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Carroll County Delegation Meeting

Minutes

March 28, 2011

Delegation Members Present: Betsey Patten, Joseph Fleck, Chris Ahlgren, David Knox, Mark McConkey, David Babson, Dino Scala, Steve Schmidt, Harry Mellow, Frank McCarthy, Laurie Pettengill, Norman Tregenza, Karen Umberger.

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

Meeting started at 9:00. Pledge of Allegiance.

Moment of Silence for Registrar Lillian O. Brookes

Public Input

1. Henry Spencer: Comments on an email that was sent out amongst the representatives about some plans and how to cut the budget. States that this contravenes 91-A.
2. Rep. Patten: This is why there are copies available to the public today. When the representatives start sending emails to one another, I realize that it is open to 91-A and that is why copies are provided today. There are some new members that are not aware of this email policy.
3. Henry Spencer: Comments that the multimillion dollar budget that has only went up \$7,000 is much less than the 2% guideline that was requested. We do not understand why the budget wasn't voted on at the last meeting. There has been plenty of time for discussion.
4. Susan Wiley: Comments that the delegation and commissioners have come a long way in the last several years. I feel that the commissioners have done a wonderful job. We have new leadership in so many of the departments. I would like to talk about the farm. We have a man with a plan and he has done a wonderful job. He has looked at the management plan, he has looked at the many different things that could happen on this land. With the labor that we have sitting in the jail, they need to have some work to do. He has worked hard to find them work that is appropriate year round. He has developed a whole new initiative with the firewood program. I don't see that anyone has any lack of trust in what he can do. We have seen agriculture grow in NH and Carroll County. We talk about local food supplies and local food security. I am very disturbed

and bothered by the fact that the sub-committee on the farm recommended that we invest some money in livestock and I would like to think that our

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representatives are up to speed on how important that is and show some support and put that money where it's needed into the budget so that the farm manager can do what he needs to do. I

think that Carroll County government has come a long way, but I think that the process is very important.

5. Chip Albee: I spent a significant amount of time going over the budget. I want to applaud the delegation for having a second year in a row with no tax increases. Some facts that I came up with is when we started in 2008, the nursing home was running a 22% deficit. In 2010, it was down to 9%. We did a \$1.2 million turnaround in two years. There is no way anyone here or anyone that works at the nursing home can know the day-to-day intricacy of efficiency and savings that are available. It's important to remember that when you are talking about that particular group over there, that through motivation, encouragement and goal setting, we were able to drop the deficit from 22% to 9%. We have a \$2 million bond payment this year on the new nursing home, and we are looking at a \$7,000 increase which should go away because we have plenty of money in our surplus. We are looking at no increase in the taxes in spite of a \$2 million bond payment that is coming due. The whole county in that period of time with the exclusion of the Sheriff's Department grew at a rate of 9% which is approximately 3% a year, just about the rate of inflation. That is management.

Prior to that, in 2008, we were looking at double digit increases every single year. The area that I am most concerned about having looked at this budget is the Sheriff's Department where we are looking at a 20% increase over that period of time. Every other department gives back money into the surplus. The nursing home gave back \$170,000 plus last year in spite of the fact that they were reducing their expenses and increasing their revenue. The Sheriff's Department gave back \$2,500 and the Dispatch Department gave back \$3,000.

The commissioners have been told that they have nothing to do with the Sheriff's Department management of their money and this is the result of that.

This team of commissioners needs to have the authority given to them from you to take control of that budget. It's out of control and will continue to be out of control. We need to have efficient county government.

6. Gene F: I read the article in the paper the other day. I have been listening to a very good friend of mine for 15 years, a farmer from Jackson, about the old county farm, when they raised their own crop, when they raised their own pigs and cows and every year turned a profit. When people are locked up in jail, we shouldn't get to the point where we think they can sit there all day and play basketball for exercise. You have a perfect opportunity here to spend \$35-40,000

on the recommendation of a committee and the man that maintains the property to do something to help these people get back into the system by doing something workman-like. To stand back and say that we have a budget crisis means you have to cut everything. If that's the case and point, the delegation probably could stay in Concord and send a no vote. This is something that you should really look at and look at if very closely. People are upset, money can be made by selling pigs. I think it is a good idea and it's not a lot of money to spend.

7. Carol Deloria: I want to say that I am in favor of money to go to the farm. I think that the people that are in the jail that are going back into our community will be able to learn skills and

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be able to work on local farms. I wish you would reconsider that money.

8. Bob Bridgham: I have attempted to stay abreast of the budget process, but had fallen behind and hadn't gotten all the information. When I went to the website to look at the minutes, I couldn't find any recent minutes. I would urge you to keep this up to date. Secondly, I followed the process through the newspaper accounts and it's clear that you have put in a great deal of time. I hope very much that you can finish up here today with the budget and not take it down to Concord for two reasons. One is because there is always a suspicion when we do that. Second, you all know what the next few days in Concord are going to look like. It's going to be crazy and you are not going to find time to do things in a thoughtful and careful way. If it requires you to take an extra step today, I would urge you to take that step.

Emails

1. Rep. Patten: Speaks about the emails that are sent to each other when we are discussing issues. If you send emails to everyone and one of us responds, that becomes the process and beginning of the procedure of who we make are decisions. Emails can be sent amongst each other to ask for scheduling times. Once there is back and forth between any members of the email, that becomes subject to the Right To Know. I also noticed that when I did the emails, that a few of them were only sent to half of the delegation. I did end up emailing them to everyone in the delegation so that everyone would have a copy of the email. I urge you and caution you into what you do for emails about county business. One representative emailing another representative does not fall under that law.

2. Rep. McCarthy: Suggests that Carroll County put out a booklet regarding the rules and regulations as other counties do.

Budget - Proposal 1

1. Rep. Patten: Proposal 1 - Reduction of \$250,000. Suggest \$175,000 out of general fund and \$75,000 out of the nursing home. The Commissioners can determine where the cuts can come from.

2. Rep. Fleck: The figure of \$175,000 from the General Fund and \$75,000 from the Nursing Home is not just an arbitrary one. If you look at the two major component of the budget, the General Fund makes up roughly 56% of the budget and the Enterprise Fund 44%. If you take those percentages of \$250,000, also consider that last week we took off about \$96,000 from the nursing home in cuts that were made just last week, the figures above would develop from that kind of thinking that took place. There was a sense of trying to distribute them equitably based on percentages and also based on the fact of the \$96,000 that was cut last week from the nursing home budget.

3. Rep. Babson: This appears to be nothing more that dartboard budgeting. I don't think it's

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good government to come in and just say we are going to cut out 10%. We need to look at certain areas.

4. Rep. Merrow: I agree with Rep. Babson with a caveat. I have given this a lot of thought. I am not opposed to the \$250,000 cut, but I would rather let the Commissioners let them make the cuts were appropriate instead of us telling them where they need to make the cuts from. Suggest taking it off the bottom line. Requests another vote on the pigs.

5. Rep. Fleck: I want to comment on the line of interest, appropriately so simply because of the size of it. The overtime line for the nursing home continues to be a huge item. However, just to point out again that the agency and overtime budget 3 years ago was \$841,760. Last year under the current budget, \$265,787. That was done after a tremendous amount of work was done to reducing the agency utilization, to get our own nurses to fill those overtime slots. This is a very critical area. The idea that we can go out and pick up someone who might be available at any given time who doesn't regularly work there is an irritant to me. I really says something to me about the low esteem that might be held for the professional work that people do.

6. Rep. Ahlgren: I would like to mention, however, that that is not the objective of per diem employees; it's common practice within the healthcare industry to have per diem employees. They are very well trained, they are not people off the street. These are people that would be called and vetted through the staff of the nursing to decide who would be qualified because of their experience and then be offered to work on a per diem basis. Agencies are much more expensive than

paying per diem employees.

MOTION: Rep. McConkey moves to remove \$250,000.000 from the bottom line of \$25,937,243.00. Rep. Fleck seconds this motion.

7. Rep. McConkey: Last year, the Commissioners and the department heads did a wonderful job doing what they were doing, but there was \$750,000 not spent in the budget last year. We have made great strides in the sub-committee with the Sheriff's Department as others have looking where overtime is and where expenditures are. I feel that there is more than enough room in this budget to take that money out of the budget. There is always the opportunity to come back with supplemental if need be.

8. Rep. Fleck: I think it is well reasoned. I think the Commissioners have the management skills to make the appropriate cuts.

9. Com. Sorensen: Last year, we had roughly \$700,000 left over in our budget. Every Delegation member and everyone here in the public should be proud that our people saved that money. Our employees deserve the credit for saving that amount of money. There are some departments that do go and spend their money, yet get more money for the next year. Second, we have 27 per diem employees that we can call on to fill in. They are not available all the time. We are talking about servants to the residents of our nursing home. It was the Commissioners that found that we were spending too much money on agencies and decided to use our own

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employees. We have a one-time expense of \$95,000 for this year. This will not be in next year's budget. Unemployment expense has gone up over \$30,000 which is not under our control. Insurance expense has gone up \$200,000. We have no control over the DEAS expense either. Going for a supplemental budget is spending the taxpayers money, it costs us money. If the Delegation decides that we need to cut \$250,000, then we will do it.

10. Rep. McConkey: We have a job. If the Commissioners state that we have a bad apple out there and did not have the time to relay to this committee what that might be, then shame on them. We are at a point now that we are looking at a vote of this Delegation. I think to say that you are cutting services when we know that you are returning \$750,000 last year and much more than that in previous years, there is not anyone sitting on this Delegation that has done nothing but applaud the efforts of our employees and administration.

MOTION: Rep. McConkey makes a motion to move the question. Rep. Fleck seconds this motion. 6 in favor, 7 opposed. Motion fails. More discussion

11. Rep. Umberger: Comments on the "one bad apple". If you go to the budget

dealing with the Sheriff, you notice that we added \$60,000, one in grants, and we now are carrying that money into the budget. We got \$20,000 from the US Forest Service which is in the budget. We got \$40,000 in grants, which is in the budget. It had not been there before. When I hear comments that the Sheriff's Department has not contributed to this reduction in the budget, I get very annoyed.

MOTION: Rep. McConkey moves to remove \$250,000.000 from the bottom line of \$25,937,243.00 from the County Budget. The Commissioners will determine where the reduction takes place. Rep. Fleck seconds this motion.

Rep. Ahlgren - No

Rep. Babson - No

Rep. Fleck - Yes

Rep. Knox - Yes

Rep. McCarthy - No

Rep. McConkey - Yes

Rep. Merrow - Yes

Rep. Patten - Yes

Rep. Pettengill - Yes

Rep. Scala - Yes

Rep. Schmidt - Yes

Rep. Tregenza - Yes

Rep. Umberger - Yes

Rep. Chandler - Absent 10 in favor, 3 opposed, 1 absent. Motion carries.

The new bottom line is \$25,687,243.00. The amount to be raised by taxes is \$12,845.836.00.

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Proposal 2

1. Rep. McCarthy - Withdraws Proposal 2

Proposal 3

1. Rep. Tregenza - The nursing home overtime is an issue. The contract, as I understand it, is required by the union that all overtime is paid "time and ½" and first opportunities for overtime go to nursing home staff by order of seniority (and the senior nurse earn a bit more). Overtime is a privilege. This privilege could be afforded to members of the community such as retired nurses or nurses who gave up work to rear children. In other words, to Carroll County citizens who are qualified to do the job and would do it for less. Many of these people would like to continue participating in their professional field even though they may not

desire to be hired full time.

2. Sandi McKenzie: Overtime in 2009 was \$320,000 and in 2010 dropped to \$256,000. The issues is the level of continuity. I am not looking to trying to increase the budget. Paula and I look at the budget continually throughout the year. We are dealing with human individuals. You want to make sure that people have the continuity of care that they deserve. We have trained per diem employees. We have trained full time and part time staff. This is not a game. This is providing the best care we can to the residents that are in our home. Per diem is offered. We are struggling. I don't want to pay additional taxes, but I also want to make sure that our residents at the nursing home get appropriate care. The projected overtime budget was increased this year due to the fact that we will be changing facilities. More time will need to be put into this.

3. Rep. Tregenza: The second part of the proposal is to reduce the Sheriff's Department by two employees over and above the reduction that we already voted.

MOTION: Rep. Tregenza moves to reduce the Sheriff's Department by two employees. No representatives second this motion. Motion fails.

MOTION: Rep. Babson moves to reduce line item 052 of the Sheriff's Budget, uniforms, from \$10,000.00 to \$6,500.00. Rep. McCarthy seconds this motion.

Rep. Ahlgren - Yes
Rep. Babson - Yes
Rep. Fleck - No
Rep. Knox - Abstain
Rep. McCarthy - Yes
Rep. McConkey - No
Rep. Mellow - No
Rep. Patten - No
Rep. Pettengill - No
Rep. Scala - Abstain

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Rep. Schmidt - No
Rep. Tregenza - Yes
Rep. Umberger - No
Rep. Chandler - Absent
Motion fails.

4 in favor, 7 opposed, 2 abstain.

MOTION: Rep. Umberger moves to go into Convention. Rep. Mellow seconds this motion. All in favor. Motion carries.

Convention

MOTION: Rep. McConkey moves to reduce the total Expenditures for Carroll County for fiscal year 2011 to \$25,687,243.00. Rep. Mellow seconds this motion.

MOTION AMENDMENT: Rep. Ahlgren moves to include in that total the Expenditure contained from 100.9400.091, Farm, decreasing from \$66,703.00 to \$29,850.00. Rep. Tregenza seconds this.

1. Com. Sorensen: The Delegation has asked us to cut the bottom line, let us find the areas to cut the money from. Give us the opportunity to do what we have to do.

2. Rep. Mellow: We should let the Commissioners decide where to cut the money. We need to stop trying to micromanage.

3 opposed, 10 opposed. Motion amendment fails.

Role call for total bottom line motion -

Rep. Ahlgren - No

Rep. Babson - No

Rep. Fleck - Yes

Rep. Knox - Yes

Rep. McCarthy - Yes

Rep. McConkey - Yes

Rep. Mellow - Yes

Rep. Patten - Yes

Rep. Pettengill - Yes

Rep. Scala - Yes

Rep. Schmidt - Yes

Rep. Tregenza - No

Rep. Umberger - Yes

Rep. Chandler - Absent

10 in favor, 3 opposed. Motion carries.

MOTION: Rep. McConkey moves to approve the total amount to be raised by taxes is \$12,845,836.00. Rep. Mellow seconds this motion.

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Rep. Ahlgren - Yes

Rep. Babson - Yes

Rep. Fleck - Yes

Rep. Knox - Yes

Rep. McCarthy - Yes

Rep. McConkey - Yes

Rep. Mellow - Yes

Rep. Patten - Yes
Rep. Pettengill - Yes
Rep. Scala - Yes
Rep. Schmidt - Yes
Rep. Tregenza - No
Rep. Umberger - Yes
Rep. Chandler - Absent

12 in favor, 1 opposed. Motion carries.

Minutes

MOTION: Rep. McConkey moves to approve the non-public minutes of 2/21/11, 2/28/11 and 3/14/11. Rep. Schmidt seconds this motion. 12 in favor, 1 abstain. Motion carries.

Correction for minutes of 3/21/11 - 1) Page #4 - Amendment by Rep. McConkey to change the line item for livestock startup for the pigs to \$17,350.00 with the balance for the capital items listed being raised by contributions/donations.

2) Page #3 - Under Carroll County Convention. The motion should read 13 in favor, 0 opposed.

3) Page #2 - Total bottom line for the Jail/HOC, should read \$3,186,611.00 not \$3,187,959.00.

MOTION: Rep. Schmidt moves to approve the minutes of 2/14/11, 2/28/11 and 3/21/11 as corrections. Rep. Knox seconds this motion. 12 in favor, 1 abstain. Motion carries.

MOTION: Rep. Umberger moves to come out of Convention. Rep. Fleck seconds this motion. All in favor. Motion carries.

Executive

1. Rep. Kenney: Comments - This is a big budget for Carroll County. This is not my budget. It is one that I inherited. I will work with this budget.

2. Com. Solomon: The \$250,000 that you have told us to cut reduces the taxes overall by .02 cents per thousand, give or take. I want to thank you for saving me under \$10.00.

3. Com. Sorensen: I want to make clear that the Commissioners have the authority to cut

\$250,000 from anyone's budget. Secondly, I will donate \$1,000 worth of plant material to go into the new nursing. I challenge every member of the Delegation to contribute. Also, it is ridiculous to have pre-trial inmates in our prison for two years and longer; it's not fair to them, they are supposed to be innocent until proven guilty. I would challenge each of you while you are in Concord to try to reform the judicial system.

4. Rep. Umberger: The budget that has left the House Finance Committee includes some additional money for the judicial system so that they can do some modernization. It has also gone out of finance with the understanding that there will be no furlough days starting July 1st. The Governor's proposal is no longer on the table. What is going to the House tomorrow includes the dollars to solve the problem that you have just outlined.

5. Rep. McConkey: Judicial has also put money in for video conferencing so that arraignments will happen in the jail as opposed to having an expense cost of transferring inmates. This will have great savings for the counties. This infrastructure will be paid by the State.

6. Rep. Tregenza: Sup. Johnson wrote an excellent letter which was published in the Conway Daily Sun 4-5 weeks ago. I learned a lot in that letter. A tremendous amount of expense put on this county was put on this county because of the Federal Government. The Superintendent did a superb job of explaining the hoops and liabilities that he goes through just to make sure that the jail is not sued. I bring this up is because this is something we all should know. Washington DC has downshifted responsibilities and costs to the States and to the Counties. The only tunnel that I see through is through our US Congressman's office. I will definitely be contacting our Congressman and will begin a process of trying to reverse this downshift.

Resolution

1. Rep. McCarthy presents this Resolution:

Whereas RSA Title II chapter 28:12 provides authority to the county commissioners to adopt rules for governing the county departments of corrections, including county farms, county nursing homes, county welfare office, and other county departments under the jurisdiction of the county commissioners, and;

Whereas RSA Title II chapter 24:13 states in part; "Appropriates by the county convention shall be itemized in detail". 24:14 also states "The county convention may require that the county commissioners obtain written authority from the executive committee before transferring any appropriation or part thereof under RSA 24:15, and;

Whereas RSA Title II chapter 24:15. I-a states, “an appropriation is an amount of money authorized for a specified purpose”, and;

Whereas RSA Title II chapter 24:15.I states; “No county commissioner, elected or appointed

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county officer shall pay or agree to pay or incur any liability for payment of any sum of money for which the county convention has made no specific appropriation...or in excess of any specific appropriation”, and;

Whereas RSA Title II chapter 24:15.III states; “unless otherwise ordered by the county convention, whenever it appears that an amount appropriated for a specific purpose will not be used, in whole or in part for such purpose, the county commissioners may use such sum of to augment other appropriations”, #NOTE: The statute does not grant such authority to the officers of the county...only to the commissioners. Keep in mind that 24:14 states that “the county convention may require that the county commissioners obtain written authority from the convention executive committee before transferring any appropriation or part thereof”. And;

Whereas RSA Title II chapter 24:15 IV states; “If any county commissioner, or elected or appointed county officer is found, in prosecution for violation of RSA 641:I, to have paid or incurred any liability for payment of any sum of money contrary to this section it shall be prima facie evidence that such county commissioner or officer has knowingly refrained from performing a duty imposed by the law”, and;

Whereas RSA 641:I (Abuse of Office) states; “A public servant is guilty of a misdemeanor if, with purpose of benefit to himself or another or to harm another, he knowingly commits an unauthorized act which purports to be an act of his office, or knowingly refrains from performing a duty imposed on him by law or clearly inherent in the nature of his office”.

Therefore be it resolved that the Carroll County Convention hereby directs that, a authorized by RSA Title II chapter 24:14 described above, the Carroll County Commissioners, prior to transferring or allowing an officer of the county, elected or appointed, to transfer an appropriation, or any part thereof, from one line item to another line item must first obtain written approval from the Executive Committee. The request must contain the total amount of the augmentation, (not to exceed \$1,000.00), the line item from which the augmentation will come and the line item to which the augmentation will be added. Such written approval for augmentation must remain on file for a period not less than two years. Be it further resolved that the Carroll County Convention urgently requests that the County Commissioners immediately adopt and promulgate rules requiring strict adherence to Title II chapter 24:14, 24:15.I and 24:15.III. It is recommended that

said rules contain, but not be limited to, the following:

Any officer of the county, elected or appointed, prior to augmentation an appropriation specified by the County Convention for a specific purpose, i.e. (line item) with an appropriation specified by the County Convention for a different but specific purpose, i.e. (a different line item) must first obtain written permission to do so from a majority of the County Commissioners. Said written permission will specify the reason for the augmentation, the specific amount for the augmentation, (not to exceed \$1,000.00). Such written approval for augmentation must remain on file for two years from the date of approval. Under no circumstance will revenue line items be used for a line item appropriation transfer. Finally, under no circumstance will the bottom line of any department exceed the sum total appropriated for that department, nor shall they split

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expenditures among budget lines in order to avoid a line item transfer.

MOTION: Rep. McCarthy moves that the Resolution be accepted. Rep. Babson seconds this motion.

2. Rep. Umberger suggests that instead of accepting this Resolution today, that a sub-committee be formed to go over such policies and procedure that we have.

3. Rep. Mellow: Line items need to be interpreted, sum of line item vs. itemized line within that line item.

4. Rep. Schmidt: I won't support the Resolution until this is reviewed by County Attorney. Feel it may be too restricted.

5. Rep. Ahlgren: I agree that this needs to be looked into further.

MOTION: Rep. Ahlgren moves to table this Resolution at this time pending sub-committee and County and/or State Attorney input. Rep. Fleck seconds this motion. 12 in favor, 1 opposed. Motion carries.

7. Rep. Patten: Asks who would like to be on the committee. Rep. Tregenza, Rep. Schmidt volunteer. Others may be appointed.

MOTION: Rep. McCarthy moves to urge the Commissioners to make rules for transfer of appropriations by department. Rep. Tregenza seconds this motion. 6 in favor, 7 opposed. Motion fails.

8. Rep. McConkey: Asks about the plans for the renovation of the old nursing home. There are bids out for Project Manager/Coordinator. My concern is that

we have a 50,000 sq. ft. building that we are in the process of knowingly going to demolish parts of. The building committee has not brought forward for how large that would be. I am at best disappointed in the fact that the Commissioners are moving ahead with what I understand saving approximately 60% of the old building and would could be a substantial cost without at least having a conversation from the building committee.

9. Com. Sorensen: The date for the renovation committee meeting is April 25th at 9:00 a.m. here. At that point time, they will select what ever bid specifications are needed. We are not going ahead and making that decision, we want the committee to make that decision. Plans have been brought forth to the Delegation of plans for the old nursing home. We have to house the maintenance, laundry, Coop Extension will be house in that building. We had discussed that two wings are going to be taken down. I am sorry if that didn't get conveyed to everybody.

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10. Rep. Babson: I have been aware of the plans for the old nursing home.

11. Rep. Tregenza: There was an email sent to me regarding the naming of the new nursing home neighborhoods. I came up with two lists of founding fathers. The first list are all from NH: William Whipple, Nicholas Gilman, Matthew Thornton, Josiah Bartlett and John Langdon. The second list were not all from NH, but the names are prominent in our county: George Washington, James Madison, Josiah Bartlett and Charles Carroll.

12. Com. Sorensen: There has been a group put together to come up with some names. There are group of mountains in Carroll County that have been suggested. We will take your suggestions into consideration as well.

Final Budget

1. Rep. Patten: The Commissioners are responsible for taking \$250,000.000 from the bottom line of \$25,937,248.00. This gives a new bottom line of \$25,687,243.00.

Public Input

1. Chip Albee: Addresses Rep. McCarthy - Everyday that I sat as a Commissioner as well as the other Commissioners, we were asked for every dollar that needed to be moved. I think the Resolution that have proposed is already in place. I am still baffled by the budget for the nursing home. Lastly, I did take a look at Rep. Tregenza's email. The Delegation needs to be schooled in slanderous use of a citizens name. I am now a private citizen and I am not

going to be subjected to him slandering me or making some sort of assertions to what I do.

2. Rep. McCarthy: Asks Mr. Albee if he was aware of and went along with a transfer of \$154,000 worth of appropriations in the Sheriff's budget last year.

3. Chip Albee: No. I was saying that in most departments, with one exception, we are fully informed of every transfer. In my beginning comment, I was pretty clear about the dysfunctional relationship between the Sheriff's department and the Board of Commissioners while I was a Commissioner and that needed to be addressed by the Delegation.

4. Maureen Spencer: I am very happy to hear that the \$30 registration fee is gone. I did go on the website last night and perused the rather lengthy pages, and I know you can't do anything about it now, but I am concerned as a citizen, as a welfare officer, as a nurse; If all these things get passed, this is downshifting. Effingham is a very small town. If all the programs get cut, we are going to have to borrow money. I am just really scared.

5. Com. Sorensen: I want to thank the Representatives that voiced their praise for our sub-committees. I think it is really good to have a positive side from the Representatives.

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MOTION: Rep. Merrow moves to adjourn. Rep. Knox seconds this motion. All in favor. Motion carries.

Meeting adjourned at 1:04 p.m.

April Carpenter
Recording Secretary