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Commissioners Meeting Minutes February 18, 2014

Commissioner Thomas called the Belknap County Commissioners meeting to order at 7:35 AM on the above date at 34 County Drive, Laconia, NH and recited the pledge of allegiance.

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

Budget: Administrator Shackett has been meeting with department heads to figure out how to incorporate the Delegations budget so far. They have reached Rep. Tilton's 1.5% goal with the cuts made thus far. Administrator Shackett has reviewed the department by department impact and how they will address these issues with the least impact. The Delegation appears to want fewer employees and employees to pay more for their benefits. Commissioners stated there is a difference in keeping doors open versus providing services, safety, mandates, etc. that the County is responsible for. These are the safety of employees, guests at the county, public, etc. You need employees to operate each and every department. The jail is already a vulnerable environment; we can't afford to make that worse. There are a lot of unknowns on a wire thin budget. Administrator Shackett stated that the collateral damage that this Delegation has cost the county as far as destruction of its operating system, the spirit of cooperation in all departments that took so long to build along with all the positive group efforts that have been made.

Nonpublic session: M/Philpot, S/Nedeau to enter into nonpublic session pursuant to RSA 91-A:3, II, (e). Commissioner Thomas called the roll: Nedeau – Y. Philpot – Y. Thomas – Y. Commissioners were in non-public session at 8:04 am.

M/Philpot, S/Nedeau to conclude nonpublic session at 8:30 AM. Commissioner Thomas called the roll: Nedeau – Y, Philpot – Y, Thomas – Y. No action was taken. Commissioners were back in a public meeting.

Adjourn: M/Philpot, S/Nedeau to adjourn at 8:31 am.

Respectfully submitted,

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