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Commissioners Meeting Minutes November 18, 2014

Commissioner Thomas called the Belknap County Commissioners meeting to order at 1:30 pm on the above date at 34 County Drive, Laconia, NH.

In Attendance: Commissioners John H. Thomas, Stephen H. Nedeau, County Administrator, Debra Shackett and Finance Director, Glen Waring. Commissioner Philpot arrived at 3:30.

The Commissioners reviewed and approved transfer requests to be presented to the Executive Committee. They also signed the journal entry to record health insurance returns.

The Commissioners began by affirming that the 25% increase was unacceptable and they would not be able to recommend that to the Delegation.

They considered reducing the number of new vehicles requested by the Sheriff, but realized the maintenance costs to keep the old ones running was not worth the investment. They decided to leave the replacement schedule in place.

After much discussion they decided to remove the capital projects funding for replacement of the jail hvac system and the schematic design funding. This brought the total tax increase down to 15.4%.

After careful review of the remaining budget, adding some revenue and reducing some expenditures, they arrived at a tax rate increase of 13%.

They would like to get this down to 10%, and will review and reconsider at the next meeting.

They will meet again following a meeting with their legal counsel on 11/20/14 at 4:00 pm.

Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at 4:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,


Debra A. Shackett, County Administrator