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Commissioners Work Session Minutes November 22, 2013

Commissioner Thomas called the Belknap County Commissioners work session to order at 8:00 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, County Administrator, Debra Shackett and Finance Director Glen Waring.

Administrator Shackett presented the budget. It has a 7.2% increase from 2013 and recommended that the Commissioners present his budget as a budget that the County needs in order to operate responsibly. There was discussion Commissioners wanted to know how much money it would take to get down to 4% increase? Administrator Shackett said that they have already cut out \$2.5 million. Numerous scenarios were discussed. Administrator Shackett asked if the Commissioners would be willing to give her and the Finance Director some time to try and make some adjustments to get to the 4% that they are asking for. Commissioners agreed to suspend the meeting until noon today and reconvene.

Administrator Shackett presented the request to fill recommendation for the nurse position at the jail and she explained in detail the reason for bringing this request back to the Commissioners for their approval. M/Nedeau, S/Philpot to approve. Unanimous. **Motion carries.**

Commissioners then deliberated on a grievance. M/Philpot, S/Nedeau that the grievance be denied due to the fact that the union failed to convince the Commissioners that there was a contract violation or that grievance practice rises to the level of discrimination under the contract. Commissioner Thomas took a roll call vote. Philpot – Y, Nedeau – Y, Thomas – Y. Unanimous. **Motion carries.** Commissioners then suspended the meeting until noon.

Commissioners reconvened at 12:04 PM. Administrator Shackett presented the changes that she and the Finance Director made to the budget to come up with the 4% goal. There was discussion. M/Philpot, S/Nedeau to adopt this budget as presented (\$26,570,997 in expenditures, \$12,125,638 in revenues and \$14,445,359 as the amount to be raised by taxes). Unanimous. **Motion carries.**

Commissioners would like to have a cost per thousand and cost per town breakdown at this level and would like to schedule a visit with each town/city to review this budget. Unanimous motion to adjourn at 12:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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