

Carroll County Commissioners Meeting

Minutes

April 20, 2011

Commissioners Present: David Sorensen, Dorothy Solomon

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

Meeting called to order at 8:16 a.m. by Commissioner Sorensen .

Public

1. Rep. Babson: Last night I attended the Cooperative Extension Advisory Board meeting and much to my shock, Ann Hamilton read a letter from Jason Johnson saying that they are suspending the educational programs at the jail for a couple of months. Why?
2. Com. Sorensen: We will ask him when he comes in.
3. Daymond: Some people are concerned about the cost of rehabbing the old nursing home and that it could get up to \$2 million and that the committee appointed to look over it is stacked with “big spenders”. When were these people appointed and who is on the committee?
4. Com. Sorensen: Three commissioners, five representatives including Rep. McCarthy, Rep. Babson, Rep. Pettengill, Rep. McConkey, two people from Cooperative Extension, one from laundry, one from maintenance and one from the farm.
5. Maureen: That’s a very big committee. Why?
6. Com. Sorensen: Those are the people that may be in that building and they need to have some say. The delegation members on the committee wanted to be on it. Chip Albee and past representative Bridgham are also on the committee. I don’t think there are big spenders on this committee.
7. Daymond: When were these people appointed?
8. Com. Sorensen: They were asked to be on the committee. They are meeting Monday at 9:00 a.m. We have an estimate to take two wings down for \$50,000. We were asked where that money is coming from and it’s in the budget for the new nursing home. It was originally \$100,000 to take down the whole nursing home from Always Wrecking. There is an agenda for

that meeting, but I am not sure it was publicized.

9. Ed: It is on the web page.

10. Henry: I think the first thing that should be done is out of all the people in the room at the meeting is to decide who is actually on the committee. I also have a comment about Cybertron when they were talking about looking at the Sheriff's Department. It was put forward by, my representative, Com. Kenney, that it was going to cost \$65,000. That's not at all what they said. They said that given the information provided by the Sheriff's Department, it would cost \$65,000 to manage that department. That's predicated on the information given. Cybertron never got to go in and see whether that information was correct.

11. Com. Sorensen: My understanding from Cybertron was that they were told it would take four hours a day to manage the IT portion of the Sheriff's department. I can't quite agree with that.

12. Henry: I will bring this up next week if Com. Kenney is here because it's erroneous information that's being stipulated.

13. Maureen: I need some clarification on your conversation with Attorney Dewhurst last week regarding the impound yard. You actually never made it a motion that you were going back to allowing cars into the current impound yard and that's what I think he was trying to get you do.

14. Com. Sorensen: It was the consensus of the three commissioners that Attorney Dewhurst can bring in cars that he is going to be using as evidence. We are not sending letters back to the town saying we will take all cars. We don't have any money to do anything different. We will allow cars in only for cases he is working on. Towns are still responsible for accident vehicles.

15. Daymond: What happened with the sheriff and the lawyer. Did he actually hire a lawyer?

16. Com. Sorensen: He wanted to put one on retainer. We wrote him a letter saying that the Delegation strongly urged us to write him a letter saying that they would not be paying for an attorney to be put on a retainer. No bill was ever incurred.

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Corrections for minutes of April 13th, 2011.

Page 1, #2, newsletter is one word.

Page 2, #10, change April 298 to April 29th.

Under corrections for minutes, #6 - Need to know was Certificate of Revival is.

Page 3, under discussion of the Giving Tree, change presenting to representing.

Page 4, Com. Kenney - Not sure what she means by they basically work with the same people.

Not sure what she is talking about. Need to clarify.

Com. Sorensen: Change middle of August to beginning of September.

Will Dewitte - 20 credit hours. Under livestock - change to I have spoken.

Last line should read he and I will work together.

I believe Rep. Babson stated that he would purchase a pig or two - add this statement to the minutes.

Will not approve 4/13/11 minutes until next week.

Reports

1. Rep. Babson: We had a meeting last night and Mr. Spencer agreed to join the board. Rep. Knox made his first appearance. There was a gentleman there from Maine that had showed some interest, but at the end of the meeting after talking about NH legislation and budgets, and he didn't relate to it, so I don't think he will do. Ann read her letter about the suspension of the education programs at the jail. Charlene Baxter was there and we talked a great deal about the nutrition program. The educator reported what they have been doing. Strafford County, as of two days ago, defunded Cooperative Extension. We made it clear that we are not supplying educators to anybody that doesn't want to support Cooperative Extension. Two counties had substantial cuts. Coos County went up. Belknap and Cheshire Counties took big cuts. Hillsborough and two other counties are in the middle of their budget cycle right now. Ann also said that the university informed her that they will not sign a 5-year lease.

2. Henry: Regarding the health insurance, right now we have insurance from Matthew Thornton. Matthew Thornton and Harvard are the two companies that sell health insurance in the state. Up until this point, there was one way that the county could see a reduction in health insurance cost and that was by going to a very high deductible and the county picking up either all or portion of that deductible. We had a quote from Harvard considering the high deductible, but at Monday's meeting, we didn't have a quote from Matthew Thornton which is the insurance company that we have been getting through Primex. One thing that did come out is that Primex is getting out of being middleman of health insurance. If the county goes with Matthew Thornton again, we go in as individual, not in a pool. Prices may change.

3. Com. Solomon: I have been in touch with Betsy Miller regarding whether or not we could, as counties, pool as we did with electricity. She stated that even with that, we wouldn't have enough people because it's not just counties that are involved with Primex.

Will Dewitte - Farm

1. Will: We started some spring clean out in the front of the nursing home. I ordered the fertilizer for the fields. I have ordered all the seeds for the garden: green beans, wax beans, summer squash, zucchini, cucumbers, 2 different varieties of pumpkins, peppers, a couple different varieties of tomatoes, lettuce (requested from Rob in the kitchen), and some sweet corn.

We are trying to add something new every year. We are also going to try some cherry tomatoes (to help with the salad bar). I decided to try some sweet corn as we had some extra space. Last year, we did sell a lot of vegetables to employees on the complex, so I thought we could give this a try. We have been doing spring cleaning in the shop. The Bureau of Weights and Measures came out last night to calibrate and certify scales for local people. We had over 20 people show up, a lot of local farmers. They said that this was their most attended workshop. Will requested drawings of impound lot from Com. Sorensen.

2. Rep. Babson: What is the final size of the campfire wood building?

3. Will: As of right now, it's still going to be 34 x 120.

4. Rep. Babson: Thanks Will on the nice job he did last night, having chairs, etc. No one was complaining about having to wait. The personnel from the Department of Agriculture were extremely helpful and very pleasant. It's too bad that Senator Bradley, who sponsored the Bill to turn back to private enterprise, wasn't here to see how it worked.

Cheryl Delisle - MVNH

1. Cheryl: Census is at 102. We have 10 Skilled. We have another resident coming in on Friday. Staffing is good. We are getting ready for our State survey which should be next month.

2. Rep. Babson: Last Wednesday, it was discussed that the third party that's looking over the plans for the old nursing home were being held up and it was going to slow up the process. (for moving the boilers in) One of the sad things about State Government is that an ordinary citizen cannot call up and get the information. I called the Fire Marshall on Thursday and I think that I had an answer of some sort by Friday. He told me it was totally unacceptable and that he would look into it and move it forward.

Kathy Garry - Business Office

1. Kathy: I won't be here on Monday for the building meeting. I do have a copy of the report from EGA. I can make copies available for Monday's meeting. With regards to the financing piece, I do have an amortization schedule, just round numbers, based on \$500,000 at 5% for 20 years, if that's the route that's going to be taken. I can do it a couple of different ways if you would like. Ultimately, the Delegation has to vote as to how this will proceed. The other option is the funds from the construction going on right now. The Delegation can vote to use those monies for capital projects. They have to vote to do any of the borrowing.

2. Com. Sorensen: Do we have a bid from Always Wrecking, or a letter or was that strictly by phone?

3. Kathy: I believe that was by phone. I remember it was \$100,000 for the whole building and

\$50,000 for two wings.

Jason Johnson - HOC

1. Current population is 48 in house, 1 weekender, 5 transfers, 3 electronic monitor, and 15 on pre-trial release for a total in population of 72.
2. Total number of admitted inmates for the week was 17 (9 repeaters) and total number of released inmates for the week was 13. Repeater Charges: 1 in for theft by unauthorized taking (booked 3 times in 3 years), 1 in for second degree assault, felon in possession of a weapon (booked 7 times in 6 years), 1 in for theft by unauthorized taking (booked 3 times this year), 1 in for Capias (booked 12 times in 8 years), 1 in for electronic bench warrant (booked 7 times in 3 years), 1 in for violation of a restraining order (booked 4 times in 2 years), 1 in for disorderly conduct (booked 3 times in 6 years), 1 in for electronic bench warrant (booked 2 times this year), 1 in for robbery, witness tampering, reckless conduct, theft by unauthorized taking, resisting arrest, DWI 2nd, aggravated DWI, conduct after an accident, disobeying a police officer X3, reckless operation, operating after suspension (booked 7 times in 7 years).
3. Farm has been taking out an average of 4 inmates per day. They have 7 available.
4. We needed to send an inmate out to the hospital on Monday via ambulance. This inmate was treated and returned to the facility.
5. We have an inmate work crew going out to the Tuftonboro Land Fill next week for work detail. Also have an inmate work crew going out to assist the Ossipee Conservation Commission for construction of the Kiosk.
6. Com. Sorensen: Asks Jason about the hold on the educational programs.
7. Jason: We put the programs in a holding pattern because of staffing. We wanted to try and combine our male and female population into groups, for scheduling purposes, to combine the programming and have an officer in the room for supervision. We are short staffed now, but are going through the hiring process. We are hoping this will be more cost effective. We are also restructuring the programs into shorter time periods so that the inmates will be able to finish them before they are released. We are also looking into an online program called Plato. They offer job training, job skills, resumes, etc. They have reports for assessing and we could track their time on the program. It also offers Tab scores which is used by NH unemployment.
8. Daymond: Asks Jason about the jail wall issue with SMRT.
9. Jason: We are still waiting to hear from Primex. There is another problem that came up. SMRT had asked us to look at the caulking as it's coming up on 7-8 years and they are starting to see some issues with it. Someone came in to look at it and found on some quick testing that

improper caulking was put in some areas. The proper people were notified and we are waiting to hear on how we are going to resolve that issue.

Robin Reade - Human Resources

1. Robin: We are getting the RFPs in for the telecommunication system and those were due yesterday. I need to know who to distribute those to. I have three or four.
2. Com. Sorensen: I would like six copies for the meeting on Tuesday.

Public Input - None

MOTION: Com. Solomon moves to go into non-public for the purpose of personnel/discipline and legal counsel discussion. Com. Sorensen seconds this motion. Role call vote taken. So voted.

Meeting adjourned at 10:46 a.m.

April Carpenter, Recording Secretary