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Commissioners Meeting Minutes October 31, 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.

Approval of the minutes: M/Nedeau, S/Thomas to approve the 10/17/12 minutes as written. Unanimous.
Motion carries.

Request to reconsider vote to accept a county vehicle: Commissioner Philpot stated that he voted the way he did at the last meeting (in favor) so that the Board would be able to re-consider the motion to accept the county vehicle as the Sheriff has proposed. M/Philpot for the purpose of reconsideration, S/Thomas for discussion. Commissioners all stated that they received numerous phone calls from constituents saying that they favored rejecting the request to accept this vehicle. The Sheriff received feedback from constituents that they wonder why the county is not taking it. The Sheriff answered the lingering question about the maintenance costs, etc. of this Humvee. He said that all parts, tires, etc. can be gotten by the military surplus program at zero cost. The Sheriff said that if the county does not take the vehicle then the Town of Gilford will offer it to someone else. Commissioner Nedeau said that now he knows that we can get parts and tires for repairs etc. at no cost, that the county should accept the vehicle. S/Thomas for discussion. Commissioner Thomas asked if we decided down the road that we don't want; do we have to give it back the Feds or can we give to another town? The Sheriff said that the county could give to whom it wants if it is in writing to the Feds. It can NOT be sold. Commissioner Philpot called for the vote to accept. Nedeau – Y, Thomas – Y. Chair Philpot - N. Majority rules.

Motion carries.

Commissioners Committee Reports: Commissioner Thomas reported that the Commissioners are invited to the 4-H jubilee on 11/4/12 at the Belknap Mill from 3 – 5 pm. BCEDC has been very active with programs including the arts communities programs in Gilford, and the new art store at the former Blooms location and programs at the HOUT technical center. Commissioner Philpot commented on BCEDC and the work with the HOUT technical center, they are wonderful programs and will help address the work force gap issues that most county employers' are experiencing. The Vocational Tech education training will help keep business in Belknap County and will also be meshed into the Community Corrections program. Commissioner Nedeau reported that the Laconia Airport Authority has awarded their snow plowing contract.

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

Adjourn: With no further business to discuss, M/Thomas, S/Nedeau at adjourn the meeting at 8:00 AM. Unanimous. Motion carries.

Respectfully submitted,

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