

Carroll County Commissioners Meeting  
July 11, 2018  
8:30 am

**Present:** Commissioners Amanda Bevard, David Babson, Mark Hounsell & County Administrator Ken Robichaud

**Others Present:** Domenic Richardi, Howie Chandler, Lisa Scott, Joe Costello, Lori Tetreault, Lisa Herder, Jen Dockham, Kathy Armstrong, Michaela Andruzzi, Jon Ruckenbrod

Commissioner Bevard called the meeting to order at 8:30am / Pledge

***Commissioner Babson motioned to approve the minutes of June 27, 2018 seconded by Commissioner Hounsell: all in favor. So voted***

**Public Input – None**

**Propane Contract**

Ken presented the commissioners with a propane contract with Eastern Propane for signatures.

**Proshare Funding Discussion**

Commissioner Hounsell suggested the extra proshare money should be held by the county to disperse to the IDN 7 as needed.

Commissioner Babson suggested that the county send the money directly to the IDN 7 with the guarantee that 90% come back to Carroll County.

***Commissioner Babson motioned not to send the whole increase of \$332,419. To the state and to keep control of the money at the county level seconded by Commissioner Hounsell: all in favor. So voted***

**Domenic Richardi – Granite Shield Grant**

Domenic informed the commissioners that Carroll County was awarded \$15,000.00.

Commissioners Babson & Hounsell were disappointed in the amount received which is \$5,000 less than last year.

***Commissioner Hounsell motioned to accept the \$15,000 Granite Shield Grant seconded by Commissioner Bevard***

***Commissioner Hounsell motioned to table seconded by Commissioner Babson: motion passed 2-1 with Commissioner Bevard voting "Nay"***

Domenic presented the commissioners with the contract for the Sheriff for their signatures.

### **Head Start Lease Discussion**

Ken reported that Representative Schmidt suggested an environmental analysis be done on the annex to ensure the roof is in good repair and there is no asbestos or mold. The delegation also does not think the \$12,000 per month lease is enough to cover the heat and lights. Ken has reached out to the Head Start representative to see if they are still interested in the space.

### **Fryeburg Academy School Contract-Erin Mayo**

Commissioner Hounsell recused himself from the discussion due to a conflict of interest.

Erin Mayo presented the commissioners with a MOU between Fryeburg Academy and Hales Location for their signatures.

***Commissioner Bevard motioned to sign the MOU between Fryeburg Academy and Hales Location seconded by Commissioner Babson: motion passed 2-0***

### **Lisa Scott-Elected Officials Salary**

Lisa believes the elected officials are not receiving the full salary set by the delegation.

***Commissioner Hounsell motioned that the commissioners instruct the County Administrator to find out how much each elected official earned in 2017 and the first 9 days of 2018 and match it up to the salary set by the delegation for the positions Seconded by Commissioner Babson: all in favor. So voted***

### **Nursing Shortage-Howie Chandler, Lisa Herder, Jen Dockham & Lori Tetreault**

Howie presented the commissioners with a plan for addressing the nursing shortage. The starting wage is the biggest problem. The hourly wage is lower than average, Howie is suggesting that the salary for non- union nurses be increased \$5.00 per hour.

Commissioner Hounsell suggested the following:

1. Increase Salaries
2. Bonus Incentives
3. Access Training Opportunities
4. Offer flex schedules
5. Negotiate favorable terms with the union
6. Housing Shortage for nurses (Commissioner Babson)

Commissioner Babson suggested leasing a house to use for housing for traveling nurses.

***Commissioner Hounsell motioned to authorize increasing starting pay \$5.00 per hour for non-union nurses at MVC contingent upon the delegation allowing access to the overage from proshare to fund the increase: seconded by Commissioner Babson: all in favor. So voted***

### **Hales Location**

*Commissioner Bevard motioned to sign check #2182 to Kathleen Golding in the amount of \$1,000. Seconded by Commissioner Hounsell: all in favor. So voted*

*Commissioner Hounsell motioned to sign the letter from the Department of Revenue confirming the use of form PA-28( Inventory of Taxable Property Form) in 2019 seconded by Commissioner Babson: all in favor. So voted*

### **Administrator Update**

The County Administrator informed the commissioner some delegation members have been asking why all department heads do not have access to ACS reporting. Ken said it would cost \$2,600 per year per person.

Ken also reported that as of December 2019 we will not have any maintenance available for our ACS server. Kathy is looking into going to the cloud.

### **Blueberry Field – County Administrator**

Some of the blueberry bushes are infected with Mummy Berry.

Mummy berry, caused by the fungal pathogen *Monilinia vaccinii-corymbosi*, is a disease of high economic concern in areas of blueberry production from the southern United States to Canada. The disease results in the replacement of blueberry fruit with a fungal pseudosclerotium causing substantial crop loss.

### **Hay Fields – County Administrator**

5 fields have been cut and there are six fields to be done. There is not enough labor to get the fields cut. Commissioner Hounsell suggested calling the Prill Brothers to see if they are available to get the fields cut.

### **Wood Sales – County Administrator**

Ken suggested selling the old wood by the cord to get rid of it.

*Commissioner Babson motioned to sell the old wood as cord wood to get rid of it seconded by Commissioner Hounsell: motion passed on a 2-1 vote with Commissioner Bevard voting no.*

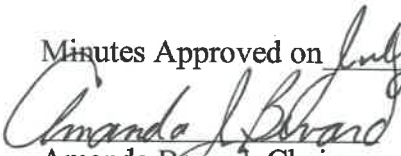
### **Commissioner Updates**


Commissioner Bevard reported she attended a non-partisan women's forum in Jackson.

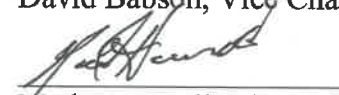
### **Public Input**

Commissioner Babson motioned to adjourn seconded by Commissioner Hounsell: all in favor

Minutes Approved on July 18, 2018

  
Amanda Bevard, Chairman

  
David Babson, Vice Chair

  
Mark Hounsell, Clerk