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Commission Meeting Minutes April 15, 2015

Commissioner DeVoy 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 David DeVoy, Hunter Taylor and Richard Burchell and County Administrator Debra Shackett.

Minutes: M/Taylor, to approve the 03/19/15 nonpublic minutes, 03/24/15 and 04/01/15 regular meeting minutes. S/Burchell concurs with one change to the 04/01/15 minutes. Change is accepted and will be incorporated. Unanimous. **Motion passes.**

Lease application for cruisers: Sheriff Craig Wiggin reported the lease application is for four cruisers for the Sheriff's Department. It comes in slightly under budget. Three of the four vehicles are here and one more is due to arrive from Ford. Once the lease is approved by the board, the vehicles will be delivered. The Department of Corrections will receive two pass down cruisers from the Sheriff's dept. The oldest cruisers will be sold at the State Auction for whatever money we can get for them. The Sheriff is requesting approval of the lease application request and signature of the Chair to initiate delivery. M/Taylor, S/Burchell to approve the vehicle lease agreement as presented. Unanimous. **Motion passes.**

Probate door request: Facilities Manager Dustin Muzzey brought forward a request from the Bureau of Court facilities for permission to modify the space they lease for probate court. They would like to add a wall with a door to their probate office for extras security reasons. Probation and Parole (located in the adjacent office space) are ok with this set up. Mr. Muzzey told them that that the work will need to match the fit and finish of what is existing there. The cost of the proposed project will be borne by the State Bureau of Court facilities, but the work will be overseen by the maintenance department. M/Taylor, S/Burchell to approve the door as proposed. Unanimous. **Motion passes.**

Award Health insurance contract: Commissioner Taylor recommends staying with the current provider, Health Trust. The County is close to the anticipated surplus from the Trust and in order to move insurance plans, they would need to negotiate with the unions. Discussion ensued. M/Taylor, S/DeVoy to stay with HealthTrust for the county's health insurance. Commissioner

DeVoy reiterated that there is \$255,000 on the table and the county wants to get that. In his opinion, they could cancel at some point after that, but would need to negotiate. It is also his preference to stay where they are now with HealthTrust. Commissioner Burchell agreed but only so long as there are refunds headed towards the county. Unanimous. **Motion passes.**

Electricity rates: Commissioner DeVoy asked Facilities Manager Dustin Muzzey about electricity rates. Mr. Muzzey reported that the county has a contract for bulk power. When the contract ends in July, he will shop power rates again.

Other business: Commissioner Burchell brought up the Bennett report and that, in his opinion a systematic review was never completed. It appears that not all segments or stake holders in the criminal justice system were involved in the process. Comm. Burchell has had conversations with Superintendent Ward. Comm. DeVoy also talked to Superintendent Ward and agrees that all parties need to be pulled together. Comm. Taylor concurs that it needs to be a systematic team effort that operates as one unit. M/Burchell proposes to form a committee to include a designee from each arm of the system. Comm Taylor suggests that the Commissioners confer as to who those "arms" are. Sheriff Wiggin and Administrator Shackett both explained that a large group of people were brought together at a symposium to hear the Bennett report, but that a core group was not identified and the Commission makes a good point to reinvigorate a working group of say 10-12 core representatives. Administrator Shackett still has a list of stakeholders from the criminal justice committee. In her opinion, she felt that that some of them might appreciate continuing forward in that process. M/Taylor to form the committee as Comm. Burchell suggested using Daniel Ward, Craig Wiggin and Debra Shackett and have them put together a list for the Commissioners. S/DeVoy. Unanimous. **Motion passes.**

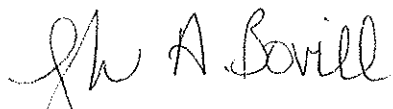
Removal of assets (vehicles): M/Taylor, S/Burchell to approve the excess vehicles going to the State Auction as discussed earlier. Unanimous. **Motion passes.**

Nonpublic session: M/Taylor, S/Burchell to enter into nonpublic session per RSA 91-A: 3, II (a). Commissioner DeVoy called the roll: Taylor – Y, Burchell – Y and DeVoy – Y. At 9:25 am, the board was in nonpublic session.

Nonpublic session concluded at 10:10 am and the board was back in a public meeting.

Adjourn: With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 10:11 am.

Respectfully submitted,



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