

Monday, April 1, 2013

The regular meeting of the Humboldt County Board of Commissioners was called to order on Monday, April 1, 2013, at 9:30 a.m. in the regular place of meeting at the Courthouse, Winnemucca, Nevada. Those present were Chairman Jim French, Commissioners Dan Cassinelli, Garley Amos Jr., Mike Bell and Marlene Brissenden, District Attorney Michael Macdonald, Administrator Bill Deist and Clerk of the Board Tami Rae Spero.

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

DISCUSSION & ACTION ON CORRECTION/APPROVAL OF MINUTES - FEBRUARY 28, 2013 SPECIAL MEETING, MARCH 4, 2013 REGULAR MEETING, MARCH 18, 2013

REGULAR MEETING: Chairman French asked for corrections/additions for the minutes of February 28, 2013; none offered. The following motion was made by Commissioner Bell and passed unanimously:

To approve minutes of February 28th as presented.

Chairman French asked for corrections/additions for the minutes of March 4, 2013; none offered. The following motion was made by Commissioner Cassinelli and passed unanimously:

To approve the March 4, 2013 meeting minutes.

Chairman French asked for corrections/additions for the minutes of March 18, 2013; Commissioner Brissenden offered corrections related to grammar and spelling on pages one and four. The following motion was made by Commissioner Brissenden and passed with Commissioners Cassinelli, Amos and Brissenden voting aye and Chairman French and Commissioner Bell abstaining as they had not been in attendance:

To approve the March 18th minutes as corrected.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT:

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

1. Appointment to the Kings River General Improvement District Board: Provided to the Board for review was a letter of interest requesting re-appointment from Brian Rookstool, Diana Allen, Wendy Muratore and TJ Thompson. *Recommendation: That the Commission appoint Brian Rookstool, Diana Allen, Wendy Muratore and TJ Thompson to the Kings River GID Board.*
2. Authorize the Chairman to sign the Interlocal Contract: Provided to the Board for review was the Interlocal Contract Between Public Agencies - Department of Health and Human Services - Division of Health Care Financing and Policy and Department of Health and Human Services -

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Division of Welfare and Supportive Services and Humboldt County - Humboldt County Social Services for long term convalescent care for medicaid eligible patients. *Recommendation: That the Commission authorize the Chairman to sign the contract.*

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

To approve the consent agenda as presented.

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.

2013 LEGISLATIVE MATTERS: POSSIBLE FORMULATION OF COUNTY TESTIMONY/INPUT ON PROPOSED LEGISLATION, RESPONSE TO LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE REQUESTS, NACO LEGISLATIVE REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION AND RELATED MATTERS: Administrator Deist discussed SB 343 and AB 239.

MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE:

OTHER INFORMATION AND UPCOMING MEETINGS: Administrator Deist informed the Board that two responses had been received for the RFQ for the Landfill Host Agreement which he and the District Attorney would be reviewing and offering a recommendation on at the April 15th meeting. Administrator Deist informed the Board about possible funding cuts to the RAC project due to the sequester. Upcoming meetings and dates of importance were noted.

REPORTS FROM COMMISSIONERS REGARDING OTHER BOARDS AND COMMITTEES THEY SERVE ON: Commissioner Cassinelli reported on a meeting which had occurred with the BLM related to fire costs. Commissioner Brissenden reported on a Hospital Board meeting she had attended and on the CDBG grant presentations which she had attended.

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

To approve the claims for expenditures as presented.

PRESENTATION AND QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION WITH UNR PRESIDENT JOHNSON REGARDING THE PROPOSAL TO CONSOLIDATE COOPERATIVE EXTENSION AND THE COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE, BIOTECHNOLOGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES: University of Nevada Reno President Marc Johnson and Executive Vice-President/Provost Kevin Carman appeared before the Board. President Johnson stated that what is being

discussed is having both the Cooperative Extension and the College of Agriculture, Biotechnology and Natural Resources being led by the same Dean while maintaining their own integrity; that the purpose of this action is so there can be an organization that is big enough to attract a true land grant mind to deal with the traditional functions of a land grant university, dealing with agriculture and its very expanded definition and Cooperative Extension; he discussed what was involved in the making of this decision, what the benefits of the change will be to the University and to Humboldt County, the recent manner in which budget cuts had been handled, the effort to get the entire University engaged with local communities and how the combining of the Director of Extension position, the Director of Agricultural Experiment Station and the Dean of Agriculture will be handled including that each entity and their budget and faculty reviews/tenure decisions will be kept separate so that they can retain their identities but they will have a common leader. President Johnson noted that the Nevada Association of County Officials (NACO) did not support the move but that resolutions in support of the plan had been received from the Nevada Cattleman's Association and the Nevada Farm Bureau; he stated that the purpose of today's meeting was not to seek support or non-support of the plan but, as the University and County are partners in Cooperative Extension, to hear any concerns so they may be addressed before a job description is put out. Chairman French asked if the Commission had any questions. None offered. Administrator Deist inquired about the ability of the single Dean to move funds between the three entities. President Johnson explained that the budgets are separate but also that they are public and any changes would be done in a public manner; he further responded that the University is committed to keeping Cooperative Extension Educators in the Counties in order to maintain the partnership between the University and the Counties but if any recommendations were made otherwise that there would need to be approval by both the Provost and the President of the University and it would be done in public view. Based on questions by Chairman French, President Johnson confirmed that the University cannot use any funds from the County in any other place but the County and that they will continue to maintain State funding for the position of County Extension Educator and that is not going to go outside the County; he further commented that they are not melding budgets but there will be a single leader with responsibility for three budgets, that there are federal funds going into the Extension budget for which there are very strict rules related to State and County matching funds including that they must be spent on extension purposes and that he believes there is a strict review process in place to protect against the concerns voiced. Chairman French asked what the role of the Commission and the Community would be in having a say as to what programs may be eliminated from the community based on the single Dean oversight

being suggested. President Johnson explained the involvement of the Cooperative Extension Educator in that process; he continued discussing the plan to get proportional salaries for the educators back up toward full time and the desire that the Extension have access to a much broader range of specialists on campus to provide more services to the County rather than less. Commissioner Bell asked if there would be anything in play that would give the Counties a voice for future concerns or issues. President Johnson explained the ability of both the Commission and the Community to offer comments as they have done in the past, as well as through the educator and noted that there is a guarantee that there will be a review of this action in five years and that there will be really good Extension representation on selecting the individual for this position. Commissioner Brissenden asked whether the County really has a say if they don't support the change. President Johnson stated that he would listen to any input offered. Administrator Deist commented on the option of the County to take over the program. Chairman French suggested that the NACO decision as well as other issues should be discussed before the Board makes any decision. The Board concurred.

PRESENTATION BY ELKO COUNTY COMMISSIONER DEMAR DAHL REGARDING THE AMERICAN LANDS COUNCIL AND MATTERS RELATED THERETO: Demar Dahl appeared before the Board and spoke in support of Humboldt County joining the American Lands Council; he discussed the status of the proposal in other States, the introduction of AB 227 in the Nevada Legislature which would create a legislative interim committee for the implementation of the Public Lands Management Act in Nevada, the purpose and benefits of AB 227 including the ability of the Counties to offer input; he continued discussing the importance of public lands being turned over to the State including recent issues related to the Sequester and that all the other counties he has met with have joined the organization. Commissioner Cassinelli asked whether information would be provided as to where the money paid by the Counties goes. Mr. Dahl said yes as transparency was very important to the group. Discussion occurred regarding the ability of the State to manage the additional lands, how the interim committee developed by AB 227 would be managed and what AB 227 would accomplish and the need to support it. Mr. Dahl stated that today's request was for \$5,000.00 for membership and a person to be a liaison to the American Lands Council to report back on everything that happens; he discussed his commitment to the project. Chairman French asked what the Council uses the \$5,000.00 for. Mr. Dahl responded that it would be used for travel, for paying lobbyists and other costs associated with promoting the cause. Commissioner Amos commented that AB 227 needed to pass or it would be a waste of time. Mr. Dahl discussed the effort to this point. Administrator Deist clarified that the \$5,000.00 being

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requested was for effort at the Federal level not for assistance in the passage of AB 227. The Board discussed their support of the effort. Mr. Dahl noted that the \$5,000.00 is an annual due. Commissioner Cassinelli asked if the County could opt out at any time. Mr. Dahl said yes as it must be approved annually. The following motion was made by Commissioner Cassinelli and passed with Commissioners Cassinelli, Amos, Bell and Brissenden voting aye and Chairman French voting nay:

To support this.

Chairman French stated that his vote of nay is because he would like additional time to review the materials but he does support what they are trying to do. Mr. Dahl stated that the Commission would need to decide who their representative to the Council would be. District Attorney Macdonald stated that the appointment of the member could be placed on the agenda for the next Commission meeting. Commissioner Cassinelli stated his willingness to serve and stated that he would not charge the County.

REQUEST TO PROCLAIM WEEK OF MAY 4 - 11 AS NEVADA WILDFIRE AWARENESS WEEK: A copy of the proposed resolution was provided to the Board for review. BLM Fire Mitigation & Education Specialist Terah Maslum and BLM Fire Management Specialist Derek Messmer appeared before the Board. Specialist Maslum spoke in support of the request. Discussion occurred regarding the planned events. The following motion was made by Commissioner Bell and passed unanimously:

To adopt the resolution proclaiming the week of May 4th through 11th as Nevada Wildfire Awareness Week.

(Resolution No. 04-01-13)

PLANNING MATTERS: Betty Lawrence, Senior Planning Technician for the Planning Department, appeared before the Board.

LP-13-01 - A division of land into Large Parcel Map submitted by Greg A. Bigby of Bigby and Associates, Inc. as agent for Geovada, LLC. The final map divides property located approximately 1 mile east of the Valmy Power Plant into 15 parcels. Subject property is Section 27, T35N, R43E, M.D.B. & M.; APN #007-351-29: Provided to the Board for review was a Memorandum and Report from the Planning Department recommending approval and a map of the area. Chairman French read the title of the item. Mrs. Lawrence reviewed the application and recommended approval noting that there is no planned development and that the applicant is aware of the power line easement. The following motion was made by Commissioner Amos and passed unanimously:

To approve LP-13-01 Large parcel Map based on staff's recommendation for approval.

LP-13-02 - A division of land into Large Parcel Final Map submitted by Greg A. Bigby of Bigby

and Associates, Inc. as agent for Reserve Land Management, Inc. The final map divides property located approximately 4 miles northeast of the Valmy Power Plant into 15 parcels. Subject property is Section 3, T35N, R43E, M.D.&M.; APN #007-351-04: Provided to the Board for review was a Memorandum and Report from the Planning Department recommending approval and a map of the area. Chairman French read the title of the item. Mrs. Lawrence reviewed the application and recommended approval. The following motion was made by Commissioner Bell and passed unanimously:

To approve LP-13-02 as recommended by staff.

REQUEST FROM WINNEMUCCA DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SERVICES: Rachel Grest, Legal Advocate at Winnemucca Domestic Violence Services appeared before the Board.

ADOPTION OF PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING APRIL AS HUMBOLDT COUNTY CHILD ABUSE AWARENESS MONTH: A copy of the proposed proclamation was provided to the Board for review. Ms. Grest spoke in support of the adoption of the proclamation and detailed planned events. The following motion was made by Commissioner Amos and passed unanimously:

To adopt the resolution recognizing April as Humboldt County Child Abuse Awareness Month.

(Resolution No. 04-01-13a)

ADOPTION OF A PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING APRIL AS NATIONAL SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH: A copy of the proposed proclamation was provided to the Board for review. Ms. Grest spoke in support of the adoption of the proclamation and detailed planned events. The following motion was made by Commissioner Amos and passed unanimously:

To adopt the resolution recognizing April as National Sexual Assault Awareness Month.

(Resolution No. 04-01-13b)

DISCUSSION REGARDING COMMITMENT OF \$5,000 FOR CLOUD SEEDING IN THE RUBY MOUNTAINS IN RELATION TO SB271 IN THE NEVADA LEGISLATURE: A copy of an e-mail from Mike Baughman, Ph.D. of Intertech Services Corporation and Executive Director, Humboldt River Basin Water Authority detailing the request for a financial contribution from Humboldt County to assist with the Ruby Mountain Cloud Seeding Program was provided to the Board for review. Administrator Deist noted the information provided by Dr. Baughman and stated that the hope is if matching dollars are obtained from the participating member counties of the Humboldt River Basin Water Authority it will aid in the passage of SB 271 the Ruby Mountain Cloud Seeding appropriations bill.

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Chairman French asked if the funds would only be necessary if the bill passed. Administrator Deist stated that was his understanding. Commissioner Amos, Humboldt County's representative on the Humboldt River Basin Water Authority, spoke in support of the cloud seeding proposal. Chairman French concurred noting that the track record of the program is well documented. After discussion the following motion was made by Commissioner Amos and passed unanimously:

To approve the \$5,000.00 for cloud seeding program provided SB 271 passes in the Legislature.

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

REPORT OF PENDING ROAD DEPARTMENT PROJECTS: Superintendent Garrett reported on crack filling, the cleaning of the Paradise Valley Sewer Pond, the Paradise Valley Weed District building construction project, covering of roads, re-installing of cross pipes, the upcoming mag project, road grading and stand pipe work.

MISCELLANEOUS ROAD RELATED MATTERS: Discussion occurred regarding the status of the Paradise Valley Sewer Board, the cost of the sewer pond project, whether the District will have to pay the cost and the Sewer Board's concern that the Weed District does not want to pay the hook up fee for the new weed building.

APPROVAL AND AUTHORIZE THE CHAIRMAN TO SIGN THE SENIOR

TRANSPORTATION GRANT: Provided to the Board for review was a copy of the State of Nevada Department of Transportation, Transportation and Multimodal Planning/Transit Section Federal Grant Application, Federal Fiscal Year 2014 (10/01/13 thru 09/30/14). Senior Citizens Center Director Patricia Tindall and Senior Citizens Board Chairman Tom Brissenden appeared before the Commission. Mr. Brissenden spoke in support of the Commission approving the grant application and authorizing the Chairman to sign; he also requested that a letter of support from the County Commission be provided. Commissioner Cassinelli noted the County's support of this program through the years. Commissioner Brissenden noted for the record that Mr. Brissenden was her husband. The following motion was made by Commissioner Cassinelli and passed unanimously:

To approve and authorize the Chairman's signature on the Senior Transportation Grant and to provide a letter of support.

ISSUES RELATED TO THE WEBSITE AND PAYING AT&T FOR THEIR DATA SCRUBBER OR OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS RELATED THERETO: Assessor Jeff Johnson and Computer

Technician J.D. Ames appeared before the Board. Provided to the Board for review was information

about Distributed Denial of Services (DDOS) attacks on websites and a copy of the AT&T Internet Protect Service pricing schedule and agreement. Assessor Johnson noted that a representative from AT&T was available via telephone if the Board had any questions. Assessor Johnson discussed what had occurred with the County's website when it had the DDOS attack noting that there is no real way to stop the issue completely but that contracting with AT&T for their data scrubber appears to be the best solution; he reviewed the two options provided the first being for \$30,000.00 for the service already provided to the County by AT&T related to the earlier incident or the second being for a continued three year service contract at a cost of \$3,000.00 per month. Discussion occurred regarding other options including moving the web site to an off site host and a bandwidth solution. Commissioner Bell voiced his opposition to the cost of the service. After discussion Commissioner Bell suggested that the County enter the contract to allow for time to look at the situation and the possibility of other providers. Chairman French suggested that a subcommittee be formed to look at the issue. Commissioner Bell asked that a report be provided by AT&T to show what has occurred during the year. Discussion occurred regarding blocking access to the site by overseas addresses. The following motion was made by Commissioner Bell and passed unanimously:

To approve the contract with AT&T for three years and to look at options.

CLOSED SESSION IN ACCORDANCE WITH NRS 288.220 FOR DISCUSSION WITH MANAGEMENT REPRESENTATIVES:

A motion to enter closed session per NRS 288.220 was offered by Commissioner Amos and passed unanimously. The Commission went into closed session at 11:39 a.m. Following the closed session a motion to return to open session was offered by Commissioner Amos and passed unanimously. The Commission went back into open session at 11:53 a.m.

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

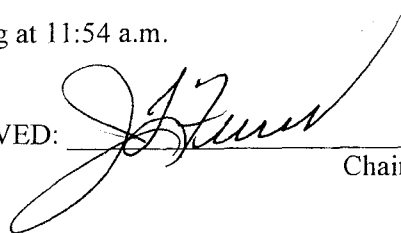
ADJOURNMENT: Chairman French adjourned the meeting at 11:54 a.m.

ATTESTED: _____



Clerk

APPROVED: _____



Chairman

MEMORANDUM

TO: COMMISSIONERS
FROM: ADMINISTRATOR
DATE: March 26, 2013
SUBJECT: CONSENT AGENDA

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

1. Appointment to the Kings River GID Board: Attached is a letter of interest for appointment to this Board

Recommendation: That the Commission appoint Brian Rookstool, Diana Allen, Wendy Murtore and TJ Thompson to the Kings River GID Board.

2. Authorize the Chair to sign the Interlocal Contract: Attached is the contract.

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

MEMORANDUM

TO: COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FROM: COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR
DATE: March 26, 2013
SUBJECT: OTHER INFORMATION AND UPCOMING MEETINGS

OTHER INFORMATION:

1. RFQ for Host Agreement: The response deadline to this request is the 29th. We will let you know what the response was at the meeting.
2. RAC project funding: Do to the sequester this funding may be cut. The Forest Service has been informed that the Governor will be asked to determine where the cuts will occur and Title 2 has been recommended.

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

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| 1. April 5, 2013 | HCLEA Negotiations |
| 2. April 10-12, 2013 | Administrator gone |
| 3. April 15, 2013 | Landfill Committee |
| 4. April 15, 2013 | Commission |