

County of Carroll
Delegation Meeting
Carroll County Administration Building
December 14, 2023

Meeting convened: 9:00 a.m.
Members Present: Chmn. Lino Avellani, Vice-Chmn. Glenn Cordelli, Clerk Mark McConkey, Richard Brown, Anita Burroughs (remote), John MacDonald, Jonathan Smith, Chris McAleer David Paige, Katy Peternel, Tom Buco, Karel Crawford, Steve Woodcock
Members Absent: Michael Costable, Michael Belcher
Others Present: Executive Coordinator Mellisa Seamans, Deputy County Attorney Keith Blair, CCHOC Superintendent Sean Eldridge, Facilities Director Bob Murray, MVC Administrator Rich Leboeuf, Treasurer Joe Costello, Commissioner Terry McCarthy, Commissioner Chuck McGee, Commissioner Bill Nelson
Public Present: Ed Comeau (GovernmentOversite.com), Daymond Steer (Conway Daily Sun), Fred Cain, Dallas Emery Jr, Jan Brooks, Eileen Leavitt, Christina Bertogli, Lisa Sargent, Jena Stevens, and others who did not sign in.

Roll Call
Pledge of Allegiance

All votes taken during this meeting were done by roll call.

Public Comment

Fred Cain: Agency staffing at MVC is expected to exceed \$1.5 million in 2023. Continues to request the delegation form a subcommittee to follow the money to figure out a way to retain and attract staff.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

MOTION: **Approve October 9, 2023 meeting minutes** by Rep. Woodcock, 2nd Rep. Cordelli. Passed 10-0-3.

Public Hearing – Proposed 2024 Carroll County Budget

Mr. Steer: Asked if the 2% appropriated for non-profits is based on the 2023 budget or 2024
Ms. Batchelder-Edson: The budget request, per policy, is based on 2% of the proposed budget and also includes opioid funding received
Ms. Brooks: Spoke on behalf of End 68 Hours of Hunger and asked the Delegation to fund the \$8,000 requested but not supported by the commissioners
Mr. Houle: I want to spend my money to buy hay. I was buying hay since 1995 but the farm manager cut me off. What is the hay policy? How much was generated from the hay sales? How much does the farm manager make? Does he take the County vehicle home?
Chmn. Avellani: The Delegation does not handle the day-today operations of the county. Directed Mr. Houle to take his questions to the commissioners.
Ms. Sargent: 17 businesses rely on the childcare provided by Bearcamp so their employees can continue to work. Asked the Delegation to reconsider the commissioners' decision to zero-fund Bearcamp in the County budget.

Ms. Stevens: On the board of Bearcamp and children attend the center while she is working. Asked the board to reconsider funding for Bearcamp

Rep. Avellani: Would encourage the non-profits to return to the budget approval meetings in January, date to be determined

Ms. Kelly-Scott: Overview of Child Advocacy Center and asked the Delegation to fully fund their request

A representative from Carroll County Conservation District spoke on behalf of fully funding their 2024 request.

Public Hearing – Tax Anticipation Note (TAN) Borrowing

MOTION: To authorize the treasurer to pursue tax-anticipation note borrowing for 2024 in the amount of \$17,000,000 by Rep. Buco, 2nd Rep. Crawford. Passed 13-0

Auditor Engagement

MOTION: To engage the services of Vachon Clukay and Company PC to conduct the 2023 financial audit by Rep. Brown, 2nd Rep. McAleer. Passed 13-0

On schedule to begin the 2023 audit in February.

Registry of Deeds Equipment Account

Current balance of the account is \$141,000

MOTION: To authorize the Register of Deeds to expend \$27,500 from the Registry Equipment Account by Rep. Woodcock, 2nd Rep. Peternel. Passed 13-0

Recessed to the Call of the Chair

Approval Date: _____

Rep. Mark McConkey, Clerk