

Carroll County Commissioners Meeting  
February 10, 2017  
1:00 PM

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

**Others Present:** Chuck Stuart, Daymond Steer, Ed Comeau, Glenn Cordelli, John Ruckenbrod, Mellisa Seamans

Chairperson Bevard called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm / Pledge of Allegiance

**Approval of Minutes**

*Commissioner Hounsell motioned to approve the minutes of February 1<sup>st</sup>, seconded by Commissioner Babson: all in favor. So voted*

**Public Input – Daymond Steer**

Mellisa Seamans asked the commissioners their thoughts on the County Administrator testifying as a representative of NHAC against House Bill 461.

Ken informed Mellisa that he was not testifying as a representative of NHAC. The card was filled out incorrectly, he testified representing his own views.

Mellisa said she had concerns about employee morale and asked the commissioners if they were aware of the letter from an employee before it was put on the county website. There was a short discussion on how to handle letters from employees to the commissioners.

*Commissioner Hounsell motioned that no letter to the commissioners from an employee will be treated the same as a letter from the public. Letters from employees will be held as confidential and not be shared; seconded for discussion by Commissioner Babson*

*Commissioner Babson motioned to table the motion until next week seconded by Commissioner Hounsell: all in favor. So voted*

*Commissioner Hounsell motioned that all letters that have been posted to the county website be removed post-haste seconded by Commissioner Bevard: all in favor. So voted*

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*The following motion was tabled on January 4<sup>th</sup>, 2017:*

*Commissioner Bevard motioned to rescind the motion for placement of the solar panels in the agricultural fields seconded by Commissioner Hounsell*

*Commissioner Hounsell motioned to make the motion on the table a special order of business on the February 8th agenda seconded by Commissioner Babson: motion passed 2-1 with Commissioner Bevard voting "Nay"*

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*Commissioner Bevard motioned to rescind the motion for placement of the solar panels in the agricultural fields seconded by Commissioner Hounsell: all in favor. So voted*

**Work Session**

**Chuck Stuart – TAN**

The deadline for posting the delegation meeting was missed by one day. The meeting is being reposted to meet the 7 day requirement.

Chuck reported that he has sent out an RFP for the GASB 45 to auditors. He estimates that the cost will be around \$5,000.00

Ken reported that Steve Knox requested a graduate student from UNH do a feasibility study for the Carroll County Farm. If the county is accepted the cost will be \$500.00

**Upcoming Legislative Bills**

HB # 120	Rainy day funds
HB # 272	Elections of County Commissioners
HB # 296	Forensic Audit by County Convention

**Letter of Support for Jail Grant**

*Commissioner Hounsell motioned to sign a letter of support for the jail grant seconded by Commissioner Babson: all in favor. So voted*

**Administrator Updates**

The town of Ossipee responded to the letter about the tree removal on County Farm Road. The town will take down the trees and leave them on the county property.

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Ken updated the commissioner on the wood processor lease. If the last payment is not made, the county will have to pay to [truck](#) the processor back to WI.

Commissioner Hounsell suggests the commissioners convey to the delegation that would be bad business and not in the best interest of the county. The commissioners asked Ken to write a letter to the delegation.

**Commissioner Updates**

Commissioner Hounsell read the following statement:

PUBLIC STATEMENT

Commissioner, Mark Hounsell  
February 10 2016

I have some concerns regarding what appears to be a disturbing trend by some elected officials to administer religious tests when considering their support or opposition to people or programs.

As we all should know religious tests are neither constitutional nor appropriate.

Faith is the substance of things hoped for and the evidence of things not yet seen. All of us are faith based in some fashion. Some are Christian, some are Muslim, some are Jewish and many others have different faiths including those who claim not to have faith but are in many cases are secular humanists, atheist, or agnostic - which requires faith to believe. In America and in Carroll County all faiths can and should participate in our government expressions.

I do what I do because I am a faith based politician as are most elected officials. Somewhere in our deliberations and our decisions we act because we believe the actions we take are based on our belief that they are in the best interests of all.

I like dealing with people who are faith based. They are more productive than those who are in despair and are feared based.

The fact that White Horse Addiction Center, Inc. is faith based is a solid positive in my estimation. The trend of some to administer religious tests is a negative and unfortunate trend.

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Mark Hounsell  
Carroll County Commissioner  
Labor Representative to the NH State Public Employees Labor Relations Board (PELRB)  
Member, Conway School Board  
Trustee, Conway Public Library

Commissioner Babson reported that at the DPW meeting, the commissioners were directed to get bids for snow removal and grounds upkeep. Commissioner Babson feels the commissioners have an obligation to get [the](#) quotes.

Commissioner Babson and Hounsell said they will not support privatization of DPW.

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Commissioner Bevard contacted the nine other counties to get information on winter and summer maintenance. All counties with the exception of Sullivan do their own winter maintenance. All the counties take care of the summer maintenance in house.

Commissioner Bevard would like to send out a survey asking employees if they would be interested if the county offered them a small garden plot. Commissioner Babson and Hounsell both agreed it was a good idea to send out the survey.

Commissioner Bevard would also like to establish a Daisy Award.

***Commissioner Bevard motioned to establish the Commissioners Daisy Award. The award will start at MVC, for 40hr non supervisor employees who come to work and time and not leave early and work all scheduled shifts. These employees names will be put in a bucket and I employee will be drawn each month for a parking space of their choice for a period of 30 days seconded by Commissioner Hounsell: all in favor. So voted***

**Public Input**

Daymond Steer asked if the sub-committee voted to recommend to the full delegation to fund White Horse Addiction Center in the amount of \$75,000. Commissioner Bevard confirmed that the subcommittee is recommending funding White Horse.

***Commissioner Hounsell motioned to go into non-public sessions 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. 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 Hounsell motioned to adjourn seconded by Commissioner Babson: all in favor. So voted***

***Minutes Approved on \_\_\_\_\_***

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***Amanda Bevard, Chairman***

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***David Babson, Vice Chair***

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***Mark Hounsell, Clerk***