudson, NH - \$612,590
Universal Décor, Manchester, NH - \$599,693
Gorman Thomas, Bedford, NH - \$563,835
Paul G. White Tile Company, Stratham, NH - \$559,460

MOTION: Commissioner Albee moves to award the flooring bid to Paul G. White Tile Company for \$559,460.00. Commissioner Solomon seconds this vote. So voted.

Lifts/Tracks - Goldman Lift Company - \$266,368.
Joren's - \$286,116
Leco Company - submitted bid, but did not satisfy our needs in that the method of
Argo Company - \$300,866.66
Waverly Glenn/New England Medical Systems - \$230,550

MOTION: Commissioner Albee moves to award the bid for the lifts and tracking system to Waverly Glen through New England Medical Systems, Bedford, NH, for \$230,550. Commissioner Solomon seconds that motion. So voted.

Jason Johnson, House of Corrections

1. Current population is 56 in house, 2 weekenders, 6 transfers, 4 electronic monitor, and 11 on pre-trial release for a total population of 79.

2. Total number of admitted inmates for the week was 14 (5 repeaters) and total number of released inmates for the week was 8. Repeater charges: 1 in for Control Drug Act and reckless operation (booked 17 times over 9 years), 1 in for criminal mischief (booked 5 times over 4 years), 1 in for violation of a protective order (booked 4 times over 9 years), 1 in for simple assault X2 (booked 7 times over 13 years), 1 in for violation of probation (booked 2 times this year).

3. Farm has been taking out an average of 2 inmates per day. They have 12 available.

4. I have been working on updating the Policies and Procedures. CDs were given to Commissioners for review and approval.

5. Had a meeting with Chief Meyers regarding Senate Bill 500 last week. She informed me that the inmates on parole who come back with new charges will not be immediately sent back to the prison for 90 days like the bill calls for. Instead, the 90 days will not take effect until after the disposition of the new criminal charges.

- In 2009, there were 14 parole revocations that were sent back to NHSP. Most revocations happen due to commission of a new crime. Cost per day for our county in 2009 was \$110. The average length of stay at 135 days for felony cases. Total fiscal impact on the county would have been \$210,980.

- In 2010, the average hold for felony level cases by the end of September is 234 days. Using 2009 figures with 2010's length of stay equals \$360,360.00.

- With people being paroled out to the street that have no plan in place, the 14 violators will go up.

- 9 out of the 14 Carroll County Delegates voted to pass this bill.

6. New Correctional Academy started this past Monday. I have two officers in the academy. Upon completion of this academy, I will still have 4 uncertified officers remaining on staff.

Sandi McKenzie, MVNH

1. Census is 103, 1 out on medical LOA: 4 Medicare residents, 30 private pay residents, 69 Medicaid residents. Many things happened over the past couple of weeks. We had 5 residents on medical leave of absence which was quite unusual. We had one death. We have filled hat room.

2. A couple of weeks ago, we met with Chief Riley having to do with our Fire and

Disaster Preparedness Plan and this has been revised. I am awaiting for further comments.

3. Heater in the cafeteria foyer needs to be replaced. We have one to be installed. We attempted to obtain quotes. Two companies have responded for the removal of the existing heating unit and installation of the unit in our possession. Stroger's bid at \$465.00 and Yankee Plumbing and Heating Service at \$425.00. We will go with Yankee Plumbing and Heating Service.

4. Waste Management of New Hampshire is up for contract renewal. There is a decrease of \$15.56 per month (\$80.56 per month down to \$65.00 per month)

5. Com. Albee: Asks that the Waste Management contract be put on next week's agenda for discussion.

6. Changes in attending physicians - Rebecca Pace, D.O. has moved out of the area. Her patients will be taken care of by Dr. Donald Rose (9 residents) and Dr. Joann Buonomano (6 residents).

7. Activities - 13 residents attended the Fryeburg Fair yesterday and had a wonderful time.

8. Yesterday, Chris Cass from BPS came to see me. They are working on the nurse's station. He wanted to make sure that we have enough space and that things will be situated properly so that once we move everything will fit well. Last week, Cheryl Deslisle and I spent some time looking at placement of plugs and outlets and closets, etc. to make sure that the unit is done correctly. We are very pleased with the detail that is being considered.

9. Regarding flooring, vinyl will be in the resident rooms. We have had product trials are quite pleased. Regarding the resident households, the corridors will have vinyl type tile. There will be some carpeting throughout the nursing home.

Kathy Garry, Business Office

1. Kronos project is going well. They are going to be doing some testing this week with various departments. They are very well organized.

2. Regarding the upcoming budget, I have made up a tentative budget schedule for department head reviews. I will be giving out the budget worksheets to the departments. Budgets are due December 1st.

Captain David Meyers, Sheriff's Department

1. Meyers: Sheriff Conley emailed Commissioner Sorensen related to the questions

about the pay for the bailiffs.

2. Com. Albee: Was there some resolution?

3. Meyers: The emails from AOC were given to payroll with the schedule showing, based on the new statute that went into effect on July 1st, what the daily rate is for bailiff pay at the court which is reimbursed by the Administrator of Office of Courts. We don't have an official letter yet.

4. Com. Albee: What were are dealing with is the statute. The statute says there is an \$80 a day and \$40 a half day pay, so they are per diem employees. The Delegation wanted to pay \$10 more than the State rate. The letter that you provided broke that down even further into forms of payment. My concern was not that we overpay anybody, but that we properly get reimbursed. Once we can get the reimbursement settled with AOC, it doesn't matter what you pay your bailiffs. So, hopefully we can submit a bill for extra time which you feel is owed and get reimbursed and then the question is settled.

5. Meyers: The question came up on this whole topic because the judge held over the bailiffs a little over an hour for two trials. Based on the pay matrix, when they are held over so many hours, they get an additional amount of money because they went over their normal daily rate. The pay matrix has been given to payroll. We will be reimbursed for that amount of money.

6. Com. Albee: Is the wind and solar collector on the way?

7. Meyers: Ossipee Mtn. Electronics is going to install that device on the Thompson Hill tower. It's going to be installed on top of the tower and because of that, we needed extra cable to reach the building so it can be stored inside securely. The reason for that is for security of the device that records the information and is transferred to the business office. Secondly, in the winter, a lot of ice forms on the tower and it falls when the sun hits it, so if the device was installed at the base of the tower, there is a very good chance that the ice would destroy that device. It was felt it would be more secure inside the building.

8. Com. Albee: Are the cruisers all straightened out?

9. Meyers: We did end up ordering 3 cruisers from MacDonald Motors because they had the best price. They actually beat everyone else in the whole state on the bid process by \$86.

Public Input

Discussion was had regarding the bailiff pay. Sheriff's budget line items overage - These questions will be answered before the new budget comes out. Co-operative extension location will be addressed soon.

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

Meeting adjourned at 10:07 a.m.

April Carpenter
Recording Secretary