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Commissioners Meeting Minutes December 15, 2010

Commissioner Philpot 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: Vice Chairman Edward D. Philpot Jr., Clerk, Richard W. Long and County Administrator, Debra Shackett.

Absent: Chairman Christopher D. Boothby

Approval of minutes: M/Long, S/Philpot to approve the 12/01/10 minutes and the 12/01/10 non public minutes as written. Unanimous. **Motion carries.**

Swearing in of new Commissioners: Scheduled for January 4, 2011 at the Superior Court. Commissioner Philpot will call the Clerk of the Court today to find out the time.

Next Commissioners meeting: January 12, 2011. The December 29, 2010 meeting is cancelled.

Commissioners Reports: Nothing new to report since the 12/01/10 Commissioners Meeting.

Water heaters at the Jail: One of the water heaters at the Department of Corrections has failed and the second one is nearing the end of its useful life. These were looked at by our facilities analysis engineer along with the Maintenance Director and the manufacturer. It was determined that they are not worth fixing. (Would cost \$7,000 EACH to fix and unknown if it would last). To replace them according to the facilities analysis recommendation so that they conform to our long term plan, the cost would be approx. \$55,000 - \$60,000 EACH. The question was asked if we replace, can we get one to do the job of what the old two have been doing. The old ones are 22 years old. No decisions have been made as we are waiting for more info. The County Administrator wanted to brief the Commissioners on the situation.

Audit Services for Belknap County: The County Administrator made the recommendation to hire Melanson, Heath & Company PC as the new auditors for Belknap County. This recommendation was based on the RFP that went out in November and the research Ms. Shackett did. There was discussion. M/Long, S/Philpot to accept the recommendation of the County

Administrator to hire Melanson Heath & Co. as the new audit firm for Belknap County. Unanimous. **Motion carries.**

Public Input: Commissioner Philpot asked if there was any public input. There was none.

Non Public session: M/Philpot to enter into non-public session per RSA 91: A-3, II (a) S/Long. Unanimous. **Motion carries.** At 7:50 AM the board was in a non public session.

Non public session concluded at 7:55 AM and the Board was back in a public meeting.

Farwell to Commissioner Long: County Department heads and employees gathered to say farewell to Commissioner Long and thank him for his service. Commissioner Philpot made a presentation and gave Commissioner Long a gift on behalf of Belknap County. Commissioner Philpot thanked Commissioner Long for his work, his knowledge and his commitment to role of County Commissioner for the past four years. He will be missed!

Adjourn: M/Long, S/Philpot to adjourn at 8:00 AM. Unanimous. **Motion carries.**

Respectfully submitted,

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