

Carroll County Commissioners Meeting  
May 02, 2018  
8:30 am

**Present:** Commissioners Amanda Bevard, David Babson, Mark Hounsell

**Others Present:** Will DeWitte, Jason Henry, Michael Baker, Justin Corliss, John Ruckenbrod, Bob Murray, Daymond Steer,

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

***Commissioner Babson motioned to approve the minutes of April 25th, 2018 seconded by Commissioner Hounsell: all in favor. So voted***

**Public Input** – Daymond said that some people in the county are not eager to get involved in the pharmaceutical law suit.

**Jason Henry – Sgt. Corliss – Lt. Baker**

Sgt. Corliss has offered to use his GI Bill to pay for a working dog and training. Sgt. Corliss asked the commissioners to pay for one vet bill per year, transportation and lodging to the training. The dog will be used at the jail to detect contraband.

The commissioners asked that Sgt. Corliss write an MOU between county and himself, to be presented to them on May 16<sup>th</sup>.

***Commissioner Hounsell motioned that the training budget to send Sgt. Corliss to San Antonio for K-9 training June 18<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> seconded by Commissioner Babson: all in favor. So voted***

Lt. Baker discussed the inmate programs with the commissioners. The following are some of the community events with which the inmates helped.

1. Wakefield Pride Day
2. Wakefield PD shed maintenance
3. Tuftonboro Transfer Station
4. Rotary Library Boxes
5. Effingham Elementary School fitness trail clean up
6. Conway Library Book Sale
7. Fish & Game boat cleaning

## **Will DeWitte – Hay Tedder Bids**

The following two bids were received:

- |    |                                   |             |  |
|----|-----------------------------------|-------------|--|
| 1. | The Bliss Farm                    | Chester VT. | \$6,500.00 Esch 18' hay tedder             |
|    | American made in Lancaster Co. PA |             |  |
| 2. | MB Tractor                        | Tilton NH   | \$6,518.00 Sitrex 19' hydraulic hay tedder |
|    |                                   |             | \$7,642.00 Kubota 17'1" hydraulic tedder   |

The bids will be reviewed by Will and he will bring a recommendation to the commissioners at the May 16<sup>th</sup> meeting.

## **Blueberry Field Lease**

No bids were received for leasing the blueberry field. Will plans to maintain the field and get it ready to lease out next year.

## **Water Tank Cleaning**

Will presented the commissioners with an agreement with Underwater Solutions Inc. for cleaning of the water tank.

***Commissioner Hounsell motioned to approve the agreement with Underwater Solutions Inc. of Mattapoisett MA to inspect and clean the water tank not to exceed \$4,480.00 proposal dated April 10<sup>th</sup> 2018 seconded by Commissioner Babson: all in favor. So voted***

## **Bob Murray – Laundry Truck**

Bob requested that the commissioners waive the bid process for the purpose of buying a used laundry truck.

***Commissioner Babson motioned to waive the bidding process to facilitate Bob Murray buying a used laundry truck seconded by Commissioner Hounsell: all in favor. So voted***

The reason for waiving the bid process is efficiency of time and resources, to facilitate the process. This is a second hand vehicle and will need to be looked at in person.

## **Loading Dock**

Bob presented the commissioners with a proposal from White Mountain Engineering for loading dock access improvements for approval and signature.

***Commissioner Babson motioned to accept the proposal from White Mountain Engineering not to exceed \$2500.00 seconded by Commissioner Hounsell: all in favor. So voted***

The reason for not going out to bid is because White Mountain Engineering did all the surveying for MVC and they have all the information needed for the improvement to the loading dock.

### **Grandfather Clock – MVC**

Bob asked the commissioners to use the Dube Fund to buy a Grandfather Clock for MVC. Bob had put this in the budget and it was approved 2-1 (Commissioner Hounsell voting "Nay") by the commissioners. The delegation cut it from the final budget.

***Commissioner Bevard motioned to use the Dube Fund to purchase a Grandfather Clock for MVC seconded by Commissioner Babson: motion passed on a 2-1 vote with Commissioner Hounsell voting "Nay"***

### **White Horse**

Ken presented the commissions with a request from White Horse for a \$15,000 advance on their funding. This is to help with startup costs for their new office in North Conway.

***Commissioner Babson motioned to approve the request from White Horse to advance \$15,000 of their funding and lower the remaining monthly payments seconded by Commissioner Hounsell: all in favor. So voted***

### **Hales Location – School Contract**

Ken presented the commissioners with Hales Location School contracts for discussion. Superintendent of schools Commissioner Babson suggested that a comparison between wh

***Commissioner Hounsell recused himself from this discussion due to conflict of interest.***

### **Pharmaceutical Company Law Suit**

Commissioners discussed the law suit and Ken read the following letter received from Rick Hiland:

Hello Commissioners,

I urge you to not join the class action law suit against the pharmaceutical manufacturers / suppliers. They are not the problem. The only ones that will benefit from this suit are the lawyers and only a feel good move in my opinion.

We need to destroy the root cause of the drug problem and not settle on making excuses or playing the blame game.

You might as well file a class action suit against parents & the breakup of the family for starters of the problems.

We could blame schools for not allowing drug sniffing dogs into schools after classes begin in an effort to stop drugs early.

You might also go after the suppliers of heroin. Send Spec Ops and Air Force to root out & destroy the opium crops and producers worldwide.

Death penalty for dealers. In other words cut off the head of the snake!

Legalizing marijuana is not going to help this problem either.

Why does the US Government allow the Afghan farmers to continue to produce bumper crops of poppies/opium crops. They are the world's largest supplier of heroin.

It would be cheaper to pay them to not grow the crops or buy their crops from them than the cost to deal with the end results in the streets of America.

Reagan, Bush, Clinton, Bush, and Obama have failed to stop the flow of illegal drugs. Why not file class action suit against them?

All we are doing is hiding behind the truth or not admitting to the truth and creating little micro economies inside our economies to deal with the drug problem aftermath of others at taxpayer expenses.

The illicit clandestine manufacture of fentanyl coming from Asia needs to be stopped.

Treating overdoses is not the answer, stopping the illegal production is. Take a pragmatic approach and declare war on it if you want to stop it!

My opinion.

Thank you for all you do at the County!

Rick

Rick Hiland

***Commissioner Bevard motioned to join Strafford County in the lawsuit against the pharmaceutical companies seconded by Commissioner Hounsell: motion failed with a roll call vote Commissioner Hounsell “Nay”, Commissioner Babson “Nay”, Commissioner Bevard “Aye”***

***Commissioner Bevard motioned to reconsider seconded by Commissioner Babson: motion failed with Commissioner Hounsell and Babson voting “Nay” and Commissioner Bevard abstaining***

#### **UNH Cooperative Extension**

Ken presented the commissioners with an MOU between UNH and Carroll County for approval and signature.

***Commissioner Hounsell motioned to sign the MOU with UNH for 2018-2024 and authorize the chairman to sign seconded by Commissioner Babson: all in favor. So voted***

#### **Administrator Updates**

NHAC meeting Friday May 4<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am

Ken reported that he received a phone call from the Deputy Director of DHHS. There will be a meeting on May 14<sup>th</sup> in Concord for all County Administrators to discuss ProShare and IDN

Ken presented the commissioners with a quarterly report from White Horse for review.

There will be no commissioners meeting on May 9<sup>th</sup>

#### **Hales Location – Checks**

Ken presented checks and MS-60-W for review and signatures.

*Commissioner Hounsell motioned to approve payment of check #2175 in the amount of \$1,397.95 to Town of Conway as it pertains to motor vehicle registrations seconded by Commissioner Babson: all in favor. So voted*

*Commissioner Hounsell motioned to approve payment of check #2173 in the amount of \$1,000.00 to Kathleen Golding (Tax Collector) seconded by Commissioner Babson: all in favor. So voted*

*Commissioner Hounsell motioned to approve payment of check #2174 in the amount of \$48.99 for reimbursement for AVG Internet Security seconded by Commissioner Babson: all in favor. So voted*

*Commissioner Hounsell motioned to sign MS-60-W Audit Waiver Request seconded by Commissioner Babson: all in favor. So voted*

#### **Non Public Minutes Review**

*Commissioner Hounsell motioned to approve and release non-public minutes of February 14<sup>th</sup> 2018 seconded by Commissioner Babson: all in favor. So voted*

*Commissioner Babson motioned to approve and keep sealed non-public minutes session 1 of February 21, 2018 seconded by Commissioner Hounsell: all in favor. So voted*

*Commissioner Babson motioned to approve and keep sealed non-public session 1 of April 18<sup>th</sup> 2018 seconded by Commissioner Hounsell: all in favor. So voted*

#### **Commissioner Updates**

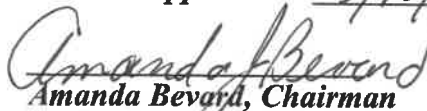
Commissioner Babson asked Ken to instruct the department heads to use the county car when it is available and practical.

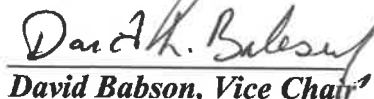
Commissioner Hounsell asked when the annual report will be completed. Commissioner Hounsell and Cheryl will be working on the annual report next week.

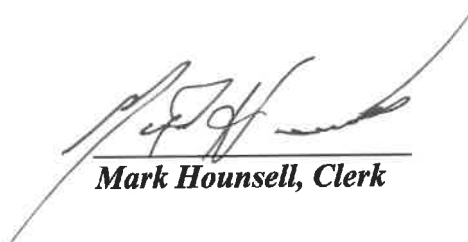
**Public Input** – Daymond Steer asked why Commissioner Babson and Commissioner Hounsell are not in favor of the law suit against pharmaceutical companies. They responded they had new information.

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

Minutes Approved on 5/16/2018

  
Amanda Bevard, Chairman

  
David Babson, Vice Chair



**Mark Hounsell, Clerk**