



## Belknap County Convention Meeting Minutes May 24, 2010 at 6:00 PM

Chair Alida Millham called the meeting of the Belknap County Convention to order at 7:00 PM on the above date at 34 County Drive, Laconia, NH and started with the pledge of allegiance.

In Attendance: Representatives Millham, Swinford, Boyce, Wendelboe, Arsenault, Miller, Reever, Pilliod, Merry, Fields, Flanders, Nedeau, Stuart, Russell, Bolster.

Also present: Matthew Lahey and members of the public

Absent: Representatives Veazey, Johnson and St. Cyr.

### **Discussion of the proposal to open the Prison Facility for Juveniles from the Sununu Center:**

Madam Chair opened up the meeting by informing the delegation that this was a briefing session on the Laconia State School Property and thanked all for attending to discuss this important item and to weigh in as a group. Members wanted to hear what was going on with the study. Madam Chair then turned the meeting over to Mr. Matthew Lahey who chairs the Commission tasked with identifying the best for the property. Mr. Lahey briefed the board of the work that the Commission has done thus far and that the goal is to have a final report delivered to the Governor and Senate by June 2011. Delegation members asked some questions and details about the property and different standpoints. Mr. Lahey told the delegation that in the coming months, there would be public session meetings where they (the Commission) will present base info and facts and then allow for public input. Some recommendations may be made by then. They will keep the delegation informed. Mr. Lahey had to leave to make it to another meeting. Madam Chair opened discussion for the delegates. The County Delegation unanimously agreed that they do not want a prison of any kind on that property. All concur.

**Discussions open to the public:** Madam Chair then opened up discussions to the public. Barnstead Selectmen Mr. Houle recommended the idea of a Belknap County Regional Vocational Technical Institute for that property. Madam chair asked if there was any other public input. No other members of the public spoke.

Madam Chair then outlined discussions. The delegation agrees that this item goes through the commission study process. Until the work of that Commissions study on the highest and best use of that property is done, the delegation members stay steady with their decision.

**Other business as necessary:** There was none.

**Adjourn:** M/Nedeau, S/Russell to adjourn at 7:50 PM. Unanimous. None opposed. **Motion carries.**

Respectfully submitted,

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Angela A. Bovill, Administrative Assistant

A true record Attest:

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Beth Arsenault, Clerk of the County Convention