

Carroll County Commissioners Meeting

Minutes

March 16, 2011

Commissioners Present: David Sorensen, Dorothy Solomon, Asha Kenney

Public: Ed Comeau, Daymond Steer

Meeting called to order at 8:17 am by Commissioner Sorensen

Public Input - None

Minutes

MOTION: Com. Solomon moves to accept the minutes of March 9th, 2011. Com. Kenney seconds this motion. So voted.

Reports

1. Com. Solomon: All three commissioners attended a breakfast meeting on Friday given by the UNH Extension. UNH has a technical school called the Thompson School. There was a panel there consisting of a teacher from Pine Street School in Conway who runs an after school program, George Cleveland who runs Senior Program in Conway, Russ Dowd who works for an energy company in Tamworth, Bill Stockman from Spider Web Gardens. The presentation reviewed what UNH does and how they help us. David did speak and thanked the people from UNH who have helped on the county level.
2. Com. Sorensen: It was a community discussion, good attendance. Chamber of Commerce was there, representatives from Shaheen's office were there. The president of the University wanted input as to how the people of the community felt about UNH and what they are doing. He admitted that he was going to have to change the direction in other areas because the legislature in Concord is going to make some cuts.
3. Com. Kenney: It was said that there would be a \$50 million cut. The president will go and ask for support from the public to raise money for the funds.
4. Com. Solomon: Attended a meeting yesterday at the Tri-County Cap building for Carroll County United. I am on a subcommittee there for energy and broadband usage in the county and how to improve both. They are preparing a field day for people to go and see two existing boiler

systems; one using pellets and one using chips. They are trying to bring along people in various capacities in Carroll County to see if they can show them how efficiently these other boiler systems work and how cost effective they could be with their operations.

5. Com. Kenney: Asks a question to Sandi McKenzie. In reviewing the charges, there is a charge for a nursing workshop which showed a pet charge of \$75 on the hotel bill.

6. Sandi: I will look into that. We shouldn't have been paid for by us.

7. Com. Solomon: Addresses Com. Kenney regarding the word "rehabilitation" in the nursing home name. It can be used. I contacted our specialist who lead us through the CON process and I asked her directly if there was any restriction on using the word rehabilitation. She said absolutely not. That the only restriction was that we could not say that we were a rehabilitation hospital, which we are not saying.

8. Com. Kenney: I think it is misleading the people if we have rehabilitation in the name because the nursing home only has a license for limited services.

9. Com. Solomon: There is no misleading of anything, we are already doing it, this is done in all the nursing homes in our immediate area. We are not making any allocations of things we are not doing.

10. Com. Sorensen: I attended the Ossipee Rotary meeting on Monday night. There were probably 15-16 people there. I thanked North Conway, Fryeburg and Wolfeboro Rotary Clubs for contributing to the purchase of our bus. I spoke about everything that is going on with the new nursing home. We talked about the budget and a little bit about the farm and livestock program. They asked about energy, whether we looked at the different types of thermal energy. I spoke about the pellet furnace.

Yesterday, I attended the subcommittee meeting for the nursing home. The roof is 95% complete, 102 people are working on a daily basis, sheet rocking is moving along very quickly. They started painting the rooms upstairs on the east side of the building. Things may be a bit delayed and it looks like we may not be moving in until the middle to end of August. That is not cut in stone, things could move along fairly quickly and it could change.

We have sent out an RFP for Landscape Architectural Services. We sent it to at least four people in Carroll County who are landscape designers and it's going to appear in Conway Daily Sun and the Independent. We are only advertising here in the county. Also going out will be an RFP for a project manager for the old nursing home. That will go out and then in another week or so, the architectural RFP will go out for the old nursing home. We will then have a meeting of the committee to decide which firm to hire and go from there.

Sandi McKenzie - MVNH

1. Census is at 103, 7 Medicare residents, 28 private pay residents, 68 Medicaid residents.
2. With regard to our rehab services, they are offered Monday through Friday, 8 hours a day. Saturday, there are services provided as needed and we are also looking to expand our services beyond the 7-3 hours. This would be on a resident-by-resident basis to adapt to their needs.
3. Final quotes received. Window treatments: Budgeted \$180,000.00. Final price is \$144,600.00. Resident furniture: Joerns quote was \$171,480.56 which is over the budget. Within their quote, they had added \$3,250.00 to move any of the pre-existing Joerns furniture that we already have. This will not need to be done, so will take that part out of their quote bringing it down to \$168,480.56.
4. Com. Kenney: Asks about a breakdown of the \$144,600.00 for the window treatments.
5. Sandi: That information has been sent to all of us previously and is not with me today.

MOTION: Com. Sorensen moves to accept the window treatments cost of \$144,600.00. Com. Solomon seconds this motion. Com. Kenney is opposed. So voted.

MOTION: Com. Solomon moves to accept the Joerns quote for resident furniture at \$168,230.56. Com. Sorensen seconds this motion. Com. Kenney opposed. So voted.

6. Sandi: I will communicate with Joerns today and ask them to send us a new statement without the moving of the old Joerns furniture cost. There is a credit application that I will bring down to Kathy that will need to be completed for that.

We do have an art meeting tomorrow at 1:00 p.m. here.

7. Com. Solomon: Commends Sandi on how every week with her report, she reports that we have our 103 beds full. I learned yesterday that Merriman House has had 6 empty beds for several months now. We are doing something right.

Will Dewitte - Farm

1. Will: It is inspection month for our vehicles. We have 4 vehicles that get inspected. We are rotating those out now and getting those inspected. We have one vehicle that we need to do some work to. We have been bagging wood for our campfire wood business. We currently have 2400 bags of our 5000 bag commitment already done. The workers have been doing a very good job. I would like to get as much down now as possible. With all the rain that we have had and snow melting, we have had some flooding issues going down to our sewer system. We have been out there redirecting it the best we can. This year, we have plans to do something a little

more permanent down there, but the ground is still frozen right now. As far as testing goes, we are coming to the end of the first quarter and we have a round of testing that we have to do at the later part of this week that we have to take down to Concord. We had a change in that DES wants things submitted electronically now. There is a certain type of radium testing that we do and we have to send that out to Florida. They don't have the electronic capabilities. So what has happened is we have to go through a middleman, a local company, and then they send it down to the Florida lab, who then sends the results to the middleman and then back to us. There may be an additional cost as we have to use the middleman. I don't have the bill yet.

2. Com. Sorensen: We received a quote from Eastern Propane to install a meter and Will has talked with Russ Howard about this.

3. Will: Mr. Howard said that 3 years ago when we had the meter put on the jail, it cost \$8,000. This meter they are talking about is about the same kind of meter. In the last 3 years, cost and materials have gone up 15%, now making the meter and installation more expensive. The individual that works with us from Eastern Propane is very competent and does a very good job. We could also go with parts and labor, but it may end up being more money.

MOTION: Com. Sorensen moves to hire Eastern Propane to put in the propane metering device at the new nursing home, not to exceed \$9,575.00. Com. Solomon seconds that motion. So voted.

4. Will: Rep. McConkey came on Monday. I spent an hour and a half to two hours with him. We started here in the Administration Building, talked about money in the capital reserve. I answered questions that he had. He asked for a tour and I took him around and showed him what we do for outside maintenance. We talked about things to be done with the old nursing home. I took him down to the farm and sewer department and showed him how that operates there. I took him into individual barns and talked about plans for those. We walked through the old cattle barn and showed him the rotting that is happening and showed him some of our equipment and how we take care of things. Showed him the sanding truck and talked about replacing that.

Farm Day: Will be held on July 30th from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. The theme will be backyard farming; four categories to include livestock, gardening (vegetables and berries), forestry and food preservation. Demonstrations will be held in each category. Ideas are still being discussed. Would like to do more advertising this year. Ideas about family games are being discussed.

Kathy Garry - Business Office

1. Kathy: Has forwarded information regarding the annual Governor's Breakfast, scheduled for April 13th at Merrimack County Nursing home.

Every year, we get from the Department of Education, the forestry money. This year it is \$873.24. Generally, it's for unincorporated places, Hale's Location. We usually have these

funds sent to the Conway School District, SAU 9.

MOTION: Com. Solomon moves to give the \$873.24, money in lieu of taxes from Hale's Location to the Conway School District. Com. Kenney seconds this motion. So voted.

Other

1. Sandi: Regarding Com. Kenney's question about the pet charge, the employee did bring a pet that was not paid for by the County. Sandi shows Com. Kenney the receipt showing that the employee paid for the pet charge.

Public Input

1. Daymond: Asks for an update regarding the Transit system.

2. Com. Solomon: The buses will run on a schedule and they have arrived. It will be another several weeks for the full schedule will be run.

3. Daymond: Asks Com. Kenney why she opposed the motions for the window treatments and resident furniture.

4. Com. Kenney: I don't agree as there are certain fees included. I think the fees are 20% and I think that is too high.

5. Com. Sorensen: Wants to make sure that the facts about these bids are correct. Should talk to Maria Gonzalez about the consulting fees which are included in EGA's budget. I want to make sure that the right facts are being printed.

MOTION: Com. Solomon moves to go into non-public session for the purpose of personnel issues. Com. Sorensen seconds this motion. Role-call vote by all commissioners. So voted.

Meeting adjourned at 9:17 a.m.

April Carpenter, Recording Secretary