

**“DRAFT”**

**Carroll County Delegation Meeting**

**Minutes**

**February 28, 2011**

**Delegation Members Present:** Joseph Fleck, David Knox, Mark McConkey, David Babson, Dino Scala, Steve Schmidt, Harry Merrow, Karen Umberger, Gene Chandler.

**Commissioners Present:** Commissioner Sorensen, Commissioner Kenney, Commissioner Solomon.

Meeting called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Rep. Fleck. Pledge of Allegiance.

**Public Input**

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**EXPENDITURES**

**Commissioners** - Revision for line 070, Travel Expense, change from \$5,000.00 to \$6,000.00. Total bottom line changes to \$224,998.00. Will hold on the motion until quorum.

**Treasurer** - Total bottom line is \$6,267.00. No changes

**Special Fees & Services** - Total bottom line is \$19,400.00. No changes.

**Human Resources & Services** - Total bottom line is \$155,897.00. No changes.

**Water Works** - Total bottom line is \$57,666.00. No changes. Question is asked about the increase in workers compensation. Kathy Garry explains that there are different categories of jobs and the rates fluctuate from year to year.

**Attorney** - Revision for line 008, Salary-Assistant Attorney, change from \$160,472.00 to \$165,472.00, a 2% increase. Atty Dewhurst wants to increase the lowest salary which is substandard for assistant county attorney. There has been a lot of turnover in the last 10 years. It's been very difficult to keep associates due to the low salary. Rep. Umberger requests a breakdown for line item 008. This is provided to the Delegation on white board. 6

**MOTION:** Rep. Knox moves to retain line item 008 at \$160,472.00. Motion is

seconded by Rep. Umberger. 5 in favor, 3 opposed. Motion carried.

Revision for line item 012, Medical Insurance, decrease from \$56,607.00 to \$49,060.00.

Revision for line item 016, Dental Insurance, decrease from \$1,056.00 to \$864.00.

Revision for line item 030, Civil Commitment, increase from \$1.00 to \$25,000.00.

Total bottom line is \$459,777.00.

**Victim/Witness Assist. Grant** - Request for 2% increase for line item 009, Salaries, to \$43,000.00 from \$39,188.00.

MOTION: Rep. Scala moves to increase line item 009, Salaries, by \$1,906.00 for a total of \$41,094.00. Rep. Merrow seconds this motion. 1 in favor, 7 opposed. Motion fails.

Total bottom line remains at \$97,893.00.

**Medical Referee** - Total bottom line is \$16,500.00 with the revision of line item 070, Travel Expense, to \$5,500.00.

MOTION: Rep. Chandler moves to revise line item 070, Travel Expense, to \$3,500.00. Rep. Umberger seconds this motion. 8 in favor. Motion carries.

New total bottom line is \$14,500.00.

**Registry of Deeds** - Total bottom line is \$515,540.00. No changes.

**Sheriff's Department -**

Revision in line item 001, Administrative Salaries, from \$189,522.00 to \$184,522.00.

Revision in line item 002, Grant-Salary, from \$1.00 to \$15,000.00

Revision in line item 003, Special Details, from \$69,380.00 to \$49,000.00.

Revision in line item 004, Salary-Personal Days, from \$25,260.00 to \$21,000.00.

Revision in line item 005, Overtime, from \$40,402.00 to \$33,402.00.

Revision in line item 011, Court Bailiffs, from \$139,101.00 to \$132,201.00.

Revision in line item 052, Uniform Expenses, from \$12,000.00 to \$10,000.00.

Revision in line item 089, Camera Dark Room Expense, from \$2,000.00 to \$248.00.

Total bottom line - not calculated at this time.

**Dispatch Center -**

Revision in line item 069, Radio/Communication Expense, from \$30,895.00 to \$24,895.00.

Revision in line item 097, New Equipment, from \$1.00 to \$6,000.00.

Lines 069 and 097 were re-arranged to reflect the new equipment, so no change

in bottom line.

Total bottom line is \$752,592.00.

**Administration Building -**

Revision in line item 096, Impound Area, to \$1.00.

Total bottom line is \$202,398.00.

**Human Services Department** - Line item 056, DEAS, \$3,590,505.00. This is the figure we get from the state. The cap is at \$3,886,720.00. Kathy Garry reports that last year, we received stimulus to reimburse that line and they received four quarters of stimulus when we only budgeted for two quarters of stimulus. So, this year, we only budgeted for two stimulus as we are not sure we are going to get four quarters. Kathy will provide a printout of the stimulus money credited from last year.

**Maintenance** - Total bottom line is \$88,887.00. Question is asked of how many people are employed under this department. Kathy Garry states it is one person. Will DeWitte states that there are some people from the farm that are split into this department. Rep. Babson reports he thought it was 3 full-time and 1 part-time. Com. Sorensen states we will have an answer on this next week. Rep. McConkey comments about the fact that no one knows how many people are in the Maintenance Department. Secondly, in the past, employees are commingled between Maintenance and the Farm. Also comments that he would like snow plowing as a separate item on the budget. Would like this to be deferred until next week's meeting.

**Sewer System** - Total bottom line is \$50,901.00. This is an increase from last year mostly due to water testing and waste removal. This is required by the state. More details on the testing will be provided at next meeting.

**Jail/House of Corrections** - Rep. Babson discusses nursing salary line and the suggestion of Rep. McCarthy suggesting hiring LPNs vs. RNs. The subcommittee could not come to a consensus of what to do and wanted to leave it up to the Delegation. Regarding the Inmate Programs, we would like to try this for one more year with the stipulation that more information is gathered regarding what happens after they are released. New hires were discussed. Originally, 5 new hires were requested, this was brought down to 3 and 1 is a replacement hire due to one employee who has retired.

There are certain items to be discussed related to the Jail that should be discussed in Executive Session.

Revision in line item 017 Education & Conferences, from \$14,600.00 to \$13,100.00.

Revision in line item 038, Postage, from \$4,000.00 to \$3,145.00.

Revision in line item 065, Heating Expense, from \$108,000.00 to \$150,000.00.

Revision in line item 069, Laundry Expense, from \$5,808.00 to \$3,408.00.  
Revision in line item 070, Travel Expense, from \$3,123.00 to \$2,300.00.  
Revision in line item 078, Generator Expense, from \$3,601.00 to \$2,101.00.

Supt. Johnson reports that he would like to bring on another full-time person for nursing. Right now, we have 1 LPN and 2 RNs. We have nursing coverage from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. I would like to provide enough coverage 24 hours, 7 days a week. Right now, security staff respond to medical emergencies. Rep. Schmidt requests that Supt. Johnson provide information going back two years of the number of occurrences during the overnight shift, costs involved and what happened.

#### **Other -**

Executive Session is scheduled for next Monday, March 7<sup>th</sup>, at 8:30 to discuss equipment and security issues of the Jail/House of Corrections. Regular meeting to be started after that at 9:15 a.m.

Rep. Umberger and Rep. Merrow leave the meeting at 1:00 p.m.

#### **Minutes -**

1. Rep. McConkey comments on the discussion of the nursing home, Rep. Patten brought up that she wanted the Commissioners to comment to the validity of the statement that I repeat many times and members have heard said that the facility cost no more if not anything less than to heat and cool in the past. Requests that this remark be put in last week's minute.

2. Com. Sorensen comments that he had spoken to the designer and she said that the heating should not be a tremendous amount of an increase from the old nursing home. In the case of electricity, there will be due to more lights in the facility. No estimate was given to us regarding that.

3. Rep. McConkey requests that the designer's state be put in writing and brought to the Delegation.

#### **Public Input**

1. Chip Albee: With all due respect to Rep. Umberger, I appreciate what she did with the Sheriff's Department budget and there appears to be around \$50,000 worth of savings on that budget. I want to remind the Delegation, you are creating an \$80,000 salary position in the form of the Captain, making him the second highest paid individual in the county; far more money than we are paying people with law degrees, far more money that we are paying people with medical degrees and experiences, more money than we are paying the director of our jail which is one of our two highest exposures for liability. This is a failure of

management. There is no captain of any Sheriff's Department anywhere in America who is worth that much money more than the Sheriff is getting paid, or that much more than his job described in paid.

Secondly, as Delegates, you are aware that there is going to be an additional cut in court time and there is increases in the bailiff lines.

Lastly, the last board of Commissioners was told that overtime was being paid by the AOC. Today, I heard the Sheriff say that some counties have to pay overtime for the bailiffs. Which is it? There should be no overtime at all. There is no management for the bailiff staff.

MOTION: Rep. Knox moves to adjourn at 1:15 p.m. Motion seconded by Rep. Fleck. Motion carries.

April Carpenter  
Recording Secretary