

Carroll County Commissioners' Meeting Minutes
November 16, 2011

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Page 11: by the IT grants it says "witness", needs to say Victim Witness. Page 14: Comm. Sorensen and Kathy G. should be \$1,000.00 in travel, it says \$7,000.00. MOTION: Comm. Kenney made a motion to approve the minutes as corrected for Nov. 2, 2011. Comm. Sorensen seconded. All in favor.

Comm. Kenney: Minutes for Nov. 9, 2011. Corrections: Page 1: Henry, have we made a purchase of the truck...make that a question ? Page 5: "the" job on the first line. MOTION: Comm. Kenney made a motion to approve the minutes as corrected for Nov. 9, 2011. Comm. Sorensen seconded. All in favor.

Sandi McKenzie and Paula Coates, Mountain View Community Budget

Items left over in the old nursing home will available for the Dept. Heads to go through to see if there is anything they need in their departments, then it will be open to the employees to go through and finally the public. Thursday, Nov. 17 – Department Heads and staff needs Friday, Nov. 18 – Employee sale Saturday, Nov. 19 – Community Sale and Christmas Craft Sale 9am-2pm. Sandi is checking around to see if there are any other facilities in the County that would need beds.

Sandi discussed these issues prior to getting into her detailed budget. Private pay daily rate is currently \$262./per day. Proposed daily rate change as of January 1st to \$275./per day. The Medicaid Rate Setting Department needs to be notified of this by December 1st. Most nursing homes are higher than Mtn. View. Commissioners fine with this increase.

Medicaid daily rate is currently \$149.54/per day. Budget is based on the current rate. Supporting documentation has been sent to the Rate Setting Department in October for new building capital expenditures and equipment that was brought over to the new facility has been identified. The Technical Advisory Committee is meeting today and will find out about the new rate hopefully tomorrow. They have to notify the nursing home by December 1st.

The stimulus payment program has been discontinued. Payment this year was \$320K (loss).

The ProShare Money has never been put into the nursing home budget. This year received was approximately \$600k. Past years the variable was around \$300k.

The Medicare rates was decreased by 11.1% effective October 1st.

Sandi just received notification that the Omni Care Pharmacy consultant fee is being increased by \$5.50 per bed revealing an increase of \$5,298.00 per year. The plan is to send out an RFP for pharmacy services immediately and not sign the contract.

Sandi is waiting for a new quote on the linen usage from the Linen Service. She expects a decrease in the rate.

The nursing home budget has a firm base of historical data. Moving into the new facility changes all that, especially in areas such as energy usage, fuel usage. This budget being presented is based on propane use and not pellet use.

Salaries are not factored into this budget yet as the union is still in negotiations and Sandi is awaiting guidance from the Commissioners on this.

See the attached budget sheets. Sandi reviewed these line by line with the Commissioners. Please go to www.governmentoversite.com for a full commentary of the review.

Paula explained the bed tax to the public. The café is now open to employees, the public and also to residents who choose to have something different than the daily menu.

Comm. Sorensen commended Sandi on the great job she has done with the budget.

Rep. Babson asked Sandi about the two employees looking to further their education and asked what was in place for that contract. The County will assist full-time employees in furthering their education and there is a two year commitment on the employee to continue working for Mtn View Community upon receiving their degree.

Sandi and Paula left the meeting.

Comm. Sorensen asked Jon Rich from Cybertron to come up with some figures for next week. Jon stated that the time spent in the Sheriff's Dept. will be as much as all the other departments combined due to the complexity of the system.

Comm. Sorensen: Can that be reduced in any way? Jon: To some degree, there are ways that some of the processes that can be streamlined. The dispatch software is the most complex even more so than the jail. Jon is working to bring the software in dispatch up to date. Comm. Sorensen asked Jon to provide a priority list for the whole Complex. Jon on the agenda for 8:45am next Wednesday , Nov. 23rd. Need a recommendation from the IT Committee for the purchase. Jon answered questions from the public on IT issues.

Jason Johnson, Jail Budget Jason came back in to review his proposed changes and decreases in his budget from last week. Please go to www.governmentoversite.com for a full commentary of the review. Jail budget is now up 5.9% after adjustments.

Public Input: Daymond: I understand that Capt. Meyers has resigned or retired? Comm. Sorensen: I'm not going to get into whether he resigned or retired, his last day of employment was yesterday November 15, 2011. Daymond: Prior to that was there any change in his status, such as administrative leave. Comm. Sorensen: I can't comment on that. Daymond: Now that he is no longer an employee is that issue resolved? Comm. Sorensen: No and I am not going to comment anymore on the issue. Rep. Babson: Has the Kronos system saved us money since we purchased it over a year ago? David: None of us have looked into it and we will do that. It hasn't been in effect for a full year. Someone else asked a question about the wind gauge and Jerry Gagne has information on that. Maureen: When will the RFP on the piping be completed? Comm. Sorensen: It has to go out on Federal specifications and hasn't gone out yet. Henry discussed the issue with the Commissioners whether the Delegation overstepped their bonds in purchasing a new truck. He spoke as a taxpayer of Carroll County. See governmentoversite.com for more details on this discussion.

Comm. Sorensen made a motion to go into non-public session for legal consultation, Comm. Kenney seconded. Role call vote. So voted.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:44am

Respectfully submitted, Recording Secretary Robin Reade, HR Director

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