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Commissioners Meeting Minutes February 25, 2013

Commissioner Thomas called the Belknap County Commissioners meeting to order at 4:30 PM 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.

Budget work session: Administrator Shackett briefed the Commissioners that she received an email from the Chair of the delegation who will be distributing her budget to all delegates this evening. Also that Chair Worsman refused to afford the Commissioners the opportunity to discuss the cost items associated with the 3 Collective Bargaining Contracts on this meeting's agenda; this is the second time they have asked. Commissioners are concerned that they might possibly approve the budget this evening without even a discussion on these costs items. Regarding the litigation brought against the county delegation, the Commissioners will advise the Belknap County Attorney to withdraw from the case of Tardif and Gammon vs. the Belknap County Convention, and the Commissioners will hire council to represent the county. This litigation is their responsibility and not a budget issue. Commissioners reiterated that in the past five years, they have worked hard to build up this county and it is a very positive and professional organization. They have overcome numerous obstacles and they are proud of their staff.

NHAC: Administrator Shackett updated the Board that there is a vacancy in the New Hampshire Association of Counties Board, and she would like to have their support/nomination to fill. A vote will be taken at this Friday's Association meeting at 10:00 AM.

Adjourn: M/Philpot, S/Nedeau to adjourn at 4:50 PM. Unanimous. **Motion carries.**

Respectfully submitted,

Angela A. Bovill, Administrative Assistant