

## Carroll County Commissioners Meeting

### Minutes

December 22, 2010

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

**Public:** Maureen Spencer, Henry Spencer, Susan Wiley, Asha Kenney, David Babson, Maynard Thompson, Will DeWitte.

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

#### Public Input

1. Maureen: I have emailed Sandi, Robin and Dorothy regarding an idea I have for naming the nursing home. We will be talking about this later and I will update you next week. Asks if there are any contracts left to award.

2. Com. Albee: Interior painting, furniture and landscaping.

3. Susan: Does a business plan exist for the firewood and farm operation?

4. Com. Sorensen: Will has given us a budget and expected profit on the livestock portion of the plan.

5. David: I would consider the presentation that Will gave us for the livestock as a business plan. I don't think there is a business plan for the wood or the hay. I don't see why we need to have one at this point.

6. Henry: I was on the website looking for the member names of the new Delegation and the old members are still listed, so this needs to be updated.

7. Com. Albee: The business office is working on updating that.

Discussion about how the jail is being charged \$10,000 a year for water. All buildings are metered except for that one. It's an estimate. It's about \$6,000 to \$8,000 for a water meter.

Minutes for last week will be approved next week after corrections are made.

#### Reports

1. Com. Albee: I met with the phone architect and received two different architectural proposals for the phone system for the new nursing home. One would be similar to the system

that we currently have where residents would have individual lines going into their room. The other would be a more centralized system and the lines for the resident rooms would be going through a central system. They ranged from \$18,000 to \$24,000 as estimates. If it is more centralized, the residents will be charged a monthly bill. This is still being discussed. One advantage is that every department could have it's own dedicated phone number instead of going through a switchboard system. Wireless internet connections will be located in the common room.

2. Com. Sorensen: At the last building subcommittee meeting, Rob Horace talked about wiring the large multipurpose room as well as the smaller room that can be divided with a petition, to have outlets so that he could use his warming tablets, etc. for functions vs. using extension cords.

3. Com. Albee: At last weeks meeting, I got a little animated and I want to publicly apologize. I have called Betsey Patten and Karen Umberger and I have tried to call Mark McConkey. I have always stood by the notion that we can disagree without being disagreeable and I realized that last week I was disagreeable and would like to apologize.

4. Com. Sorensen: I have talked with Henry Spencer, Kathy Garry and Robin Reade and I am proposing that this group of people look into our health insurance next year and come up a plan whereby we can try to reduce the cost of our health insurance, either by having a higher deductible or going to a single plan, starting with new hires coming in. Whatever the committee can come up with and putting it out to bid. We have to try to get a handle on the insurance cost. That will e something that we will be looking into. I hope Commissioner Kenney will agree with this.

I spent some time last night going through the policy manual for the jail. I have a lot more to go through. Jason has updated the policy and he has put it on CD and we need to approve that policy. This is still being reviewed.

5. Com. Solomon: I went through the emergency plan for the nursing home and have presented my questions to Sandi.

6. Com. Albee: I have seen the schedule for next year's court and there is a 20% reduction in court days for next year and there was close to a 20% reduction this year and yet the bailiff's budget line item keeps tracking upward. I am sure that the Sheriff can justify all of his expenses, but if the court is going to be closed 20% of the time, his bailiff line should go down. I would suggest to the Sheriff's Department subcommittee to look into this.

## **Public Input**

1. Susan: In regards to the jail budget, do we have funds to do background checks on the inmates.

2. Com. Albee: I believe in the IT portion of his budget, he has that capability.

3. Susan: I would like to know that the inmates that wanted to get a flu shot have

received one.

4. Com. Albee: I believe everyone on the campus was offered the flu shot.

5. Susan: I would be very interested in being involved with the health insurance and make sure that mental health is part of that and that it is not cut out.

MOTION: Commissioner Albee makes a motion to go into non-public session with the County Attorney to discuss a HIPPA issue. Commissioner Sorensen seconds this motion. So voted.

Meeting adjourned at 9:16 a.m.

April Carpenter, Recording Secretary