

Carroll County Commissioners Meeting
January 4, 2017
9:00 AM

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

Others Present: Lisa Scott, Wynette DeGroot, Kathy Vizard, Joe Costello, Daymond Steer, John Ruckenbrod

Commissioner Babson called the meeting to order at 9:00 am / Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Minutes

Commissioner Babson motioned to approve the minutes of December 28th, 2016 seconded by Commissioner Hounsell for purpose of the vote motion passed on roll call vote: Commissioner Babson “Aye”, Commissioner Hounsell “present”, Commissioner Bevard “present”

Public Input – None

Nominations

Commissioner Hounsell nominated Commissioner Bevard for commission chair seconded by Commissioner Babson motion passed on roll call vote: Commissioner Hounsell “Aye”, Commissioner Bevard “Aye”, Commissioner Babson “Aye”

Commissioner Hounsell nominated Commissioner Babson for commission vice chair seconded by Commissioner Bevard motion passed on a roll call vote: Commissioner Hounsell “Aye”, Commissioner Bevard “Aye”, and Commissioner Babson “Aye”

Commissioner Hounsell motioned to install a Parliamentarian & adopt Roberts Rules of Order seconded by Commissioner Bevard motion passed on a roll call vote: Commissioner Hounsell “Aye”, Commissioner Bevard “Aye”, and Commissioner Babson “Nay”

Commissioners will hold off on electing a parliamentarian until Ken can get description of the duties.

Work Session

Bob Murray – Dock Leveler

Bob recommends postponing awarding the bid until the access to the dock can be improved, by extending the turnaround to eliminate damage occurring to the leveler.

Commissioner Hounsell would like Bob and Ken to put together a proposal request to the Delegation to be added to the 2017 budget.

Commissioner Hounsell motioned to reject all bids received for the dock leveler seconded by Commissioner Babson: all in favor. So voted

White Horse Addiction Center

Bob Murray informed the commissioners that White Horse is bringing an investor to walk through the annex .

Ken let the commissioner know that White Horse needs to bring in an abatement contractor for testing, they would like the county to pay the \$1,800.00 fee for the test.

Commissioner Hounsell motioned the commissioners will not spend any money for a walk through or engineering for the potential use of the annex until the delegation funds it seconded by Commissioner Babson: all in favor. So voted

Lisa Scott – Shelving Bids

The following three bids were received for the shelving:

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| 1. County Record Services | \$5,204.62 |
| 2. Kofile Technologies | \$5,666.32 |
| 3. Spectra Associates, Inc. | \$5,853.00 |

Lisa recommends accepting the bid from County Record Services.

Commissioner Babson motioned to accept the bid from County Record Services for Larson metal roller shelving units seconded by Commissioner Hounsell: all in favor. So voted

Commissioner Hounsell motioned that the commissioners recess and go into a Selectmen meeting to discuss Hales Location business and nominate Commissioner Babson as chairman.

Commissioner Babson would like to consult legal counsel for an opinion on going into a Selectmen meeting.

Ken introduced Kathy Vizard to the new commissioners. Kath informed the commissioners of her duties as Hales Location Tax Collector.

Commissioner Hounsell informed the board that he has a conflict of interest with the Conway school district; he will be recusing himself from any business between Hales Location and the Conway school district.

Chuck Stuart – Finance Director – Tan bids

The following bid was received for the TAN :

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| 1. Bank of New Hampshire | Interest Rate 1 ½ % |
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Chuck will review the bid and give the commissioners his recommendation next week.

Administrator Updates

Ken asked the new commissioners if they would like to continue with attending one Selectmen meeting for each town during the year. Commissioner Hounsell would prefer to have a commissioners meeting in Conway. The commissioners discuss this again next week.

Ken presented the commissioners with the Carroll County organizational chart.

Commissioners Updates

Commissioner Babson would like the board to find out what the new 91A regulations are.

Commissioner Hounsell read a document titled **Releases as County Commissioner (see attached)**

Commissioner Bevard asked Ken to call several solar companies to come in and give presentations.

Commissioner Bevard motioned to rescind the no smoking policy that was passed on December 28th, 2016 seconded by Commissioner Hounsell for discussion.

Commissioner Hounsell motioned to amend the motion adding “that staff will work toward addressing concerns that smoking causes on the Carroll County Complex” seconded by Commissioner Babson motion passed as amended on 2-1 vote with Commissioner Bevard voting “Nay”

Amended motion passed on 3-0 vote.

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”

Commissioner Bevard asked Ken if the commissioners evaluate some personnel. Ken let her know that the commissioners only do his evaluation.

Commissioner Bevard motioned that all evaluations done by the commissioners are given to the commission clerk to file. Motion fails with no second

Commissioner Hounsell will establish a procedure for taking care of evaluations.

Commissioner Hounsell motioned to rescind the Fund Balance Policy that was signed on December 28th, 2016 seconded by Commissioner Bevard motion fails on a roll call vote: Commissioner Hounsell "Aye", Commissioner Bevard "Nay", Commissioner Babson "Nay"

Public Input

Daymond asked Commissioner Bevard what her position is on the farm. Commissioner Bevard stated that she feels the farmland should be kept agricultural.

Commissioner Babson also said he wants the farmland to be kept for agricultural purposes.

Daymond asked Commissioner Hounsell if the office he will have in the North Country will cost the county and if he needs permission from the other board members. Commissioner Hounsell responded the office will not cost the county any money.

Commissioner Babson motioned to go into non-public sessions 1&2 Under RSA 91-A: 3, II (b) the hiring of any person as a public employee and Session 3 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 Bevard "Aye", and Commissioner Babson "Aye"

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

Commissioner Bevard motioned to adjourn at 1:00 PM seconded by Commissioner Hounsell: all in favor. So voted

Mark Hounsell

Carroll County Commissioner

Labor Representative to the NH State Public Employees Labor Relations Board (PELRB)

Member, Conway School Board

Trustee

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Conway Public Library

Statements made for the record at the request of Commissioner Hounsell and without objection by the board

Crime and Punishment

“It is imperative that the office of County Attorney receive more focused support from both the commissioners and the delegation. We must insist on more resources and the appointment of judges who have a heightened awareness that tough sentencing leads to fewer crimes. It seems as though the mollicoddling of guilty parties by the judiciary provides incentive to some whose cavalier attitudes and lack of respect for other people results in them creating more victims of injustice. When we seek justice we must not forget that every felony is against society and that justice for all, means justice for us. I am looking forward to working with the incoming county attorney to end the turnstile that spins prosecutors out of Ossipee seemingly faster than we can hire them.”

The County Farm

“At this stage it is clear that the continuation of the current farm operation at the Carroll County Campus in Ossipee would not be a wise decision. I am hopeful the current committee, led by Steve Knox of Albany, will continue in assisting the commissioners as we work on determining the best use of the nine hundred acre property. I would like to believe that an educational style program that could help the inmates could be developed? If so, that may be a future use of the farm?”

Pequawket Office

“When I decided to seek the office of county commissioner it was not to be sent to Ossipee, but to help bring Ossipee to Pequawket. In that vein, I am announcing that I am seeking to establish office hours somewhere in northern Carroll County.”

County Fund Balance

“Unfortunately the previous board adopted a fund balance policy on December 28, 2016 of which I have serious concerns. It is critical that the new board revisit this policy by reversing the decision of a week ago. We need a discussion on what happens when a government entity fails to return money to the taxpayer?”

*Minutes Approved on*_____

Amanda Bevard, Chairman

David Babson, Vice Chair

Mark Hounsell, Clerk