

Carroll County Delegation Meeting

April 27, 2009

Members Present: Representatives Betsey Patten, Stan Stevens, Chris Ahlgren, Ed Butler, Robert Bridgham, Susan Wiley, Joseph Fleck, John Roberts, Tom Bucu, Karen Umberger, Mark McConkey

The Delegation met to review the plans for the Nursing Home Building. The Building Committee had been meeting over the last several months and wanted to update the entire delegation on what was happening. The Delegation had allotted money to go forward with engineering and design. Bonnet, Page and Stone has been hired as the engineer and EGA Architects had done the current design.

Commissioner Sorensen told the Delegation they had hired Sandi Mc Kensey as the head of the nursing home. He also indicated they had hired a farm supervisor and were in the process of running a background check on the individual.

Commissioner Sorensen provided the following as the criteria for the new nursing home that the building committee and the architect used to develop the preliminary design.

- Two floors
- Neighborhood concept
- Private rooms with private bath and shower
- Site selection- the field next to the Administration Building

Jerry Menkey of EGA Architects provided a detailed concept of the building and answered questions about the building. The neighborhood concept places fifteen rooms around an open area that will be used as a living room and dining area. Each area will also have a small kitchenette for the use of the residents and staff. A nursing station will be placed so the nurse can view two living areas. The total footprint of the building is about 83,000 sq feet. The Commissioners have \$18,000,000 as a goal for the cost of the new nursing home.

There were several questions from delegation members that will be discussed at the next building committee meeting scheduled for May 11th at 3PM. Some of the questions were: cost to operate the nursing home, mission of the nursing home, parking, whether or not we wanted to continue with the private room and neighborhood concept. The meeting was taped so all of the questions will be available to the architects as they begin to look at changing plan A and developing plan B.

Commissioner Albee provided some information on possible bonding costs of \$18,000,000 over 20 years. We also asked that he provide the costs over a 30

year period. The concern was based on the figures he presented in 2011 County debt payment would increase 1.4 million using the concept of level funding or 1.7 million using the concept of level principal funding. A meeting is planned for August 17th at 9 AM to hopefully finalize the bonding. The next time the state goes out for bonding is in October and all necessary paper work needs to be finished prior to that time.

We discussed the need to have a plan A and a plan B in case plan A was too expensive for the County. We will hold another delegation meeting on May 18th at 9AM to review what changes the architects have made following our discussions of today.

We also plan to hold three public hearings in early June to obtain public input on the project. The hearings will be held in Conway, Wakefield and Moultonborough. Representative Umberger will make arrangements for Conway, Representative Fleck for Wakefield and Representative Patton for Moultonborough

The Commissioners are planning to go to the State with a plan in June. The concern was a bill currently in the Senate, HB 113 which may have an effect on obtaining funding. Representative Bridgham is working on a possible amendment to the bill.

Commissioner Sorensen suggested that we set up a 501c3 organization to accept donations for the new Nursing Home. Representatives Butler and Wiley agreed to help out with this.

Representative Karen Umberger
Clerk