

## **Carroll County Commissioners Meeting**

### **Minutes**

**December 8, 2010**

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

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

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

#### **Public Input**

1. Henry: Reminds the Commission to look into and learn more about health insurance.
2. Babson: Asks about the figures that were supposed to be supplied by BPS.
3. Com. Albee: BPS and Kathy Garry have been working on this. All the information is in house, but just hasn't been put into a spreadsheet.
4. Maureen: Correction on Minutes of 12/1/10 - At the end of public input, change passed to ask. Asks that the function of Commissioning be further explained in last week's minutes.

#### **Minutes**

Corrections: Motion on page 3, title with Other Business and as listed above in #4.

MOTION: Commissioner Solomon moves to approve the minutes of 12/1/10 as corrected. Commissioner Albee seconds this motion. So voted.

MOTION: Commission Solomon moves to approve the non-public minutes of 9/22/10. Commissioner Sorensen seconds this motion. So voted.

#### **Reports**

1. Com. Albee: I have spent some time on the HOC statistics. Current jail list from Sunday showed a population of 81 and 32 of that 81 come from Conway. The question has to be asked of the Delegation as to how much it is going to cost to build a facility in Conway. I think at \$125 per day, they are getting a good deal out of the County. Regarding the length of stay for some inmates at our jail, in January of 2001 it will be 2 years for one inmate for pre-trial confinement. There is a psychiatric unit inmate coming up onto his 2 year anniversary in pretrial. There is a third inmate in pretrial that is coming up on 2 years in March, 2011. That is

a significant downshifting of cost to the County.

2. Com. Solomon: Yesterday, the Carroll County Transit had an open session and the buses have been delivered. The Blue Loon is ready to go and will be in operation this month. Brochures are available. This is the on demand bus. The phone number is 866-752-6890.

Yesterday was the Co-operative Extensive meeting. I was asked the question about the old nursing home and the Co-op Extension office to be located there. I explained that it would be brought to the Delegation. They chose an agricultural educator, Russ Norton. He will begin in January.

3. Com. Sorensen: After last week's meeting, I stopped at White Mountain Survey. We are proposing that we have an evidence holding area for the old cars, etc. that are being held now in the barnyard. The proposal is to have it out in back of the Administrative Building parking lot. The reason for this is so Dispatch can sign in and sign out vehicles at any hour of the day. The proposal from White Mountain Survey was received this morning. They came up with a proposal for \$4,900.00 which includes the application to the Wetlands Bureau and attending the planning board to submit the application. This won't be started until spring. Further discussion regarding where this lot will be, why it is needed, security, etc.

We had a good tour of the nursing home. Eight representatives went through it. It was an excellent tour. They asked a lot of questions and were quite pleased.

#### **Will Dewitte - Farm**

1. Will: We have serviced the generators. The equipment has been put away for the winter. We have fixed windows and repaired some of the walls in the old garage. The sander has been fixed for sanding the complex. A field out back is being cleared, but not sure what is going to be done with that. We have been working on the lights outside of the administration building. The dump truck is being worked on. The fertilizer spreader has been fixed. We have been processing wood. I went to a Farm Bureau meeting last week. They are supportive of doing Farm Day again for next year. They voted to support it and sponsor it with the Commissioner's ok.

MOTION: Commissioner Sorensen moves to support the field day event for next year. Commissioner Solomon seconds that motion. So voted.

#### **Jason Johnson - Jail/HOC**

1. Current population is 53 in house, 0 weekenders, 10 transfers, 1 electronic monitoring, and 13 on pre-trial release for a total of population of 77.

2. Total number of admitted inmates for the week was 22 (5 repeaters) and total number of released inmates for the week was 21. Repeater Charges: 1 in for unlawful possession of alcohol (booked X3 over 2 years), 1 in for PC (booked X3 over 5 years), 1 in for criminal

mischievous and false imprisonment (booked X4 over 3 years), 1 in for second degree assault (booked X8 over 10 years), 1 in for PC (booked X11 over 8 years).

3. Farm has been taking out an average of 4 inmates per day. They have 15 available.

4. We have 4 inmates with 90 plus weeks of pre-trial confinement:

One with 117 weeks - inmate remains incarcerated.

One with 104 weeks - inmate out on pre-trial release and capias issued.

One with 101 weeks - inmate remains incarcerated.

One with 99 weeks - inmate remains incarcerated.

5. Breakdown of felony level holds for the past four years:

2007 - 51% pre-trial detainees held for felony level cases - average of 168 days until disposition.

2008 - 55% pre-trial detainees held for felony level cases - average of 158 days until disposition.

2009 - 47% pre-trial detainees held for felony level cases - average of 137 days until disposition.

1010 - so far - 53% pre-trial detainees held for felony level cases - average of 236 days until disposition.

6. We needed to administratively transfer 2 inmates to Strafford County due to conflict of interest with a staff member. We accepted 2 of theirs.

### **Sandi McKenzie - MVNH**

1. Census is 103 - 4 Medicare residents, 30 Private pay residents, 69 Medicaid residents, 1 admission this week, 1 discharge the beginning of next week.

2. We are looking at continuing education for staff with web based training. Everything is manual now and we need to consider streamlining the process. Increase efficiency and decrease manpower and eliminate duplication. Training will be done through web based products.

3. New Hampshire Nursing Home Rules - 803's. It's in the final proposal stage. Will be reviewed by the legislative review committee next week. Department heads are now reviewing the new rules and planning for appropriate changes/policy revisions as needed. We do follow CMS (Center for Medicare/Medicaid) and State rules.

4. Building update. Chris Cass from BPS will be speaking to the residents, staff and families regarding new building progress at 2:00 p.m. on December 22, 2010.

5. We are looking for feedback. We need a name for the new nursing home as well as naming the households. We are asking residents, families, staff, etc. for suggestions and ideas.

### **Kathy Garry - Business Office/Commissioners Office**

1. Kathy: Gail Monet called and on January 4<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 over at the Judge's Chambers is when the new elected officials will be sworn in. Monday, December 13<sup>th</sup> is the public hearing on the budget with the Delegation.

Back in April, we had a public hearing on the Community Development Finance CDBG. Donna Lane called and said that they are now in the position to start disbursing the funds. There are two forms that Commissioner Sorensen needs to sign for this.

There will be a small holiday reception on December 22<sup>nd</sup>. We were hoping that we could do a topping out ceremony at the same time (putting the tree with the American flag on top of the new building).

### **Public Input**

1. Maureen: You said that you were going to talk about the Sheriff's contract this week. Has the plowing been put out for bid?

2. Com. Albee: The Sheriff has some concerns and he wants to have a meeting with the Commissioners. Regarding the plowing, it hasn't been put out for bid yet.

3. Ed: Has the Virtual Town Hall program been looked into for the website?

4. Robin Reade: That went into the budget for this coming year. Once that is approved, we can go ahead and get started with that.

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

Meeting adjourned at 10:04 a.m.

April Carpenter, Recording Secretary