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Commissioners Meeting Minutes March 27, 2014

Commissioner Thomas called the Belknap County Commissioners meeting to order at 1:00 pm 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 session: Commissioner Thomas reviewed a letter from their Attorney. This letter once again clarifies the responsibility of the Commissioners and the responsibility of the Convention regarding the MS-42 and the budgetary process. The letter was read into the record. M/Philpot, S/Nedeau to include in the minutes of today's meeting. This is a re-affirmation of the position of the Commissioners. They noted that the Board of Commissioners has never received anything from the Delegations counsel validating their position on this matter. Unanimous. **Motion passes.**

Budget recommendations: The only change on the MS-42 that the Chair and the Clerk of the Delegation submitted was the Nursing Home lines, they separated the administrative portion. Commissioner Philpot wanted to know how the Chair and the Clerk can do that without the full Delegations approval. This begs the question whether we will have process issues in the future.

Administrator Shackett explained that once the Delegation voted on the budget, she and the Finance Director met with all departments' heads to come up with the recommendations that they are presenting to the Commissioners today. Administrator Shackett went through department by department in detail, explaining all the changes that they recommend, which will enable them to operate within the conventions voted appropriations.

Public Input: Commissioner Thomas asked if there was any public input. There was none.

Budget vote: M/Philpot, S/Nedeau to accept the Administrations recommendation with regards to the operational budget as presented; that it was derived through the cooperation of all department heads and their staff through a collaborative process. Commissioners also expressed their gratitude to everyone for this extremely difficulty process knowing full well that it is tough to provide necessary services under such tight budget constraints. Unanimous. **Motion passes.**

Nonpublic session: M/Philpot, S/Nedeau to enter into nonpublic session pursuant to RSA 91-A: 3, II, (a). Commissioner Thomas called the roll. Nedeau – Y, Philpot – Y, Thomas – Y. Commissioners were in non-public session at 2:00 pm.

M/Philpot, S/Nedeau to conclude nonpublic session at 2:14 pm. Commissioner Philpot called the roll: Nedeau – Y, Philpot – Y, Thomas - Y. Unanimous. Commissioners were back in a public meeting.

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

Adjourn: M/Philpot, S/Nedeau to adjourn at 2:15 pm. Unanimous. **Motion passes.**

Respectfully submitted,

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