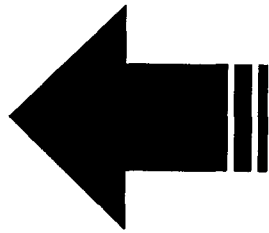


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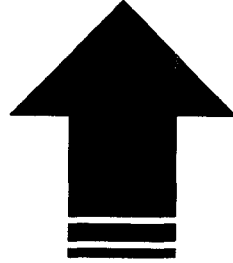
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Monday, November 7, 2011

The regular meeting of the Humboldt County Board of Commissioners was called to order on Monday, November 7, 2011, at 9:30 a.m. in the regular place of meeting at the Courthouse, Winnemucca, Nevada. Those present were Chairman Garley Amos Jr., Commissioners Mike Bell, Dan Cassinelli, Tom Fransway and Jim French, District Attorney Michael Macdonald, Administrative Assistant Brenda Willey and Clerk of the Board Tami Rae Spero.

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

DISCUSSION & ACTION ON CORRECTION/APPROVAL OF MINUTES - OCTOBER 17, 2011: No minutes presented.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT:

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

1. **Receipt of Clerk's 3rd Quarter Report:** A copy of the County Clerk's Third Quarter Report for 2011 was provided for the Board's review. *Recommendation: That the Commission acknowledge receipt of the report.*
2. **Request for Adjustment to the Humboldt County Real Property Tax Roll:** Requests 11-12-16 and 11-12-17 were provided for the Board's review. *Recommendation: That the Commission approve the adjustments as recommended by the Treasurer and Assessor.*

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

To approve the consent agenda as presented.

SOLID WASTE MATTERS: Administrative Assistant Willey stated that there was 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: Administrative Assistant Willey stated that there was nothing on this item.

MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE:

OTHER INFORMATION AND UPCOMING MEETINGS: Administrative Assistant Willey stated there was nothing on this item.

REPORTS FROM COMMISSIONERS REGARDING OTHER BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

THEY SERVE ON: Commissioner Fransway reported on a public meeting he had attended in Reno relative to the National Academy of Science's subcommittee to review the standards of management from

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the BLM relative to wild horses and burros. Commissioner Fransway further noted that GBI had contacted him to say that the Winnemucca Mountain Biking/Hiking Trail was nearly completed, that he had hiked it and that it would be brought before the Commission for input and/or acceptance next spring. Commissioner Bell stated that he would be attending a broadband meeting in Dayton next Monday. Commissioner Cassinelli noted that the 4-D barrel racing had been before the WCVA and that as the WCVA has cut back on the amount provided to the organization for the function, the group was wondering if the County would be interested in contributing; he noted that the room tax revenues are not good for the event as they stay at the fairgrounds in the campsites and it had been noted that the campsites are generating a lot of revenue for the County; he stated that he was just bringing this to the Board for their input as he did not know if this was something the Commission would consider and that he would provide the figures to the Board.

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

To approve expenditures as presented.

REQUEST FOR CONTRIBUTION TO THE DRUG FREE, ALCOHOL FREE SENIOR PARTY NIGHT: Deanna Eastman, Katrina Schaffner, Heather Nelson and Gina Rackley appeared before the Board. Ms. Eastman provided a copy of the tentative budget for the function to the Board for review. Ms. Eastman spoke in support of the request discussing how the party functions, the benefits and what the funds are used for. Discussion occurred regarding the amount contributed in the past. After discussion the following motion was made by Commissioner French and passed unanimously:

That the County Commission be a part of this once again to the amount of \$3,000.00.

PUBLIC HEARING ON A NUISANCE COMPLAINT ALLEGING THAT PROPERTY BELONGING TO MICHAEL MONTGOMERY IS DEFINED AS A POSSIBLE NUISANCE PER HUMBOLDT COUNTY CODE, CHAPTER 8.04. THE PROPERTY IS LOCATED AT 150 MANSELL STREET, GOLCONDA, NEVADA, ASSESSOR'S PARCEL #08-181-07 AND THE LEGAL DESCRIPTION IS: .210 ACRES; LOT 11 BLOCK 37, TOWN OF GOLCONDA:

Provided to the Board for review was a copy of the complaint with photos, a copy of the inspection report prepared by the Building & Safety Department, a copy of the Notice of Public Hearing which had been published and served on the property owner and a copy of letter received from the property owner explaining his plans for abating the nuisance. Chairman Amos read the title of the item set for public hearing. Property owner Michael Montgomery was not present at the meeting. Complainant Fred Barnes

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appeared before the Board and explained that he had discussed the issue with the property owner and it appeared that he has agreed to sell the property to Ken Goodness and then the nuisance would be abated and that he would be contacting the owner of the other property to see if an agreement could be reached on that parcel as well. After discussion District Attorney Macdonald asked Mr. Barnes if he would be agreeable to tabling the matter for a period of time so the clean up could be confirmed. Mr. Barnes agreed. Discussion occurred regarding the time frame. Chairman Amos asked for public comment; none offered. The following motion was made by Commissioner Fransway and passed unanimously:

To table the issue due to the complainant and the property owner working together to get it done until the first meeting in January and review the nuisance complaint at that time.

PUBLIC HEARING ON A NUISANCE COMPLAINT ALLEGING THAT PROPERTY BELONGING TO THE KLECKER TRUST IS DEFINED AS A POSSIBLE NUISANCE PER HUMBOLDT COUNTY CODE, CHAPTER 8.04. THE PROPERTY IS LOCATED AT 135 E. FIFTH STREET, GOLCONDA, NEVADA, ASSESSOR'S PARCEL #08-181-06 AND THE LEGAL DESCRIPTION IS: .260 ACRES; LOT 9 BLOCK 37, TOWN OF GOLCONDA:

Provided to the Board for review was a copy of the complaint with photos, a copy of the inspection report prepared by the Building & Safety Department, a copy of the Notice of Public Hearing which had been published and served on the property owner and a copy of letter received from Larry N. Klecker on behalf of the Klecker Trust explaining his plans for abating the nuisance. Chairman Amos read the title of the item set for public hearing. The property owner was not present at the meeting. Complainant Fred Barnes appeared before the Board and explained the situation with the building. Clerk Spero noted that the property owner had contacted Curtis Machinery to handle the clean up of the property. The following motion was made by Commissioner Bell and passed unanimously:

To table this until the first meeting in January at which time it can be revisited and evaluated.

UPDATE AND POSSIBLE DIRECTION REGARDING NUISANCE ORDERED ABATED AT 4650 W. WINNEMUCCA BLVD. ON PROPERTY OWNED BY ROBERT AND BEVERLY SHELL:

Property owner Robert Shell and complainant Carol Aldous appeared before the Board. District Attorney Macdonald reviewed the matter and what had occurred since the Commission referred the issue to his office including his meetings with the property owner and complainant, that the property owner had been advised that no more burning could occur per the Rural Fire Department, that clean up has occurred, that discussion regarding the screening had occurred between himself, the property owner, his tenant Mr.

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Sharp and the Building Inspector, that the black plastic was a temporary fix until the proposed storage sheds could be erected, concern had been expressed regarding the additional items being brought on to the property by the tenant, that discussion had occurred regarding what could be done at the site under the zoning, that Mr. Shell had been cooperative and was working with following up on the zoning and the proper storage and that he would continue to work with the property owner to make sure the issues were addressed. Mrs. Aldous addressed the Board and noted that while this complaint had been filed in January nothing has been done; she asked what a salvage yard was by definition as that is what is on the site and asked if that was allowed; she discussed issues with the property including the stacked tires and other items and noted issues with both the wood fencing installed and the temporary black plastic fencing which was partially blown down. District Attorney Macdonald noted that the Building Inspector had no concerns related to the fence. Mr. Shell addressed the Board and explained how he planned to use the storage sheds as fencing, noted that they were no longer burning and what he has on the site. Discussion occurred between Mr. Shell and Mrs. Aldous. Chairman Amos noted that this matter had been referred to the District Attorney and that it was a complex situation but that communication was important. Commissioner Bell noted his concerns about the site being a salvage yard. Commissioner French noted the time frame from the initial complaint and that bottom line the property is being used as a salvage yard without a business license at the expense of the neighbors; he referred to the allowable zoning and his concern that the sheds are being constructed in a manner to avoid the need for permitting and stated that he had been observing the site and would continue to do so. Mr. Shell discussed the storage sheds and stated that he was doing recycling. Commissioner French stated the matter should be fast tracked. Mrs. Aldous commented on a prior nuisance complaint filed on the property which had involved a different owner but the same tenant and what had occurred with that issue. Commissioner Fransway stated his concurrence with Commissioner French that the matter needed to be fast tracked, that a salvage yard must meet certain requirements and that it should not degrade the other property owners in the area. District Attorney Macdonald stated he would be following up. Commissioner French asked that the salvage yard/business license issue be followed up on. District Attorney Macdonald confirmed he is looking at the issue. Mrs. Aldous asked about monitoring the site and provided current photos to the Board. Commissioner French confirmed that he would be watching the situation.

REQUEST FROM RODD STOWELL TO DISCUSS BROADCASTING COUNTY COMMISSION MEETINGS ON CABLE TV:

Rodd Stowell appeared before the Board and spoke in support of broadcasting the County Commission meetings on a local originating station on CalNeva

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Broadband. Mr. Stowell discussed the wish to serve the community by providing access to the County Commission, City Council, School District and Hospital District Board meetings noting that the first year would not be live feed but that will be pursued, that they would pursue the least invasive filming manner possible, that it would air ten times a month and that it would be aired unedited. Mr. Stowell discussed the initial start up costs for the project including the cost of equipment and asked the Commission for their support. Commissioner Fransway voiced his support of the proposal noting the need for transparency in government. Commissioner Bell also supported the request but asked if the intent was to ask the County for a financial contribution toward the costs. Mr. Stowell stated yes. Commissioner Bell noted that is something that would have to be discussed during the budget hearings. Chairman Amos stated that it sounds good but noted that with the internet and all the media available the information is available to the public and that he questioned providing financial support. Commissioner French noted that the process would give closed in people in the community the ability to participate and asked if the meeting would be streamed over the internet. Mr. Stowell stated that is something that would be looked at in the future. Commissioner Cassinelli supported the idea but said he would have to think about the financial commitment. Chairman Amos stated the matter could be revisited at budget time. Mr. Stowell commented on the cable company and the service they provide.

ASSESSOR'S OFFICE: Assessor Jeff Johnson appeared before the Board.

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL TO PURCHASE A NEW PHONE SYSTEM AND HAVE IT INSTALLED AND AUTHORIZE THE CHAIRMAN TO SIGN THE AGREEMENT: J.D. Ames

Network Engineer was present. A representative of GuyOnComputer.com was present in the audience. The Board had been provided with information on the bids provided by A.G. Telephone, Affordable Communications, BizTel Communications, Inc. and GuyOnComputer.com. Assessor Johnson reviewed the bids for the Board including those bidders who are "certified" to install Panasonic phone systems; it was noted that the lowest bid was provided by Affordable Communications with an optional additional seven year warranty and conference phone for an added cost of \$2,299.90. Commissioner Bell noted the language in Nevada Revised Statute related to accepting the lowest bid and the potential for trouble if the process is not followed. Commissioner Fransway noted that there is some latitude if there is a substantial reason for not accepting the bid such as it is not within specifications; he discussed the risks of integrating the new system into the old system and the possible issue that could arise during installation and issues with the need for equipment/warranty coverage. Assessor Johnson noted that while there are always risks the risks are minimal as the system is basically software driven and J.D. has the ability to deal with most

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issues on site. Commissioner Fransway suggested any integral parts be maintained on site. Discussion occurred regarding whether to include the additional warranty and conference phone and the decision was not to include. After discussion the following motion was made by Commissioner Bell and passed unanimously:

To award the bid to the lowest responsive bidder Affordable Communications out of Henderson for the amount of \$37,424.95.

ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE ASSESSOR TO TAKE CERTAIN ACTIONS REGARDING THE SECURED TAX ROLL: A copy of the proposed resolution was provided to the Board for review. Assessor Johnson explained the purpose of the resolution. The following motion was made by Commissioner Bell and passed unanimously:

To adopt the resolution directing the Assessor to take certain actions regarding the secured tax roll.

(Resolution No. 11-07-11)

REPORT FROM THE ASSESSOR REGARDING RECENT OUT OF STATE TRAVEL FOR PICTOMETRY: Assessor Johnson reported on a conference related to pictometry which he had attended in Louisiana.

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

REPORT OF PENDING ROAD DEPARTMENT PROJECTS: Superintendent Garrett informed the Board that the Shelton Lane fence project had been finished and provided photos to the Board for review; that the punch list for the Ruby Pipeline Project is continuing to be monitored; that road grading and crack sealing is occurring and that cattle guards are being installed. Commissioner Cassinelli referred to an accident which had occurred on Chimney Dam Road and the signs on the road; Superintendent Garrett stated that it has been looked at and signs are ordered and will be installed and that some will be installed on Shelton Lane too. Commissioner Amos inquired about the responsibility for maintaining the fence and cattle guards recently installed on Shelton Lane. Superintendent Garrett stated his understanding that the County would install and the property owner would maintain. Commissioner Cassinelli agreed but questioned the property owner doing maintenance on the cattle guard. Commissioner Bell stated he had understood that it would be the property owner's responsibility as well.

MISCELLANEOUS ROAD RELATED MATTERS: Superintendent Garrett informed the Board about an issue on Chimney Dam Road related to a beaver dam on private property. Commissioner French suggested that the Nevada Division of Wildlife be informed about the problem.

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Chairman Amos recessed the meeting for the lunch break at 11:42 a.m. to reconvene at 1:30 p.m.

REQUEST FROM THE LIBRARY BOARD TO DISCUSS THE CURRENT BOOKMOBILE REGARDING POSSIBLE CHANGES TO THE HEATING AND COOLING UNITS, DUST ISSUES AND POSSIBLE REPLACEMENT:

Library Director Sheri Allen, Bookmobile Specialist Ginny Dufurrena and Road Superintendent Ben Garrett appeared before the Board. Director Allen addressed the Board regarding the issues with the heating and cooling systems on the bookmobile and with dust infiltrating the interior, that the estimated cost for the heating/cooling system repairs is \$25,000.00; the request would be for the Commission to allow the Library Board to sell the current unit and purchase a new bookmobile with either the Library Fund's ending fund balance or by the County financing the purchase and the Library paying back the amount over time. Director Allen discussed the effect of the issues on the driver and the customers. Superintendent Garrett reviewed the costs for maintenance on the unit to this point and what work has been done to date and what has been done to this point to resolve the issues. Commissioner Fransway noted what had been discussed when the original request to purchase the unit had come before the Board and questioned what had happened, had a lemon been purchased? Commissioner French disclosed for the record that the company working on the heating/cooling systems, Sun Solutions, belonged to his son but that he would not be abstaining from discussion on this issue. Commissioner French stated that he had discussed the matter with his son who feels the system has potential once certain things are worked on; he continued discussing possible solutions for the dust problem in the vehicle and stated that his opinion was that it was premature to get rid of the unit and that some solutions should be considered. Director Allen noted that there has been significant down time for the unit this year. Superintendent Garrett discussed what had occurred regarding obtaining opinions related to the solar system on the unit. Commissioner Bell voiced his support for trying to fix the unit as he was not in favor of tossing the whole thing out. Discussion occurred regarding the dust issue and possible solutions. Mrs. Dufurrena discussed the heating and cooling issues from her perspective. Chairman Amos stated that it appears that the consensus of the Board is to try and solve the issues with the current unit and if that does not work the matter can be brought back for further discussion. Commissioner Cassinelli noted the cost for a new bookmobile and concurred with looking at repairing this unit. Director Allen stated they would continue to work with the Road Superintendent on the issues.

REQUEST FROM NEVADA MULEYS AND NEVADA CHUKAR FOUNDATION FOR POSSIBLE ASSISTANCE IN REHABILITATION OF LANDS IN THE HOT SPRINGS RANGE

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BURNT DURING THE 2011 FIRE SEASON: An e-mail detailing a request for the Commission's statement of commitment to assist in the costs associated with rehabing non-federal lands involved in the Hot Springs fire was provided to the Board for review (see attached) as had a handout detailing the background of the Hot Springs Fire. Jim Rackley representing the Nevada Muleys and Nevada Chukar Foundations and Brad Baumann of the Nevada Division of Wildlife appeared before the Board. Mr. Rackley addressed the Board in support of the request for a financial commitment from the County detailing what the estimated expenses for the project were, who has pledged funding and the amounts and what the importance of the area was for the region. Chairman Amos asked about in-kind commitment. Road Superintendent Ben Garrett commented on what the County could provide in the way of equipment. Commissioner Fransway asked if contact had been made with NRCS. Mr. Baumann stated yes with most of the focus being on the private lands. Commissioner Cassinelli asked about the amount being requested. Mr. Baumann discussed what equipment and seed would be needed. Discussion occurred regarding \$20,000.00 cash or in-kind. Commissioner Fransway asked if language on the agenda allowed for financial assistance to be approved. District Attorney Macdonald stated that funds or equipment could be approved. The following motion was made by Commissioner Cassinelli:

That the County agrees to the support and that they come back with more information as to the amount and equipment needed.

Discussion occurred regarding the time frame and what the needs are. Chairman Amos called the motion to a vote and it passed unanimously. Discussion occurred regarding the seed the County has from the Thomas Fire rehab project. Mr. Rackley commented on a letter being sent out related to private lands.

JOINT MEETING BETWEEN THE HUMBOLDT COUNTY COMMISSION AND THE WINNEMUCCA CITY COUNCIL: Present on behalf of the Winnemucca City Council were Mayor DiAn Willis Putnam, 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.

Under the City Council's public comments Commissioner Fransway commented on the recent support by the Commission and Council of an improvement project at the Melarkey/Winnemucca Boulevard intersection; he discussed research he had done into seeking and obtaining grants from the Nevada Department of Transportation for the project and his feeling that the project would have a good chance for approval; he questioned if a joint meeting between the Commission, the Council and the Regional Transportation Commission (RTC) should occur to perhaps entertain a method to receive possible funding from the State through the RTC. Councilman Sheen noted that the WCVA should also

be involved in any meetings but questioned if it is time yet for this step. Commissioner Cassinelli suggested that would come after the conceptual drawings are complete and have been reviewed. City Manager West stated that it would take two to three months to finish the preliminary steps. Commissioner Fransway discussed what types of grants were available. The Commission and Council agreed to have staff continue to work on the project and that there was interest in having a joint meeting which would involve the WCVA later in the process.

PRESENTATION BY THE NORTHERN NEVADA RECREATION COALITION (NNRC)

REGARDING THE WATER CANYON YURT PROJECT: Howard Hammond, President of NNRC and Pat Donovan Vice-President of NNRC and Mike Truden Field Manager with the BLM and Joey Carmosino Outdoor Recreation Planner with the BLM appeared before the Board and Council. Mr. Donovan presented a Power Point presentation regarding the Water Canyon Yurt Project and reviewed the plan including the cost, how a yurt is used, the heating, flooring, waste management, placement and access time frame, the construction time frame, what is occurring with the BLM management plan and the time frame for the review. Following the presentation Mr. Donovan noted that while this is an informational presentation only in the future the group may appear before the Board and ask for assistance.

REVIEW AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF THE UPDATED AIRPORT LAND SALE

COMMISSION POLICY: A copy of the Draft Updated Airport Land Sale Commission Policy had been provided to the Board for review. City Manager Steve West, Airport Board member Lewis Trout, HDA Coordinator Bill Sims and Ben Nelson, a Broker with Sperry Van Ness appeared, before the Board. Mr. Trout discussed what had occurred at a previous joint meeting related to the proposal and recapped the history of the issue. City Manager West reviewed the changes proposed in the policy. Mr. Sims reviewed the economic impact study for the Airport related to the proposal. Discussion occurred regarding the requirement for a performance bond and if the bond would be sufficient to cover the cost of the commission paid, how the typical performance bond works, how the proposed commission is paid and to whom and whether the commission will entice businesses to the area. Mr. Nelson reviewed property sales in the Reno area and the associated commissions. Discussion occurred regarding the cap on the commission unless there is Board approval for an increase, how the commission would be paid, the competitive position this would put the community in, when commission would be payable and how the funds would be budgeted for. After discussion the following motion was made by Commissioner Cassinelli and passed unanimously:

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To accept this as presented.

A motion to approve was made by Councilman Stone on behalf of the City Council and passed.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL TO JOIN WESTERN NEVADA DEVELOPMENT

DISTRICT (WNDD): A copy of a letter from the Humboldt Development Authority (HDA) signed by Chairman Patrick Gray supporting the joining of WNDD, a copy of a breakout of the dues for the organization and how they are determined and a copy of a handout explaining what WNDD is had been provided to the Board and Council for review. HDA Coordinator Bill Sims and Ronald J. Radil, Executive Director of the WNDD appeared before the Board and Council. Mr. Radil explained the purpose of the District and stated that membership must be approved so a letter from each entity to the Board of Directors requesting acceptance must be done. Discussion occurred regarding the annual dues, how they would be split between the City and County, that the dues for this year would be pro-rated, and if the grants which could be obtained would offset the cost. Mr. Sims spoke in support of the request discussing what had occurred at the HDA meeting and that group's support for this request. Discussion occurred regarding the ability of the community to obtain grants and the administrative cost. Commissioner Bell commented on the discussion at the HDA meeting and that the feeling was that it would be a tool that could be tried for a year. After discussion the following motion was made by Commissioner Fransway and passed unanimously:

That the County approve joining Western Nevada Development District on a trial basis beginning January 1 for a cost of \$2,250.00 and authorize the Chairman to sign the letter of request for joining.

Councilman Sheen confirmed that the entities would have to confirm in May if they wished to continue participation. A motion to make application to be a member was offered by Councilman Sheen on behalf of the Council and passed unanimously.

Discussion occurred regarding on who would serve if the applications were accepted.

Mayor Willis-Putnam adjourned the City Council portion of the meeting at 3:52 p.m.

REQUEST TO SOLICIT PROPOSALS FOR RETENTION OF A QUALIFIED INDEPENDENT CONSULTANT TO REVIEW, EVALUATE & COMMENT ON JUNGO'S APPLICATION TO NEVADA DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION (NDEP) FOR A CLASS 1

LANDFILL: Commissioner French addressed the Board noting that this is the second time this item had come before the Board but that he had withdrawn the request last time as he felt there was not a current version of the plan/design which was being considered by NDEP. He continued noting that now there is a

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proposal on the table that NDEP intends to issue permits on so he believes that as there have been several plans and there is significant differences between the first proposal and what is being proposed now and as the post closure plans/responsibilities for the County and taxpayers needs to be analyzed this is the time to proceed with this, if the County determines they wish to make comment, as NDEP had opened the public comment period if the County wishes to maintain standing with regard to involvement in the process. Commissioner French requested that the Commission entertain an independent third party to take a look at the project and give whatever recommendation they think is appropriate from what is on the table at this point in time. Commissioner Fransway made the following motion and it passed unanimously:

That the Commission solicit proposals for retention of a qualified independent consultant to review, evaluate and comment on Jungo's application to NDEP.

Commissioner Fransway suggested that in the essence of time that a special meeting be called as soon as possible to retain the consultant and he offered to amend his motion to reflect that language. District Attorney Macdonald stated that the motion did not need to be amended as an agenda can be posted in a manner to satisfy the notice requirements of the Open Meeting Law. Discussion occurred as to when to schedule the special meeting and the Board agreed on Tuesday, November 15, 2011 at 8:00 a.m.

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

ADJOURNMENT: Chairman Amos adjourned the meeting at 4:05 p.m.

ATTESTED:



Clerk

APPROVED:



Chairman

MEMORANDUM

TO: COMMISSIONERS
FROM: ADMINISTRATOR
DATE: November 1, 2011
SUBJECT: CONSENT AGENDA

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

1. Receipt of Clerk's 3rd Quarter Report: Attached is said report.

Recommendation: That the Commission acknowledge receipt of the report.

2. Request for Adjustment to the Humboldt County Reall Property Tax Roll: Attached are requests 11-12-16 and 11-12-17 for your review.

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

HUMBOLDT COUNTY ASSESSOR

JEFF JOHNSON • ASSESSOR

ASSESSOR@HGNV.US

November 3, 2011

Humboldt County Commissioners
Humboldt County Courthouse
50 West 5th Street
Winnemucca, NV

Dear Commissioners:

Here are the most recent bids regarding the proposed phone system. Here is a brief explanation regarding the contents.

We tried to include everything you could need to make a decision. We also endeavored to provide answers to the questions you asked at the last meeting. While researching one of those questions, we discovered a company that did not show up in our original search for dealers and installers. We contacted Panasonic to ask if there was a way to get a list of "certified" dealers and installers and they directed us to their website. When we searched within 200 miles of Winnemucca, BizTel Communications, Inc. of Reno was the only "Business Telephone Systems Dealer" that was listed within 200 miles of Winnemucca. Therefore, we believed we should request a bid from them if they were interested. They indicated they were interested and supplied a bid for the system.

When we searched within 200 miles of Las Vegas, Affordable Communications was listed as a metal dealer. None of the other dealers we received bids from showed up in Panasonic's website search. "Metal dealers" are those dealers who sell a larger volume of Panasonic products and thus are listed on the Panasonic website. This research was performed to provide the answer to your question of who was "certified" to install Panasonic phone systems. The results of these searches are exhibits B-1 and B-2. Both BizTel Communications, Inc. and Affordable Communications are indicated to be Silver Dealers. According to a Panasonic reseller sales representative, this means these dealers will get a better price break on products simply due to their volume of sales. A summary of the bids is listed below with the details of each bid included as exhibits following this letter.

Inspecting the bid quotes revealed a couple of the bidders did not meet the exact specifications as requested. While these may not have a significant impact on the pricing, it is difficult to determine the difference since none of the bids have itemized costs. A.G. Telephone's proposal did not include the larger power supply on the second cabinet. Also, one of the BUS ME cards, which are not needed, is still included. Affordable included three rack-mount kits, which was not included in any one else's bid since we do not need one for the voicemail system. BizTel Communications, Inc. and GuyOnComputer.com quoted every component exactly as specified.

<u>Company</u>	<u>Total bid including installation</u>
A.G. Telephone, Winnemucca, Nevada	\$43,980.00
COMPLETE TOTAL	\$43,980.00
Affordable Communications, Henderson, Nevada	\$37,424.95
(Optional) Additional 7 yr Warranty and Conference phone	\$ 2,299.90
COMPLETE TOTAL	\$39,724.85
BizTel Communications, Inc., Reno, Nevada	\$56,032.58
COMPLETE TOTAL	\$56,032.58
GuyOnComputer.com, Carson City, Nevada	\$39,999.99
COMPLETE TOTAL	\$39,999.99

A list of bidders in order of bid price:

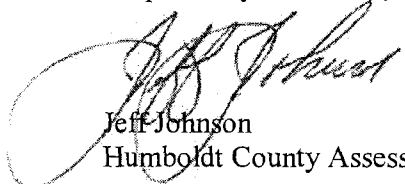
- 1) Affordable Communications (Could be slightly less when subtracting extra unwanted rack.)
- 2) GuyOnComputer.com
- 3) A.G. Communication (Could be somewhat less or more depending on corrections.)
- 4) BizTel Communications, Inc.

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In the original bid requests, we received a packet from F.C.C. Communications from Sparks, Nevada but they did not respond to this last request.

Respectively submitted,


 Jeff Johnson
 Humboldt County Assessor

Steve (NBU-Reno), Brian (NBU-Midas), Todd (CVCC), Bill(Humboldt County Administrator) and Mike(Mule Deer Foundation-Nevada Chair),

I attended a regional fire rehab planning meeting last night hosted jointly by the Nevada Chukar Foundation and the Nevada Muleys that had NDOW, State, BLM participation/representation. In short summary (due to time constraints), the BLM is pursuing \$1.2M in federal funds to rehab the very sensitive Hot Springs range which lost critical wildlife winter range. This area is almost 30,000 acres running north to south along the crest of the Hot Springs range and designated Crucial Winter Habitat for mule deer. Frequent fire activity has severely threatened the capability of this area to provide the shrub canopy and understory necessary to provide adequate winter habitat. While mule deer have historically utilized the entirety of this area, fires during 1984, 1985, 1996, and 2008 compromised approximately 20% (6,000 acres) of the more densely populated southern areas; forcing mule deer to shift their utilization to the northern and central portions. During this year's Hot Springs fire, an additional 50% (13,000 acres)—almost the entire northern half—was consumed, leaving only 30% of the habitat intact. Nevada Department of Wildlife (NDOW) reports that mule deer populations within this area have been consistently declining (from 515 individuals in 2008 to 269 in 2010). In order to prevent greater population loss it is crucial that this area be actively rehabilitated by reestablishing the necessary shrub and herbaceous understory components to provide forage and thermal cover for mule deer during the winter months. Aerially seeding the affected drainages as well as drill and broadcast seeding/harrowing the lower elevation flats will provide the most probable treatment success. The BLM is pursuing funds for rehab of the other fires (Big Antelope, China Gardens and Eden Valley) under the direct impact to public safety concept which suggests funding (~\$1.0M) is likely to be available without substantial justification.

However, they don't have the same confidence for securing the \$1.2M for the Hot Springs range even though it has significant impacts to wildlife. Short story, is that they can improve their chances for funding if the other non-federal lands involved in the Hot Springs fire can be secured.....this amounts to \$138k primarily equipment lease and manpower \$\$ to pull the BLM supplied seed drills; basically a demonstration of commitment by the private party or Non-for-profit organizations. It is our (NCF/NV Muleys) intention to contact all of the Northern Nevada Conservation groups as well as private parties effected and the mining industry in an effort to raise the ~\$138K necessary to get the seed in the ground and show our commitment to this vital winter range. We have developed a list of 10 major entities of which you are in the top 5 based upon past conservation record and/or direct impact to your respective interests i.e. "skin in the game" so to speak.

I am soliciting you for a statement of commitment at this time without any hard dollar value attached simply because time is critical in this process because of weather, seed orders, approval processes and clearances. We have been asked to provide a list of contributors to the project before noon on Friday the 28th. I realize that this is short notice and that meetings cannot be arranged and that questions around allocation of \$\$,etc., probably exist in your minds however it is my hope that you can see the value in the project. Our commitment, the NCF and NV Muleys, is to bear the burden of cost along with our partners in conservation and the private entities effected by this series of fires.

Thank You in advance. Your prompt reply is appreciated.

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