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Commissioners Meeting Minutes February 23, 2011

Commissioner Philpot called the Belknap County Commissioners meeting to order at 5:45 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.

Approval of the meeting minutes: M/Nedeau, S/ Thomas to approve the 2/9/11 non public minutes and the 2/9/11 regular meeting minutes. Unanimous. **Motion carries.**

Update from Sheriff Wiggin on Services for Barnstead: Sheriff Wiggin updated the Commissioners that he was moving forward with a proposal to provide law enforcement services to Barnstead. The Sheriff has put together some numbers for the Town of Barnstead. The Sheriff is seeking authorization from the Commissioners to consult with Attorney Fitzgerald for appropriate legal agreements, etc. Commissioner Philpot asked if there was any such correspondence that exists from years ago when this was done. There was none. The Sheriff has had many discussions with the select board in Barnstead and will continue to move forward with those discussions. Sheriff Wiggin will present a package at the next Commissioners meeting (3/23/11) and invite the Barnstead Select Board. All concur. Administrator Shackett wants to make sure that the county's process of what we need to do is accurate. The Sheriff stated that a legal MOU (Memo of Understanding) makes sense. There was discussion. M/Nedeau, S/Thomas to authorize the Sheriff to proceed with consulting the county's legal counsel on this matter. Unanimous. **Motion carries.**

County wide dispatch: Commissioner Philpot asked where that was at. We need to look into and make business moving forward on top of a la carte services on top of fee. The Sheriff has to come up with a fee structure with a fair and equitable resolution. Commissioners are really looking for the Sheriff to give them guidance. They would like the Sheriff to way out some options and then come back and make a recommendation to the Commissioners. There was discussion. The Sheriff will give the commissioners a proposed model to view and see the numbers. The sheriff will put together a couple of different options and then the Commissioners will be able to make the decision on how to deliver the services.

Commissioners Committee Reports

Commissioner Thomas attended the Cooperative Extension meeting last night. They are monitoring their finances until the budget passes. Then they can plan their programs. They are looking into moving to a location in down town Laconia. There is discussion on who would be responsible for the rent. Administrator recommends that the county pays the Coop and then the Coop pays the owner. This keeps is clean. Commissioner Nedeau went to two meetings with the Airport Authority last week. There is a family that wants to operate a parachuting business at the airport. There have been discussions with the FAA. At this point, it is still in the hands of the FAA. Commissioner Philpot stated he has not yet met with the Conservation District and has nothing new to report.

Administrators Report

Energy Grant: Ms. Shackett gave an update on the status. She remains optimistic that we will be awarded the \$63,000.

Finance Director: Ms. Shackett updated the Commissioners that Mr. Waring started on February 14, 2011 and he has been keeping very busy. Commissioners are excited to have Mr. Waring onboard.

RSA 28:10 (a): Administrator Shackett and HR Director Norman O'Neil will attend a hearing to support the proposed revision to RSA 28:10 (a). There may be a last minute amendment added to it that tries to change it so that Nursing Home Administrators' do not have to go through the Board of Commissioners to hire and fire employees. All three Commissioners are opposed and want Administrator Shackett to testify to that.

SB3 update: There is a hearing that Administrator Shackett will go to on this Senate Bill. All three Commissioners are supportive of this and would like to see it happen.

Non-public session: M/Thomas, S/Nedeau to enter into non public session pursuant to RSA 91-A; 3, II, (a). Commissioner Philpot took a poll of the board. Philpot-Y, Thomas-Y, Nedeau -Y. Unanimous. **Motion carries.** Commissioners were in nonpublic session at 6:33 PM.

Non public session concluded at 6:38 PM and the Board was back in a public meeting. While in non public session no actions were taken and no decisions were made.

Motion to seal minutes: M/Thomas, S/Nedeau to seal the non public minutes until 4/1/11. Commissioner Philpot took a poll of the board. Philpot-Y, Thomas-Y, Nedeau -Y. Unanimous. **Motion carries.**

Adjourn: M/Nedeau, S/Thomas to adjourn at 6:38 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
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