

County of Carroll
Commissioner's Meeting
Carroll County Administration Building
March 25, 2020

Meeting convened: 9:00 a.m.
Members Present: Amanda Bevard (Chair), Terry McCarthy (Vice-Chair)
Participating Remotely: David Babson (Clerk)
Others Present: Treasurer Joe Costello, Executive Coordinator Mellisa Seamans
Public Present: Daymond Steer (Conway Daily Sun)
Rep. Ed Comeau (www.governmentoversite.com)

Call to Order

Pledge of Allegiance

*****All votes during this meeting were taken via roll call*****

Media Questions

Mr. Steer asked about an email circulating around in which Comm'r Babson referred to Rep. Glenn Cordelli in a disparaging way. Comm'r Babson said the email was intended for another recipient, not Rep. Cordelli, but he will not apologize for the content of the email.

Mr. Steer asked for clarification about the executive coordinator position. Chmn. Bevard replied that it is a temporary three-month position. The commissioners will be evaluating the need for this position or an alternative. If the decision is made to staff a position permanently, the hiring policy will be followed, including advertising.

Approval of Minutes

MOTION: "Approve the minutes of March 11, 2020" by Comm'r Babson, 2nd Comm'r Bevard.
Passed 3-0

MOTION: "Approve the minutes of March 18, 2020" by Comm'r Babson, 2nd Comm'r McCarthy. Passed 3-0

Integrated Delivery Network (IDN)

County has received a request from NH Department of Health and Human Services for the 2020 IDN payment of \$214,497. The commissioners agree, however, that \$166,000 is available following the March 24 passing of the 2020 budget. The commissioners encumbered 2019 IDN funds totaling \$66,484 they intend to distribute directly to non-profits rather than to NH DHHS.

Meeting Schedule

The commissioners will meet March 30 at 10 a.m. to practice using the remote meeting system. The plan is to conduct all weekly meetings in April via videoconferencing. This option should be available for the April department head meeting as well.

Union Contracts

Chmn. Bevard announced that the jail and sheriff/dispatch bargaining agreements are now official with funding approved March 25 by the delegation. She noted that Comm'r Babson (sheriff/dispatch) and Comm'r McCarthy (jail) did an excellent job in their work through these negotiations.

Hale's Location

Treas. Costello reported that he will be meeting with Ms. Leighton this weekend to work through the next steps following the March 25 delegation approval of the Hale's Location 2020 budget. The commissioners have no issue with Ms. Leighton working from home during the COVID-19 recommended isolation period.

Moving the Hale's Location banking to Bank of New Hampshire remains in progress.

Tax-Anticipation Note

Treas. Costello reported the final interest rate for the 2020 TAN is 1.09% for the non-taxable portion and 1.49% for the taxable portion. He plans to write a letter to the bank senior management and president commending the bank staff for their efforts in assisting the County with achieving this excellent rate.

Travel Policy

Comm'r McCarthy said it is especially important during this time for County staff to receive prior approval for work-related travel. Comm'r Babson said that past practice was for employees to get pre-approval for travel and then report back on the conferences/training attended. The commissioners will discuss this at the next department head meeting.

Payment of Invoices

MOTION: "To pay the Jackson Lewis invoice of \$472.50" by Comm'r Babson, 2nd Comm'r McCarthy. Passed 3-0

MOTION: "To pay the Shaheen, Phinney, Bass & Green invoice of \$3,015" by Comm'r Babson, 2nd Comm'r McCarthy. Passed 3-0

MOTION: "To authorize Chmn. Bevard to sign the bills" by Comm'r Babson, 2nd Comm'r McCarthy. Passed 3-0

Non-Public Session (10:05 a.m. – 10:43 a.m.)

MOTION: "To enter into non-public session under RSA 91-A:3, II(a) The dismissal, promotion, or compensation of any public employee or the disciplining of such employee, or the investigation of any charges against him or her, unless the employee affected (1) has a right to a meeting and (2) requests that the meeting be open, in which case the request shall be granted" by Comm'r Bevard, 2nd Chmn. Babson. Passed on roll call vote.

MOTION: "To seal the minutes" by Comm'r Bevard, 2nd Comm'r McCarthy. Passed 3-0

Manifest

The manifest total for week ending March 18, 2020 is \$440,954.02. The manifest total for week ending March 25, 2020 is \$798,008.44.

Highway Safety Grant

MOTION: "To approve and sign the Highway Safety Grant application" by Comm'r McCarthy, 2nd Comm'r Babson. Passed 3-0.

According to the January 2020 sheriff subcommittee meeting minutes, this funding will be used to purchase laptops and printers for the cruisers.

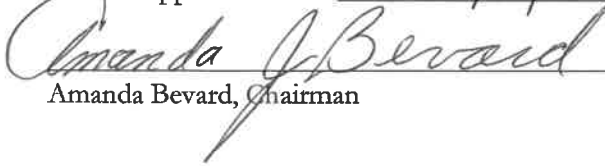
Public Comment

Rep. Comeau expressed concern about county officials engaging in name calling and rude behavior towards each other noting it does not serve the citizens.

The meeting recessed for weekly check signing then adjourned.

Minutes approved on

4/1/2020



Amanda Bevard, Chairman

David Babson, Clerk

Terry McCarthy, Vice-Chairman