

Carroll County Commissioners Meeting
December 31, 2018
8:30 am

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

Others Present: Jason Henry, Bob Murray, Howie Chandler, Will DeWitte

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

Commissioner Babson motioned to approve the minutes of December 19, 2018 seconded by Commissioner Hounsell : all in favor. So voted

Media Questions - NONE

Public Input – NONE

Bob Murray – Chair Bids

The following four bids were received:

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| 1. Medline | \$24,751.00 |
| 2. McKesson | \$29,111.00 |
| 3. W.B Mason | \$41,850.00 |
| 4. Direct Supply | \$28,900.00 |

Bob will review bids and make a recommendation to the commissioners.

Bob recommended to the commissioners to award the bid to Direct Supply.

Commissioner Hounsell motioned to waive the bid award policy and award the bid to Direct Supply for 100 dining room chairs \$289.00 each with free shipping not to exceed \$28,900 seconded by Commissioner Babson: all in favor. So voted

Commissioner Hounsell made the following motion seconded by Commissioner Babson for discussion:

Commissioner Hounsell motioned that, "The commissioners authorize the payment of \$81,443.00 as Carroll County's 30% contribution share towards the State of New Hampshire's IDN Region Seven funding program. Additionally, the commissioners authorize a separate payment of \$66,484.00 as an additional contribution to IDN Region Seven funding program under the confirmed stipulation that the separate payment of \$66,484.00, together with all matching funds, will be earmarked and set aside for agencies who primarily address the needs of Carroll County citizens. Further, in the event the NH Department of Health and Human Services is unable to confirm the acceptability of using the separate payment with matching funds as a set aside solely for the benefit for agencies who primarily address the needs of Carroll County citizens, the authorization for the separate payment of \$66,484.00 is null and void. For the purpose of this vote, the net total sum amount of both payments totaling \$147,927.00 has been requested by the NH Department of Health and Human Services; duly appropriated to the 2018 Operating Budget by

the County Convention; and approved by the County Commissioners for Carroll County's IDN contribution and \$147,927.00 is hereby encumbered to 2019 for that purpose." seconded by Commissioner Bevard

Commissioner Bevard motioned to divide the question. First divided question is that, "The commissioners authorize the payment of \$81,443.00 as Carroll County's 30% contribution share towards the State of New Hampshire's IDN Region Seven funding program."

Second divided question is that, "Additionally, the commissioners authorize a separate payment of \$66,484.00 as an additional contribution to IDN Region Seven funding program under the confirmed stipulation that the separate payment of \$66,484.00, together with all matching funds, will be earmarked and set aside for agencies who primarily address the needs of Carroll County citizens. Further, in the event the NH Department of Health and Human Services is unable to confirm the acceptability of using the separate payment with matching funds as a set aside solely for the benefit for agencies who primarily address the needs of Carroll County citizens, the authorization for the separate payment of \$66,484.00 is null and void. For the purpose of this vote, the net total sum amount of both payments totaling \$147,927.00 has been requested by the NH Department of Health and Human Services; duly appropriated to the 2018 Operating Budget by the County Convention; and approved by the County Commissioners for Carroll County's IDN contribution and \$147,927.00 is hereby encumbered to 2019 for that purpose." Seconded by Commissioner Hounsell. So voted 3-0. Motion to divide the question is adopted.

Commissioner Bevard motioned an amendment to the first divided question; "The commissioners authorize the payment of \$81,443.00 as Carroll County's 30% contribution share towards the State of New Hampshire's IDN Region Seven funding program. For the purpose of this vote, the net total sum amount of both payments totaling \$81,443.00 has been requested by the NH Department of Health and Human Services; duly appropriated to the 2018 Operating Budget by the County Convention; and approved by the County Commissioners for Carroll County's IDN contribution and \$81,443.00 is hereby encumbered to 2019 for that purpose." Seconded by Commissioner Hounsell. So voted 3-0. Amendment to the first divided question is adopted.

Commissioner Bevard motioned an amendment to the second divided question; "The commissioners authorize a separate payment of \$66,484.00 as an additional contribution to IDN Region Seven funding program with the confirmed stipulation that the separate payment of \$66,484.00, together with all matching funds, will be earmarked and set aside for agencies who primarily address the needs of Carroll County citizens. Allocations of the separate payment of \$66,484.00, together with all matching funds, within IDN Region seven shall require the advice and consent of the Carroll County Board of Commissioners. In the event the NH Department of Health and Human Services is unable to confirm the acceptability of using the separate payment of \$66,484.00, together with matching funds, as a set aside solely for the benefit of agencies who primarily address the needs of Carroll County citizens, the Carroll County Board of Commissioners may distribute the separate payment of \$66,484.00 directly to agencies who primarily address the needs of Carroll County citizens. For the purpose of this vote, the net total sum amount of \$66,484.00 has been requested by the NH Department of Health and Human Services; duly appropriated to the 2018 Operating Budget by the County Convention; and approved by the County Commissioners for Carroll County's IDN contribution, or for direct contributions by the Carroll County Board of Commissioners to agencies who primarily address the needs of Carroll County citizens and \$66,484.00 is hereby encumbered to 2019 for that purpose." Seconded by Commissioner Hounsell. So voted 3-0. Amendment to the second divided question is adopted.

After further discussion the Main Motion as amended by actions on both the first and second divided question was so voted 3-0.

Administrator Ken Robichaud – Siemens Contract

Tom Seekins and Dana Rasmussen representatives for Siemens were present to sign the contract. The Commissioners signed the Performance contracting agreement, Scope of Work and Payment for Scope of work.

Commissioner Babson asked that every two to three weeks Siemens will come to the commissioners meeting and give an update on the progress of the project.

Commissioner Bevard asked about a solar project

Commissioner Babson motioned not to do any solar projects until after the Siemens project is finished seconded by Commissioner Hounsell: motion passed 2-1 on a roll call vote Commissioner Hounsell “Aye”, Commissioner Babson “Aye”, Commissioner Bevard “Nay”

Ken presented the commissioners with the following encumbrances for approval:

1. \$5,000 Account # 100.4193.081 – Water Tower Road Construction

Commissioner Hounsell motioned to approve encumbrance #1 seconded by Commissioner Babson: all in favor. So voted

2. \$91,200.00 Account # 100.9400.089 – Generator Replacement (admin)

Commissioner Hounsell motioned to approve encumbrance #2 seconded by Commissioner Babson: all in favor. So voted

3. \$37,638.00 Account # 100.9400.099 – Dock Leveler (MVC)

Commissioner Hounsell motioned to approve encumbrance #3 seconded by Commissioner Babson: all in favor. So voted

4. \$33,000.00 Account # 100.9400.099 – Dining Room Chairs (MVC)

Commissioner Hounsell motioned to approve encumbrance #4 seconded by Commissioner Babson; motion passed on a 2-1 vote with Commissioner Babson voting “Nay”

5. \$15,000.00 Account # 100.9400.099 – Flooring Replacement (MVC)

Commissioner Babson motioned to approve encumbrance #5 seconded by Commissioner Hounsell motion passed on a 2-1 roll call vote Commissioner Hounsell “Nay”, Commissioner Babson “Aye”, Commissioner Bevard “Aye”

6. \$30,000.00 Account # 100.9400.089 – CCTV (admin)

Commissioner Babson motioned to approve encumbrance #6 seconded by Commissioner Bevard motion passed on a 2-1 roll call voted Commissioner Hounsell "Nay", Commissioner Babson "Aye", Commissioner Bevard "Aye"

7. #60,000.00 Account # 100.9400.089 – Access Control (admin)

Commissioner Hounsell motioned to approve encumbrance #7 seconded by Commissioner Babson: all in favor. So voted.

8a. \$81,443.00 IDN 7 Funding Proshare (30% payment) *need to create account number

Commissioner Hounsell motioned to approve encumbrance #8a seconded by Commissioner Babson: all in favor. So voted.

8b. \$66,484.00 IDN 7 County Funding Proshare (additional payment)

Commissioner Hounsell motioned to approve encumbrance #8b seconded by Commissioner Babson: all in favor. So voted

Grand Total = \$419,464.00 Encumbrances

Bob Murray – Generator Update

Bob informed the commissioners he has ordered a 200KW diesel generator for \$78,500. The new generator will arrive in approximately four months. Bob negotiated a forty percent discount on the rental generator.

Administrator Update

Ken informed the commissioners that Nick Manolis will be will be teaching the first Carroll County Leadership Academy. The academy will be held on the Carroll County Complex. The following employees have been chosen to participate in the class:

1. Mason Laurent
2. Lisa Herder
3. Susan Leclair
4. Jamie Wetherald
5. Pat Bachelder
6. Chris Fiandaca
7. Laurel Stevens
8. Michael Baker
9. Dean Perry
10. Lori Tetreault

The initial kick-off session will be a luncheon on January 24, 2019 at MVC, the following classes will be held in the delegation room at the Administration Building:

Feb 14th and 28th
March 21st and 28th

April 11th and 25th

The Leadership Academy will wrap up on May 1st at 9:00 am with a certificate presentation by the Carroll County Board of Commissioners.

Commissioner Updates

Commissioner Babson – discussed the difficulty getting the credit card backup in a timely manner from some departments.

Commissioner Babson motioned to go into non-public session 1 under RSA 91-A: 3, II (b) the hiring of any person as a public employee seconded by Commissioner Hounsell: motioned passed on a roll call vote Commissioner Hounsell “Aye”, Commissioner Babson “Aye”, Commissioner Bevard “Aye”

Commissioner Hounsell motioned to come out of non-public seconded by Commissioner Babson: all in favor. So voted

Commissioner Bevard announced the hiring of Shawn Riley Corrections officer and Samantha ?

Media Questions – None

Commissioner Hounsell motioned to put the County Administrators public comments verbatim in the minutes seconded by Commissioner Babson: motion passed on a 2-1 vote with Commissioner Bevard voting “Nay” (not the policy)

Public Input – Administrator Ken Robichaud

Last Week at the weekly Commissioners meeting, Carroll County Representative, Glenn Cordelli gave public input that was baseless, false and incorrect.

The Commissioners and I spend an incredible amount of time and attention on the commissioners proposed budget. We look at all expenditures and revenues. We decide if it is a want or a need, and does it make sense to continue with the request, and what is the value that the county will receive in the expenditure.

We have to remember that this is the Commissioners proposed budget, and that a particular elected official, or department head may not always agree with what the board of commissioners have elected to do with a requested expenditure.

Over the last 3 ½ years that I have been in my position as County Administrator, I have seen the county turn the corner financially, we have tightened up on our policies, procedures, and have a fund balance as most municipalities do. We have done a tremendous job and with hard work and determination by all employees.

The county convention has also turned a corner, when in our last meeting, administration and the convention worked together to solve some outstanding issues. This is one of the few times in such a meeting where it was positive. In past meetings it was usually hostile and uncomfortable. Fingers were pointed at administration, and some convention members attempted to

micromanage administration. Anger, negativity, and sarcastic comments usually filled the air at those meetings.

Representative Cordelli last week, confronted administration by verbally chastising the county commissioners for reducing the proposed budget. He used key words in his rant from intimidation, to abuse of power and finally retaliation. Reducing a budget is not a bad thing, the delegation in 2015 did that very same thing, in my first month here as County Administrator, Cordelli was part of that group who reduced the line items. I find his choice of words amusing, intimidation, bullying, abuse of power, as this is the exact way he behaves at meetings, spewing words of negativity and argumentative disagreement.

These accusations by Cordelli are baseless and false and have no truth to them at all. It is the Commissioners who have control over spending of the budget. It is the commissioners who establish the proposed budget, not dept. heads or elected officials. The commissioners reduced expenditures from most of the budgets, not just the registry of deeds. Mr. Cordelli made it appear that cuts were only from the registry of deeds budget, but in fact there were cuts from many different budgets, and most were my recommendations that were brought forth for review by the commissioners.

I find it interesting that he only spoke of the registry of deeds budget, and no other reductions were brought up as to any other department reductions. Fists pounding on tables, derogatory intimidation, bullying & targeting behavior towards certain county employees, and elected officials, these types of behaviors need to stop.

In the 3 ½ years I have been here, Mr. Cordelli has never sat down and discussed an issue that he disagreed with, he has never offered anything in a positive manner, or has ever wanted to work collaboratively with this office. Nothing is perfect Representative, you are not perfect, I am not perfect, the Commissioners are not perfect, the county is not perfect, and we will never be perfect. But we have been working very hard to improve all our procedure, policies and ourselves.

Whatever happened to civility and common courtesy, we don't always have to agree, but we can disagree with respect towards one another.

Over the past 4 years some delegation members have not been civil towards the commissioner's office, but I believe that is changing, and all of us need to behave with civility & respect. The people of Carroll County deserve that from its elected officials, all county employees deserve that civility, and it needs to start at the top, it will trickle down. We need to stop and start anew, we need to start today, now. Thank you for your time.

Commissioner Bevard motioned to adjourn seconded by Commissioner Babson: all in favor. So voted.

Minutes Approved on 1/2/2019


Amanda Bevard, Chairman


David Babson, Vice Chair

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Mark Hounsell, Clerk