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Commission Meeting Minutes March 2, 2015

Commissioner Burchell called the Belknap County Commission meeting to order at 9:00 am on the above date at 34 County Drive, Laconia, NH and the pledge of allegiance was recited.

In Attendance: Commissioners Richard Burchell, David DeVoy, Hunter Taylor and County Administrator Debra Shackett.

Chair Burchell stated that the Commission was still following the simplified Roberts rules as adopted at their 01/08/15 meeting.

Minutes: Commissioner Burchell asked if there were any revisions to the 02/10/15 minutes from his fellow Commissioners. There were none. M/DeVoy, S/Taylor to approve the 02/10/15 minutes as revised.

Reorganization of the Board: Commissioner Burchell referenced the article in the paper this weekend about the intent to reorganize the board. Comm Burchell states that there is no statutory basis to do so and any motion to that effect will be ruled out of order. Commissioner Taylor asked for point of order and stated that he too spoke with Mr. Scanlan regarding this matter and that it is not out of order as stated in RSA 28:1, b and should be discussed. Commissioner Burchell continued to say this was out of order, has no basis and does not follow simplified Roberts rules. M/Taylor, S/DeVoy to overrule the chairman on the reorganizing of the Board. Commissioners DeVoy and Taylor vote yes. Majority rules. Motion passes. Commissioner Burchell stated they were out of order. M/Devoy, S/Taylor that Richard Burchell becomes the clerk. Commissioners DeVoy and Taylor vote yes. Majority rules. Motion passes. Commissioner Burchell stated they were out of order. Commissioner Burchell asked Lt. Perkins of the Sheriff's Department to clear the room. Lt. Perkins asked on what basis. Comm Burchell said under his authority as the Chair of the Commissioners. Commissioner Taylor tried again to read RSA28:1, Comm Burchell stated there is no basis for him to read anything and he was not following simplified Roberts Rules of order with the agenda. M/DeVoy, S/Taylor to suspend the rules. Commissioners DeVoy and Taylor vote yes. Majority rules. Motion passes. Commissioner Burchell stated they were out of order. Commissioner Taylor then read RSA 28:1-b "all rights, authority and powers of the county commissioners shall be exercised only by vote of the majority of the county commissioners". Commissioner Burchell stated he has the RSA which does not allow them to reconstitute the Commission and that they are out of order.

M/Taylor, S/DeVoy that Commissioner DeVoy becomes the chair of the Belknap County Board of Commissioners. Commissioners DeVoy and Taylor vote yes. Majority rules. **Motion passes.** Commissioner Burchell stated that it is an illegal motion and they are out of order. M/DeVoy, S/Taylor that Commissioner Taylor becomes the Vice Chairman of the Board. Commissioners DeVoy and Taylor vote yes. Majority rules. **Motion passes.**

<u>Adjourn:</u> M/Taylor, S/DeVoy to adjourn at 9:10 am. Commissioners DeVoy and Taylor vote yes. Majority rules. **Motion passes.**

Respectfully submitted,

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