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Commissioners Meeting Minutes July 11, 2012

Commissioner Philpot called the Belknap County Commissioners meeting to order at 7:33 AM 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.

Lakes Region Partnership for Public Health (LRPPH): Executive Director Lisa Morris and Associate Director Susan Laverack came to give the Commissioners an update of their programs. Ms. Morris presented statistics on how many contacts they have received in the last year as well as the various programs at work throughout Belknap County. Ms. Laverack spoke in detail about the emergency preparedness program and how those trainings, etc. are being put to work in our communities in order to be proactive in anticipated catastrophic emergencies. Ms. Morris also touched on the funding mechanisms for certain programs through state and local funding. A shelter exercise is coming up in Meredith on July 18 from noon – 4:00 and they will forward information to the Board in case they would like to partake. Commissioners thanked them for the detailed update.

MOU Certification for radio equipment: Sheriff Craig Wiggin gave the Commissioners an overview of the radio equipment/statewide interoperability project along with the details of his request. They intend to use the money to purchase Motorola portable radios. Every Chief in Belknap County will be buying these same radios with the money that they receive. Sheriff Wiggin is requesting authorization/approval to accept the equipment from the Department of Safety in accordance with the grant requirements and sign the MOU certification. Administrator Shackett pointed out that it does say in that MOU that the State will be keeping a small portion of the funds, so that everyone is aware. M/Nedeau, S/Thomas to authorize the county to enter into the MOU as presented and to be signed by the Chairman. Unanimous. **Motion carries.**

Communications: Commissioners spoke with the Sheriff about information that they received at a few of their County Conversations regarding communications. The Sheriff explained in detail the projects that are going on now including Pinnacle Hill in New Hampton. Sheriff Wiggin also explained in great detail the challenges that he has faced regarding the Belknap Mountain site due to the fact that progress is being held up in litigation (contractor who did work is suing the State of NH). Discussions ensued. The Sheriff needs funding to get the repeater, equip. etc. that currently exists up and running, that would help with some of the communication issues. Administrator Shackett instructed the Sheriff to put all that he needs (costs) in his budget request so that this can be addressed. The Sheriff will come back to the board with a plan and costs associated with it. She also suggested that if the litigation is holding up what we need here at Belknap County to get up and running than perhaps we should join the contractor in suing the State.

CDBG Grant for Lakes Region Community College: A requirement of this grant is to designate an Environmental Certifying Officer. M/Nedeau, S/Thomas to designate Debra Shackett, County Administrator, as the Environmental Certifying Officer for the Grant #12-401-CDED Equipment for the Lakes Region Community College Nursing Program 2012. Unanimous. **Motion carries.**

Laconia State School Property: Commissioners have not received a letter or correspondence regarding the purchase of the Laconia State School property. The county is second on the list to be able to purchase, first being the City of Laconia. Commissioners would like Administrator Shackett to find out details of this.

Adjourn: With no further business to come before the board, M/Nedeau, S/Thomas to adjourn at 9:13 AM. Unanimous. **Motion carries.**

Respectfully submitted,

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