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Commissioners Meeting Minutes February 20, 2013

Commissioner Philpot called the Belknap County Commissioners meeting to order at 7:33 AM on the above date at 34 County Drive, Laconia, NH and started with the pledge of allegiance.

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

Delegation meeting 2/19/13: Commissioners thanked Administrator Shackett for her professionalism at this meeting.

Approval of minutes: M/Nedeau, S/Philpot to adopt the 02/04/13 and 02/06/13 minutes as written. Unanimous. **Motion carries.**

Administrators report: Administrator Shackett presented a contract from the county auditors dated 02/05/13. Ms. Shackett is recommending the Commissioners approve the contract. M/Philpot, S/Nedeau to accept the recommendation of the County Administrator and execute the contract with Melanson Heath & Company, PC as outlined. Unanimous. **Motion carries.** Last night, the Delegation consulted with the Belknap County Attorney. Administrator Shackett wants to get further legal counsel in the lawsuit filed against the County Convention.

Legal counsel: The Chair of the delegation sent an email requesting that the Board of Commissioners allow the delegation to retain their own outside council in the lawsuit of Tardif and Gammon vs. the Belknap County Convention. The statute (RSA 28:17 a) states clearly that the authority lies with the Commissioners to retain legal counsel to represent the County in legal issues. Commissioners instructed Administrator Shackett to let Chair Worsman know that they have denied her request and have retained representation for this case.

Contract/costs for the Collective Bargaining Agreements: Administrator Shackett presented the cost items associated with the 3 contract to the Commissioners along with copies of all 3 Tentative Agreements. M/Philpot to accept the negotiating team's recommendations of the 3 agreements as presented for discussion. S/Nedeau for discussion. Commissioners thanked the negotiating team for all the hard work on this. It is impressive on how far we have come in the last 5 or so years and how everyone has worked together to get these tentative contracts. Unanimous. **Motion carries.** Commissioners want to make another request to be put on the agenda for the 02/25/13 delegation meeting to present the cost items associated with the 3 contracts.

Public input: Administrator Shackett stated that she has never seen such a show of disrespect to a Board of Commissioners as she has seen at the last delegation meeting. All echoed that the behavior at

last night's delegation meeting proved to be rude and disrespectful. Commissioners appreciated Rep. Fields speaking publically on the process at last night's budget meeting.

Adjourn: M/Philpot, S/Nedeau to adjourn at 8:20 AM. Unanimous. **Motion carries.**

Respectfully submitted,

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