

Wednesday, December 14, 2011

A special meeting of the Humboldt County Board of Commissioners was called to order on Wednesday, December 14, 2011, at 9:00 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, Administrator Bill Deist and Clerk of the Board Tami Rae Spero.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Chairman Amos asked for public comments. Phil Jacka addressed the Board and provided a handout to the Commissioners related to the Veterans of Foreign Wars. Mr. Jacka explained that a Humboldt County chapter of the Veterans of Foreign Wars had been started and as they would be using the Veteran's Building for their meetings he was requesting approval from the Commission to obtain three new keys for access to the building. Administrator Deist stated that he would contact the Building & Grounds Director to arrange for making the keys as the Commission's policy has been that the building be used for the benefit of all veterans. The Board concurred. Mr. Jacka invited the Commissioners to the induction ceremony for the chapter on January 10<sup>th</sup>. Chairman Amos asked for additional public comment. Norm Sweeney addressed the Board and spoke in support of the landfill project in Humboldt County and commented that any further protests would be a waste of taxpayer dollars. Chairman Amos asked for additional public comment. None offered.

**REPORT OF G. FRED LEE AND ASSOCIATES REGARDING TECHNICAL ISSUES CONCERNING THE APPLICATION AND DRAFT PERMIT OF NEVADA DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION (NDEP) FOR THE CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATION OF A CLASS 1 LANDFILL IN DESERT VALLEY, HUMBOLDT COUNTY, NEVADA, TRANSMITTAL LETTER FOR SUBMISSION OF THE REPORT TO NDEP, AUTHORIZATION FOR THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD TO SIGN THE LETTER TO NDEP:**

A copy of the report and the letter had been provided to the Board for review. Commissioner French commented on the ability of the Commission, the Regional Planning Commission and the community to obtain an independent review of the project as there has been a lot of debate and claims made; he continued noting that for the Commission to understand the project and from NDEP's point of view it is important to obtain a set of independently collected and analyzed data from someone that is an independent third party; he discussed Dr. Lee's credentials, the importance of NDEP receiving information from the third party that is considered credible, that the report identifies a number of issues which need to be addressed and suggestions for how to remedy some of the issues including post-closure

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responsibilities; he stated his support of accepting the report. Chairman Amos asked for further comment and then asked for a motion as to submitting the report. Commissioner Fransway asked about the letter of submission and whether it has the proper verbiage as that is also before the Board for approval. Discussion occurred regarding the language of the transmittal letter. Chairman Amos asked for a motion related to the submission of the report to NDEP. The following motion was made by Commissioner French and passed unanimously:

*To accept the G. Fred Lee and Associates report as presented today for presentation to NDEP as Humboldt County's official response to the public comment period having to do with NDEP's solid waste permit that is being reviewed at this moment.*

Chairman Amos read the transmittal letter from the Humboldt County Board of Commissioners to Jon Taylor, PE CEM, Division of Environmental Protection Bureau of Waste Management dated December 14, 2011 (see signed copy attached). Chairman Amos asked for a motion related to the transmission letter. The following motion was made by Commissioner Fransway and passed unanimously:

*To submit the letter to NDEP as written and authorize the Chair to sign.*

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

**ADJOURNMENT:** Chairman Amos adjourned the meeting at 9:17 a.m.

ATTESTED:

*J. Spec*

Clerk

APPROVED:

*Harley Amos*

Chairman