

Carroll County Commissioners Meeting

Minutes

November 3, 2010

Commissioners Present: Chip Albee, David Sorensen, Dorothy Solomon

Public: David Babson, Daymond Steer, Ed Comeau, Maureen Spencer, Henry Spencer, Asha Kenney

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

Public Input

1. Babson: The Cooperative Extension will be interviewing the final 4 candidates on the 9th. Three of them are from this state and the other one is from out of state. Three of them are employed by the university system. Asks if anything has been done with the old nursing home in regards to the Cooperative Extension.

2. Com. Sorensen: I have asked somebody to help put together an RFP to get that out.

3. Com. Albee: With looking at the rental figure, it's the equivalent of \$650,000 worth of debt, I think we should think about putting \$500,000 into a capital budget to get rid of that rent and save some money for this year's budget.

4. Daymond: Asks if the Commission has anything to say about the outcome of the election.

5. Com. Sorensen: The people spoke.

6. Com. Albee: I will make my comments on the election as we go forward from now until January. There will be plenty of comments out of me.

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Corrections for 10/27/10 minutes: Page 2, should read "on site", not "in site".

MOTION: Commissioner Albee moves to approve the minutes of 10/27/10 as corrected. Commissioner Solomon seconds this motion. So voted.

Reports

1. Com. Sorensen: We need to make a decision on the siding for the building. I went to the meeting yesterday and think we all have decided to go with the siding that was displayed on

the left side. The other item regarding the building is that they only had 3 people working on the yellow siding and they are going to go to the subcontractor and say that they want more people working on that. There is a screen going into the multipurpose room on the kitchen side of the room. It is an electronic screen. Rob Horace was at the meeting and he recommended taking down reducing the cabinets that are in the café area and putting in his garbage containers in that area. He also wants a digital menu board. He also talked about wireless connections and where they will be located.

I got a call a couple of days ago. There is a fund being set up for Steve Eldridge and his family at Meredith Village Savings Bank in Moultonborough. It was put together by Peter Hoage whose wife is Steve's sister. He wanted it to be known county wide about this. Steve was a maintenance supervisor at the nursing home. He had surgery and has been out of work since that time. He is waiting for more doctor recommendations. He is due to lose his house and is in a real bad financial situation. I will check to see if we can put this information on our website.

2. Com. Solomon: This information can be put into the nursing home newsletter which is posted on the website.

Jerry Gagne, Administration Building - Preliminary Budget

1. Jerry: Copy of the budget is given to the Commissioners. We have done well this year. We have had no big issues with equipment.

2. Com. Albee: We should review the Energy Audit before final budget is presented.

3. Jerry: Overall budget is down \$3,000. There have been some increases in contract fees. I don't foresee any major problems with equipment. The generator has been working well and is well maintained throughout the year. No new equipment is needed.

MOTION: Commissioner Albee moves to sign the contract with Biomass Commodities Corporation for \$325,405.00. Commissioner Solomon seconds this motion. So voted.

Robin Reade - Human Resources - Preliminary Budget

1. Robin: Copy of budget is given to the Commissioners. There are not a lot of changes to the budget. Health insurance has increased. We haven't filled in the IT lines yet. Last year, we spent approximately \$1,000 on employee recognition with ceremony and pins, etc. I am not quite sure where I should be taking that out of. Last year, it came out of education and conferences. We are looking to revamp the website. I am looking into moving it over to Virtual Town Hall. They do a really good job. Belknap is using this. Yearly maintenance and hosting is going to be \$2,800. We thought about taking it out of advertising. When I do advertising for this building and advertising in conjunction with anything to this building, it gets billed to my budget. The nursing home, jail and sheriff's department have separate advertising. You had talked at one point about pulling all of that advertising into my budget. If we end up doing that, is that going to be enough? I got the estimates for IT this week. Cybertron and Kronos are included in this.

Stephanie Millbury - Human Services - Preliminary Budget

1. Stephanie: Copy of budget is given to Commissioners. We are not counting on stimulus money. Once we figure out what the State is going to do, we will have a better idea of the budget.

Jason Johnson - H.O.C./Jail - Preliminary Budget

1. Jason: Copy of budget is given to Commissioners. Advertising expenses discussed. Bottom line has a significant increase due to new equipment, increase training for staff, increase staff by 5. There are a lot of one time expenses on this budget. Would like to increase the security around the building. Drug testing supplies were added. I put in for the culinary arts program and substance abuse programs. I also put in for GED programs for the inmates. Office furniture needs to be replaced such as chairs. We do need another vehicle for meal delivery and transports. The van we have now will not pass inspection. Proposed budget for 2011 is \$3,547,616.00 which is an increase \$384,889.00 from 2010.

Public Input

1. Babson: Regarding Steve Eldridge and the amount of time he served here, I think this information should be put on the website. Requests to get the “right person” to work on the website.

2. Com. Albee: I think that going to Virtual Town Hall is a good move. All they do is government websites.

3. Maureen: I noticed in some minutes that there was an issue with the County logo being used improperly. Could you tell me what happened?

4. Com. Albee: There was a series of emails and the person criticizing our action was using the County logo in her emails.

4. Com. Solomon: They were emails regarding the a lady who subsequently died because she couldn't get into the nursing home because she was on dialysis.

MOTION: Commissioner Albee makes a motion to go into non-public session for the purpose personnel issues. Commissioner Sorensen seconds this motion. So voted.

Meeting adjourned at 10:07 a.m.

April Carpenter
Recording Secretary