

Carroll County Commissioners Meeting
May 31, 2017
8:30 am

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

Others Present: Joe Costello, Howie Chandler, Lori Tetreault, Deb Thomas, John Ruckenbrod

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

Commissioner Babson motioned to approve the minutes of May 17th, 2017 seconded by Commissioner Hounsell: all in favor. So voted

Commissioner Babson motioned to approve the minutes of May 24th, 2017 seconded by Commissioner Hounsell: all in favor. So voted

Public Input – None

Work Session

Howie Chandler introduced Deb Thomas Social Worker at MVC, the commissioners welcomed Deb to Carroll County.

Line Item Transfer

Ken presented the commissioners with a line item transfer for approval and signature.

Transfer #2

From Line	# 100.6100.029	Other Fees & Services	\$1,550.00
To Line	# 100.6100.072	Vehicle Lease	\$1,550.00

Commissioner Hounsell motioned to approve Line Item Transfer #2 in the amount of \$1,550.00 from line # 100.6100.029 to line # 100.6100.072 seconded by Commissioner Babson: all in favor. So voted

Joe Costello reported on the bank account at Hales Location and the recent unauthorized ACH payment to FairPoint.

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Commissioner Hounsell motioned to authorize the County Treasurer to be a signatory on the Hales Location bank account seconded by Commissioner Babson: all in favor. So voted

Commissioner Hounsell motioned to notify Northway Bank in writing that all debit cards associated with the account be suspended immediately seconded by Commissioner Babson: all in favor. So voted

Commissioner Hounsell motioned to authorize the monthly ACH payment to FairPoint effective 5/31/17 seconded by Commissioner Babson

Commissioner Hounsell motioned to reconsider the vote seconded by Commissioner Bevard: all in favor. So voted

Commissioner Hounsell motioned to send a letter to the Tax Collector/Administrator of Hales Location about the unauthorized ACH payment to FairPoint and return any & all debit cards to the county office seconded by Commissioner Babson: all in favor. So voted

Howie presented the commissioners with a letter from NHAC president George Maglaras. The letter was asking for the county to contribute \$10,000.00 to help research options for Medicaid Managed Care.

Commissioner Hounsell motioned that Ken prepare the following letter to NHAC. Please be advised Carroll County will not be contributing in the \$10,000.00 match at this time but will be open to discussion future participation at a fair and equitable rate seconded by Commissioner Babson:

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

Administrator Update

Ken informed the commissioners that the monument at the paupers cemetery was put in place and there will be a dedication ceremony on June 17th at 1pm.

Commissioners Updates

Commissioner Bevard asked about the progress of the committee for the energy consultant RFQ. Commissioner Hounsell said the committee will have a recommendation in June. Commissioner Bevard also asked about the Grant Review Committee, a meeting was set for June 12th at 1pm.

Commissioner Hounsell read the following letter:

5/31/17 County Minutes

Over the past five months the county has experienced a number of positive changes that has and will continue to be in the best interest of the citizens who are counting on us to continue in this positive manner.

Frugal budgets with exact deliberations will result in a lowering of the county tax rate ending a decade long experience of annual double-digit increases.

Important organizational changes have been made and will result in efficiencies and improved services.

The issues we must deal with are done so decently and in order in polite and professional deliberations. Without question the county is improving our ability to serve the people.

That being said it is critical that we confront an unseemly habit that remains. That is the ugly gossiping that certain people consider the best way to affect change. This rumormill habit must end. The good people who work hard each day as county employees deserve honesty, opportunity and support from their coworkers, their teammates if you will. Each one of us have a job to do - that is why we are here. We are not here to do other people's jobs. The backbiting and sniping is not honest and it is not fair. Indeed, it is cowardly and counterproductive. It must end.

To that end I am serving notice that from this point forward I will not be an enabler to any member of our county team who is critical of another member of the team. When there are matters that must be dealt with they will be dealt with honesty, with dignity, and in accordance with policy and procedures with the end goal being improvement and compassion. The days of ugly character assassinations among county employees are over.

I am in support of County Administrator Ken Robichaud. I am very pleased with the direction he is establishing and I agree with the recent organizational changes he has developed. Those changes with an increased focus in professional development and staff education will be to the benefit of all.

I respectfully request that department heads and county elected officials help their staff realize the importance of honor and propriety by demonstrating professional courtesy and respect for the jobs unique to each of us. The critical spirit that motivates certain individuals is often mean and hurtful. A more compassionate spirit of cooperation and help is in order - especially from those in management positions.

Thank you.

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Mark Hounsell, Commissioner

Public Input

Commissioner Babson motioned to go into non-public session 1 Under RSA 91-A: 3 Paragraph 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, 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 and Session 2 Under RSA 91-A:3 Paragraph II (c) Matters which, if discussed in public, would likely affect adversely the reputation of any person, other than a member of the body or agency itself. Seconded by Commissioner Hounsell motion passed on a roll call vote: Commissioner Hounsell “Aye”, Commissioner Babson “Aye”, Commissioner Bevard “Aye”

Commissioner Babson motioned to come out of non-public and seal the minutes of session 2 seconded by Commissioner Hounsell: all in favor. So voted

Minutes Approved on _____

Amanda Bevard, Chairman

David Babson, Vice Chair

Mark Hounsell, Clerk