

## BELKNAP COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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Edward D. Philpot Vice-Chairman Laconia

Stephen H. Nedeau Clerk Meredith

## Commissioners Meeting Minutes June 25, 2014

Commissioner Thomas called the Belknap County Commissioners meeting to order at 5:30 pm on the above date at 34 County Drive, Laconia, NH and recited the pledge of allegiance.

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

**Absent:** Commissioner Edward D. Philpot, Jr. (Due to a death in the family)

*Calendar:* Commissioners reviewed the meeting schedule.

<u>Approval of minutes:</u> M/Nedeau, S/Thomas to approve the 06/11/14 meeting minutes as written. Unanimous. **Motion passes.** 

Administrators report: See attached.

<u>Commissioner's committee report:</u> Commissioner Thomas reported that the Cooperative Extension had their meeting last night. Mr. Jim Grady retired after 40 years of service to the Cooperative Extension. There will not be another co-op meeting until September. Commissioner Nedeau reported that there was an open house at Laconia Airport 2 weeks ago and 2,000 people attended. There have been some renovations done like new paint, flooring, lights, etc. Everything is looking great at the airport and the public is always invited to tour.

**Public input:** Commissioner Thomas asked for public. Representative Dennis Fields told the Commissioners that he was proud of the staff at Belknap County. He also announced that he is going to run for re-election and do his best to get the county back to the way it was and to have better communication than they've had in the last two years. Rep. Fields also thanked Superintendent Ward for his presentation at the 06/16/14 Delegation meeting. Commissioners concur and also reiterated that they have the best staff throughout Belknap County.

**Nonpublic session:** M/Nedeau, S/Thomas to enter into nonpublic session per RSA 91-A3, II (a). Commissioner Thomas called the roll: Nedeau – Y, Thomas – Y. Unanimous. **Motion passes.** The Board entered into nonpublic session at 5:55 pm.

M/Nedeau, S/Thomas to conclude nonpublic session at 6:37 pm. Commissioner Thomas called the roll: Nedeau – Y, Thomas – Y. Unanimous. The Commissioners returned to public session.

<u>Minutes:</u> M/Thomas, S/Nedeau to seal the minutes of the nonpublic meeting for 60 days. Unanimous. **Motion passes.** 

Adjourn: M/Nedeau, S/Philpot to adjourn at 6:38 pm. Unanimous. Motion passes.

Respectfully submitted,

Angela A. Bovill, Administrative Assistant



## Administrator's Report 6/25/2014

Budgetary Concern in Nursing Home – we resolved the projected overage of \$9900 by holding off on the annual purchase of mattresses & beds. We have contemplated privatizing the beauty salon, but find that we can get by for the rest of this year.

I continue to spend a lot of time concentrating on personnel issues in the nursing home.

Planning a budget worksession with the division managers in the nursing home as soon as the month of June is closed. It will prove beneficial for us & them to be more aware of the entire NH budget and it's status.

We're beginning a process of meeting in smaller groups to discuss the idea of continuous improvement. Already employees are coming forward with innovative ideas and cost saving opportunities to explore.

Early this week we had a scare when we were notified that there was someone in the parking lot with a gun. It was an opportunity to find that we can use some training on "lock down" situations. The Sheriff has agreed to help with this, both at this complex and the Courthouse.

Surveillance System RFP – proposals are due back 7/14/14.

Pneumatic controls in the Jail are being replaced with digital. Project going smoothly.

Courthouse lease – the State is working through a multi-department process to make sure the agreement will satisfy everyone involved. Should have an answer soon. They have been very cooperative and open to the ideas presented by our Facilities Manager.

Victim Witness Grant period has been extended for the whole year – need signature.

Lease agreement for Sheriff's 2 new cruisers – need signature.