

**Belknap County Commissioners**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**6/26/13 7:30 AM**

Members Present: Commissioners John Thomas and Steve Nedeau

Also Present: Debra Shackett, County Administrator

After a review of the scheduled calendar items, Maggie Pritchard, Kristen Welch and Ed Drury from Genesis Behavioral Health proposed a CDBG which would assist them in relocating to 2 Airport Road in Gilford.

The Boys & Girls Club, represented by Cheryl Avery, Al Posnack, and Russ Thibeault presented a proposal for a CDBG that would assist the Club in purchasing the St. James Church property in Laconia.

The Commissioners consider both worthy projects and wish to support both, however can only apply for a total of \$500,000 per year. They agreed to reconvene on 7/2/13 to decide whether to apply on behalf of one of the agencies or to split the total between them. Due to grant deadlines, they will also post a public hearing to be held on 7/10/13 regarding the CDBG proposal(s).

Administrator's Report:

- Carly Ahern has been promoted to the position of Deputy County Attorney. A swearing in celebration will be scheduled by the County Attorney.
- The Commissioners recognized two Nursing Home Employees of the Month, Shelly Richardson and Jane Sharp.
- The state Department of Probation & Parole is moving forward with a proposed lease agreement to move into the Court House prior to their existing lease expiring in 2014. The Commissioners agreed to accept a significantly reduced monthly "rent" until 8/1/2014. This will accommodate several County departments who have supported the relocation of the office, as well as utilizing vacant space in the Court House and assisting the State department.

The Commissioners reported on the meeting schedules of the outside agencies that they represent.

(Commissioner Philpot arrived)

The Commissioners expressed dismay about the process for communication being utilized by the Delegation, the Executive Committee in particular. Sending "demand letters" and messages through the newspapers has not been helpful or appropriate. They are concerned with the incorrect information being circulated to the public. In an effort to correct one piece, Commissioner Nedeau read NH RSA 29:1 paragraph 1, sentence 1.

Regarding the demand letter specifically, the County Administrator and the Finance Director will meet with our attorneys to review each issue. A meeting with the author of the letter will then be scheduled.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30am.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra A Shackett, County Administrator