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<u>Minutes</u> <u>Belknap County Commissioners Meeting</u> <u>November 12, 2009, 6:00 PM</u>

Commissioner Boothby called the Belknap County Commissioners meeting to order at 6:15 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 W. Long and County Administrator, Debra Shackett.

<u>Public Budget Forum</u>: Commissioner Boothby opened the public at 6:15 with the pledge of allegiance. Commissioners welcomed everyone present and thanked them for taking the time to come this evening. Commissioner Boothby announced that the Commissioners would present their budget and discuss the points they would like to address. Then, at the end, there can be discussions, questions, etc. The meeting will conclude at 7:30 PM.

Commissioner Boothby announced that there is a -.24% reduction in the budget compared to 2009. Commissioners and County Administrator, Debra Shackett walked through their power point presentation explaining their recommended budget.

There were many items of discussion including: fund balance, stimulus money, energy conservation grant, health insurance, outside agencies to name a few. Various audience members included Belknap County towns, city, delegation, press, department heads and public. Commissioners were very pleased to continue this process on from the County Conversations by having this meeting prior to finalizing their budget. They appreciated all input, questions and attendance and correspondence via email for those that could not attend. It has been very good communication.

Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned by unanimous vote at7:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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