

Tuesday, September 7, 2010

The regular meeting of the Humboldt County Board of Commissioners was called to order on Tuesday, September 7, 2010, at 9:00 a.m. in the regular place of meeting at the Courthouse, Winnemucca, Nevada. Those present were Chairman Chuck Giordano, Commissioners Garley Amos Jr., Dan Cassinelli, Tom Fransway and Mike Bell, Deputy District Attorney Angie Elquist, Administrator Bill Deist and Clerk of the Board Tami Rae Spero.

DISCUSSION & ACTION ON CORRECTION/APPROVAL OF MINUTES - AUGUST 16, 2010:

Clerk Spero informed the Board that the minutes for the August 16, 2010 meeting were not yet complete and would be presented at the next meeting.

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

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT:

CONSENT AGENDA: The following items were presented under the consent agenda by Administrator Deist for the Board's review/action:

1. Approval of Chairman's signature on the Grant and Cooperative Agreement with the BLM for Rural Fire Assistance: A copy of the proposed agreement which would provide the rural fire districts with some additional revenue was provided to the Board for review; it was noted that the Board had approved a similar agreement at their last meeting. *Recommendation: That the Commission authorize the Chair to sign the agreement.*
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3. Approval of Chairman's signature on Schindler Elevator contract: A copy of the proposed contract was provided to the Board for review; it was noted that the contract has been budgeted in the current fiscal year and that it had been reviewed by the District Attorney's Office. *Recommendation: That the Commission authorize the Chairman to sign the contract.*
4. Approval of Chairman's signature on NDOW Notice of Subgrant award: A copy of the NDOW Notice of Subgrant award was provided to the Board for review; it was noted that it had been determined by NDOW that they can use this process instead of an interlocal agreement for the shooting park grant. *Recommendation: That the Commission approve the Chairman's signature on the document.*

Discussion occurred with Building & Grounds Director Doug Cain regarding the elevator project.

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The following motion was made by Commissioner Fransway and passed unanimously:

To approve the Consent Agenda and to authorize the Chairman to sign.

SOLID WASTE MATTERS: Administrator Deist stated that he had nothing on this item.

PUBLIC LANDS PLANNING MATTERS & FORMULATION OF COUNTY POSITION ON BLM, FOREST SERVICE AND THE FEDERAL FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE PROPOSED

ACTIONS: Administrator Deist stated that he had nothing on this item.

MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE:

OTHER INFORMATION AND UPCOMING MEETINGS: Administrator Deist updated the Board on the status of the review by he and Extension Agent Brad Shultz of the BLM Resource Management Plan; he noted that a letter had been provided to the Board notifying the Chairman that Humboldt County had received the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for the year ending June 30, 2009 and that the official presentation would occur once the actual award was received. Upcoming meetings and dates of importance were noted.

REPORTS FROM COMMISSIONERS REGARDING OTHER BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

THEY SERVE ON: Commissioner Bell reported on the Humboldt Development Authority's presentation of the Winnemucca Futures Project to the Fort McDermitt Tribal Council. Commissioner Giordano reported on the meeting he had attended in Salt Lake City regarding the Ruby Pipeline Project.

CLAIMS FOR EXPENDITURES OF COUNTY FUNDS: The following motion was made by Commissioner Bell and passed unanimously:

To approve the expenditure of County Funds.

AUTHORIZATION TO PURCHASE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 421 MELARKEY STREET:

Administrator Deist explained that by working with the Assessor a range of value was established for this property and that the owner has agreed to sell the property for \$85,000.00 which is within the range which was established; he noted with this purchase and the one authorized at a previous meeting the County will own the vast majority of the block. After discussion the following motion was made by Commissioner Amos and passed unanimously:

To approve the purchase of property at 421 Melarkey Street.

REQUEST FROM YOUTH AND FAMILY SERVICES FOR A WAIVER TO THE ATTRITION POLICY FOR A PROBATION OFFICER POSITION IN PERSHING COUNTY WHICH WILL

BECOME VACANT DUE TO A RETIREMENT: Provided for review by the Board was a memorandum from Edward Sampson, Chief Juvenile Probation Officer, requesting a waiver of the 90-day attrition policy

requirement in order to fill a position in the Pershing County Youth and Family Services Agency which will be vacated by Sandi Hyde upon her retirement September 1, 2010; he noted that filling this position will insure the ongoing safety of the youth and staff at the facility, that minimum staffing creates unsafe conditions and that Ms. Hyde will leave behind a large probation and guardian ad litem case load. Chief Juvenile Probation Officer Sampson spoke in support of the request. Commissioner Bell asked if the position dealt with public safety. Chief Sampson confirmed that it did and discussed the case load involved with the position. Discussion occurred regarding that this department is part of the 60-20-20 agreement with Lander and Pershing but that the approval for the position falls to Humboldt County and discussion occurred regarding how the position would be hired and when. The following motion was made by Commissioner Fransway and passed unanimously:

To approve the waiver of the attrition policy as requested due to public safety.

REQUEST FROM SEVERIANA ARRIEN FOR A PERMIT UNDER HUMBOLDT COUNTY CODE 8.16.020 FOR A FIREWORKS DISPLAY ON SEPTEMBER 18, 2010 FOLLOWING HER

WEDDING RECEPTION: Severiana Arrien and Kent Arrien appeared before the Board. Miss Arrien spoke in support of her request. Commissioner Bell noted that the ordinance allows it with the supervision of someone trained in pyrotechnic work and he asked if someone meeting that qualification would be present. Mr. Arrien stated the only person he knew would be Bud Vetter. Commissioner Fransway stated his understanding, following discussion with Rural Fire Chief Schrempp, that no one on Winnemucca Rural is trained in pyrotechnics but that Mr. Vetter is; he agreed that in order to comply with the ordinance Mr. Vetter would have to stand by and he asked dispatch be called to make them aware it is occurring and has been authorized. The Board concurred. After discussion the following motion was made by Commissioner Bell and passed unanimously:

That the Commission approves the use of the fireworks with the stipulation that it is conducted under the supervision of a pyrotechnical person and to call dispatch when it begins and when it is done.

UPDATE FROM JIM JEFFRESS ON THE PINE FOREST WORKING GROUP: Support materials for the Pine Forest WSA Working Group including inventories, recommendations and maps were provided to the Board for review. Jim Jeffress appeared before the Board and addressed the Board reviewing the history of the process, the meetings, field trips, user group participation, recommendations involving land exchanges and changes to boundaries of sites and what the future plans for the group are. Discussion occurred regarding whether the plan will go through and what needs to be done to ensure that it does.

Chairman Giordano asked for public comment. Phil Jaca commented from the audience regarding road access. Mr. Jeffress responded.

DISCUSSION WITH GENE SEIDLITZ, DISTRICT MANAGER WINNEMUCCA DISTRICT OFFICE OF THE BLM, REGARDING THE CONSOLIDATION OF "CHECKERBOARD" LANDS:

Gene Seidlitz, District Manager BLM Winnemucca Field Office, appeared before the Board. Manager Seidlitz stated he was appearing due to a request made at a previous meeting by an individual regarding a resolution dealing with "checkerboard" lands; he stated that from the BLM's standpoint dealing with the checkerboard lands is very difficult as it involves sections alternating between private and federal but noted that land exchanges have not been a high priority for the administration and/or this district noting that the process for exchanges is very lengthy and very expensive and that there are issues with the split estate such as the mineral rights being federal but the property being private. Manager Seidlitz did note that there have been very successful exchanges recently within the Elko area and that land sales have occurred in the Elko and Humboldt areas and discussed the plans in place and proposed which outline retention areas and identify disposal areas. Commissioner Fransway asked how to get the priority at a higher level. Manager Seidlitz clarified that exchanges are not a high priority and discussed the acquisition of private lands by the federal government through the Southern Nevada Public Lands Management Act under the theme of acquiring environmentally sensitive lands and stated that disposal through sales is a priority. Discussion ensued regarding the designation and sales of lands and the Draft Resource Management Plan. Commissioner Cassinelli commented that he did not see where the Commission could do anything as the BLM is doing the process the right way so he did not see how the Commission can intervene. Commissioner Fransway agreed. Chairman Giordano also agreed. Manager Seidlitz discussed the property owned by Nevada Land & Resources and issues with the sales of those properties.

REQUEST FROM WILLIAM LAMBERT TO DISCUSS ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS AFFECTING AIR QUALITY AND THE WATERSHED AS A RESULT OF THE WORK BEING DONE BY EL PASO/RUBY PIPELINE AND THEIR SUBCONTRACTOR PRECISION PIPELINE AND MATTERS RELATED THERETO INCLUDING TERMINATION OF LOCAL 3

OPERATORS: A copy of the letter from William A. Lambert regarding his concerns and correspondence from the BLM including a site inspection report were provided to the Board for review. Mr. Lambert appeared before the Board and provided photos to show his concerns with dust in the Eden Valley Road area. Mr. Lambert addressed the Board regarding his complaint about dust occurring as result of work being done in the Eden Valley Road area by Ruby Pipeline and the effect of dust on the employees and on the town of

Golconda. Discussion occurred regarding the photos presented. Commissioner Cassinelli asked if this issue would be under the control of the County or NDEP. Mr. Lambert stated he just wanted to make sure the Commission was aware of what is going as he believed the company misled the County. Discussion occurred regarding another pipeline which goes through the area and what the company has done to mitigate the problems. Jake Ruddick, Superintendent of Precision Pipeline, discussed what has occurred to mitigate the dust problem including watering the area including roads and an OSHA inspection which had occurred and found efforts to be satisfactory. Commissioner Cassinelli stated that it seemed that they were doing what they could to keep the dust down and noted that we live in a dusty State that is all there is to it. Chairman Giordano asked Mr. Ruddick if he was aware of NDEP's dust regulations; Mr. Ruddick stated he was and discussed what they are doing to control the dust and noted that there are daily meetings for the employees at which the importance of staying visible to the spotters is discussed. Discussion occurred regarding the width of the project. Commissioner Bell stated that it appeared to him that they are doing what they can to mitigate the problem including monitoring by NDEP and OSHA and he encouraged them to continue doing what they are doing. Mr. Ruddick noted with regards to the watershed issue that there is a BLM monitor that is out there all day everyday working with them to make sure that the watershed is protected and that the environmental controls are in place. Lars Eklund, Project Construction Coordinator for Ruby Pipeline from milepost 293 to 675, addressed the Board regarding a meeting he had with the State Air Quality Control people in Carson City and noted that they currently have people in the area working with the project and noted what actions they have taken to work with the agency to be in compliance. Discussion occurred regarding the inspectors on site. Chairman Giordano stated that it appears that the issues are being addressed and if there is a problem the State will be on the company to address it so as far as the Commission is concerned he does not think there is anything to say or do at this point. Road Superintendent Ben Garrett stated that when the project started there were some pretty significant issues with the dust but now it is virtually non-existent as there are water trucks everywhere. Phil Jaca commented from the audience regarding the use of mag chloride. Discussion ensued regarding the ability to use mag on environmentally sensitive areas and the need for the BLM to approve the use. Gene Seidlitz District Manager BLM Winnemucca Field Office addressed the Board regarding the BLM's response to the dust complaints and the option for use of mag chloride; he stated his belief that the company is doing what it can to minimize and mitigate the dust.

PRESENTATION BY SENATOR JOHN LEE, CHAIR SENATE GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE REGARDING 2011 SESSION: Senator John Lee District 1, Clark County, Chairman of

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Government Affairs appeared before the Board. Senator Lee addressed the Board regarding what had occurred in the last session of the Legislature, what he is expecting to occur in the upcoming session, what the financial situation for the State is and discussed the importance of the Commission being involved in the session and representing Humboldt County's interests during the session. Discussion occurred regarding possible amendments to SB 6 regarding volunteer firefighters and required physicals and the need to be in attendance at the legislative session.

PRESENTATION BY WES HENDERSON, GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS COORDINATOR, REGARDING NEVADA ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES (NACO) ACTIVITIES: Wes Henderson Government Affairs Coordinator with the Nevada Association of Counties (NACO) appeared before the Board. Mr. Henderson presented a power point presentation which included NACO's mission statement, Boards and Commissions with NACO representation, NACO's standing committees, NACO's national affiliations, the expected challenges of the 2011 session, possible NACO Bill Draft Requests in the 2011 session and NACO workshops offered. Discussion occurred regarding the presentation.

AUTHORIZATION TO WAIVE THE INTEREST REQUIREMENT ON THE KINGS RIVER GENERAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT LOAN: A copy of a memo regarding the Kings River GID loan from Comptroller Bruce Brooks (see attached) and a copy of the amortization schedule for the loan were provided to the Board for review. Comptroller Brooks reviewed the memo for the Board and spoke in support of the request to waive the interest requirement; he stated that he had consulted with the auditors who agreed with the suggestion and the recommendation would be that a new Memo of Understanding be prepared with the District and that the document be brought back to the next meeting. After discussion the following motion was made by Commissioner Bell and passed unanimously:

That the Commission approves the authorization to waive the interest requirement on the Kings River GID loan.

The Chairman recessed the meeting at 11:54 a.m. for a lunch break with the meeting to reconvene at 1:30 p.m.

JOINT MEETING BETWEEN THE HUMBOLDT COUNTY COMMISSION AND THE WINNEMUCCA CITY COUNCIL: Present on behalf of the City Council were Mayor DiAn Willis-Putnam, City Councilmen Joyce Sheen, Rich Stone, Doug Cain, Paige Brooks and Jim Billingsley, City Manager Steve West, City Clerk Eddy Davis and City Attorney O. Kent Maher.

PRESENTATION FROM THE NORTHERN NEVADA RECREATION COALITION REGARDING A PROPOSAL FOR IMPROVEMENT TO THE TRAILS IN THE SONOMA RANGE: Provided to

the Board for review was a Sonoma Range Multi Use Trail Management Program Proposal (see attached) which covered the background for the purpose and need, the purpose and need, the basic proposal and a map of the proposed Sonoma Range Trail System. Howard Hammond and Tommy Swanger appeared before the Board on behalf of the Northern Nevada Recreation Coalition. Mr. Hammond addressed the Board regarding the proposal including the involvement of the BLM, the background of the project, improvements made and improvements proposed for the trail system, the ATV/OHV usage in the area and the proposed cost of the project. Discussion occurred with Kevin Hill of the Nevada State Lands Question 1 Program regarding the potential availability of Question 1 funds for use on this project. Mr. Hammond continued requesting assistance with obtaining good GPS coordinates with which to overlay the map of the area. Administrator Deist suggested that maybe the County drafting department could assist with that matter. Discussion occurred regarding the project, the proposed usage, what the County can do to assist and the Commissions' support of the project. Mr. Hammond commented on grants and funding avenues. Commissioner Fransway noted that the Question 1 funds would be the best bet and should be pursued. Commissioner Cassinelli stated that he did not have a problem with the project as long as the Coalition was willing to go after the grants and do the work and then once it is refined down it can be brought back before the Commission to see what the Commission can do to help. Chairman Giordano stated his support but voiced concern about the main access areas becoming dusty. Mr. Swanger explained why the access location was selected.

UPDATE ON THE WINNEMUCCA MOUNTAIN NON-MOTORIZED TRAIL INCLUDING PROPOSED ROUTE CHANGE: Provided to the Board for review was a copy of a map of the proposed Winnemucca Trail Alternative and an e-mail from James Lenec representing AHL mining claims regarding the proposed route change for the trail (see attached). Nick Brancato of Great Basin Institute, Lynn Zonge, Hydrologist with Resource Concepts Inc. and Kevin Hill of the Nevada State Lands Question 1 Program appeared before the Board. A power point presentation detailing the revised route for the trail was presented to the Board. Discussion occurred regarding the issue with the mining claims and the proposed route, the next steps in the process, the funding for the trail, the potential application to use left over funds for maintenance or signage and the ability to extend the funding past the expiration date in December. After discussion the following motion was made by Commissioner Fransway and passed unanimously:

That the Commission supports the revision to the non-motorized trail on Winnemucca Mountain as presented today.

Councilman Sheen offered a motion to mirror the County's on behalf of the City Council and it passed. Mayor Willis-Putnam commented on her agreement to go forward as long as the project gets done.

JOINT MEETING BETWEEN THE HUMBOLDT COUNTY COMMISSION, THE WINNEMUCCA CITY COUNCIL, AND THE WINNEMUCCA CONVENTION & VISITORS AUTHORITY (WCVA) BOARD TO DISCUSS POSSIBLY FORMULATING A MARKETING POLICY COVERING SOLICITING LARGER EVENTS WHICH REQUIRE ON SITE CAMPING CAPABILITY: Present

on behalf of the WCVA were board members Terry Boyle, Don Stoker and Rodd William Stowell and Director Kim Petersen. Director Petersen addressed the Board regarding the WCVA and the Ag District 3 Board's efforts to bring events to the community to create increased economic diversity over the years and discussed efforts to bring other events to the community and the need for direction to do so. Director Petersen presented a power point presentation which included discussion about the WCVA's, Ag District 3's, Humboldt County's and the City of Winnemucca's mission statements, identified values and strategic issues and goals, the Silver State High School Rodeo an event which is being pursued including the attendance and possible economic impact of the event on the community, the estimate by the promoters of the event that they need about 230 RV hookups which do not have to be permanent and while the complex has some the rest will have to be made up and not all hookups must be on site some can be in other locations and activities which occur while the attendees are in town. Director Petersen requested direction from the Board as to how they should proceed when trying to bring events to town that require a number of temporary electrical/water outlets at the fairgrounds. Discussion occurred regarding the usage of local RV parks and the need to utilize the offsite camping to take the pressure off at the fairgrounds, that a total of 230 hookups were utilized by the group this year, the number of hookups available at the fairgrounds, the number of available hookups community wide, that a number of the RVs will be living quarter horse trailers, what is allowed by code as far as temporary hookups, the cost for the temporary hookups and the number of stalls available and the number of temporary stalls needed. Councilman Stone commented that the event sounds excellent and the City would endorse doing what it takes to bring the event to town but it is not the City's decision it is between the WCVA, Ag District and the County Commission but he stated his support of bringing the event to town. Mayor Willis-Putnam thanked the WCVA and Ag 3 Board for bringing the events to town and promoting the community and commented on the benefits of having the events come to the community; she continued noting that putting things in on a temporary basis is great if that is what it takes but the emphasis should be on filling the local businesses first. Mr. Boyle commented on the timing of the event and its benefits. Discussion occurred regarding that a commitment for a number of years would be obtained before money would be spent, the continued effort to attract other events besides this one, events that currently come to the community and what facilities and services are available for dump sites.

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Commissioner Amos stated that the Commission should show support in trying to get the events noting that the WCVA should know by budget time if the event was coming and the money could be included in the budget if appropriate. Director Petersen stated they are not here necessarily looking for money but it will take effort and the community supporting that effort. Mr. Williams commented that when you deal with events of this size discussion does need to occur regarding paying the staff and commented on the difficulties of relying solely on volunteers. Commissioner Cassinelli noted that he was the Commission's representative on the WCVA and stated that what was being sought was the Commission's approval to put the extra hookups at the fairgrounds as there had been discussion and concern in the past about competing with local business. Councilman Sheen noted that she was the Council's representative on the WCVA and agreed that what was being sought was a philosophical discussion on whether the Commission is behind the WCVA continuing to pursue these bigger events that require additional RV spaces as there had been a question in the past as to whether that was the right thing to do in light of the idea that the County might be competing with local businesses; she spoke in support of bringing the events to town and asked for the County's support as well. Commissioner Bell noted that the fairgrounds would not be full amenities and those that want full amenities would still go and visit the RV park; he stated his support for the plan. Mr. Boyle offered comments on the events and competition for the events. Mr. Stoker commented on the ability of events like this to support the complex financially. Commissioner Fransway noted that this represents a large increase in the revenue generated on site and that is something the Commission has been requesting for a long time; he commented on comments offered that people who come here would be encouraged to visit the local RV Parks at first and noted that in order to acquire these events there is certain criteria that must be met. Mr. Stowell noted that this needs to be considered for other events not just this one, this cannot be a one time exemption. Discussion occurred regarding the cost of the temporary hookups. Mayor Willis-Putnam offered the City's support in promoting Winnemucca. Commissioner Amos stated his support of the request and the comment on the need to bring in these mega events. The following motion was made by Commissioner Bell:

That the Commission will allow temporary hookups at the Winnemucca Events Complex to bring these types of events in.

Tebeau Piquet offered comment from the audience with concerns about the need for this to be in conjunction with local businesses regarding RVs camping at the site that are not participating in events. Chairman Giordano noted that the issue had been discussed at the prior meeting; he noted that these are temporaries and that he was not in support of permanent spaces and that as far as horse trailers the fairgrounds is the only one that can accommodate them. Mr. Piquet explained his concern that in the past

camping has been allowed at the fairgrounds when spaces were available at the local RV parks and that they were not horse trailers; he asked that the Commission be cognizant of that fact. Commissioner Bell agreed with Chairman Giordano's comments and stated his motion would stand as offered. Audience member Dave Selesnick asked if the County Commission and the WCVA were going to determine what constitutes an event; he asked if the pipeline project would be an event and asked that "event" be clarified. Administrator Deist stated that there is a policy in place which states that the only time the RV spaces are utilized is for events which are staged at the Winnemucca Events Complex and the Ruby Pipeline Project is a business not an event. Chairman Giordano called Commissioner Bell's motion to a vote and it passed unanimously.

Mayor Willis-Putnam adjourned the City Council portion of the meeting at 3:13 p.m.

ROAD MATTERS: Road Superintendent Ben Garrett appeared before the Board.

REPORT OF PENDING ROAD DEPARTMENT PROJECTS: Superintendent Garrett updated the Board on the Shelton fence project, the Jungo Road project costs and time frame, the Jay's Road project costs, the plan by the Ruby Pipeline project to use mag chloride on certain roads, grading and patching. Commissioner Fransway stated that there was a breach in the fence at Airport Estates and cows were getting through; he asked that it be repaired as soon as possible. Superintendent Garrett explained what was occurring and the time line for repairs.

MISCELLANEOUS ROAD RELATED MATTERS: Chairman Giordano asked about Ruby Pipeline's responsibility for maintaining the gravel portion of Bottle Creek and Leonard Creek Road while they are working in the area. Superintendent Garrett explained that the County would do what it could but Ruby Pipeline is also going to help maintain; he discussed other roads they have graded and worked on and the quality of that work.

ADOPTION OF JOINT PROCLAMATION REGARDING THE 2ND ANNUAL RESPECT DAY: A copy of the proposed proclamation was provided to the Board for review. After discussion the following motion was made by Commissioner Fransway and passed unanimously:

To adopt the Joint Proclamation for the 2nd Annual Respect Day and to authorize the Chair to sign.

(Proclamation No. 09-07-10)

REQUEST FROM THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE FOR A WAIVER TO THE ATTRITION POLICY FOR THE CIVIL DEPUTY ATTORNEY'S POSITION WHICH WILL BECOME VACANT ON OCTOBER 8, 2010: A copy of a letter of request from District Attorney Russell Smith for a waiver to the attrition policy for the Civil Deputy Attorney's position being vacated by Angie

Elquist due to her being elected Lander County District Attorney with resignation effective October 8, 2010 was provided to the Board for review. District Attorney Smith appeared before the Board and spoke in support of the request noting conflicting times between the County Commission meetings and the District Courts and lack of education regarding the Open Meeting Law on the part of the attorneys in the office other than himself and his Chief Deputy. Discussion occurred regarding why current Deputies in the office would not be trained in the Open Meeting Law, issues that could occur because of the upcoming election and the possibility of contracting the duties for the Commission out temporarily, that Kent Maher could be contacted regarding providing his services, that the request could be revisited after the November 2nd election, that Deputy positions are at will, that any contract for services would be on an hourly basis and that District Attorney Smith would contact Mr. Maher regarding the issue and bring the matter back to the next Commission meeting. After discussion the following motion was made by Commissioner Bell and passed unanimously:

To deny the request to waive the attrition policy.

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

ADJOURNMENT: Chairman Giordano adjourned the meeting at 3:36 p.m.

ATTESTED:



Clerk

APPROVED:



Chairman

MEMORANDUM

TO: COMMISSIONERS
FROM: ADMINISTRATOR
DATE: August 31, 2010
SUBJECT: CONSENT AGENDA

ACTION: Approval of the consent agenda is requested pursuant to the following staff recommendations:

1. Approval of Chairman's signature on the Grant and Cooperative Agreement with the BLM for Rural Fire Assistance: Attached is the agreement which will provide the Rural Fire Districts with some additional revenue. As you are aware you approved a similar agreement at your last meeting.

Recommendation: That the Commission authorizes the Chair to sign the agreement.

2. Approval of Requests for adjustments to the Humboldt County Real Property Tax Roll: Attached is request 10-11-17 through 10-11-21 for your review.

Recommendation: That the Commission approve the adjustment as recommended by the Assessor and Treasurer.

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Recommendation: That the Commission authorizes the Chairman to sign the contract.

4. Approval of Chairman's signature on NDOW Notice of Subgrant award: Attached is the document. It has been determined by NDOW that they can use this process instead of an Interlocal agreement for the shooting park grant.

Recommendation: That the Commission approve the Chairman's signature on the document.

MEMORANDUM

TO: COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FROM: COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR
DATE: August 31, 2010
SUBJECT: OTHER INFORMATION AND UPCOMING MEETINGS

OTHER INFORMATION:

1. BLM Resource Management Plan: Brad Shultz and I have met once and are continuing to review this document. We will be submitting our suggested County response at your next meeting.
2. Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting: Attached is a letter to the Chairman notifying us that Humboldt County has received this award for the year ending June 30, 2009. When the award is received we will have the official presentation.

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

1. September 8, 2010 Management Team
2. September 9, 2010 Multi County Coalition Meeting Salt Lake
3. September 10, 2010 Judicial Review Hearing
4. September 17, 2010 POOL/PACT HR Oversight Committee
5. September 17, 2010 Meeting with the BLM District Manager
6. September 20, 2010 Commission

TO: HUMBOLDT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FROM: BRUCE BROOKS, COMPTROLLER
DATE: AUGUST 26, 2010
SUBJECT: KINGS RIVER GID LOAN

During fiscal year 2009 (July 1, 2008 - June 30, 2009), Humboldt County paid off the USDA loan balance of the Kings River Community Center. The amount of this payoff was \$87,685 in principal and \$1,154 in interest.

The agreement was for Kings River to continue annual payments to the County until they had reimbursed the County for the loan amount.

Since the loan with USDA is paid, it would seem appropriate for the Commission to consider waiving any interest charges associated with the loan balance. In the past, all loans the County has made to any Special District was without interest.

In June 2010, a payment was received from Kings River in the amount of \$6,198. I applied 100% of this payment to the principal balance, leaving a loan balance at June 30, 2010 of \$81,487.

With a principal balance of \$81,487 and no interest charges, the annual payment for the next 25 years would be \$3,259.48. This decrease in loan payments would provide over \$2,900 annually in needed cash to this District.

I am recommending that interest be waived on the Kings River GID loan.

I would be happy to answer any questions the Commission may have on this matter.

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Re: County Commission meeting 9/7/2010

The purpose of meeting with the commission is to discuss the hiring and firing of the Nevada Local 3 operators on the El Paso Gas/ Ruby Pipeline project and their subcontractor Precision Pipeline, LLC. The site is Eden Valley/Golconda. I have multiple photos of the Humboldt River drainage showing gross negligence for the welfare of human and animal life, with multiple environmental concerns affecting the air quality and the water shed. Every 1200 feet there is supposed to be established access pathways for the animals-cattle and wild life.

William Lambert

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NORTHERN NEVADA RECREATION COALITION
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Sonoma Range Multi Use Trail Management Program Proposal

The NNRC was incorporated in the State of Nevada on April 1, 2009 as a Non-Profit LLC. We are a coalition of the Nevada ATV Association, The Alpine Club and Nevadans Against Garbage. We have been associated with the Nevada Outdoor School and Bureau of Land Management Winnemucca Office on various projects over the last year. Our mission statement is to "*Improve outdoor recreation opportunities in Northern Nevada while maintaining responsible stewardship of the resource*". We would like to make the following observations and proposal to the BLM to improve the trails in the Sonoma Range to make better use of them in the future and to manage them in a manner that maintains them over the long term with minimal impact.

Background for the Purpose and Need

OHV's are defined for this proposal as unlicensed vehicles not to exceed 60 inches in width. According to a survey done by Nevada Division of State Parks there were approximately 425,435 Off-Highway Vehicles (OHV's) in Nevada (State of Nevada Division of State Parks 2005) and this number was growing rapidly. Based upon registration figures, Utah was projecting an annual growth at that time of 25% in OHV ownership. This same level of growth could be expected for Nevada. That would put Nevada at well over 500,000 Ohv's. OHV enthusiasts both local and out of state are looking towards rural Nevada for its abundance of public land and scenic qualities.

There are few designated trails or improved transportation systems in the Sonomas. Based upon casual observation at popular camping areas in Northern Nevada hundreds of OHV users are traveling to these areas to recreate, especially during holiday weekends. They are primarily recreating on lands administered by Bureau of Land Management and US Forest Service.

Studies indicate that OHV users prefer trails that provide a variety of terrain, challenges and length. They also prefer other amenities such as good staging areas, scenery and historic structures. These same studies indicate that recreation based OHV users ride anywhere from 15-120 miles in a day and tend to travel for recreation on weekends, especially holiday weekends. Providing the opportunities that meet the needs of this type of recreation group, while taking into account other resources, is the key to successfully manage recreation based OHV use.

Travel management is a long term process that requires constant revision in order to identify and provide a network of roads, trails and transportation options that meet the needs of the public for a variety of purposes and takes into account other resources. This is directly related to the management of recreational off-highway vehicle use where trails and roads are provided and identified that meets the needs of a specific type of use while considering the resources of an area. The networks of trails in surrounding states are also used by bikers, hikers, skiers, equestrians and others as a primary network to recreate on, and also to access lesser used single track trails that are offshoots to these trails.