

## **Carroll County Commissioners Meeting**

### **Minutes**

**March 9, 2011**

**Commissioners Present:** David Sorensen, Dorothy Solomon, Asha Kenney

**Public:** Ed Comeau, Rep. Babson

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

**Public Input** - None

### **Minutes**

MOTION: Com. Solomon moves to approve the minutes of February 23, 2011 as corrected and minutes of March 2, 2011. Com. Kenney seconds this motion. So voted.

### **Reports**

1. Com. Kenney: Comments on discussion last week regarding appointment of the assistant treasurer. The letter said that it's the treasurer's responsibility to appoint an assistant treasurer, the law states that he can make a recommendation and it's the commissioners responsibility to appoint. Salary was not mentioned.

2. Com. Sorensen: The salary is \$250 a year and is in the budget that way. Last week we made the motion to appoint the assistant treasurer.

Maria Gonzalez from EGA sent us a memo regarding energy usage at the nursing home as requested by Rep. McConkey. The usage for the propane is going to be about the same as what is being used at the present nursing home, even though it's twice the size. With the insulation, windows, etc., it should be roughly the same usage. She also goes on to say that we are going to be using pellets and the price of those can vary. How the building is used can have a very large impact on consumption, ie; windows being left open, higher than average thermostat temperatures, etc. would have a direct effect on the usage. The buildings are not currently metered and current propane usage is being allocated between the buildings. A meter to be put onto the new nursing home has been estimated at \$10,000 from Eastern Propane. Will is looking into this and see if we can negotiate a lower price for that meter. For electrical usage, Maria estimates it's going to be \$2.50 a square foot, assuming the rate is .13 per kilowatt hour. Public service right now is at .08 per kilowatt hour, so her figures are considerably high.

We had previously talked about the idea that we would buy electrical energy in a pool with the NH Association of Counties. Other counties have purchased energy back in January and I believe they are saving \$60-80,000 a year. The NHAC looked at several different companies and they went with Usource. Usource gave us an electric bid from 5 different sources. Usource recommended that we go with Constellation at .07296 kilowatt per hour for 2 years. We had to agree with a contract last Thursday. I made the decision that instead of going with one year or three year, that we go with two year and see how it goes. I signed the contract with Constellation for 24 months at .07296 per kilowatt per hour.

We received a request for qualifications from Landscape Architectural Services. It's a draft right now and if we approve it, then we will move forward with it. The goal is to use any and all funding that is for landscaping of the new nursing home be used within Carroll County, but if not possible, used at least within the state. I think we have 4 landscape architects that have shown an interest and they are just waiting for an RFP to send in their qualifications and then we can select one of them. RFP and qualifications are read aloud. Corrections are made and RFP will be put out.

Committee for old building has been set up. Committee for garden has been set up.

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

1. Current population is 52 in house, 1 weekender, 9 transfers, 4 electronic monitor and 12 on pre-trial release for a total in population of 78.
2. Total number of admitted inmates for the week was 16 (8 repeaters) and total number of released inmates for the week was 20. Repeater Charges: 1 in for violation of a protective order (booked 6 times in 12 years), 1 in for Capias (booked 3 times in 7 years), 1 in for false report to law enforcement (booked 9 times in 15 years), 1 in for operating after suspension (booked 3 times in 2 years), 1 in for protective custody (booked 3 times in 3 years), 1 in for DWI and protective custody (booked 9 times in 4 years), 1 in for DWI, controlled drug act and protective custody (booked 2 times this year), 1 in for habitual offender (booked 2 times this year).
3. Farm has been taking out an average of 3 inmates per day. They have 12 available.
4. Com. Sorensen: Asks Jason if there is any way they can analyze the repeat offenders and see if there are any commonalities associated with the repeaters.
5. Jason: I can track the types of crimes that they come in for and see if there is commonality. That is one of the things that we can use to gear the programming inside the facility.
6. Com. Sorensen: Asks Jason if he has gotten any information on the wall.

7. Jason: Received a report from Ed Bergeron. It stated that he had obtained the compaction test results. He believed that would dispute the findings from the Primex engineer.
8. Ed: What is the prevalent drug use of the inmates that keep returning?
9. Jason: The types of drugs aren't actually tracked.
10. Capt. Meyers: I would say that right now, prescription drugs are the #1 problem that we have in Carroll County, and if you combine that with illegal drugs under 318-B and add in alcohol use, you have a very volatile mixture. When you put that together with the other variables that the superintendent is talking about tracking such as no home, no job, etc., then this becomes a situation where they really have no place else to turn and nothing else to do and that's probably why we are at a 43% return rate.
11. Ed: If there was a breakdown of the drug classes, that would help to tailor your programs.

#### **Capt. Meyers - Sheriff's Dept.**

Capt. Meyers presents the paperwork to be signed by commissioners for purchase of new cruisers.

#### **Sandi McKenzie - MVNH**

1. Census is at 103, 7 Medicare residents, 28 private pay residents, 68 Medicaid residents.
2. Follow up - Reaching out to residents and staff. We are looking for input as to what we should name the 4 neighborhoods. As we continue to be Mountain View, we wanted to choose names of mountains within Carroll County are considered notable to residents, staff and families. Ballots have been placed in the business office.
3. Construction Update - 90% of the windows have been installed. Brick veneer is 85% complete. Vinyl siding is 80% complete. Sheet rocking is ongoing. Installation of sprinklers, electrical and plumbing is ongoing.
4. Certificate of Revival - The certificate of incorporation has expired. We need to revive the corporation and then move on with the name changes. The certificate is provided to the commissioners for their signatures.
5. The official address of the Mountain View Community will be 93 Water Village Road. This has been put into the 9-1-1 status in the town.
6. Window treatments - Budgeted was \$180,000.00. Finalized is price is \$144,600.00.

7. A packet from the DHHS is provided to the commissioners regarding budget reduction options. On page 3, BEAS is recommending (is an option) to increase bed tax to 6%.

### **Public Input**

1. Rep. Babson: Requests that Sandi highlight the programs on the DHHS packet provided for the Delegation that will effect our nursing home.
2. Com. Solomon: MQUIP and increase in bed tax rate would be what would effect the nursing home.
3. Rep. Babson: Would a phone call to the organization that's holding up the approval of the boilers help?
4. Com. Sorensen: Maria Gonzalez has been calling them and trying to get an answer. It doesn't look like they are going to have to come on site to look at it. Something is holding it up. We still have a problem of where to store the boilers. BPS is involved as well.

### **Kathy Garry - Business Office**

1. The next Delegation meeting will be held on March 21<sup>st</sup> at 9:00 a.m.
2. Hale's Location Budget is given to the commissioners for the next Delegation meeting.

### **Robin Reade - Human Resources**

1. Robin: We need to purchase 50 more licenses for the Kronos system to get all employees online with the time clock. This is approved by the commissioners.

MOTION: Commissioner Sorensen makes a motion to go into consultation with counsel session under 91A. Commissioner Kenney seconds this motion. There was a role-call vote by all 3 commissioners. So voted.

Meeting adjourned at 9:38 a.m.

April Carpenter, Recording Secretary