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Commissioners Meeting Minutes March 5, 2014

Commissioner Philpot called the Belknap County Commissioners meeting to order at 5:30 pm on the above date at 34 County Drive, Laconia, NH and recited the pledge of allegiance.

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

Absent: Commissioner Thomas.

Calendar: Commissioners reviewed the meeting calendar. They would like to schedule a budget work session.

Approval of minutes: M/Nedeau, S/Philpot to approve the 02/18/14 public and nonpublic minutes as submitted. Unanimous. **Motion passes.** M/Nedeau, S/Philpot to approve the 02/19/14 minutes as written. Unanimous. **Motion passes.**

Administrators report: Administrator Shackett has been reviewing budgets, recalculating numbers and meeting with all department managers to collectively try and look savings/solutions in their respective budgets. Administrator Shackett met with the State (CDFA) to review two CDBG's. The CDBG with Lakes Region Community College is complete and the reimbursement has been received and distributed according to the guidelines. Commissioner Philpot apologized for not being present at last night's delegation meeting. Commissioner Philpot commended Administrator Shackett on her professionalism and performing admirably amongst all of this. It was not a favorable process and the Commissioners will manage it as best they can. Commissioner Nedeau concurred. Administrator Shackett spent the whole day today meeting with managers and trying to figure out how to operate within the Delegations budget. They are trying to find the lowest impact to services. She is also awaiting a legal opinion from the County's legal counsel. The Corrections department is difficult. The chance of paying for 2 new employees with partially funded health insurance is impossible due to the fact that \$80,000 was cut for the current staffs' health insurance. Luckily, they will not experience layoffs. Depending on how the inmate population numbers are at the jail for the rest of the year, they may be able to hire an additional Community Corrections Officer.

Lawsuit: The Commissioners received a copy of a lawsuit against the Delegation. This is the 2nd time in 2 years that the Delegation has been sued. Commissioner Nedeau wanted to wait to discuss this until Commissioner Thomas was present. The Commissioners will seek legal counsel on how to proceed.

Committee reports: There was nothing new to report.

Nonpublic session: M/Nedeau, S/Philpot to enter into nonpublic session pursuant to RSA 91-A: 3, II, (a) and (c). Commissioner Philpot called the roll. Nedeau – Y, Philpot – Y. Commissioners were in non-public session at 5:45 pm.

M/Philpot, S/Nedeau to conclude nonpublic session at 6:20 pm. Commissioner Philpot called the roll: Nedeau – Y, Philpot – Y. Unanimous. Commissioners were back in a public meeting.

Minutes: M/Nedeau, S/Philpot to seal the minutes of the nonpublic meeting for 30 days. Unanimous. **Motion passes.**

Adjourn: M/Nedeau, S/Philpot to adjourn at 6:20 pm. Unanimous. **Motion passes.**

Respectfully submitted,

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