

## BELKNAP COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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Edward D. Philpot Jr. Vice-Chairman Laconia

Richard W. Long Clerk Belmont

## Commissioners Meeting Minutes December 1, 2010

Commissioner Boothby called the Belknap County Commissioners meeting to order at 7:30 AM on the above date at 34 County Drive, Laconia, NH and started with the pledge of allegiance.

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

<u>Approval of minutes:</u> M/Long, S/Philpot to approve the 11/17/10 minutes as written. Unanimous. **Motion carries**.

## **Commissioners Reports**

<u>Commissioner Boothby:</u> Commissioner Boothby stated that even though they reduced the BCEDC (Economic Development Councils) line item down to 40,000 for 2011 (down from 75,000) he is in favor of putting it back in and would like to discuss with the Commissioners.

Commissioner Long asked the status of payroll, rent, etc. Commissioners Long said that 60,000 - 65,000 is better and then try to work towards phasing them out (private business) or he is also ok with the \$75,000 for 2011.

Commissioner Philpot said he thinks that BCEDC has taken a good look at their budget and is willing to also put back the \$75,000 for 2011 with more scrutiny and discussion moving forward regarding private business having a part.

Commissioners concur with putting it back to \$75,000 for 2011 and will make this recommendation as part of their presentation to the county delegation on 12/06/10.

<u>Commissioner Philpot:</u> Wanted to say that he was here all day for the annual Belknap County Employee Day Event and that it was a huge success this year. It was a very good day and the countywide format made for an excellent turn out and all around successful event.

**<u>Commissioner Long:</u>** Nothing to update at this time.

<u>County Attorney:</u> Commissioners wanted to congratulate the County Attorney James Carroll, on his new role as Judge Carroll! It is richly deserved. James is an outstanding employee and person and this is indicative of the caliber of our employees here at Belknap County. Congratulations!!!!!

**Sheriff's Grant:** The Sheriff brought forward the paperwork the commissioners to sign based on the grant approval at the last meeting. Commissioners will sign along with the County Administrator and the High Sheriff.

**Public comment**: Commissioner Boothby asked for public comment. There was none.

**Non-public session:** M/Philpot, S/Long to enter into non public session pursuant to RSA 91-A; 3, II, (a). Commissioner Boothby took a poll of the board. Boothby-Y, Philpot-Y, Long-Y. Unanimous. **Motion carries.** Commissioners were in nonpublic session at 7:46 AM

Non public session concluded at 8:10 AM and the Board was back in a public session.

New Commissioner Orientation: Commissioner Boothby had to leave for prior commitment. Comm. Long, Philpot, and Admin. Shackett met with John Thomas and Steve Nedeau. They discussed how the Commission operates through the administrator to conduct it's business. They reviewed the Commissioners Code of Conduct, the personnel policy and union negotiations. They discussed the goal setting process that led to the County Conversations over the past two years, and many of the things learned through the process. After Commissioner Long left, Commissioner Philpot continued with a thorough review of the current facilities analysis that has recently been completed, and begun to be implemented. The Commissioners Elect asked many questions & a lot of knowledge and experience was shared.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:20 am.	
Respectfully submitted,	
Angela A. Bovill, Administrative Assistant	