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Commissioners Meeting Minutes March 7, 2012

Commissioner Philpot called the Belknap County Commissioners meeting to order at 5:41 PM on the above date at 34 County Drive, Laconia, NH and started with the pledge of allegiance.

In Attendance: Commissioners Edward D. Philpot Jr., John H. Thomas, Stephen H. Nedeau and County Administrator, Debra Shackett.

CDBG Public Hearing: A handout was made available. Commissioner Philpot opened up the public hearing on the CDBG Economic Development Grant Application for Equipment for the Lakes Region Community College Nursing Program at 5:42 PM. Executive Director Carmen Lorentz explained the project and grant process. Belknap County is considering applying for an Economic Development grant for up to \$500,000 to purchase training equipment for the Lakes Region Community College's Nursing Program. Commissioner Philpot asked for public comment. There was none. The public hearing was closed at 5:44 PM.

Commissioner Philpot opened another public hearing at 5:44 on the Housing & Community Development Plan. Ms. Lorentz explained the plan that outlines community development goals and objectives. This grant will support workforce development in Belknap County by providing better training equipment for nurses in training at the College. Commissioner Philpot asked for public comment. There was none. The public hearing was closed at 5:45 PM.

Commissioner Philpot opened a public hearing at 5:45 on the Residential Anti-displacement & Relocation Plan. Ms. Lorentz explained that in January 2012, Belknap County adopted a policy that states the County will comply with federal relocation assistance laws if any displacement is caused by a federally funded project the County is involved with. Commissioner Philpot asked for public comment. There was none. The public hearing was closed at 5:46 PM.

The Commissioners then opened their regular meeting and made the following motions: M/Thomas, S/Nedeau to approve submittal of a CDBG Economic Development Grant for up to \$500,000 for the purpose of purchasing training equipment for Lakes Region Community College's nursing program. Unanimous. **Motion carries.** M/Nedeau, S/ Nedeau to authorize the County Administrator to execute any and all documents necessary to effectuate the potential CDBG contract. Unanimous. **Motion carries.** M/Thomas, S/Nedeau to approve the adoption of the Residential Anti-displacement & Relocation Plan with regards to the purchase of training equipment for the College's nursing program and to certify that there will be no displacement that results from this. Unanimous. **Motion carries.** Commissioners will sign the Residential Anti-displacement & Relocation Plan and Administrator Shackett will sign the document certifying the posting requirements were met for this CDBG request.

Approval of minutes: M/Nedeau, S/Thomas to approve the 2/22/12 minutes. Unanimous. **Motion carries.**

Administrative Report: Ms. Shackett reported that the Town of Barnstead will vote on police services at their town meeting. Debra has been working on contract negotiations and employee evaluations. The Commissioners need a new date to schedule their goal setting meeting. Commissioner Philpot will send some dates to Ms. Shackett to coordinate. Ms. Shackett informed the board that the capital projects subcommittee met last Friday 3/2/12.

Agreement/contract with Strafford County for inmates: Ms. Shackett recommended that the Commissioners approve a contract with Strafford County to house inmates due to overcrowding in our jail. M/Nedeau, S/Thomas approve based on the recommendation of the County Administrator to sign the agreement with Strafford County as outlined. Unanimous. **Motion carries.**

Commissioners Committee reports: Commissioner Thomas reported that David Haley will be stepping down as the Chair for Economic Development council. He would like to acknowledge his hard work over the years and particularly 2011 as a very challenging year for the organization. BCEDC annual meeting will be 3/29/12 at 4:15 PM. Lastly, BCEDC strategic plan will be unveiled at the annual meeting. The Cooperative Extension has out together an organization plan based on the 40% cut by the legislature of their budget. They will propose sharing of duties, etc. with other counties. Administrator Shackett has a meeting the UNH Coop Administrator Sue Cagle next week to discuss this matter and will report back to the Commissioners with results. Commissioner Nedeau reported that the Airport Authority will have a meeting next week 3/14/12, but he is not able to go due to the fact that he has town meeting that night.

Adjourn: With no further business to discuss, M/Thomas, S/Nedeau to adjourn at 6:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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