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Commissioners Meeting Minutes April 30, 2014

Commissioner Thomas 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 John H. Thomas, Edward D. Philpot, Jr., Stephen H. Nedeau and Finance Director, Glen Waring.

Calendar: Commissioners reviewed the meeting calendar.

Approval of minutes: M/Philpot, S/Nedeau to approve the 04/16/14 minutes as submitted. Unanimous. **Motion passes.**

Deputy Treasurer: Mr. Waring formally introduced Karen Gifford, Deputy Treasurer. Commissioners welcomed Ms. Gifford and are pleased that she accepted this position.

Administrators report: Finance Director Glen Waring briefed the Commissioners on a few items (on behalf of Administrator Shackett). Both CDBG's were funded. There is no documentation yet, but Administrator Shackett had received verbal confirmation. The Jail Planning committee has recommended 3 projects (schematic design, replace HVAC system at jail, and install temporary housing unit for 3 years). They have proposed a bond issue of \$2.96 million and are hoping the Board of Commissioners will support this recommendation and proceed with a request for borrowing to the Delegation. Commissioners need to think on that based on the Delegation meeting from the other night where they rejected the request for a supplemental appropriation for the costs associated with the Nursing Home CBA (costs = \$336,170.66) The NHAC would like each board of Commissioners to appoint two individuals from their county to participate on a Long Term Care Group. Ms. Shackett wants to be considered along with Matthew Logue. M/Philpot, S/Nedeau to appoint Debra Shackett and Matthew Logue according to the Administrators request to be appointed to the Long Term Care Group. Unanimous. **Motion passes.** Finance Director Waring will notify the NHAC of this vote.

Commissioners Committee reports: Nothing new to report. Commissioners Philpot as the Chair of the Jail Planning Committee discussed the issue of presenting the Delegation. In the wake of the conventions rejection by 9-7 vote of the collective bargaining agreement (CBA) for employees of the Nursing Home, he felt that bringing any request for a supplemental

appropriation before the convention would be an exercise in futility. Discussions ensued. Commissioners feel frustrated with this situation. Mr. Brace, member of the public and also a member of the Jail Planning committee felt that the right information still needs to get out there. That we should get the information to the Delegation. They want something done at the jail. Norman O'Neil, speaking as a member of the public suggested another option for consideration could be some sort of facilitation (like a mediator) for a meeting with the Commissioners and Delegation. Commissioners are very proud of the employees and of the contract that was put forward. Commissioners thanked Mr. Waring and Mr. O'Neil for their professionalism at the Delegation meetings on Monday evening.

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 5:57 pm.

M/Philpot, S/Nedeau to conclude nonpublic session at 6:14 pm. Commissioner Philpot called the roll: Nedeau – Y, Philpot – Y, Thomas - Y. Unanimous. Commissioners were back in a public meeting.

Adjourn: M/Philpot, S/Nedeau to adjourn at 6:15 pm. Unanimous. **Motion passes.**

Respectfully submitted,

Angela A. Bovill, Administrative Assistant