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Minutes
Belknap County Commissioners Meeting
May 7, 2009

Commissioner Boothby called the Belknap County Commissioners meeting to order at 4:00 PM on the above date at 34 County Drive, Laconia, NH and started with the pledge of allegiance.

In attendance: Chairman Christopher Boothby, Vice Chairman Edward Philpot. Jr., Clerk Richard Long and County Administrator, Debra Shackett.

1. Citizens Council discussions (Micheline Roy, Alan Robichaud, Andre Paquette, Gail Schohan, Rich Moed): Commissioner Boothby started by thanking all the council members for coming and acknowledging their hard work through the years. The Commissioners also wished to acknowledge the hard work of the other council members who were not present. Mr. Robichaud introduced those present and gave a brief background.

Council members would like to have some clarification on a few items. The first question that was asked is when the funding for citizens council runs out at the end of 2009 and they receive funding or other revenue, will they still be considered part of the county? Commissioner Philpot responded by saying "Absent the funding piece, it would depend on if there was a good reason or not for it to continue." Mr. Moed then asked if it was reasonable to say that they should try to find a new home for the council. Commissioners agreed that was a fair statement. Commissioners want to see all the possibilities that they come up with and a report back with the progress in September to see what might be the outcome for the council. Ms. Schohan indicated that this is just such bad timing especially to try for any type of support (funding) from the State especially, but that they will do their best to try. Mr. Paquette asked Commissioner Philpot to clarify that absent any compelling reason, than the Citizen's Council will no longer be a county department. Commissioner Philpot stated that is what he meant. Commissioner Philpot said to go forward with your mission and business as usual, just not the funding piece after 2009.

There were discussions on the relationship and authority the Commissioners have over the council. Mr. Robichaud has been a hard spot serving two masters for a long time. Commissioners apologized for that breakdown. Mr. Robichaud is in fact a County Employee and is free to go out and define the Councils future as an organization. Commissioners very much want the Council to succeed and gave authority to Mr. Robichaud to help them do just that. Commissioners ask that Mr. Robichaud report back to Administrator Shackett so that she can keep the Board up to date on the progress. Mr. Robichaud wanted to make sure that he was free

to pursue all options without seeking approval from the Commissioner. Granted. Mr. Robichaud should keep Administrator Shackett updated.

2. Adjourn: With no further business to discuss M/Philpot, S/Long to adjourn at 4:30 PM. Unanimous. **Motion carries.**

Respectfully submitted,

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