

Commissioners Patrick F. Clawson, William Brown and John Brown; and Council members Ann Brown, Jim Hancock, Jamie Rough, Nancy Cripe, Al Auffart, Steve Pearson and Bill Northcutt met in a Joint Session on the 5<sup>th</sup> day of August 2013 at 1:00 p.m.

Commissioner President Patrick Clawson called the joint meeting of the Carroll County Commissioners and Carroll County Council to order.

On behalf of the Council, Steve Pearson made a motion to approve the minutes of the joint session held April 10, 2013; seconded by Ann Brown, passed unanimously. John Brown, on behalf of the Commissioners, made a motion to accept the minutes of the April 10, 2013 joint session as written, seconded by William Brown, passed unanimously.

**VOTE CENTERS:** Clerk Andrea Miller reported the Election Board was putting together a vote center plan and was asking for approval of the plan. The County will not be considered a vote center county until there is a unanimous vote by the Election Board. Miller added that the State is working on an e-poll book certification for use by vote centers. Approximate cost to go to vote centers is \$37,000; \$33,000 is a one-time cost.

Miller stated that presently the County does not have sufficient voting machines for the next election because they reduced from 500 registered voters per machine to 250 voters per machine. The numbers prove it is a good idea, but a couple counties that started vote centers have now quit. The only unknown cost at this time is the maintenance fee for the e-poll book. The County presently leases 31 machines and to meet standards there would need to be 62 machines. All vote centers and satellite stations will be required to have high speed internet. Records presently show 13,808 registered voters and the Clerk's Office is working to clean up that number. Ann Brown stated the County will save money with vote centers but should have it paid for by the third election. The Election Board would like to implement vote centers in 2014 because it is not a presidential election year.

John Brown made a motion to go with vote centers. William Brown stated he was opposed to it, but was also opposed to the two hour wait, so seconded the motion; the Commissioners then signed Resolution 2013-03 approving the designation of Carroll County as a vote center. Nancy Cripe made a motion to approve the resolution; Al Auffart seconded; passed unanimously.

**JAIL PRESENTATION:** Steve Pearson excused himself from the presentation because he is a jail employee. Eric Ratts of DLZ gave a feasibility study and life cycle cost analysis for the Carroll County jail. Patrick Clawson stated the Commissioners have a proposal for DLZ to do a study for the cost of \$5,000; if it is decided to move ahead with the jail, the fee will be applied to the cost.

Jim Hancock stated there was time to discuss the money and felt the study was needed to know what direction to go. Sheriff Burns believes the study would be beneficial, especially the life cycle study could be used for future planning and maintenance.

William Brown made a motion that was seconded by John Brown, to engage DLZ for a jail study, fees not to exceed \$5,500.00, contingent upon Council approval.

**2014 CUM CAP BUDGET:** Discussion was held concerning the 2014 Cum Cap budget; the Commissioners explained their requests:

- ✓ \$20,000 has been set aside for each year of a 5-year plan for ADA compliance. To-date none of the funds have been used; it is anticipated for this fall. The 4-H building handicap parking has been put on hold due to the possible change in the 4-H building ownership. EDC will provide high speed internet for the 4-H building.
- ✓ The Commissioners agreed the only way to save for an ambulance is through cum cap.
- ✓ Saving for a salt barn to go on the same location as the north EMS site; hope to have the north site in 3 years. They are still looking for property close to the Jefferson Township line on the highway. It is hoped to add a third garage in 8 – 10 years.
- ✓ Start to save for a new jail 10 years down the road; money could be used for the purchase of land if necessary. They would like to build \$50,000 - \$60,000 in the jail fund for incidental expenses.

**TRANSFER STATION:** Jim Hancock reported the Transfer Station operator asked him about issues he was not clear on:

- ✓ Churches can have free drop off of trash; one church brought in their old shingles and construction materials.
- ✓ The County Highway brought him gravel and charged him; but when they bring trash it has been free.

William Brown made a motion that there should be no charge from one branch of a County office to another and that non-profits should not be exempt from paying a fee to dump trash. John Brown seconded; passed unanimously. Patrick Clawson will go to the transfer station and explain that non-profits will be charged the same as all individuals. The Auditor was asked to prepare a statement concerning the fee for non-profit organizations on the Commissioners' letter head to be posted at the transfer station.

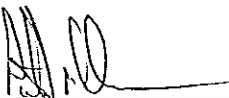
**COUNTY MANAGER:** Ann Brown has brought up the topic of a County Manager position in the past and proposed a committee of Council members, a Commissioner and the Auditor to look at the pros and cons of hiring a County Manager. It is too late for 2014 but could be considered for the 2015 budget. The position would report to the Commissioners. Brown explained that part of the study would be to check with counties our size to see which ones, if any, have county managers. William Brown stated he did not like the idea but is willing to listen; he feels it is building another layer of bureaucracy. William Brown cautioned that Carroll County seems to get either an old person wanting to sit for a couple years until retirement or someone just out of school.

Patrick Clawson asked Ann Brown to head up the committee; first meeting would be in November, after budget was finished.

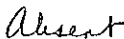
Nancy Cripe made a motion to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Jamie Rough, passed unanimously.

William Brown made a motion to adjourn the meeting; seconded by John Brown, passed unanimously.

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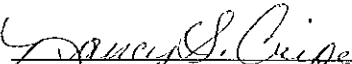
  
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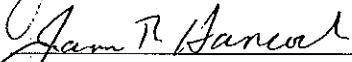
  
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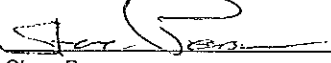
  
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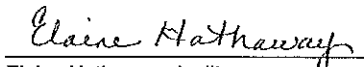
  
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James R. Hancock, President

  
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**ATTEST:**

  
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Elaine Hathaway, Auditor