

“DRAFT”

Carroll County Delegation Minutes

March 23, 2009 - 9:00 A.M.

County Administration Building

Present: Reps. Ahlgren, Bridgham, Butler, Chandler, Fleck, Knox, McConkey, Patten, Roberts,
Scala, Stevens, Umberger, Wiley; Commissioners Sorensen, Solomon
and Albee;
(absent: Rep. Buco)

Chair Rep. Patten opened the meeting of the Carroll County Delegation at 9:00 a.m.

Chair Rep. Patten opens the floor for public input.

Henry Spencer: Mr. Spencer had concerns about the Delegation’s budget deliberation procedure this year. He stated that discussions relative to the bottom-line “target figure” for the 2009 budget and budget cuts should have been discussed at earlier meetings. He felt that in his opinion - if the Delegation had started these discussions earlier – the issues could have been thought through more successfully as opposed to “reactive” decisions .

Chair Rep. Patten closed public input session.

Rep. Wiley reminded Chair Rep. Patten that to date – there are four (4) sets of Delegation “Draft” Minutes that need to be approved.

2009 proposed Budget deliberations continued.

Commissioner Solomon advised the Delegation that Theresa Kennett of the Carroll County Transit Authority has reduced the requested proposed funding amount of \$13,600.00 to \$1,000.00- stating this amount would represent a “token funding” – confirming Carroll County “supports the proposed transit project”.

Commissioner Sorensen presented the Commission’s further reduction “cuts” to the proposed 2009 Budget. The total amount in proposed expenditure reductions were \$335,396.00. The amount to be raised by taxes was reduced by \$835,396 from the Subcommittee’s original recommendations. The Commissioners recommended an increase surplus for Revenues from \$300,000 to \$500,000. The Commissioners advised that the proposed revised amount to be raised by taxes totals \$13,287,865.00.

Commissioner Albee advised the delegation to review a copy of a letter from William J. Fazioli, addressed to the County relating to bond ratings and establishing a target UFB range.

The Delegation members reviewed and discussed at length - the Commission’s further reductions in detail as follows:

Human Resources: Acct. # 4103.009 – (Salary Adjustment) -
Reduced from Subcommittee’s proposal of \$60,000.00 to \$56,000.00.

Sheriff’s Dept.: Acct. # 4140.008 & Acct. # 4140.011 – (Special

Deputies & Bailiffs) – along with **Acct. # 4140.017 – (Education & Conferences)** – for a total proposed reduction of \$52,615.00.

Dispatch Center: Acct. # 4142.004 – (Salary/Personal Days) – was reduced from the Subcommittee's original proposal of \$21,775.00 to \$11,775.00.

Human Services: Acct. # 4190.056 – (DEAS) – proposed to be reduced an additional 6.2% - a reduction of \$229,941.00. Rep. Bridgham advised that the Federal Government proposed stimulus monies will pay their share of Medicaid (DEAS). Federal Government will pay 56.2% and the County's portion will be 43.8%.

Jail: Acct. # 6100.007 – (Administrative Salaries) – proposed to be reduced an additional \$4,000.00 - to \$211,000.00 - from the Subcommittee's proposal of \$215,000.00. **Acct. # 6100.065 – (Heating Expense)** – was reduced by \$20,000.00 from the Subcommittee's proposal of \$ 164,000.00.

Farm: Acct. # 7100.009 – (Salaries) – proposed reduction of an additional \$1,077.00 from the Subcommittee's proposal of \$ 82,254.00.

Cooperative Ext. Services: Acct. # 8360.001 - it is proposed by the Commissioners to level fund this account to the 2008 adopted budget amount of \$230,978.00 – reduced from the Subcommittee's proposed amount of \$234,966.00.

Capital Reserve: Acct. # 9285.103 – Commissioners proposed removing a proposed amount for the Sheriff's Dept. (Dictaphone) in the amount of \$8,000.00.

After a brief recess – the Delegation concluded that the actual figure for the **Court Bailiff's Acct. # 4140.011** should be reduced to \$129,675.00 and that the **Salary – Special Deputies Acct. # 4140.008** be reduced to \$30,000.00. Delegation members continued to deliberate the proposed Court Bailiff's \$20.00 per day increase in favor of a reduction to \$10.00 per day increase.

Commissioner Sorensen advised that the Nursing Home Enterprise Fund – Acct. # 5000.010 should have an additional revenue amount of \$300,000.00 - from pro-share monies.

Chair Rep. Patten asked for a Motion to accept the Commissioners' proposed total 2009 Budget reduction of \$52,615.00 to the Sheriff's Dept.

MOTION: Rep. Umberger moves to approve the Commissioners' proposed total 2009 Budget reduction of \$52,615.00 to the Sheriff's Dept, seconded by Rep. Bridgham.

Rep. Butler moved to amend the Motion to reduce the proposed total reduction from \$52,615,000 to \$40,440.00 – which would make the total 2009 Budget for the Sheriff's Dept. a total of \$1,641,405.00. The Motion to Amend was seconded by Rep. Stevens. A vote was taken. In favor = 11, opposed = 2. Motion Carries.

MOTION: Rep. Chandler moves to approve the Commissioners' proposed expenditure reduction for **Human Resources – Acct. # 4103.009 (Salaries)** in the amount of **\$4,000.00** – adjusting the Subcommittee's proposed Salaries budget amount to \$56,000.00, seconded by Rep. Stevens. **Motion Carries.**

MOTION: Rep. Umberger moves to approve the Commissioners'

proposed expenditure reduction for **Dispatch – Acct. # 4142.004 (Salary/Personal Days)** in the amount of **\$11,775.00** – adjusting the Subcommittee’s proposed Salary/Personal Days budget amount to \$10,000.00, seconded by Rep. Butler. **Motion Carries.**

MOTION: Rep. Bridgham moves to approve the Commissioners’ proposed expenditure reduction for **Human Services – Acct. # 4190.056 (DEAS)** in the amount of **\$229,941.00** – adjusting the Subcommittee’s proposed DEAS budget amount to \$3,478,797.00, seconded by Rep. McConkey. **Motion Carries.**

MOTION: Rep. Stevens moved to accept the Commissioners’ proposed Jail expenditure reduction of \$24,000.00, seconded by Rep. Umberger. The Motion was not voted on as Rep. Ahlgren immediately moved to amend the Motion based on his opinion that further cuts were available.

Rep. Ahlgren presented a Memorandum from Captain Jason Johnson, Chief of Security at CCDC to Commissioner Albee relative to Rep. Ahlgren’s request of an Operational Analysis for the Dept. of Corrections from 2004 to the present. Rep. Ahlgren advised the Delegation that for 2008 – the average cost per inmate at the State level penitentiary was \$90.41. The average cost per inmate for 2008 in other Counties was \$82.64. The cost of incarceration per inmate per day at the Carroll County Department of Corrections was \$131.68 per day.

After extensive deliberation by the Delegation relative to several key line items in the proposed reduction to the 2009 Jail Budget – including administrative salaries, overtime, meals and heating expenses, Rep. McConkey suggested an amendment to the Motion – increasing the Commissioners’ proposed expenditure reduction for the Jail from \$24,000.00 to \$44,000.00.

MOTION: Rep. McConkey moves to approve an increase in the Commissioners’ proposed expenditure reduction for the Jail from \$24,000.00 to **\$44,000.00**, seconded by Rep. Chandler. A vote was taken. *In favor = 12, opposed = 1.* **Motion Carries.**

MOTION: Rep. McConkey moves to approve the Commissioners’ proposed expenditure reduction for the Farm (Salary Adjustment) in the amount of **\$1,077.00**, seconded by Rep. Knox. *A vote was taken. All in favor.* **Motion Carries.**

MOTION: Rep. Bridgham moves to approve the Commissioners’ proposed expenditure reduction for the Cooperative Extension Services in the amount of **\$3,988.00** – level funded to the 2008 Adopted Budget in the total amount of \$230,978.00, seconded by Rep. Fleck. *A vote was taken. All in favor.* **Motion Carries.**

MOTION: Rep. Chandler moves to approve the Commissioners’ proposed expenditure reduction for the Capital Reserve – Sheriffs’ Fund – relative to monies appropriated for the purchase of a new Dictaphone – in the amount of **\$8,000.00**, seconded by Rep. Umberger. *A vote was taken. In favor = 12, opposed = 1.* **Motion Carries.**

MOTION: Rep. McConkey moves to add an additional line item to **Regional Appropriations – Acct. # 100.9180.156** – in the amount of \$1,000.00 –

representing the “token funding” for the proposed Carroll County Transportation Budget, seconded by Rep. Knox. All in favor. **Motion Carries.**

MOTION: Rep. McConkey moves to approve the Commissioners’ request to increase **Revenue Surplus – Acct. # 100.9500.007** – from \$300,000.00 to **\$500,000.00**, seconded by Rep. Bridgham. *A vote was taken. In favor = 12, opposed = 1. Motion Carries.*

MOTION: Rep. Chandler moves to approve adding an additional amount of **\$300,000.00** to the **Enterprise Fund – Acct. # 5000.010** – increasing the Subcommittee’s proposed total amount to \$5,216,515.00, seconded by Rep. Stevens. *All in Favor. Motion Carries.*

Rep. Patten suggested to the Delegation members that they needed to vote on what was agreed to here today. Rep. Bridgham confirmed the necessity to vote – along with further discussion of any substantial changes at a later date. Rep. Patten suggested a recess until Wednesday, March 25, 2009, when the Delegation is scheduled to meet again in Concord.

Rep. Stevens asked if he could move for a motion to approve the preliminary estimated amount of the total budget – as calculated today in the amount of \$22,959,225. with a preliminary estimated amount of \$13,280,040.00 to be raised by taxes, seconded by Rep. Roberts. Rep. Umberger did not want to approve the preliminary estimated total budget at this time.

Rep. Patten stated that the stimulus monies must be approved – as they cannot be used later on. She also stated that the Delegation could stay in executive session – recess today – and then reconvene and go into Convention in Concord on Wednesday.

MOTION: Rep. Stevens moved to recess at this point with a preliminary estimated budget amount of approximately \$22,950,000. to the call of the chair at 12:10 p.m. – and reconvene in Concord on Wednesday a.m., seconded by Rep. Roberts. *A vote was taken. In favor = 11, opposed = 2. Motion Carries.*

Meeting adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Umberger, Clerk