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Commissioners Meeting Minutes September 18, 2014

Commissioner Philpot called the Belknap County Commissioners meeting to order at 6:30 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 John H. Thomas,

Calendar: Commissioners reviewed the meeting schedule for September/October.

Correspondence: There was a letter from Charlotte Flanagan to the Board of Commissioners regarding the States Medicaid Managed care. The Commissioners will review the letter and prepare any questions they may have for Ms. Flanagan.

Transfers: The Commissioners considered and approved two lists of transfers. One list will require Executive Committee approval as well. A letter was presented for the Commissioners review asking the Executive Committee to convene as soon as possible. The Commissioners reinforced that these are typical transfers that occur in the course of doing business. M/Nedeau, S/Philpot to sign the letter to Rep. Tilton and to authorize the transfers as presented. Philpot – Y, Nedeau – Y. Unanimous. **Motion passes.** M/Nedeau, S/Philpot to approve the list of transfers under \$300 as presented. Philpot – Y, Nedeau – Y. Unanimous. **Motion passes.**

Administrators report: In light of the injunction by the Court prohibiting over spending at the line item level, Administrator Shackett stated that some departments need to stop spending now. She explained the impacts on various departments. One solution to this issue (very temporary solution) would be to move all part time LPN's nurses, etc. to temporary full time positions. The county is able to do this because there are so many vacant FT positions in the Nursing Home at this moment in time. These part time employees would continue the same rate of pay, and there would be no benefits involved. Commissioner Philpot wanted to clarify that the county will not

be overspending the current line items. But if someone like an inmate gets hurt, we have no many to pay for it.

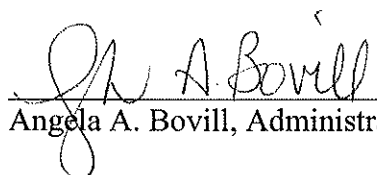
Ratify vote: Administrator Shackett requested that the Commissioners ratify the vote that they took via phone poll to provide legal counsel for the Personnel Committee for the personnel matter with Matthew Logue, and that it be contingent on approval of a transfer from the Executive Committee for the cost required to do it. M/Nedeau, S/Philpot to ratify and approve the above stated motion for the record (contingent on the transfer). Philpot – Y, Nedeau – Y. Unanimous. **Motion passes.**

Commissioners' committee report: Commissioner Nedeau reported that the Airport Manager is leaving in mid-October to take a job in Florida. He is on the committee for recruiting a new manager.

Public input: Commissioner Philpot asked for public comment. Gail Ober of the Laconia Daily Sun asked questions for clarification on the issue of moving PT to temporary FT employees in the Nursing Home. Commissioners stated that they are hoping to have sufficient coverage in the Nursing Home through the weekend. This is an urgent matter. She also asked the Commissioners how many times they have requested a meeting with the Executive Committee for transfers. Answer was 3 times. Ms. Ober asked if all of this was due to the injunction and was this injunction temporary. Yes to both, and the Commissioners stressed the immediacy of the problem.

Adjourn: With no further business to come before the board, M/Nedeau, S/Philpot to adjourn a 7:00 pm. Unanimous. **Motion passes.**

Respectfully submitted,



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