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Commissioners Meeting Minutes October 17, 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.

Approval of the minutes: M/Nedeau, S/Thomas to approve the 10/3/12 minutes as written. Commissioner Philpot abstained as he was not present. Unanimous. **Motion carries.**

Calendar items: Commissioners discussed the employee day event that is scheduled for 11/16/12 at 10:00 AM and the recognition portion at 2:30 PM. Also a reminder that the dedication for former employee Frank Denauw will take place this morning at the courthouse at 10:30 AM.

Correspondence: Commissioner Philpot reviewed a letter from the UNH Cooperative Extension regarding a ceremony to sign the MOU between the Counties and UNH that will take place at the NHAC conference on 10/22/12 at 1:00 PM.

Request to accept a county vehicle: Lt. Perkins is requesting permission on behalf of the Sheriff, to accept a surplus vehicle being offered to the county by the Town of Gilford free of charge. This is one of three surplus vehicles from the Department of Defense Surplus Program. The 2010 Humvee vehicle has approximately 3000 miles, is in excellent condition. Commissioners asked what it would be used for. Lt. Perkins explained it would be used for search and rescue, weather emergencies, moving equipment to and from communications sites, moving training equipment and personnel to name a few. The Sheriff's dept. already has lights and radios, etc. that they would use to outfit this vehicle it would just need to be installed. Administrator Shackett recommends that the board accept with the stipulation that once it is gone, it is gone (no further requests in budget to replace, etc.). Commissioners asked about maintenance, tires, MPG and other items relative to having this vehicle. M/Nedeau, S/Thomas voted to deny this request. Commissioner Philpot voted to approve. Majority rules. **Motion fails.**

2013 Preliminary budget: Administrator Shackett gave the Commissioners the 2013 budget recommendations. The department heads submitted their requests; she has thoroughly reviewed, along with the Finance Director, all of them. Ms. Shackett reviewed key factors that contribute to the budget recommendations. She also noted that the County's team of managers worked very hard to manage the budget in innovative ways while delivering quality county services. Commissioners will take the budget with them for review. She encouraged the Commissioners to review the budget thoroughly and to send her any questions that they have in advance of the budget sessions to make the process more efficient. She would like to schedule budget sessions in the next week or two.

Commissioners Committee Reports: Commissioner Thomas reported the UNH cooperative Ext. next meeting will be 10/30/12. That Economic Development is having a candidate meeting forum on 10/23/12 @ 3pm at Patrick's for around table. On 10/26/12 at 8:30 am there will be a meeting at Lakes Region Community College (LRCC) on manufacturing. Commissioner Thomas said it is great to see that LRCC has some of their training programs in the County Jail (via grants). Commissioner Nedeau reported that the Laconia Airport Authority (LAA) met yesterday regarding snow plow contracts. Thursday, the LAA will meet to vote on those.

Community Advisory Committee: Administrator Shackett asked the Commissioners how they felt the first community advisory committee meeting went. Commissioner Nedeau and Philpot thought that it went great. Commissioner Thomas apologized for not being able to be present. Commissioners all liked the recommendation to change the name from jail planning committee to community corrections committee.

Adjourn: With nor further business to come before the board, M/Thomas, S/Nedeau to adjourn at 8:10 AM. Unanimous. **Motion carries.**

Respectfully submitted,

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