

Carroll County Commissioners Meeting
March 22, 2017
8:30 am

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

Others Present: Joe Duchesne, Lisa Scott, Chuck Stuart, Bob Murray, John Ruckenbrod, Daymond Steer

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

Approval of Minutes

Commissioner Hounsell motioned to approve the minutes of March 8, 2017 seconded by Commissioner Babson: all in favor. So voted

Public Input

Joe Duchesne asked the commissioners if the water was being put out to bid. Joe suggests the water does not go out to bid unless there is an issue with the system.

Work Session

Lisa Scott presented the commissioners with an MOU for Land Records Service

Commissioner Hounsell motioned to inform the Register of Deeds the commissioners are satisfied with the MOU for electronic recording with all competent companies that will accept the indemnification clause seconded by Commissioner Babson: all in favor. So voted

Chuck Stuart – OPEB Bid

Chuck recommends awarding the bid to KMS Actuaries of Manchester NH in the amount of \$5,000 covering 2016 and 2017 seconded by Commissioner Bevard: motion passed 2-1 with Commissioner Hounsell voting “Nay”

Water Department Bid Discussion

The commissioners discussed privatization of the water department.

Commissioner Babson motioned not go out to bid for privatization of water & sewer seconded by Commissioner Hounsell: all in favor. So voted

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Bob Murray & Jim Lucy (Honeywell)

Jim Lucy gave a presentation about energy performance contracting. There was discussion on the possible cost savings.

Commissioner Hounsell motioned to instruct the County Administrator to prepare a draft RFQ for an energy management engineering company for the commissioners review, seconded by Commissioner Babson: motion passed on a 2-0 vote with Commissioner Bevard abstaining.

Jason Henry – Caring Nurses Contract

Jason presented the commissioners with a contract with Caring Nurses.

Commissioner Hounsell motioned to enter into the contract with Caring Nurses Staffing LLC seconded by Commissioner Babson: all in favor. So voted

White Horse MOU

Ken presented the commissioners with an updated MOU for White Horse Addiction Center.

Commissioner Babson motioned to approve and sign the MOU for White Horse Addiction Center dated 3/22/17 seconded by Commissioner Hounsell: all in favor. So voted

Lower Field Discussion

Commissioner discussed the use of the lower field.

Commissioner Bevard motioned to put an ad for pasture land in the market bulletin and other free county papers seconded by Commissioner Babson: all in favor. So voted

Ken presented a letter to Wynette DeGroot accepting her resignation for the commissioner's review.

Commissioner motioned to send the letter accepting her resignation to Wynette DeGroot seconded by commissioner Hounsell: all in favor. So voted

Commissioners discussed the Hales Location Budget meeting.

Commissioner Hounsell motioned to instruct the Hales Location Administrator/Tax Collector to contact residents for the purpose of forming an advisory budget committee seconded by Commissioner Bevard: all in favor. So voted

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Thom Pollard-Great Northern Networks

Thom gave a presentation on the MVC website he is creating. There was also discussion about a new county wide website. Thom gave an estimate of between \$10-20,000 for the project.

Commissioner Hounsell motioned to instruct the County Administrator to draft and RFQ for a web designer for the county website seconded by Commissioner Babson: all in favor. So voted

Administrator Update

There was a propane leak that caused the evacuation of ½ the admin building and residents of two wings of the nursing home had to be relocated. The fire department and Eastern Propane were called. The leak was located and repaired.

Eastern Propane is doing an evaluation on the tank.

The town of Eaton has voted to have the Carroll County Sheriff patrol the town 2 shifts a week. Commissioner Hounsell would like to see a breakdown of the costs.

Lisa Howard from MVC has tendered her resignation

Commissioners Updates

Commissioners Bevard and Babson attended the UNH extension meeting. Commissioner Babson asked if anyone was interested in using the lower field at the county complex.

Commissioner Hounsell motioned that he be appointed as the Chief Negotiator for the MVC negotiation team seconded by Commissioner Babson: all in favor. So voted

Commissioner Bevard is working on a hiring policy and would also like an update on the vacation accruals. Ken will check with the Finance Director and have an update next week.

Public Input

Daymond Steer (Conway Daily Sun) asked about the cost of the dental insurance that was paid for former employees. Daymond said Representative Ed Comeau claims it could be as much as \$100,000.

Commissioner Hounsell suggested Daymond ask Representative Comeau how the \$100,000 number was determined

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Commissioner Babson motioned to go into non-public session 1&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. And session 3 Under RSA 91-A:3 Paragraph II (a) the dismissal, promotion or compensation of any public employee. Motion 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 Babson motioned to seal the minutes seconded by Commissioner Bevard: motion passed on a roll call vote; Commissioner Hounsell "Aye", Commissioner Babson "Aye", Commissioner Bevard "Aye"

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

Minutes Approved on _____

Amanda Bevard, Chairman

David Babson, Vice Chair

Mark Hounsell, Clerk