

County of Carroll
Commissioner's Meeting
Carroll County Administration Building
April 14, 2022

Present: Vice-Chairman Matthew Plache, Clerk Kimberly Tessari, Director of Maintenance Bob Murray, Ed Comeau (www.governmentoversite.com), Executive Coordinator Mellisa Seamans

Pledge of Allegiance

Public Hearing – Capital Reserve Fund Change of Purpose

MOTION: “To rename the previously established Water Tower Capital Reserve Fund to ‘Accrued Benefits Liability and Sick Bank Non-Capital Reserve Fund’ for the purpose of providing payment of accrued time owed to employees upon separation or retirement and to provide a Sick Bank for use by County employees whose accrued time is exhausted and to designate the Carroll County Board of Commissioners as agents to expend from said fund” by Comm’r Tessari, 2nd Comm’r Plache. Passed 2-0

There was no public comment during the hearing.

Non-Public Sessions

MOTION: “To enter non-public session under NH RSA 91-A:3, II (a) and (c)” by Comm’r Tessari, 2nd Comm’r Plache. Passed 2-0 on roll call vote. The board reconvened and voted to seal the non-public session minutes 2-0.

Public Comment

None

Media Questions

None

Approval of Minutes

MOTION: “To approve the March 31, 2022 meeting minutes” by Comm’r Tessari, 2nd Comm’r Plache. Passed 2-0

Manifest

- Accounts Payable \$392,580.10 and \$3,529.70
- Payroll \$201,824.86

Lighting Control System - MVC

MOTION: “Waive the bid requirement for the lighting system for MVC. The reason to waive is County is in existing energy contract with Siemens and no other company could gain access to the system” by Comm’r Tessari, 2nd Comm’r Plache. Passed 2-0

MOTION: “To allow Director Murray to proceed with the project as soon as possible” by Comm’r Tessari, 2nd Comm’r Plache. Passed 2-0

Boiler Room Door - Annex

MOTION: “To allow Director Murray to proceed with acquiring the Annex boiler room door at the quote amount received (\$3,958.66) that is under the

\$5,000 threshold and therefore does not have to go out to bid” by Comm’r Tessari, 2nd Comm’r Plache. Passed 2-0

Jail Flooring RFP

MOTION: “Approve the request for proposals to allow Director Murray to go out for proposal for the replacement of jail floor tiles” by Comm’r Tessari, 2nd Comm’r Plache. Passed 2-0

Jail Stairs

Stairs at employee entrance have crumbled and access to that entrance is blocked off. New stairs on order.

Northern Human Services Contract

Provides grant-funded mental health services three days a week. Comm’r Plache noted that mental health needs in Carroll County is a very big issue. Comm’r Tessari noted that it has been increasingly difficult for consumers to find mental health services due to shortage of clinicians.

MOTION: “Approve the contract between Carroll County House of Corrections and Northern Human Services for April 1, 2022 through March 31, 2023 unless amended, extended, or terminated for any reason as noted in the contract” by Comm’r Tessari, 2nd Comm’r Plache. Passed 2-0

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MOTION: “To enter non-public session under NH RSA 91-A:3, II (e)” by Comm’r Tessari, 2nd Comm’r Plache. Passed 2-0 on roll call vote. The board reconvened and voted to seal the non-public session minutes 2-0.

Underwood Engineering Service Request

MOTION: “Outlines the scope of work that will be funded through ARPA. Improves water system from County supply through to the water system customers. Project term is April 2022 through April 2023 and a cost not to exceed \$146,700 for this phase” by Comm’r Tessari, 2nd Comm’r Plache. Passed 2-0

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Employee Medical Insurance 2022-2023

Comm’r Tessari: The County was faced with an estimated 14% increase in medical insurance premiums so began seeking cost savings alternative that provided same or closely similar coverage. NH Interlocal Trust was able to create an agreeable policy. MVC Union employees can elect to stay with current plan with County funding 80% of premium and employee 20% or go to the new plan. All other full-time County employees eligible to participate in the NH Interlocal Trust medical insurance will move to the new plan at a cost share of 85% County/15% employee. The net savings to the taxpayers is approximately \$100,000. While it seems we are only passing on minimal savings, our employees will be encouraged to be smarter healthcare consumers and can result in future premium savings in the future.

MOTION: “To approve each NH Interlocal Trust group application: MVC Union employees, 30-hour employees, Medicare Eligible Retirees, and all other County employees” by Comm’r Tessari, 2nd Comm’r Plache. Passed 2-0

Comm’r Plache: The County spends millions of dollars annually on health insurance and we are used to seeing increases every year. This new plan continues the benefits provided under the current plan. Employees will save significantly. Under the nursing home collective bargaining agreement, we cannot require employees to change plans mid-contract term but we are offering the option for all to switch and share in the savings. I’m proud of this accomplishment.

Other

MOTION: “Approve \$90 stipend for the Deputy Treasurer and authorize Comm’r Plache to sign” by Comm’r Tessari, 2nd Comm’r Plache. Passed 2-0

Comm’r Tessari: We have received the March invoice from White Horse Recovery and description of March activities. They were able to provide services to about 76 County clients in March. We thank White Horse for their continued work to help in the recovery efforts.

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MOTION: “To enter non-public session under NH RSA 91-A:3, II (c)” by Comm’r Tessari, 2nd Comm’r Plache. Passed 2-0 on roll call vote. The board reconvened and voted to seal the non-public session minutes 2-0.

The Board recessed the meeting during non-public and will reconvene Thursday, April 21, 2022 at 9:00 a.m., or sooner if needed.

Minutes approved on _____April 21, 2022_____

Absent
Terry McCarthy, Chairman

Matthew Plache, Vice-Chairman

Kimberly Tessari, Clerk