Carroll County Board of Commissioners Meeting Minutes February 22, 2024

Members Present: Chairman Terry McCarthy, Vice-Chairman Chuck McGee, Clerk Bill Nelson

Others Present: Executive Coordinator Mellisa Seamans

Public Present: Fred Cain, Ed Comeau (governmentoversite.com), Dallas Emery, John Burgess

Pledge of Allegiance Call to Order

Public Comment

Mr. Cain:

If talking about perhaps not doing hay anymore, why consider hiring a third full-time employee for DPW. Do not think we should be getting into the vehicle repair business. Asked for the policy on county-owned vehicles because he has been told the DPW director drives a County vehicle home to Loudon. Again requests the union wage survey and the salary for MVC Director of Quality

Chmn. McCarthy: I'm not thinking about getting rid of the hay

Mr. Houle:

The white plastic wrap used for bales is not environmentally friendly. Causes hay to ferment. Still waiting for text messages 91-A request. I received a partial response to my December 2023 91-A request. The listing of who bought hay is only listed by "resident", "non-resident" or "cash. County is selling hay at 1975 prices. The hay business could be running in the black instead of the red if managed properly. A good farmer in New England will get a first cut of hay in the barn by Memorial Day or June. Snow fence used to be installed to keep the snow blowing from the fields into the highway. Called for DPW staff to be terminated.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

MOTION: To approve meeting minutes of February 15 by Comm'r Nelson, 2nd Comm'r McGee.

Passed 2-0-1 with Chmn. McCarthy abstaining.

Manifest Approval

MOTION: To approve the manifest totals as read:

Feb 21 2024 Accounts Payable \$702,703.00 Feb 23 2024 Payroll \$259,992.22

by Comm'r Nelson, 2nd Comm'r McGee. Passed 3-0

Recess for Hale's Location Board of Selectmen meeting. Reconvened.

Encumbrances

MOTION: To approve the 2023 encumbrances in the amount of \$196,573.30 by Comm'r Nelson, 2nd Comm'r McGee. Passed 3-0

Policy Review and Revision

The Procurement Policy and Conflict of Interest Policy will be forwarded to our labor attorney for review.

To approve the Investment Policy by Comm'r Nelson, 2nd Comm'r McGee. Passed 3-0 **MOTION:** To approve the Fund Balance Policy by Comm'r Nelson, 2nd Comm'r McGee. Passed 3-0 **MOTION:** Non Public Session (10:32am-11:13 a.m.) To enter into non-public under NH RSA 91-A:3, II (c) and (i) by Comm'r Nelson, 2nd MOTION: Chmn. McGee. Passed 3-0 by roll call Reconvene. To return to the public meeting and seal the minutes by Comm'r Nelson, 2nd Comm'r MOTION: McGee. Passed 3-0 Meeting Recessed for a non-meeting with legal counsel Date Approved: _____ Terry McCarthy Chuck McGee Bill Nelson Chairman Vice-Chairman Clerk

Comm'r McGee commented that he is favor of retaining general counsel.