

Tuesday, December 8, 2009

A special meeting of the Humboldt County Board of Commissioners was called to order on Tuesday, December 8, 2009 at 9:00 a.m. in the regular place of meeting at the Courthouse, Winnemucca, Nevada. Those present were Chairman Tom Fransway, Commissioners Chuck Giordano, Dan Cassinelli, Garley Amos Jr. and Mike Bell, Administrator Bill Deist and Clerk of the Board Tami Rae Spero. Legal counsel was not present.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Chairman Fransway asked for public comments. None were offered.

**REVIEW AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF LETTER OF SUPPORT FROM THE PROPOSED BLM GATHER OF WILD HORSES IN THE CALICO COMPLEX:** A copy of the proposed letter was provided to the Board for review. Gene Seidlitz, District Manager of the Winnemucca Field Office BLM, appeared before the Board. Mr. Seidlitz addressed the Board detailing the plan for the proposed gather, the number of horses in the complex, what areas encompass the complex, the emergency issues involving lack of feed and water and poor health, what would occur with the horses gathered, the opposition received, the planned time frame and who has provided letters of support. Discussion occurred regarding the numbers of horses, the method of gather, planned methods of population control, celebrity opposition and the ongoing problem and effect on the land. Audience member Clyde Weylin inquired about the inclusion of the Battle Creek Basin; Mr. Seidlitz confirmed that area as included. Chairman Fransway asked for public comment. Brad Bauman a biologist with the Nevada Department of Wildlife commented on the letter of support provided by NDOW. No additional public comment offered. The following motion was made by Commissioner Amos and passed unanimously:

*To provide a letter of support to the BLM from the County Commissioners on reasons presented this morning, the draft letter is fine and to authorize the Chairman to sign.*

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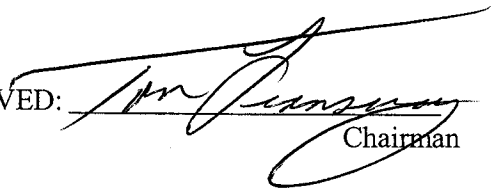
**ADJOURNMENT:** A motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Giordano and passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 9:25 a.m.

ATTESTED:



Clerk

APPROVED:



Chairman