

Carroll County Commissioners' Meeting  
May 2, 2012

In attendance: Commissioners David Sorensen, Dorothy Solomon and Asha Kenney  
Public Maureen Spencer, Ed Comeau, Daymond Steer, Jack Rose, David Babson, Steve Brown

**Commissioner Sorensen** called the meeting to order at 8:36am

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Press Release dated May 2, 2012 regarding Jail Escape and Investigation, Carroll County House of Corrections, December 1, 2011. Read aloud by Commissioner Solomon. See Attached.

Commissioner Sorensen: This press release was reviewed by the Attorney and Sheriff's Department and this is what they felt could be released at this time. I have the full report and we will follow up with the recommendations from that report to the attention of the Delegation for approval. It includes personnel, fencing, that will be addressed with the Delegation.

Commissioner Kenney: I gave to the commissioners the minutes last week from 2011, do you have January, February and March. Commissioner Sorensen: I have read them and need to go through them once more and approve them for next week. Commissioner Kenney: I gave you the next set, which is April, May, June and July. It is not a lot, we need to release them.

Commissioner Kenney: I have the non-public meeting minutes from last week, did you get those? Commissioner Solomon: Attorney Dewhurst made changes.

**MOTION**

**Commissioner Kenney** makes a motion to approve the April 25, 2012 meeting minutes with corrections. Seconded by **Commissioner Sorensen**. All in favor. Motion Passed.

**Commissioner Solomon**: Report on the bus service. Yesterday I attended 2 meetings. 1<sup>st</sup> meeting was about the bus service. We discussed last Friday or Friday before a meeting at the Albany Town Hall regarding bus service to Conway. Because Conway was the only town who did not sign onto the \$3,000 for the Dial-A-Ride Service. And they were the major users of that service. It came up at that meeting, that an anonymous donor, donated the \$3,000 to cover that cost. An additional donor was at the meeting who donated \$500. And someone recently sent in another \$25. That is covered now, but there is an understanding we can not go on that way in the future. Following that meeting there was a meeting with the Regional Coordination Council having to do with the bus service, it was decided that the White Mountain Economic Council would be dealing with the service application with the grant and the commission would not be involved with that.

**Jason Johnson, H.O.C. See Attached**  
Inmate Population 67

Joe came before you with a service contract to be signed. Commissioner Sorensen: I wanted to get your approval on that. This is for the Visual Alarm System for the boiler room \$2,480. Jason Johnson: This is something I did not budget for this year. If that is something we have to put on hold until later this year, to see what our funds look like or next year budget for it. Commissioner Sorensen: Is this something that is not critical at this point? Jason: Not critical, but should be done. The company we hired for the Recreation Yard has been on site for the past couple of days, they should have their work completed by this week.

**Sandi McKenzie, MVC See Attached**  
Population 101

Landscaping will begin the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of May. PSNH Rebate of \$15,893 See Attached. New Home Construction, under the 2010 program, offering incentives. Randy Perkins to inspect the lighting to save energy. **Commissioner Kenney**: I have a picture of Mount Shaw of a ceiling that has a hole in it and water stains. It was never reported to the Commissioners that it has been less than a year and we already have a leak. Sandi: I believe if it was a major issue we would have reported it. I will ask Bob Murray, Superintendent of Facilities to report on that and on all the systems. I believe it was a condensation issue. **Commissioner Kenney**: Is it true that windows can not be opened? Sandi: That is incorrect, we are asking residents to refrain from opening windows, because it is counter productive for our ventilation system. If a resident wants to open their windows, then we just ask the resident to close their door, so there is a balance. Residents have a choice, but there is a balance.

**Commissioner Sorensen:** A year away, I assigned and requested and the other 2 commissioners accepted that Commissioner Kenney be responsible for the Sheriff's Department and Commissioner Solomon be responsible for the nursing home. It is not to say that another commissioner can not go and listen to people or finding things. But I would appreciate it if in this case with the nursing home issues that you brought up to please talk with Commissioner Solomon and if there are issues or comments being made with the Sheriff's Department we will make sure that you know about it early on. **Commissioner Kenney:** I don't believe that is correct. The Sheriff's Department keeps sending me correspondence that I do not get anything. He sent me a correspondence about an employee, and most recently about another employee. I talked to him and he stated that he sends me correspondence, and that there were more than 10 letters that I still have not seen. He stated that the commissioners have it and you received it. **Commissioner Sorensen:** Who was it addressed to?

**Commissioner Kenney:** To the board of commissioners. **Commissioner Sorensen:** You need to check with the secretaries in the office. **Commissioner Sorensen:** I do not recall receiving any of the those. One thing I did ask the Sheriff to do was in regard to the Dispatch Center. The towns of Conway, Wolfeboro and Moultonboro are requesting a meeting to discuss the Dispatch Center, because those 3 towns do their own dispatching and they want to receive a reduction in taxes because we are doing it. I have asked the Sheriff to set up a meeting, I have not heard anything yet, you might want to check on that to see if a meeting is set up. If the towns decide to come to the county to do their dispatching, what kind of items do we need to increase space or more dispatch people. What would it cost the county whether we dispatch for those 3 towns. The offer is still there that those 3 towns are invited to use our Dispatch Center rather than their own. Hopefully, that can be set up within the next couple weeks if possible.

**Commissioner Sorensen:** The volunteers planting day lilies next Friday. I asked Rep. Mark McConkey about mulching on Monday. He stated he did not have the vehicles to haul the mulch. I asked if he knew of any contacts through Chocorua Lumber or Madison Lumber, he did not. He was going to get back to me of where the landscapers get their mulch and suggested the farm crew to use the big trucks to haul the mulch. I talked with Will about it, and he was going to look into to see if anybody had bark mulch.

**Commissioner Sorensen** responds to public comments made about the CO's hired because the O'Mara plan. And to comment on the Investigative Report and your opinion on it? I have the report right here and I thought it was well done and so did the County Attorney and the Sheriff. O'Mara did exactly what was requested of him to do. **Commissioner Kenney:** I just had a couple of questions that were in non-public and I expressed my concerns. I felt that there were a couple of things left out that I wanted to see investigated. **Commissioner Solomon:** I was very pleased with the report.

**Commissioner Solomon** responds to a public comment about the transportation. It depends on what bus you are seeing. If it is a Demand Response Bus, it is possible you may see it empty, it's either going to pick someone up or drop someone off. The Flex Route System runs a particular route. That system just went into place in January and is picking up steam as more people are getting to know when its coming or going. Presently, we are working on signage so more people know the schedule and more aware of where the bus stops are. The Flex Route and the Dial-A-Ride System is used more in Conway. I see people on the a great deal of time. When you get down a little further like down here in Ossipee, you may not see as many people on the bus. It is getting more and more ridership.

Jack Rose, Chairman of the Regional Coordinating Council. Statistics are available at any time, even today. The ridership is increasing, the overall ridership since the program was initiated is 9,000 rides. Dial-A-Ride has been implanted for over a year now. The Fixed Route System has been in place since January 3, 2012. Dial-A-Ride service is a door-to-door service to pick up immobile, under privileged and elderly, house to a doctor and back. Those rides are tremendous and growing rapidly.

**Commissioner Sorensen:** The County Attorney has submitted the Personnel Policy Manual. We are checking on one area that is in here. I have read through it and it is well done. Including evaluations on anniversary dates that I am questioning. One section we have to look at, employees should be salary or wage. We're checking on other counties to see what their situation is. The Nursing Home Policy Manual is being updated. **Commissioner Kenney:** The Nursing Home, the policy is being updated? The union and non-union? **Commissioner Sorensen:** Yes, it is being updated. **Commissioner Kenney:** What about here in this building, Carroll County Administrative Building, when are we going to start here for non-union. **Commissioner Sorensen:** In this building, it has already started.

## **MOTION**

**Commissioner Solomon** makes a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by **Commissioner Sorensen**. All in favor. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 9:51am

Recorded by,  
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