

Carroll County Commissioners Meeting
March 23, 2016

Present: Commissioners David Sorensen, David Babson, Chris Ahlgren and County Administrator Ken Robichaud.

Others Present: Chuck Stuart, Howie Chandler, Jason Henry, Ian Phillips, Wynette DeGroot, Daymond Steer, Steve Brown, John Ruckenbrod

Commissioner Sorensen called the meeting to order at 8:30 am / Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Minutes

Commissioner Babson motioned to accept and approve minutes of March 16th 2016 seconded by Commissioner Ahlgren: all in favor. So voted

Public Input – Daymond asked about the cuts to the farm, Commissioner Sorensen let him know they would be discussing that during the work session.

Work Session

Bid opening for jail program consultant, there was only one bid received.

Alternative Solutions of South Hadley MA \$29,985.68

Commissioners asked Jason to review the RFP and they will revisit next week.
Jason and Ian reported on the programs at the jail. Thinking for a Change is going very well with 20 inmates enrolled; they are also offering anger management and yoga classes.

Howie Chandler presented the commissioners with the year-end report for MVC. There was a short discussion on the Cost Report and General Linen contract. Howie will make sure the General Linen contract is not an automatic renewal contract.

Commissioner Babson suggested that Lori bring by the traveling nurse to meet the commissioners. Commissioner Ahlgren suggested that HR department should do something to welcome the traveling nurses to the area.

Commissioners Babson, Ahlgren and County Administrator Ken Robichaud attended the Madison Selectmen's meeting. The meeting was very positive; discussions included the tax rate, county budget and the defunding of the farm.

Commissioners Sorensen motioned to recess the public meeting so the commissioners could Caucus seconded by Commissioner Babson: all in favor. So voted

Meeting reconvened at 11:00 am

2016 Budget Review

Total budget reductions to date are \$458,269 the cuts included part time payroll clerk, association of counties, HRIS program and the farm.

Ken presented the commissioners with a Medical Comparison for July – December 2015 that Chuck had put together for Representative Umberger.

Farm – UNH Cooperative Extension

Ken read an email he received from Ken LaValley (UNH Cooperative Extension) in reference the farm. See excerpt below:

“Cooperative Extension does not have the capacity, and it would be outside our mission to take on management of the farm. I believe that Extension can better serve the learning center concept and the county through building partnerships with farmer networks, other educational non-profits and county programs to create a dynamic educational resource for the county.” –Ken LaValley

Administrator Updates

The county is still under a \$5 million cap for TAN the 2014 Audit was sent to the bank. Chuck will call the bank if they do not respond by next week.

Answer to Rep. McCarthy’s questions about the wood pellet boiler & installation

The contract with Biomass Commodities Corporation (BCC) only included the pellet boilers being put on our cement pads. Bonnette Page and Stone won the installation bid and was contracted to complete the installation at a cost of \$375,000.00

Commissioner Babson suggests the board write a letter to Rep. McCarthy asking why he thinks this was done illegally.

Department head meeting on Thursday at 1:00 pm, will be putting new policies and practices in place for payables.

Commissioner Ahlgren motioned to authorize Commissioner Sorensen to sign the KRONOS contract seconded by Commissioner Babson: all in favor. So voted

Commissioner Sorensen signed the KRONOS support contract.

Wednesday May 25th NHMA will be using the delegation room for training.

Non Public Minutes

Commissioner Babson motioned to approve and keep sealed non-public sessions 1&2 of March 16th 2016 seconded by Commissioner Sorensen: all in favor. So voted

Public Input

Daymond – Farm staff do more than farming, how are all the other tasks like mowing, plowing, water and sewer going to get done?

Commissioner Ahlgren motioned to adjourn seconded by Commissioner Sorensen: all in favor. So voted

Upcoming Events

03/24/2016- Jackson selectmen's meeting 4pm

03/28/2016- Delegation Meeting 9am

03/28&29/2016- Auditor Visit all day Complex

Minutes Approved on _____

David Sorensen, Chairman

David Babson, Vice Chair

Chris Ahlgren, Clerk