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Commissioners Meeting Minutes July 9, 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 County Administrator, Debra Shackett.

Calendar: Commissioners reviewed the meeting schedule.

Approval of minutes: M/Nedeau, S/Thomas to approve the 06/25/14 minutes and the 06/25/14 nonpublic minutes as written. Nedeau and Thomas voted yes. Philpot abstained as he was not present. Majority rules. **Motion passes.**

Memo from Deeds: A memo was reviewed from the Registry of Deeds regarding uncollectable debts. The Registrar is requesting the county write off these debts for 2013 (totaling \$125) and the Finance Director and County Administrator concur. Commissioner Nedeau asked how the Registrar has attempted to collect and suggested that they could put a lien on these or turn over to the Sheriff's Dept. to have them try to collect. All three Commissioners concur with handing them over to the Sheriff's dept. The Registrar also mentioned a new program that Fidlar technology is working on called Tapestry that may become available in the next few months. Once a proposal has been received on this new program, it will be brought to the Board.

Department of Corrections Education Grant: Commissioners reviewed a grant application for the DOC for a poetry workshop at the jail. The grant will take care of the instructors while instructing and the DOC budget would take care of supplies. It would be a cost of \$1800 to the county if we receive the award. If we are awarded the grant, we will have to decide if there is money for it then. There is no continuing labor commitment (in-kind with our existing personnel). Commissioners commented that this was good agency/program collaboration. M/Philpot, S/ Thomas to approve the application. Commissioner Nedeau stated that the budget is too tight and we should not do it at this time. We just can't do it. Commissioner Philpot stated that they are just approving the grant application. Philpot and Thomas voted yes. Nedeau was opposed. Majority rules. **Motion passes.** There will be follow up if this grant is awarded.

Administrators report: See attached.

Vehicle Fleet inventory: The Sheriff recommended the transfer of two cruisers to the Corrections Department, and 2 new vehicles have been delivered to the Sheriff's department. M/Philpot, S/Nedeau to accept the Sheriff's recommendation and approve the transfer of cars from the Sheriff's dept. to the DOC. Unanimous. **Motion passes.**

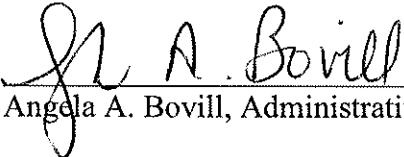
Public comment: Commissioner Thomas asked for public input. Mr. Dave Devoy of Sanbornton said he had put a letter to the editor in the newspaper for the Commissioners to consider putting a bond forward for the HVAC system at the jail; a separate bond for this one issue only and suggested that the Board and the Delegation consider. Commissioners said that they are willing if the chair of the Delegation is willing.

Nonpublic session: M/Philpot, S/Nedeau to enter into nonpublic session per RSA 91-A3, II (a). Commissioner Thomas called the roll: Philpot – Y, Nedeau – Y, Thomas – Y. Unanimous. **Motion passes.** The Board entered into nonpublic session at 5:55 pm.

M/Nedeau, S/Thomas to conclude nonpublic session at 6:12 pm. Commissioner Thomas called the roll: Philpot – Y, Nedeau – Y, Thomas – Y. Unanimous. The Commissioners returned to public session at 6:13 pm.

Adjourn: M/Nedeau, S/Philpot to adjourn at 6:14 pm. Unanimous. **Motion passes.**

Respectfully submitted,



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