

**Minutes  
Carroll County Commissioners' Meeting  
May 25, 2011**

**Commissioner(s) Present:** David Sorenson, Dorothy Solomon and Asha Kenney

**Public:** Maynard Thompson, Ed Comeau, Kathleen Maloney, Susan Wiley, Bob Bird, Linda Dabica and Daymond Steere.

The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Sorenson at 8:23 am.

**Public Input**

Daymond Steere asked the Commissioners if we had a new recording secretary?  
Commissioner Kenney introduced the new minute taker, Sandy Twyon, to those in attendance.

**Report**

Commissioner Kenney reported that she attended a construction meeting where they talked about signage (sample was distributed) that they want to place on the wall next to the resident's door. There is still moisture in the floor.

They talked about Time Warner and Direct TV. Commissioner Sorenson said, at this time the new nursing home is wired for cable, and we want to have the option of going with Direct TV.

Commissioner Solomon reported that there was an Old Nursing Home Building Committee Meeting on Monday.

There were two presentations one by Bauen Corporation and one by BPS for the position of Project Manager.

The Committee recommended. Bonnette, Page and Stone for the position of Project Manager.

**Motion**

Commissioner Solomon made a motion to accept Bonnette, Page and Stone as the Project Manager for the renovation of the old nursing home building. Commissioner Sorenson seconded the motion and all in favor.

Commissioner Sorenson reported that the Delegation requested on Monday that we provide them with the authorization for \$100,000 to tear down the two wings. We are suppose to provide that to them at their meeting on Monday, June 27, 2011. They will be looking at a quarterly financial report from us, and probably some consideration as to what they want to do with the old nursing home building.

The Delegation approved the new building budget and the authorization for \$100,000 is there.

**Moving Bids/Demolition Bids**

Commissioner Sorenson reported that on Monday we sent out bids to move the resident's furnishings and other items out of the old nursing to the new nursing home.

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We did have Country Pickers of Conway and it was suggested that we send it out for bids. There is a company in Wolfeboro and Laconia. Those bids have gone out and need to be in by June 30, 2001

Bid for demolition of the wings will be going out.

Testers came and took samples to see if there was any asbestos present and these samples were sent to Boston for analysis,

### Department Reports

Will DeWitte, County Farm Supervisor, reported continuing to work on the lawns, blueberries planted, and working on putting the sawdust down. We have sold out of mulch hay, and have a customer who wants that and we will be able to have the barn cleaned out,

We had been up at the pump house where we had a major issue which required the skill of a master plumber. This issue was resolved by an inmate, who is a master plumber.

We have a Farm meeting this afternoon at 3:30.

Last issue is donations for the educational program with the pigs. A gentleman this week donated some equipment as he no longer has pigs. We have had four monetary donations which add up to \$310.00 and the equipment donations.

Commissioner Sorenson requested that we get a firm estimate for what it would cost for an asphalt driveway and whatever the state would require.

Commissioner Solomon asked Will to research information regarding our septic system and whether it could take an additional 500 gallons a day; and if we would be in compliance the state. Will was asked to have a report for the Delegation Meeting on June 27, 2011. They want to have someone from the state to say that these gallons are within the 80% limits of the state. If they can't come, Will was asked to try and get a letter.

### Department Reports Continued

Jason Johnson, County Jail Superintendent, reported that the current population is 52 in-house, 0 weekenders, 9 transfers, 2 electronic monitors, and 17 on pre-trial release for a total in populations of 80

Total number of admitted inmates for the week was 18 (8 repeaters) and a total number of released inmates for the week was 18

#### Repeater Charges

- 1 in for simple Assault X2, Resisting Arrest, Criminal Trespass Booked X9 in 9 years
- 1 in for 72 Hour Probation Hold – Booked X3 in 2 years
- 1 in for Electronic Bench Warrant – Booked X6 in 3 years
- 1 in Protective Custody – Booked X11 in 17 years
- 1 in for Electronic Bench Warrant & Willful Concealment – Booked X5 in 2 yrs
- 1 in Violation of a Protective Order – Booked X4 in 19 years

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1 in for DWI, Resisting Arrest, Disobeying a Police Officer, Taking w/ Owners  
Consent – Booked X2 in this year  
1 for False Report to Law Enforcement, Criminal Threatening, Possession  
of Drug Paraphernalia, Open Container, Theft by Deception, Criminal  
Liability for Conduct of Another – Booked X6 in 8 years

Jason went to the Drug Court Graduation with Representative Babson on Monday. It appears that the program works well. Graduates reflected the impact that the program had on them. I learned that 50% of those enrolled in the program complete the program; of those as of now, 91% have not had law enforcement contact. The program is 5 years old. While I was out at the conference last week, I met with Kevin Warwick, who is a consultant for Alternative Sentencing, and works for NIC. He is willing to offer training to us to help start a program in our county. The training would be sponsored by NIC and would be at no cost. Mr. Warwick is currently working with Superintendent Cunningham in Sullivan County. Jason stated that he would follow-up with Mr. Warwick.

While at the training, I spoke with a number of vendors regarding everything from security to increasing staff efficiency and the possibility of generating other revenues to the county. One of things I am looking to do is video visits to reduce contraband, reduce traffic within the facility, and increase attorney contact. I am looking into the possibility of getting one of the vendors, the Kioffs, for nothing. They have the ability to charge for visits and as long as they get a piece of that commission they can provide the Kioffs for nothing. We are not wired for it.

Commissioner Sorenson talked with Superintendent Church from Rockingham County. They have Prime Care and have 300+ inmates and we have 60 inmates. They. Prime Care will pick up their obligation of \$80,000 they will pick up ours of \$25,000.

Commissioner Kenney proposed that we go with Prime Care for one year.

Commissioner Sorenson We would have to go six months or eighteen months to conform with our budget season.

### **Motion**

Commissioner Solomon made a motion that we go with Prime Care for an eighteen Months period. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Sorenson. Commissioner Kenney abstained. Commission Kenney asked if the County Attorney read the contract? Jason said he did not.

Commissioner Sorenson stated that we need to add that to the motion, that the County Attorney is going to read the contract.

Daymond Steere requested that the Commissioners go over the numbers with Prime Care. How much does it cost? How many employees are affected? How much would save? Is there any doubt that Prime Care might not accept a fraction of the year? Discussion ensued, the information provided by the Superintendent on the contract is total budget amount is \$496,973. that includes salaries, benefits, education, medical supplies and so forth. We are looking \$399,000 first year and second year is \$411,000

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so that is about \$80,000 a year we are saving as long as costs would be the same for us.

Mr. Thompson asked if the assumption of legal responsibility by Prime Care includes an indemnification and hold harmless provision if the County is in fact sued? Are they saying that they will represent and defend any claims or are they also saying that they will indemnify the County if in the event any judgments are entered against the County?

Commissioner Sorenson stated that it is his impression that they will

Sandy McKenzie, Nursing Home Administrator

This morning census is 103

5 Medicare Residents

22 Private Pay Residents

71 Medicaid Residents

2 Pending Medicaid

We had a Landscape Design Meeting last Friday with presentations by three Landscape Designers: Pollock Land Planning LLC: John Wacker; and Carol Jowdy. This meeting was chaired by the Commissions and a decision is pending.

In regard to our "Name Research", I spoke to Attorney Dewhurst yesterday, attempting to get some legal advice. I was advised to look at the legal entity of the Mountain View Nursing Home. Certainly what I see on a lot of documents, outside of the nursing home, is County of Carroll Mountain View Nursing Home. In further exploration late yesterday I understand that we use the same Tax ID number.,

Sandi reported on the proposed telephone system: we received six responses from our RFP and the responses are attached to original minutes.

Bob Murray reported that he and Sandi took a few weeks and interviewed clients for the prospective phone system.

After extensive interview, we came to the conclusion that TeleTechniques, Inc – Gilmanton, NH who proposed a Samsung phone system for \$24,835.00 with a 5 year equipment and labor warranty is going to be our recommended phone supplier to the

Commissioner Kenney asked about information in the warranty and is this for 5 years. Mr. Murray replied yes.

**Motion**

Commissioner Solomon made a motion that we go with TeleTechniques, Inc for the \$24,835. 5 year equipment and labor contract with warranty. Commissioner Sorenson seconds the motion and all those in favor. .

Mr. Murray discussed the conduit for Direct TV or whatever service we go with. Prices came in a lot higher than expected, it was anticipated that it would run \$13,000-\$14,000. We got another quote in for PC conduit but we can't use PC. What we decided on at the Construction meeting was simply putting in a conduit from the boiler room, which is adjacent to the electrical room up into the attic, and from there pulling bare wire to the locations that need it. This is the bare minimum, but gets me out of my concern about not being able to do any further wiring in the building. It is metal conduit, short distance maybe 24 feet.

Ed Comeau asked if there will be orientation for volunteers before the move. Sandi responded yes.. That is a priority.

## **Other**

### **Department Reports Continued**

Chris Conley, County Sheriff, summarized that effective April 1, 2011 Captain Meyers was salaried position with an annual pay of \$80,000.. He is not receiving health benefits because he doesn't take them. The Captain has two core responsibilities; he is my Executive Officer and he is a System Administrator. The two are combined specific to his particular skill set. His position will not be transferred to another person, meaning that if has to leave or is at the end of service, another person coming in will not get the same package as him.

Sheriff Conley stated that Captain Meyer had worked one day for 19 hours due to an emergency.

Commissioner Solomon asked if he worked 19 hours in one day, how does he get his work done. Sheriff Conley replied that we have to prioritize, that is why it is so critical to the operation. Mr. Thompson asked if this position was especially subject to the variability of off hours and requirements of overtime. Sheriff Conley stated that this position is a salaried position, so overtime will not enter into it.

Ed Comeau stated that he had a real concern about the sobriety checks, and wanted to know if the sheriff considered the 4th Amendment before asking for the money to do those sobriety checks. Sheriff Conley stated that he is familiar with the 4th Amendment and the issues people bring up; those have been vetted in the court. It is a random thing and does not think that anybody's right is being violated.

Sheriff Conley presented a Speed Enforcement Grant for Rte 16 for \$4,472.60 to the Commissioners for approval.

## **Motion**

Commissioner Solomon made a motion to accept the Highway Safety Grant for \$4,472.60. Commissioner Sorenson seconded the motion, all in favor.

## **Other Areas**

Commissioner Sorenson is in support of mothballing the other two wings. The Delegation wants a reasonable use of the old nursing home. We did talk about more storage for maintenance. I talked with jac Cu ddy, who is the Executive Director of the Mount Washington Valley Economic Council about the possibility of a company that has outgrown his building moving to this complex; he offers companies incubation space, where companies start off small, and share secretarial help and so forth. He has several of them and he is pretty well built out of space that he has available in Conway. I guess I would look at it as a possibility to expand jobs in Ossipee. It would benefit the expanding company and expand jobs at the same time. If we can do that, I think it is a direction we might want to go. I am in support of keeping those other two wings. We don't tear down the core section; we don't tear down the other two wings. We can mothball the two wings, cut down the electricity. Reduce the heat considerably. We need storage space. We need to garage our two buses.

Mr. Thompson stated that from the colloquy that just took place it sounds almost as if the County sees itself contemplating being what amounts to a commercial realtor acting on spec. Your proposal would have the County tax payers subsidizing small business. What I am in fact asking; Is the County contemplating selling this off to a private developer or tearing it down?

Commissioner Sorenson replied that it would be a rental and I am speaking for myself now. I sort of agree with you on whether we want to get into a commercial leasing type program, yet on the other hand if we can create jobs and get income as a result of renting that may prolong the use of that space. Mr. Thompson stated that if we are renting it below market, which the Commissioners say we aren't if we are renting at market rates why not sell it off to a private development who can rent at market rates.

If anyone has suggestions for use of space, I would be interested. We need to convince the Delegation that revenue would reduce the tax burden on the Carroll County tax payers.

Commissioner Sorenson reported on the Landscape Design. We had three bids that came in. as was mentioned earlier. It was unanimous by the committee that we choose Carol Jowdy, who is a landscape designer, out of Sandwich.

We have an item that we need to vote on, and this is for the accessories for the new nursing home for \$36,000. For clarification, TMD designs is the overall company that we deal with. They have people who are sub contractors to them, one of which is the art work that we passed a week ago. The problem is that we signed a contract with the art Consultant, and we should have signed a contract with TMD designs. The check is made out to TMD designs.

**Motion**

Commissioner Kenney made a motion to accept the minutes with corrections to change the name of the Nursing Home, Commissioner Solomon seconded the motion, all in favor.

Commissioner Solomon reported that she had a request from UNH Cooperative Ext to use our County Seal. The Seal on our website would be as a direct link to Carroll County's website. Currently they are using the seal on programs that are directly tied to County Government.

**Motion**

Commissioner Solomon made a motion to allow UNH Cooperative Extension to use the County Seal on programs that are directly tied to County Government. Commissioner Sorenson seconded the motion, all in favor.

**Public Input**

Susan Wiley spoke to the Commissioners about a recording "The website is not user-friendly". When will that be updated and she has some suggestions for the minutes. .

Ed Comeau reported that he has been working with Robin Reade. The last communication we had was to get two more estimates to show the public the comparisons.

**Motion**

Commissioner Kenney made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 11, 2011 Commissioner's Meeting. Commissioner Sorenson seconded the motion, and Commissioner Solomon abstained.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:43 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra R. Twyon  
Recording Secretary