

County of Carroll
Commissioner's Meeting
Carroll County Administration Building
December 9, 2020

Present: Vice-Chairman Terry McCarthy, Clerk David Babson, Executive Coordinator Mellisa Seamans, Treasurer Joe Costello, CFO Fergus Cullen, Ed Comeau (www.governmentoversite.com), Maintenance Director Bob Murray, CCHOC Supt Pat Bachelder, Clearview TV

Convened: 9:10 a.m.

The public notice for this meeting was posted on the County website and in the Administration Building Lobby. There was a Zoom option for attendees.

Call to Order
Pledge of Allegiance

Manifest

Chmn. McCarthy announced the December 4, 2020 manifest of \$53,465.06

Approval of Minutes

MOTION: "To approve the December 2, 2020 meeting minutes" by Comm'r Babson, 2nd Comm'r McCarthy. Passed 2-0

Media Questions

None.

Public Input

None

CFO Weekly Report

CFO Cullen presented his written report. (Attached) Mr. Comeau clarified his right-to-know request. If a written document was not signed verifying the data when the switch to cloud storage happened with the finance software, he would at least like to know the matching totals. CFO Cullen said there are no written documents or emails confirming the totals as all was done verbally. CFO Cullen said we have both parties, Avenu and finance director, noting "everything is fine." Comm'r McCarthy asked if Avenu can provide a written statement of the verbal confirmation.

Fiber Upgrade Bid Opening

The commissioners opened and announced the following bids:

EX2 Technology LLC	Omaha, NE	\$13,024.34
CDS Unlimited	Bennington NH	\$13,368.14
Triwire Engineering	Auburn, MA	\$12,587.56

MVC Transport Vehicle

MOTION: "To award the bid to Patsy Bus Sales of Concord, NH for a base price of \$65,950 with add-ons totaling \$1,922" by Comm'r Babson, 2nd Comm'r McCarthy. Passed 2-0

Dir. Murray will seek a quote for the vehicle lettering.

MOTION "Give Mr. Murray permission to sign the contract" by Comm'r McCarthy, 2nd Comm'r Babson. Passed 2-0

MVC Ceiling Lifts

Dir. Murray asked the board to waive the bid process and allow him to purchase five lifts from Handi-Care. The lifts are proprietary. Staff is certified to service these lifts. The total cost is \$11,884.25.

MOTION: "To waive the bid process and continue purchase of lifts and carrier bars from Handi-Care not to exceed \$11,884" by Comm'r Babson, 2nd Comm'r McCarthy. Passed 2-0

Comm'r Babson stated, "the reason is we have purchased all other lifts except original purchase from Handi-Care and if there are parts needed we don't want to have another set of parts in the nursing home that we have to put in and find out they don't fit. With one source there is no one else to blame. Handi-Care has done a good job."

Department Head Report – Supt. Bachelder

Supt. Bachelder presented a written report ahead in advance of the meeting. Comm'r Babson suggested acquiring the machine to change tires on County vehicles would save money.

Line-Item Transfers

None

Executive Coordinator Report

Grant Acceptance

MOTION: "To accept the Prison Rape Elimination (PREA) Grant in the amount of \$96,220" by Comm'r Babson, 2nd Comm'r McCarthy. Passed 2-0

MOTION: "To accept the Department of Justice grant in the amount of \$326,150 for the project titled, "Carroll County Regional Mental Health Reentry Initiative" by Comm'r Babson, 2nd Comm'r McCarthy. Passed 2-0

Approval of Invoices

MOTION: "To approve the payment of Ossipee Town taxes in the amount of \$3,004" by Comm'r Babson, 2nd Comm'r McCarthy. Passed 2-0

Treas. Costello noted the importance of department heads approving invoices so they can be processed for payment. He regularly notices invoices included in the weekly check run that do not have approvals. Coord. Seamans was asked to send a reminder to the department heads.

The commissioners agreed to include the cost estimate for restoration in the small claims action against Arthur Wood.

Hale's Location

MOTION: "To authorize the treasurer to sign the checks to Town of Conway in the amount of \$1,595.55 and \$1,509.20" by Comm'r Babson, 2nd Comm'r McCarthy. Passed 2-0

MOTION: "To sign the Hale's Location property tax levy in the amount of \$127,115" by Comm'r McCarthy, 2nd Comm'r Babson. Passed 2-0

Commissioners Comments & Reports

Comm'r McCarthy, in response to the Republican statement at the Dec. 7 Delegation meeting said that the board stands behind its budget proposal given to the Delegation the law does not allow the commissioners to make changes to it. The commissioners stand behind their budget and support the department heads. Comm'r Babson concurred. Comm'r Babson does agree with Delegation Chmn. Avellani's suggestion of having fewer subcommittees

Public Comment

Mr. Comeau asked if the commissioners have considered asking for a tax abatement from Town of Ossipee.

Non-Public Session

On a motion by Comm'r Babson, 2nd by Comm'r McCarthy and a 2-0 roll call vote, the commissioners voted to enter into nonpublic sessions under NH RSA 91-A:3, II (a), (b) and (c). The board reconvened and voted to seal the minutes.

Minutes approved on 12 / 16 / 2020

Amanda Bevard, Chairman

David L. Babson, Jr
David Babson, Clerk

Terry M. Carthy
Terry McCarthy, Vice-Chairman