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Commissioners Meeting Minutes August 8, 2012

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: Commissioners Edward D. Philpot Jr., John H. Thomas, Stephen H. Nedeau and County Administrator, Debra Shackett.

State School Property: Commissioners welcomed Matthew Lahey from the City of Laconia along with Rep. Alida Millham whom was part of the long range study committee that studied the property for two years. Mr. Lahey explained the City's intention and plan for the property. Commissioners reviewed all of the reasons that the property is not suited for a jail. Mr. Lahey asked that the County pass on the offer from the State and to support the City in acquiring the property. The County would assist the City in any way that they can in acquiring the property. Commissioner Philpot asked if there were any public comments. Rep. Millham offered that there is a 994 page report online that was created from the two years of research that the committee did and that the committee supports the legislation that was put in place for purchasing this property. Rep. Kingsbury asked the status of the Ricci Greene report. M/Nedeau, S/Thomas that the County does not accept the State of New Hampshire's proposal to purchase the State School Property and the Commissioners affirmative support of the City of Laconia to acquire the property. Unanimous. **Motion carries.**

Police Communications update: Administrator Shackett reported that they were working on the tower in New Hampton yesterday. The hope is that the Pinnacle Point repeater will help solve the dead spot issues, etc. The State has indicated for the county to be "ready to respond when we tell" mode, but have taken no further action other that they are working on it. Commissioners want to have this on their agenda to discuss at the first meeting in September.

Ricci Greene Contract: Administrator Shackett brought the contract from Ricci Greene as the Functional Programming Consultant for Belknap County. M/Thomas, S/Nedeau to approve and accept the Ricci Greene Contract as proposed. Unanimous. **Motion carries.**

Approval of minutes: M/Nedeau, S/Thomas to approve the minutes from 7/25/12, public and nonpublic (2 sets). Unanimous. **Motion carries.**

Cancellation: The August 14, 2012 Jail Planning Committee has been canceled.

State School Property letter to the State: Administrator Shackett presented the response letter to the State from the County on their refusal of the offer to purchase the State School Property. They also added their support of the City of Laconia obtaining. Commissioners signed.

Adjourn: M/Nedeau, S/Thomas to adjourn at 8:10 AM. Unanimous. Motion carries.

Respectfully submitted,

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