

Monday, January 4, 2011

A special meeting of the Humboldt County Board of Commissioners was called to order on Tuesday, January 4, 2011, at 9:30 a.m. in the regular place of meeting at the Courthouse, Winnemucca, Nevada. Those present were Vice- Chairman Garley Amos Jr., Commissioners Mike Bell, Dan Cassinelli, Tom Fransway and Jim French, District Attorney Michael Macdonald, Administrator Bill Deist and Clerk of the Board Tami Rae Spero. *(For an explanation of the reason for a special meeting please refer to the minutes of January 3, 2011)*

DISCUSSION & ACTION ON CORRECTION/APPROVAL OF MINUTES - DECEMBER 20, 2010:

Administrator Deist noted that the Clerk had not yet provided the minutes for discussion and approval.

FIX TERM OF CHAIRMAN AND VICE-CHAIRMAN: Administrator Deist noted that NRS 244.070(1) states that the County Commission shall fix the terms of the office of the chairman and vice-chairman of the Board and that for the last couple of years the Board has fixed the term as one year so the term must be fixed for the coming year. The following motion was made by Commissioner Fransway and passed unanimously:

That it remain a one year term for Vice-Chair and Chair.

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN: The following motion was made by Commissioner Bell and passed unanimously:

To have Garley Amos as the Chairman.

ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN: The following motion was made by Commissioner Cassinelli and passed unanimously:

To nominate Mike Bell for the Vice-Chairman for this year.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Chairman Amos asked for public comment. None offered.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT:

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

1. **Request for Adjustment to the Humboldt County Real Property Tax Roll:** Requests 10-11-31 through 10-11-36 were provided to the Board for review. *Recommendation: That the Commission approve these adjustments as recommended by Assessor and Treasurer.*
2. **Approval of the Quarterly Community Development Block Grant Report:** A copy of the quarterly program progress reports showing CDBG grant activity for the months of October, November and December were provided to the Board for review. *Recommendation: That the Commission authorizes the Chairman to sign the quarterly reports.*

3. Approval of Chairman's signature on letter of Extension for the Star City Water System Improvement Project: It was noted that the current grant expired on December 31, 2010 and this will allow an extension. *Recommendation: That the Commission authorizes the Chairman to sign the letter.*
4. Approval of Updated Certification Letters for Star City Water Improvement Project and Scenario and Strategic Planning (Futures) Project: Copies of the letters were provided to the Board for review. *Recommendation: That the Commission authorize the Chairman's signature on the letters.*

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

To approve the Consent Agenda as presented by staff.

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 noted that the Commissioners had received an update on the Pine Forest Wilderness Bill and that at a later date there will be a video conference with Congressional staff to begin moving the project forward. Upcoming meetings and dates of importance were noted. Commissioner Fransway asked about the proposed legislation for the Pine Forest Wilderness bill and suggested that it be placed on an agenda so the Commission could formally discuss their input as a group. Administrator Deist noted that was planned on the final draft. Commissioner Fransway asked that the item be placed on the 18th agenda for review and comments.

REPORTS FROM COMMISSIONERS REGARDING OTHER BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

THEY SERVE ON: No reports offered.

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

To approve the claims for expenditures as presented.

DETERMINATION OF COMMISSION ASSIGNMENTS FOR 2011: After discussion the following motion was offered by Commissioner Fransway:

That Commissioner French be assigned to the Landfill Committee, Nevada Home Health, Nevada Works, RTC and the Hospital Board and alternate for Humboldt River Basin Water Authority and that Commissioner Cassinelli be assigned the Humboldt Foundation, that

Commissioner Fransway also serves as the SLUPAC member and Commissioner Amos is the alternate and Commissioner Bell is as assigned and Commissioner Amos as assigned with the addition of SLUPAC alternate.

Discussion occurred regarding Commissioner Cassinelli assuming the duties of the Regional Transportation Commission. Commissioner Fransway amended his motion as follows:

That Commissioner French be assigned to the Landfill Committee, Nevada Home Health, Nevada Works and the Hospital Board and alternate for Humboldt River Basin Water Authority and that Commissioner Cassinelli be assigned the Humboldt Foundation and RTC, that Commissioner Fransway also serves as the SLUPAC member and Commissioner Amos is the alternate and Commissioner Bell is as assigned and Commissioner Amos as assigned with the addition of SLUPAC alternate.

Chairman Amos called the amended motion to a vote and it passed unanimously. Discussion occurred regarding whether the motion had contained Commissioner Fransway serving on POOL/PACT, as it had not, District Attorney Macdonald stated that a separate motion could be done. The following motion was made by Commissioner French and following discussion passed unanimously:

That Commissioner Fransway be the new member for POOL/PACT.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PUBLIC HEARING ON 2011 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM: The Commission was provided a copy of the Nevada Commission on Economic Development 2011 CDBG Application with summary page and cash match letter for the McDermitt General Improvement District Mapping & Master Plan Project and a copy of the Nevada Commission on Economic Development 2011 CDBG Application with summary page for the Senior Citizens Center Expansion Planning Grant Project for review.

John Moddrell, Chairman of the McDermitt General Improvement and Kirk Swanson of FarWest Engineering appeared before the Board and detailed the project for the Board including the need to expand the wells with the sewer system and the extensive work being done on the water system including arsenic mitigation and the need for a master plan of the system. Discussion occurred regarding the time frame for the project and the formation of the General Improvement District.

Patricia Tindall, Senior Center Director, Jim Kinney Chairman of the Senior Citizen's Board, Joe Gough, Board of Director and Jessi Winchester appeared before the Board and detailed a planned project for the Senior Citizens Center including the hope to use an architect currently working on a Nevada Rural Housing project for senior housing behind the Senior Center and the hope to integrate the expansion of the

facility with the project in order to save on costs; they discussed issues with the current facility including the need to upgrade the kitchen and restrooms and the need to expand the parking lot. Ms. Tindall stated that CDBG funding would be used to cover the costs of the architect and design for the project. Discussion occurred regarding the increase in usage of the center, audit issues and other possibilities for dealing with the issues by requiring reservations and such which would restrict the usage of the center.

Brenda Willey, Administrative Assistant with the County Administrator's Office appeared before the Board. Ms. Willey discussed the need for CDBG projects to be publically bid, the requirement for the Commission to rank the two applications with the number one ranked project being submitted immediately to the advisory committee and noted that in past years a second round of funding came later in the year and other projects can be proposed at that time. Commissioner Fransway commented that these are two very worthy projects but that the Commission needs to very seriously look at the senior citizens center as the number one project due to what has been presented today; he discussed his support of ranking the project first including the approval of the voters previously for additional funding to support the center; he noted the importance of the McDermitt project and the possibility of a second round of funding during which the project could be submitted. Commissioner Bell agreed that both projects were necessary and questioned the chance of the both projects going forward this year. Ms. Willey explained the normal funding cycle of one project submission in January but suggested that the Commission make a part of their motion that whichever project is ranked second be the submission in the event of a second round funding becoming available. Discussion occurred regarding the funding available for planning projects as opposed to construction phases. Commissioner French stated his agreement with the other comments noting that the senior center has always been a high priority in the community and should remain a high priority and offered comment about the need to be proactive for the discussed issues; he stated his agreement with Ms. Willey's suggestion that the second ranked project be included in a manner to allow its presentation if additional funding should become available. The following motion was made by Commissioner Fransway:

That the Commission rank the senior center as number one for CDBG Grant on the 2011 cycle with the McDermitt request number two and that the Commission encourages McDermitt to stay active in the event that there is another opportunity in the cycle.

Discussion occurred regarding the motion offered and if it would be sufficient to allow submission of the McDermitt project if a second round of funding became available without going through the hearing process. The following amended motion was made by Commissioner Fransway and passed unanimously:

That the Commission rank the senior center as number one for CDBG Grant on the 2011

cycle with the McDermitt request number two and that the Commission encourages McDermitt to stay active in the event that there is another opportunity in the cycle and if there is a second round in 2011 that McDermitt be the Commission's number one priority.

REQUEST FROM YOUTH AND FAMILY SERVICES FOR A WAIVER TO THE ATTRITION POLICY FOR THE WORK CREW SUPERVISOR POSITION IN PERSHING COUNTY: Ed

Sampson, Chief Juvenile Probation Officer appeared before the Board. Mr. Sampson spoke in support of the need for the position noting the difficulty in keeping the position filled and the use of overtime to cover the duties while it is vacant. After discussion the following motion was made by Commissioner Bell and passed unanimously:

To waive the attrition policy for work crew supervisor position.

CLERK'S OFFICE: County Clerk Tami Rae Spero was present.

REQUEST FOR PRE-APPROVAL OF OVERTIME FOR A SIX MONTH PERIOD FOR COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE EMPLOYEES - INDIGENT COORDINATOR AND DISTRICT COURT

CLERK: Administrator Deist explained this was a request that the Clerk made every six months to cover these positions with ten hours being requested for the Indigent Coordinator and twenty hours for the Court Clerk. After discussion the following motion was made by Commissioner Cassinelli and passed unanimously:

To approve the overtime request.

RECOMMENDATION BY THE CHAIRMAN AND APPROVAL FOR THE POSITION OF CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF EQUALIZATION FOR 2011: Following discussion Chairman Amos

recommended Rich Stone to be appointed as Chairman of the Board of Equalization for 2011. The following motion was made by Commissioner French and passed unanimously:

To accept the Chairman's recommendation of Mr. Stone.

SET TO PUBLIC HEARING A NUISANCE COMPLAINT AT 7075 ALLEN ROAD ON PROPERTY OWNED BY ROY AND JANET PETERSON: Provided to the Board for review was a copy of the

Nuisance Complaint filed against property located at 7075 Allen Road and owned by Roy and Janet Peterson and copies of the investigation reports completed by the Building & Safety Department and the Sheriff's Office. Property owner Janet Peterson appeared before the Board. Administrator Deist explained the nuisance complaint process. Mrs. Peterson indicated that the garbage company was suppose to send something by fax explaining that they had not picked up her garbage for two weeks and due to that it had gotten spread all over the place. Clerk Spero checked her office but no fax had been received. Mrs. Peterson

explained that her trash service is provided by Hoss and that they would not pickup the trash due the weight of the garbage cans. After discussion the following motion was made by Commissioner Cassinelli and passed unanimously:

To table this until the Commission's next meeting January 18th until the fax comes in or the Building & Safety Director can check it.

ADOPTION OF PROCLAMATION TO RECOGNIZE JANUARY AS HUMBOLDT COUNTY STALKING AWARENESS MONTH: A copy of the proposed proclamation was provided to the Board for review. Tiffany Stickney of the Winnemucca Domestic Violence Shelter appeared before the Board and spoke in support of the request. The following motion was made by Commissioner Bell and passed unanimously:

To approve the proclamation recognizing January as stalking awareness month.

(Proclamation No. 01-04-11)

COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE: Administrator Deist reviewed the annual requirement for this action.

APPROVAL OF PETITION AND RESOLUTION FOR EXEMPTION FOR WINNEMUCCA RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT: A copy of the proposed resolution was provided to the Board for review. The following motion was made by Commissioner Fransway and passed unanimously:

To approve the petition and resolution for exemption for Winnemucca Rural Fire.

(Resolution No. 01-04-11a)

APPROVAL OF PETITION AND RESOLUTION FOR EXEMPTION FOR QUINN RIVER TELEVISION DISTRICT: A copy of the proposed resolution was provided to the Board for review. The following motion was made by Commissioner Cassinelli and passed unanimously:

To approve the exemption of Quinn River TV District.

(Resolution No. 01-04-11b)

APPROVAL OF PETITION AND RESOLUTION FOR EXEMPTION FOR HUMBOLDT FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT: A copy of the proposed resolution was provided to the Board for review. The following motion was made by Commissioner Bell and passed unanimously:

To approve the petition and resolution for exemption for Humboldt Fire Protection District.

(Resolution No. 01-04-11c)

REVIEW AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF CLASS SPECIFICATION AND SALARY RANGE FOR POSITION OF CHIEF DEPUTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY: Provided to the Board for review was a memo from the Administrator detailing the request to create a class specification for the position of Chief

Deputy District Attorney with a recommended pay range 170 (\$81,786.29 through \$113,456.77). Administrator Deist explained that while a Deputy District Attorney has always been identified as "Chief" there has not been a specific class specification for the position and that it was believed that was now needed and he noted the recommended pay range which had been determined by a review of the range for the position in the other class 3 counties. District Attorney Macdonald spoke in support of the request discussing office procedures, duties, training and the comparison with the other counties as to the position and the salary range. Discussion occurred regarding the Chief Deputy's duties as compared to the other deputies. After discussion the following motion was made by Commissioner Fransway and passed unanimously:

To approve the class specification and salary range for the position of Chief Deputy District Attorney as requested by staff.

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

APPROVAL OF TRANSPORT TRAILER(S) PURCHASE: Contained in the Board's packets for review was a memo from Road Superintendent Garrett detailing the equipment transport trailer purchase which had been approved at the November 8, 2010 Commission meeting (see attached) and quotes received from Pape Machinery, Cashman Equipment, Mid Valley Construction and Utility Truck Equipment. Superintendent Garrett reviewed the need for the transport trailer by the department and the quotes received from the vendors; following the review he offered the recommendation that the Commission consider approving the purchase of two transport trailers and the sale of one of the department's existing detachable gooseneck trailers as the department has sufficient funds in their machinery budget; he recommended that the new trailers be purchased from Pape Equipment for a unit cost of \$49,455.00 and a total cost to the County of \$78,910.00. After the presentation the following motion was offered by Commissioner Cassinelli and passed unanimously:

To have the Road Superintendent make the purchase as presented.

REPORT OF PENDING ROAD DEPARTMENT PROJECTS: Superintendent Garrett reported on pipe installation and repair, cattle guard cleaning and installation and grading, the status of the Shelton fence project abandonment. Chairman Amos asked about the cleaning of the cattle guards along the fence line for Thomas Canyon. Superintendent Garrett stated that he had an upcoming meeting with the BLM and he would discuss the issue with them.

MISCELLANEOUS ROAD RELATED MATTERS: None presented.

Chairman Amos recessed the meeting at 11:33 a.m. for lunch to reconvene at 1:30 p.m.

Vice-Chairman Bell called the meeting back to order in the absence of Chairman Amos at 1: 30 p.m.

REQUEST FOR HUMBOLDT COUNTY TO ACCEPT QUESTION 1 CONSERVATION EASEMENT RELATED TO ALDER CREEK RANCH: Ken Linder, Todd Plimpton and Buck Nelson

appeared before the Board. Provided to the Board was a copy of an email from Todd A. Plimpton requesting that Humboldt County accept the Question 1 easement for Alder Creek Ranch and a presentation entitled Conservation and Resource Protection Grant Program Nevada Division of State Lands Question 1. Mr. Linder stated that their main purpose is to ask the Humboldt County Commission to be the easement holder for Question 1 easements in Humboldt County; he reviewed the proposal for the Board including the mission statement (*Chairman Amos rejoined the meeting at 1:32 p.m.*), the purpose of the conservation easements including preservation of water quality, to protect open space and to protect wildlife habitat, the funding of the bond to accomplish these tasks, other easements done in other Nevada communities, the public benefit of the easements and the advantage to the County for holding the easement. Discussion occurred regarding how the easement would work for subsequent buyers, that it would not allow development but allows certain uses including agricultural, the size of the easement; how easements were adjusted for other government entities to address their concerns and that there is no financial obligation placed on the County other than the requirement to photograph the site once a year. Commissioner Bell asked if there was any legal obligation the County would need to be aware of. District Attorney Macdonald responded not that he was aware of at first blush as the easement is just to conservation and prohibits the development. Commissioner Cassinelli commented on the process which is occurring in the Paradise Valley area and noted that there will be a requirement that nobody builds on it and that will fall to the County to watch for, so there is some obligation. Joe Sikking commented from the audience regarding the process being done in Paradise Valley as to the funding and the need for an easement holder to monitor the easement. Mr. Plimpton stated that is different then what is being proposed here and discussed the advantages to have it done by the County. Commissioner Cassinelli continued discussing the County's potential responsibilities. Mr. Plimpton noted that this is just the start to see if the County would be interested in accepting the easement and then a plan would be written which would involve the County staff and Commission and then it would be brought back for review; he continued stating that the administrative concerns voiced by Commissioner Cassinelli would be looked at as would the County's responsibilities and a plan would be created to address those. Administrator Deist commented that today the Commission just needs to determine if they are interested and if they are a plan would be developed and brought back and at that point the Commission could refuse the easement if they did not like the plan. Mr. Plimpton concurred. Commissioner Fransway agreed.

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Commissioner Bell asked that anything be run by legal for review. Mr. Linder agreed. The following motion was made by Commissioner Fransway and passed unanimously:

That the Commission shows interest in pursuing the avenues and ask that a packet be put together and brought back before the Board for a final decision.

Discussion occurred regarding the funding provided by Question 1 monies for the project. Commissioner Cassinelli noted that Humboldt County would not put any money towards this project. Mr. Plimpton stated that was not being requested. Commissioner Fransway suggested that perhaps at the next presentation Kevin Hill the administrator for the Question 1 program could be included and address the Board.

PRESENTATION AND REQUEST FOR SUPPORT FROM SAM ROUTSON REGARDING PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION CONSIDERATION OF ELECTRICAL RATES RELATED TO AGRICULTURAL IRRIGATION:

Provided to the Board for review was a letter sent by the Commission in 2009 to the Public Utilities Commission in opposition to the Peak Period Non-Curtailment Penalty Rate imposed upon agricultural producers in the Nevada Power service territory. Sam Routson, Joe Sikking and Gary Bengochea appeared before the Board. Mr. Routson addressed the Board and discussed the issues with the Peak Period Non-Curtailment Penalty Rate being imposed by the P.U.C. on agricultural producers; he requested the Commission's support in opposing the rate not only for 2011 but permanently. Discussion occurred regarding the need for the support, the need for legislative action to remove the requirement, who will be intervening in the matter, that other counties are being contacted to form a coalition and the possibility of contacting the Nevada Association of Counties (NACO) for their assistance. After discussion the following motion was made by Commissioner Fransway and passed unanimously:

That Humboldt County supports the agricultural irrigation folks at Mr. Routson's request for repealing the fees on Public Utilities Commission consideration of the peak period non-curtailment penalty rate and that the County ask NACO if they would become involved on the state level.

REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS FROM AG DISTRICT 3 REGARDING THE PLACEMENT OF WIND TURBINES AS THE WINNEMUCCA EVENTS COMPLEX:

Provided to the Board for review were a proposal from Planet Safe Systems for a Northwind 100 Wind Turbine, a memorandum of intent from Planet Safe Systems setting forth the offer of assistance and technical description of the wind turbine proposed. Kim Petersen Winnemucca Convention and Visitors Authority Director and Kyle C. McCulloch Project Director for Planet Safe Systems appeared before the Board. Director Petersen discussed

what had occurred during discussions between Paul Burkholder Communications Director and Mr. McCulloch regarding interference concerns with the county communication systems and noted that during that process they had come up with another option, that there were now additional reasons that the County may want to proceed with this project and the possibility of going after additional funds that may be available; he stated that now the proposal is to go from four turbines to one turbine with a larger output capacity. Mr. McCulloch reviewed the proposed turbine and reviewed the provided documentation for the Board, what has occurred in other communities and how they have offset the pumping costs, he reviewed the memorandum of intent for the Board and what the reason for the memorandum is including allowing Planet Safe Systems to apply for the NVEnergy credits; he suggested that the next step would be to go after the NVEnergy credits and as those are being obtained to proceed with Director Burkholder's blessing on a site for the fairgrounds. Discussion occurred regarding the length of time for the credits and the proposed location. Commissioner Fransway commented that this was a lot of information to digest as nothing had been provided prior to the meeting so he suggested that the Board be given time to review the matter before any vote is taken and the item be brought back later. Director Burkholder discussed the proposed site and stated that the site should not be an issue for the Dispatch Center as long as it is on the east side of the existing big white tent. Commissioner French asked about studies regarding the wind in the area and the location regarding wind speed. Mr. McCulloch explained the studies which have occurred and the need for the NVEnergy credits to proceed with additional testing. Director Petersen noted that this would be at no cost to the county. Mr. McCulloch explained how the investors benefit from this project. Commissioner Cassinelli asked if what is being asked for today is just the ability to apply for the credits. Mr. McCulloch agreed stating that with the letter of intent there is absolutely no financial obligation for the county it just authorizes the submission for NVEnergy credits and once the credits are received and assigned to Humboldt County then the engineering and planning is done for the site and if there is determination the site is not feasible the credits can be moved to any project in the County. Commissioner Fransway noted potential advantages to the County but his concern was the location and he questioned whether the fairgrounds is the correct location being right off the freeway and very visible but there are locations in the County that are close to the grid and could be very beneficial. Mr. McCulloch commented on the location, the quality of the product and the manner in which the power is used and is credited including hardship credits. Commissioner Bell and Commissioner Cassinelli agreed that the credits should be pursued and then the determination regarding the location could be discussed. After discussion the following motion was made by Commissioner Bell and passed unanimously:

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To apply for these credits and work with staff to identify other locations and apply for those credits as well.

Audience member, Katherine Jensen, addressed the Commission regarding her concerns about the wind turbines including height of the towers, the visual impact on the community, the sound effect on the animals at the events complex, maintenance issues including the length of the warranty and concern that the credits may be a trojan horse and the expenses could outweigh the benefit; she noted the use of solar panels at the schools and suggested adopting a wait and see approach.

RETREAT PLANNING: Discussion occurred regarding the location of the retreat, the date of the retreat and the items to be included on the retreat agenda. The Board determined that a retreat would occur at the events complex in Winnemucca on Monday, January 24, 2011 beginning at 9:00 a.m. and that the agenda would include budget discussion, legislative discussion, review of the Conditional Use Permit process, legislative protocol, planning matters, zoning matters, negotiations, the attrition policy and the sound system for the meeting room.

BOARD APPOINTMENTS:

GENERAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICTS - 2 YEAR TERMS:

- 1) **DENIO TELEVISION MAINTENANCE DISTRICT (5 VACANCIES):** Administrator Deist stated that two requests for appointment had been received but one, Tim Dufurrena, is termed out on this Board so he cannot be reappointed but Hank Schade has agreed to serve. The following motion was made by Commissioner Fransway and passed unanimously:

To appoint Hank Schade to the Denio Television District.

- 2) **GOLCONDA WATER DISTRICT (4 VACANCIES):** Letters requesting appointment had been received from Erin Clark, Ken Goodness, Bill Caldwell, Burton Whitehead and Larry Oaks. Administrator Deist noted that applicant Goodness is not qualified as he is not an elector within the water district and therefore cannot be appointed. The following motion was made by Commissioner Cassinelli and passed unanimously:

To appoint Erin Clark, Bill Caldwell, Burton Whitehead and Larry Oaks to the Golconda Water District Board.

- 3) **KINGS RIVER GENERAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT (5 VACANCIES):** Administrator Deist stated that a request for appointment had been received from TJ Thompson and a letter requesting appointment had been received from Wendlyn Muratore. The following motion was made by Commissioner Cassinelli and passed unanimously:

To appoint TJ Thompson and Wendy Muratore to the Kings River GID.

- 4) **OROVADA COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT (5 VACANCIES):** Letters requesting appointment had been received from Gilberta Hetrick and Donald Brumley. The following motion was made by Commissioner Fransway and passed unanimously:

To appoint Gilberta Hetrick and Donald Brumley to the Orovada Community Services District.

- 5) **OROVADA GENERAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT (5 VACANCIES):** A letter requesting reappointment had been received from Andy Rodriguez. Administrator Deist noted that the only request had come from Mr. Rodriguez and as he is termed out he cannot be reappointed. No other request received.

Discussion occurred regarding the effect of term limits on the small boards.

- 6) **PARADISE VALLEY SEWER DISTRICT (4 VACANCIES):** No requests for appointment received.

FIRE DISTRICTS - 2 YEAR TERM:

- 1) **OROVADA FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT (3 VACANCIES):** Administrator Deist stated that requests for appointment had been received from Jeanne Mertens, Walt Wilson and Don Mertens. The Clerk noted that Jeanne Mertens had termed out on the board and could not be reappointed. The following motion was made by Commissioner Bell and passed unanimously:

To appoint Walt Wilson and Don Mertens.

- 2) **PARADISE VALLEY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT (1 VACANCY):** Administrator Deist stated there were no vacancies on this Board.

- 3) **PUEBLO RURAL FIRE DISTRICT (5 VACANCIES):** A letter requesting appointment had been received from Tim Dufurrena. The following motion was made by Commissioner Cassinelli and passed unanimously:

To appoint Tim Dufurrena.

OROVADA RODENT CONTROL DISTRICT - 3 YEAR TERM (3 VACANCIES): Letters requesting appointment had been received from Jean Williams, Dan Hetrick and Darla Bartell. The following motion was made by Commissioner Bell and passed unanimously:

To appoint Jean Williams, Darla Bartell and Dan Hetrick to the Orovada Rodent Control District.

WINNEMUCCA CONVENTION AND VISITORS AUTHORITY - 2 YEAR TERM (3 VACANCIES)

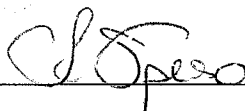
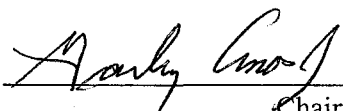
REPRESENTING COMMERCIAL INTERESTS AND HOTEL/MOTEL INDUSTRY: Letters requesting reappointment had been received from Terry Boyle, Don Stoker and Rodd William Stowell. The following motion was made by Commissioner Fransway and passed unanimously:

To reappoint Mr. Rodd Stowell, Mr. Don Stoker and Mr. Terry Boyle to the WCVA.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Chairman Amos asked for public comment. Rodd Stowell addressed the Board and thanked them for reappointing him to the WCVA; he continued addressing an ongoing issue in his neighborhood with free ranging cows and the problems that are caused, he suggested the use of the reverse 911 system to notify residents of an area when the animals are loose so appropriate precautions can be taken. Commissioner Fransway suggested that the fence in the area needed to be checked for breaches and the cattle guards need to be inspected.

Mike Meagher addressed the Board and thanked most of them for turning down the proposed settlement; he questioned what would occur now and asked if at the retreat if the Regional Planning Commission's authority would be discussed; he continued commenting on the settlement judges affiliation with Recology; he asked that the County Commission issue a statement discussing what is going on with the suit. Commissioner Bell noted that as the law suit is still pending comments by the Board are limited. No further public comment offered.

ADJOURNMENT: Chairman Amos adjourned the meeting at 3:07 p.m.

ATTESTED:  Clerk APPROVED:  Chairman

MEMORANDUM

TO: COMMISSIONERS
FROM: ADMINISTRATOR
DATE: December 29, 2010
SUBJECT: CONSENT AGENDA

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

1. Request for Adjustment to the Humboldt County Real Property Tax Roll: Attached are requests 10-11-31 through 10-11-36 for your review.

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

2. Approval of the quarterly Community Development Block Grant Report: Attached is the quarterly program progress reports showing CDBG grant activity for the months of October, November, and December. The reports must be reviewed at a Commission meeting.

Recommendation: That authorizes the Chairman to sign the quarterly reports.

3. Approval of the Chairman's signature on letter of Extension for the Star City Water Improvement project: The current grant expired on December 31, 2010 and this will allow an extension.

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

4. Approval of updated Certification letters for Star City Water Improvement Project and Scenario and Strategic Planning (Futures) project: The letters are attached and update the new Chairman's signature.

Recommendation: That the Commission authorize the Chairman's signature on the letters.

MEMORANDUM

TO: COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FROM: COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR
DATE: December 29, 2010
SUBJECT: OTHER INFORMATION AND UPCOMING MEETINGS

OTHER INFORMATION:

1. Pine Forest Wilderness Bill: Attached is an update of the bill based on the meeting held earlier this month.

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

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| 1. January 5, 2011 | Management Team |
| 2. January 10, 2011 | NACO Board |
| 3. January 17, 2011 | County Holiday |
| 4. January 18, 2011 | Commission |
| 5. January 18, 2011 | Landfill Committee |

To: County Commission
From: Ben Garrett, Roads Superintendent
Date: December 28, 2010
Subject: Equipment Transport Trailer Purchase

At the November 8, 2010 meeting, the Humboldt County Board of Commissioners granted approval to solicit bids for an Equipment Transport Trailer.

In the 2010-2011 budget, the Road Department has \$50,000 for an Equipment Transport Trailer. The trailer will be utilized in the outlying areas of Denio, Orovada, McDermitt and Kings River. The trailer will be staged at a central location for use in the outlying areas eliminating travel time to the Winnemucca Yard and improve mobilization efficiency. Our current equipment transport trailers are inadequate for the transport of the John Deere 744 loader and the Caterpillar D7 dozer. With our existing trailers the loads exceed the designed weight limits. Our current fleet of Equipment Trailers consists of two trailers (1-35 Ton Hydraulic Detachable Gooseneck and 1-35 Ton Hydraulic Tail with a winch).

The Road Department solicited bids for a Hydraulic Detachable Gooseneck trailer with an 80,000 pound GVW and 3 axles, 2005 or newer. Several additional items were included in the specification (24 foot minimum well deck length, 102 inch deck width, Apitong deck material, air-ride suspension, airlift 3rd axle, wheel covers over trailer tires, 22,500 pound axle minimums, plumbed for tractor hydraulics, steel folding front loading ramps and trailer tare weight not to exceed 22,000 pounds). We received four proposals from Pape Machinery, Cashman Equipment, Mid Valley Construction and Utility Truck Equipment.

Pape Machinery bid met all the requirements at a cost of \$49,445 with all the options. This trailer is new with a 1 year warranty. This trailer is FOB Sparks, Nevada.

Cashman Equipment bid met all the minimum requirements but the rear wheel covers. The trailer is a 2005 120,000 pound rated trailer, which exceeds the minimum requirements at a cost of \$46,800. No warranty is included in the price. FOB is Park City, Kansas.

Mid Valley met all the minimum requirements at a cost of \$52,000. The trailer is a 2005 110,000 pound rated trailer, which exceeds the minimum requirements. No warranty is included in the price. FOB is Ontario, Oregon.

Utility Truck met or exceeded all minimum requirements at a cost of \$57,759. FOB is Boise, Idaho. This unit is a new trailer, with a 1 year warranty.

Our Hydraulic Detachable Gooseneck has a 24 foot well with 9' 2" over the axles for a total usable deck length of 33' 2". Our Motor Graders with the roller attachment are 37 feet in length. With the additional length our current trailer is no longer adequate for a single transport move of a Motor Grader with the roller attached. All the bid trailers have a minimum of 37' 4" of usable deck.

We solicited purchase offers for our Detachable Gooseneck trailer. We received two offers, one from Pape for \$12,000 and one from Excel Equipment for \$20,000. We have \$165,000 remaining in budget for machinery. The only additional item scheduled for replacement in this budget cycle is a water tanker estimated at \$40,000.

For the versatility and strategic placement of transport trailers, I would recommend consideration of the purchase of two transport trailers and the sale of one of our existing trailers. I would also recommend the purchase of new trailers from Pape Equipment for a unit cost of \$49,455. A total cost to the County of \$78,910.

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