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Commission Meeting Minutes April 23, 2015

Commissioner DeVoy called the Belknap County Commission meeting to order at 10:15 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 04/15/15 nonpublic minutes. S/Burchell with one change; an addition to one of the last sentences. Unanimous. **Motion passes.** M/Taylor, S/Burchell to approve the 04/15/15 minutes. Unanimous. **Motion passes.**

MS-45: Administrator Shackett provided this form to the Clerk of the Board for review and signature. Commissioner Burchell reviewed and signed.

Finance positions filled: Commissioners approved the hiring of an Accounting Manager at their 04/01/15 meeting and Administrator Shackett is now requesting to fill the Accountant position in Finance. Commissioner DeVoy opened the discussion stating that when he and Commissioner Burchell took office, they voted to have all department heads report to them directly, including the Finance Director. With that position being vacant he would like the Finance staff to report directly to the County Administrator giving Ms. Shackett the latitude to oversee both areas and the ability to hire when positions become vacant. (Same authority that was given to the Jail Superintendent and the Nursing Home Administrator). Commissioner Burchell did not agree; he stated there has been a gradual retreat from the positions staked out in January and he is not comfortable with this. Commissioner Taylor agrees with Commissioner DeVoy in that this makes logical sense and is important to operations. M/Taylor to fill the accounting position and put Admin Shackett in charge of the Finance dept. with the authority to hire. S/DeVoy. 2 – Y. Commissioner Burchell was opposed. Majority rules. **Motion passes.**

Public comment: Roger from the Laconia Daily Sun asked the Board if they have made progress on the Criminal Justice committee as mentioned at their last meeting. Commissioners reported that Administrator Shackett would have a list with that information for them at their 05/06/15 Commission meeting.

Adjourn: M/Taylor, S/DeVoy to adjourn at 10:21 am. Unanimous. **Motion passes.**

Respectfully submitted,

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