

County of Carroll
Commissioner's Meeting
Carroll County Administration Building
September 9, 2021

Present: Chairman Terry McCarthy, Vice-Chairman Matthew Plache, Clerk Kimberly Tessari, Treasurer Joe Costello, Executive Coordinator Mellisa Seamans, Public Works Director Will DeWitte, Director of Maintenance Bob Murray, Bob LeVabvre of Eastern Propane, Representative Lino Avellani (remote), Ed Comeau (GovernmentOversite.com), Daymond Steer (Conway Daily Sun)

Pledge of Allegiance

Media Questions

Mr. Steer heard there are four current positive cases of Covid at the nursing home. Chmn. McCarthy responded there are four staff but no residents. One jail staff member also tested positive. He asked for an update on the vaccine mandate. Comm'r Plache said the commissioners are concerned about being able to provide the appropriate level of care to residents if staff has to be let go due to vaccine refusal. New Hampshire nursing homes are considering not taking new admissions if staffing levels are not adequate.

Public Comment

None

Approval of Meeting Minutes

MOTION: "To approve the minutes of September 2, 2021" by Comm'r Plache, 2nd Comm'r Tessari. Passed 3-0.

Manifest

The manifest for September 2, 2021 was \$430,411.54

Hale's Location

None

Treasurer Report

MOTION: "To allow the Treasurer to pursue tax-anticipation note borrowing for 2022" by Comm'r Plache, 2nd Comm'r Tessari. Passed 3-0

Department Head Report – Public Works Director Will DeWitte

Dir. DeWitte presented a written report ahead of the meeting. He reported on the Source Protection Plan meeting held September 8. The Rural Water Association will assist with researching grants available for the water system improvements. Dir. DeWitte asked for guidance on whether to fix the plow truck. He will not force his employees and he will not drive the truck with exhaust coming in the cab. The only thing holding the bed together is the liner. Dir. DeWitte will prepare a request for proposals for approval next meeting.

MOTION: "To approve the Water Department Plow Truck request for proposals" by Comm'r Plache, 2nd Comm'r Tessari. Passed 3-0

Eastern Propane Contract

MOTION: "To waive the bid process and award the two-year contract to Eastern Propane and to authorize Director Murray to sign on behalf of the County" by Comm'r Plache, 2nd Comm'r Tessari. Passed 3-0

Comm'r Plache stated Eastern Propane's intimate knowledge of system, long history of experience and security in the supply as reasons for waiving the bid process.

2020 Financial Audit

MOTION: "To accept the 2020 financial audit" by Comm'r Plache, 2nd Comm'r Tessari.
Passed 3-0

MOTION: "To accept the management response to the audit" by Comm'r Plache, 2nd Comm'r Tessari. Passed 3-0

The audit is now available for release to the public.

Outside Agency Appropriations Policy

MOTION: "To accept the Outside Agency Appropriations Policy" by Comm'r Plache, 2nd Comm'r Tessari. Passed 3-0

Commissioners Comments and Reports

Comm'r McCarthy will attend a ceremony at Pease for the naming of a KC-46 aircraft.

Comm'r Plache reported that HB 445 relative to competitive bidding in Carroll County was voted Inexpedient to Legislate. The commissioners had written a letter opposing this "completely asinine" bill.

Non-Public Session

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

Public Comments

None

Media Questions

None

Minutes approved on ___September 16, 2021___

Terry McCarthy, Chairman

Matthew Plache, Vice-Chairman

Kimberly Tessari, Clerk