

Monday, August 5, 2013

The regular meeting of the Humboldt County Board of Commissioners was called to order on Monday, August 5, 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 - JULY 15, 2013:

Chairman French asked for corrections/additions for the minutes of July 15, 2013. District Attorney Macdonald noted that he had not been in attendance at the meeting but the minutes stated he had been in attendance. The following motion was made by Commissioner Brissenden and passed unanimously:

To approve 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. Request for adjustment to the Real Property Tax Roll: Provided to the Board for review were requests for adjustments for Pacelluzzi, Decker, James and Hanson. *Recommendation: That the Commission approve the requests as recommended by the Assessor and Treasurer.*
2. Approval of CDBG Quarterly Report - McDermitt General Improvement District Mapping and Master Plan: A copy of the report was provided for the Board's review. *Recommendation: That the Commission authorize the Chairman to sign the report.*
3. Approval of CDBG Notice of Grant Award and County Certification Letter as it relates to the McDermitt Community Service Multiplex: Copies of the Notice of Grant Award and the Certification Letter were provided to the Board for review. *Recommendation: That the Commission approves the documents as submitted and authorizes the Chairman to sign.*
4. Request for refund for Denio Television and Radio Assessment: Requests for Hall were provided to the Board for review. *Recommendation: That the request be granted.*

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

To approve the consent agenda as presented.

Discussion occurred regarding the future of the Denio Television District and the possibility of dissolving it.

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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 noted items scheduled for later in the meeting related to this item.

QUARTERLY JAIL INSPECTIONS - COMMISSIONER FRENCH: Administrator Deist noted that Chairman French would be inspecting the Detention Center later in the day.

MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE:

OTHER INFORMATION AND UPCOMING MEETINGS: (see attached memo) Administrator Deist updated the Board on the status of the Winnemucca Mountain Bike Trail, the upcoming Nevada Association of Counties conference and the water conference proposed by the Planning Commission. Upcoming meetings and dates of importance were noted for the Board.

REPORTS FROM COMMISSIONERS REGARDING OTHER BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

THEY SERVE ON: Commissioner Amos discussed a trip he had taken with local BLM representatives to the Snowstorm Range and commented on the recent Superior Livestock show and safe event that had occurred at the Convention Center. Commissioner Brissenden reported on a Hospital Board meeting she had attended. Chairman French asked about the proposal to dissolve the Denio Television District and Administrator Deist indicated that it was something that would need to be discussed with the District Attorney and the community before it was agendaized.

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

To approve the expenditure list for this past month.

PRESENTATION BY STEVE WEAVER REGARDING HIS POSITION AND WHAT THE CONSERVATION DISTRICT PROGRAM IS DOING IN RELATION TO THE POTENTIAL

LISTING OF THE SAGE GROUSE: Steve Weaver, Conservation Specialist with the State of Nevada Conservation Districts Program appeared before the Board. Mr. Weaver provided a hand out to the Board entitled "Nevada Sagebrush Ecosystem Program Structure". Mr. Weaver explained his role in the process noting that he would work with any stakeholder to provide program progress; he explained his background and experience and confirmed that he would be involved in the NEPA process and noted the data available from the stakeholders including the ones on the ground such as ranchers.

REPORT FROM GENE SEIDLITZ, DISTRICT MANAGER WINNEMUCCA DISTRICT BLM, REGARDING DROUGHT ISSUES AND THE IMPACT ON GRAZING ALLOTMENTS, WILD

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HORSE AND BURROS, THREATENED AND ENDANGERED SPECIES, HABITATS, AND SAGE GROUSE AND MATTERS RELATED THERETO: Provided to the Board for review was a letter from the Bureau of Land Management to the Permittees/Stakeholders/Interested Public related to the climatic conditions on BLM administered lands within the Winnemucca District. Gene Seidlitz District Manager for the Winnemucca Field Office appeared before the Board. Director Seidlitz provided a hand out and a display map of the drought monitoring data as of July 30, 2013. Discussion occurred regarding the drought issue within the Winnemucca District including discussions with the permittees, a meeting held by the BLM to update stakeholders, the voluntary steps taken by the permittees, the preliminary environmental assessment on drought in the Winnemucca District issued earlier in the year, the wild horse and burro gathers, other areas which require attention, the effect on the permittees AUMs if they remove their livestock and what the priorities are and were related to drought management.

REPORT FROM ALLIED NEVADA REGARDING LAYOFFS AT THE HYCROFT MINE, FUTURE ACTIVITIES AND MATTERS RELATED THERETO: Warren Woods of Hycroft appeared before the Board. Discussion occurred regarding recent layoffs at Hycroft Mine, the 2nd quarter results for the company, the price of gold, that no further layoffs are planned, that current projects are still moving forward and when the mine could be at full production.

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

PUBLIC HEARING AH-13-02 - Abandonment request submitted by Cleve and Delores Mallory to abandon approximately 614.45 feet of the existing 30 feet wide Memory Lane from southern border of Warner Drive south to Bruce Drive. APN 006-621-26 & 006-621-27: Provided to the Board for review was a copy of the Planning Department Staff Report which indicated that neither the Planning Department staff nor the Regional Planning Commission (RPC) were offering a recommendation on this application, a copy of the Notice of Public Hearing, a copy of County Commission minutes from May 17, 2010 at which a similar request related to this road had been discussed and a copy of a letter of opposition to the abandonment from Fred Fosbinder. Chairman French read the title of the item set to public hearing. Applicants Cleve and Delores Mallory appeared before the Board. Mrs. Lawrence reviewed the staff report for the Commission noting that the RPC had heard the matter but had offered no recommendation. Chairman French asked if the Commission could be materially satisfied that public interests would not be harmed by abandoning this portion. Mrs. Lawrence responded that as long as what is being abandoned is only south of Warner Lane it will only affect the Mallory's property; she explained

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the access available for other properties in the area. Commissioner Brissenden asked if the roadways were wide enough for emergency vehicles. Mrs. Lawrence responded that the roads are not within the county maintained system, so that would be up to the residents; she further noted in response to a question by Commissioner Bell that she had spoken to Bob Rice of NV Energy and he had expressed no concerns regarding the request. Chairman French asked for public comment. Property owner Cleve Mallory addressed the Board noting that there are no utilities on the property in question and commenting on the access issue. Chairman French noted that the Commission must determine that it does not affect public interest and that it would appear that it will not. Commissioner Bell confirmed that it does not appear that anyone is using the section now and that it has not been used in some time. Mr. Mallory concurred. Chairman French asked for further public comment. No public comment offered. Administrator Deist noted the written comments received from Fred Fosbinder. Chairman French read the letter from Mr. Fosbinder which stated his opposition to the request for abandonment. Chairman French noted that was the only letter received. Commissioner Bell commented that it does not appear to affect Mr. Fosbinder. Chairman French agreed. Chairman French asked for further questions or comments from the Board. Mrs. Lawrence noted the comments made by the Building Department and the Road Department and offered the recommendation that if the request is approved that the property owners be required to obtain a survey of the thirty feet as the distance is unknown for Warner south and that will have to be put in the abandonment. District Attorney Macdonald stated that the item could be included as a condition that would have to be satisfied prior to the vacation of the road being effective so the order being recorded would have the proper description. Discussion occurred regarding the survey requirement. Mr. Mallory noted that when this request was previously discussed the Commission had viewed the site and at that time Mr. Milton of Desert Mountain Surveying had said that the survey stakes were where they were supposed to be, so he sees no reason to have a survey done and he noted that it was all his property regardless. Chairman French asked if there was a formal survey of the corner. Mrs. Lawrence stated that it was surveyed when the original map was recorded. Commissioner Amos suggested that it just be done off of the map. Mrs. Lawrence noted that the survey is the distance for the entire parcel. Administrator Deist noted that the request for survey comes from both the Building Official and the Road Superintendent. Commissioner Cassinelli suggested that, if the Mallory's wanted this done, they would take on the expense to get this done as the Commission can't do it and have it be wrong. Mr. Mallory responded that there are numerous maps which show the boundaries and it seems senseless to do it again. Chairman French stated that it has been pointed out that the area identified is an estimate and the

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certification of the survey is needed before an action is taken to abandon. Mrs. Lawrence explained that the map goes the entire length of the Mallory's parcels and goes past Warner but there is nothing for sure that splits it up. Mr. Mallory stated that there will be no problem getting the right amount of footage so there is no reason to do another map. Discussion occurred regarding the prior surveys and the recommendation for a new survey. Chairman French asked Mrs. Lawrence if the prior survey would be acceptable. Mrs. Lawrence questioned the District Attorney as to what the repercussions would be if someone decided to develop Warner and found out that a portion of this abandonment was in a portion of what should be Warner. Mr. Mallory stated that the property is already developed nothing around it is going to change; he commented on the location of the stakes on Warner Drive. District Attorney Macdonald stated that if it has already been surveyed and there is a legal description that defines the southern edge of Warner, that is the key, so if that information has already been complied, then that information needs to be provided to the County so that it can be incorporated into the abandonment order. After discussion the following motion was made by Commissioner Bell and passed unanimously:

To approve AH-13-02 the abandonment request by Cleve and Delores Mallory subject to a survey as recommended by the Road Department and the Building Department and that the Commission finds that due to subsection 5 of NRS 278.480 that none of the public will be materially injured by this proposed vacation.

PUBLIC HEARING TH-13-01 - A text amendment/update to the Master Plan Document for Humboldt County and the City of Winnemucca:

A copy of the Notice of Public Hearing and a copy of the Humboldt County Regional Master Plan were provided to the Court for review. Chairman French read the title of the item set to public hearing. Commissioner Brissenden requested certain language be included on page 20 under Rural Residential related to lot size and infrastructure and asked that, as the Regional Planning Commission would be holding public hearings for other amendments, if the matter could be set to hearing as well. Discussion occurred regarding the issue. Chairman French asked for further comments from the Board. None offered. Chairman French asked for public comments. None offered. The following motion was made by Commissioner Brissenden and passed unanimously:

To approve the Master Plan document as presented with an amendment.

The Board concurred that the matter identified by Commissioner Brissenden should go back to the RPC for a hearing and further discussion.

SET TO PUBLIC HEARING - An appeal of the Regional Planning Commission's decision regarding the application by Desert Mountain Surveying as Agent for Chris J And Sonya Mitchell,

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PH-13-21, PH-13-22 and PH-13-23: A copy of the Notice of Appeal was provided to the Board for review. Chairman French read the title of the item to be set to public hearing. The following motion was made by Commissioner Bell and passed unanimously:

To set to public hearing PH-13-21, PH-13-22 and PH-13-23 at the first meeting in September.

PUBLIC HEARING ON AN ORDINANCE - Amending Chapter 2.16 of the Humboldt County Code (HCC); Providing for the reduction of the number of trustees of the Humboldt County Hospital District from six to five; eliminating the trustee position which is appointed from the elected body of the Board of County Commissioners; Providing for the filling of board of trustee vacancies by the Board of Trustees; and, providing other matters properly related thereto:

Provided to the Board for review was a copy of an e-mail from Hospital Board legal counsel O. Kent Maher explaining the request and the history of the Board (see attached), a copy of the proposed ordinance, a copy of the Notice of Public Hearing and a copy of a letter opposing the change from Glenda J. & Dennis K. Deputy. Commissioner Bell disclosed for the record that he was an employee of the hospital but stated that he would not be abstaining from discussion and action on this item as the matter does not affect him either personally or financially. O. Kent Maher, attorney for the Hospital Board appeared before the Commission and explained the information contained in the e-mail including the history of the Hospital Board, the reasons a Commissioner had been included on the board, why the request had not been made in the past, that as a result of a tie vote by the Hospital Board some Board members had questioned the possibility of reducing the number of board members to five and that, as the Hospital Board is established by ordinance, the change must be by ordinance. Chairman French asked about the request to put the authority of appointing board members with the Hospital Board instead of the Commission as it is handled now and asked if the Hospital Board had identified any inadequacies with the current manner. Mr. Maher explained that it was for consistency as that is how most other Boards handle the appointment issue and that he was not aware of any identified inadequacies. Commission Brissenden suggested that, as to the concern about ties, another board member could be added such as a city councilman which would also add broader representation and she asked Mr. Maher who he was representing with this request as this issue was not discussed at a Hospital Board meeting. Mr. Maher responded that individual board members had discussed the issue with him, and as he had the background and knowledge of the history of the board, he brought the matter to the Commission, that he was not advocating anything he was just explaining the history of the issue. Commissioner Brissenden asked if the contact by the

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individual board members had been an open meeting violation. Mr. Maher stated it had not, as the matter is not a hospital board matter but a County Commission issue. Chairman French noted that this change is a big deal, that he was surprised as well as concerned that the item had not been openly discussed at a Hospital Board meeting so a consensus could have been reached by that Board, that none of the comments received from the public have been in favor, that the concern was that the change was to remove a seated member as opposed to breaking ties and that boards should be looking at obtaining more representation rather than reducing representation. Mr. Maher stated that the change had nothing to do with personalities or specific persons but with improving the functions of the Board; he explained why County oversight of this Board was no longer necessary and why a five member board is appropriate. Chairman French commented on the taxing authority of the hospital and on the responsibility of the County to make sure the hospital does not fail fiscally and the need for the Commission to have the ability to weigh in on matters related to the hospital. Mr. Maher noted that other boards that have taxing authority do not have County involvement such as the school board and fire district boards. Discussion occurred regarding taxing authority, the reason other boards do not have Commission representatives, the authority of an elected board and what the financial obligation of the County would be if the hospital had financial issues. Commissioner Cassinelli questioned why the County Commission was involved with the Hospital Board when there are five elected board members on the Board who are elected by the people and provide the public representation; he noted his support for the that board handling their own appointments. Commissioner Bell indicated that a five member board is the most effective and that past Commissioners have questioned the need for that sixth Commissioner position; he questioned potential liability to the County Commission as to actions taken by the Hospital Board. Mr. Maher responded to that question. Chairman French again noted the need for Commission involvement on the Board due to the obligation for the County to make the Hospital whole if it has financial issues. District Attorney Macdonald addressed that concern noting that the requirement to make whole is elective not mandatory and can fall to the State of Nevada. Chairman French noted his issues with the Hospital Board making their own appointments. Chairman French asked for further comments from the Commission; none offered. Chairman French asked for public comment. Shirley Stock addressed the Board and spoke in support of a County Commissioner representative remaining on the Board and the County Commission appointing members to the Hospital Board; she noted the need to have a Commissioner on the board to represent the public and to report to the Commission. Joe Gough addressed the Board and noted issues with the manner in which the Hospital Board meetings are ran and issues with the offering of public

comment to that board; he spoke in support of a County Commissioner representative remaining on the Hospital Board. Commissioners Cassinelli and Bell both noted that the remaining hospital board members are elected by the voters to represent the public's interests. Tebeau Piquet addressed the Board and spoke in support of a County Commissioner representative remaining on the Board noting issues with the hospital management running the Hospital Board and the facility being run as a "for profit" hospital. Commissioner Cassinelli commented on the possibility of exploring the hospital going private. Commissioner Bell again noted the five person elected board and offered the suggestion that the Hospital Board could be requested to offer a report to the Commission periodically. Chairman French commented on the importance of the Commission having a presence and involvement with the Board as opposed to receiving a canned presentation and that the request is not about a deficiency with the Board but about unseating a County Commission appointee to the Board; he noted that there is a huge difference between what is presented at a meeting and what is done behind the scenes. Clyde Wayland appeared before the Board and spoke in support of a County Commissioner representative remaining on the Board noting issues with how this request was brought to the County Commission, the wage scale for hospital CNAs and with obtaining requested information from the hospital regarding wage scales for the hospital. Don Jones addressed the Board and spoke in support of a County Commissioner representative remaining on the Board noting issues with costs at the hospital, the administration of the hospital, response to complaints from the hospital as well as the hospital board; he stated his support for the Commission appointee and for County Commission oversight. Steve Swecker appeared before the Board and spoke in support of a County Commissioner representative remaining on the Board noting his belief that this was an attempt by certain hospital board members and the hospital administration to remove a board member that would not rubber stamp everything and that Commissioner Brissenden was the only board member that you can speak to as he had tried to discuss issues with other board members and they would not help; he stated that there should be a representative until the hospital district no longer takes tax dollars. Continued discussion occurred between Mr. Swecker and the Commission related to Mr. Swecker's concerns about cost issues and the fee structure, his concerns about the Commission maintaining a representative on the board, actions the board has taken to benefit the community such as the charity care program that had been established, that Chairman French had previously held the appointed position but had left it due to his appointment to NACO and the impact that the County Commission representative can have on the hospital board. Robert E. Dolan appeared before the Board and stated his opposition to changing the ordinance noting that no formal resolution had been passed by the hospital board related to

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this request, questioning who Mr. Maher represents in this matter and questioning why no Hospital Board members had appeared to offer testimony in support of the change. Discussion occurred regarding the amount of tax dollars the hospital district receives. Mr. Dolan continued commenting on the authority of the hospital administrator. Dee Holzel appeared before the Board and commented on the comments received from the public as they were complaints regarding the hospital not comments related to the matter being considered, issues she believed existed with Commissioner Brissenden's understanding of government matters, the need for smaller government and noting that the question is what does the sixth member bring to the board. Lewis Trout appeared before the Board and offered a comment thanking Hospital Board member Mel Hummel for attending (Mel Hummel was present in the audience) and stating that the issues to be considered would be whether this request was properly sent to the County Commission, whether having an odd number of board members is a benefit, the need to perhaps have a feasibility study done related to privatization of the hospital, that the appointment of vacancies by the Commission allows for additional oversight, a check and balance, and whether the City should also have a seat on the board; he offered the suggestion that the matter be sent back to the Hospital Board for discussion at a Hospital Board meeting. Commissioner Cassinelli and Chairman French agreed with the suggestion to send the matter back to the Hospital Board for discussion. Don Stoker appeared before the Board and commented on the horrible timing for this request, his belief that given the Commissioners' pay, that they should not be shucking their duties as they did with the oversight of the special use permits which resulted in the landfill issue, that the Commission appointee can report back to the Commission about what is occurring with the hospital, issues with the time limit for public comment for hospital board meetings, issues with communicating with other board members, questioning why the taxpayers contribute at all to the hospital given their ending fund balance and noting the importance of County Commission representative appointees attending the meetings of boards that they are appointed to. Chairman French stated for the record that the comments made earlier in the meeting regarding Commissioner Brissenden were out of line and spoke in support of her work as a Commissioner. Patricia Tindall appeared before the Board and spoke in support of a County Commission representative remaining on the Board and sending the matter back to the Hospital Board for discussion; she commented on how other boards handle tie votes and on issues with addressing the hospital board during meetings. Jean Williams appeared before the Board and spoke in support of a County Commission representative remaining on the Board as long as tax dollars support the hospital; she noted concerns with the amount of income generated by the hospital. Joe Gough addressed the Board and commented on the use of Robert's

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Rules of Order for meetings and issues with the hospital administrator. Discussion occurred between the Chairman and Administrator regarding how the Commission could proceed. The consensus of the Board was to table the matter and to request input from the Hospital Board. The following motion was made by Commissioner Cassinelli and passed unanimously:

To table the matter to allow the Hospital Board to weigh in.

Chairman French noted that as the previous item had ran long item 8 Road Matters would be continued until later in the meeting. Chairman French recessed the meeting at 12:59 p.m. to reconvene at 1:30 p.m.

REQUEST FROM THE TREASURER FOR AUTHORIZATION TO PROCEED WITH TITLE SEARCHES ON DELINQUENT PROPERTIES FOR UPCOMING DELINQUENT TAX AUCTION:

Provided to the Board for review was a memo from the Humboldt County Treasurer detailing her request and a list of parcels currently set for auction in April of 2014. After discussion the following motion was made by Commissioner Amos and passed unanimously:

To approve the request from the Treasurer for authorization to proceed with title searches on delinquent properties for upcoming delinquent tax auction.

Chairman French noted that the Road Department matters from earlier in the meeting would be discussed at this time.

ROAD MATTERS:

REVIEW OF SEMI-TRACTOR BIDS: Provided to the Board for review was a memo from Road Superintendent Ben Garrett reviewing the Semi-Tractor Bid (see attached) including the bid breakdown for bids received from Sierra Freightliner Sterling Western Star, Kenworth Sales-Boise, ID (2), Peterbilt Truck Parts & Equipment, Western Nevada Kenworth and Silver State International and the recommendation that the bid be awarded to Sierra Freightliner Sterling Western Star at a cost of \$108,250.00. Administrator Deist reviewed the Road Superintendent's memo and recommendation for the Board. After discussion the following motion was made by Commissioner Bell and passed unanimously:

To award the bid to Sierra Freightliner Sterling Western Star in the amount of \$108,250.00.

Chairman French noted that the Road Superintendent had discussed this truck with the Commission previously.

REQUEST FOR SPEED LIMIT REDUCTION ON IMLAY CUTOFF ROAD: Provided to the

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Board for review was a memo from Road Superintendent Garrett regarding this request, a map of the area and a copy of the proposed resolution. Road Superintendent Garrett's memo indicated that Jonathon Kirksey had made a request for a reduction in the speed limit to 25 mph near the homes on the Imlay Cutoff Road due to the number of homes and the increased traffic on the roadway; he noted that the current speed limit on the Humboldt County portion of the road is 35 mph, that several locations throughout the County have speed limit reductions near homes and that the reduction will help to control the dust from the roadway created by passing traffic. The recommendation by the Road Superintendent was to reduce the speed limit near the houses with a possible longer term solution of considering the addition of the road to the annual magnesium chloride treatment project. Administrator Deist reviewed the information provided by the Road Superintendent for the Board and noted that the Sheriff was okay with the change. Commissioner Amos asked if the speed limit was being reduced on the Pershing County portion of the road and stated that unless Pershing County does the same change he would not support the request. Administrator Deist noted that reducing speed in front of homes is not untypical. Discussion occurred regarding whether there would be actual enforcement of a reduced speed limit. After discussion the following motion was made by Commissioner Amos and passed unanimously:

To leave the speed limit as is.

AUTHORIZATION TO OBTAIN ADDITIONAL RIGHT-OF-WAY ON KUNKEL ROAD:

Provided to the Board was a memo from the County Administrator explaining that recently it had been discovered that Kunkel Road was not completely in the described right-of-way, that a portion of the road is on private property; he stated that they had working with the owner to clean the issue up and obtain the needed right-of-way and that it had also been discovered that the same owner has been paying property taxes on a piece of property which contains the water tank for the Orovada General Improvement District water system; he explained that it appeared that property was deeded to either the County or the GID in 1973 but that there is no record of that deed so it would need to be clarified and that would be done by the filing of a parcel map and a planning related action. Administrator Deist stated that the proposal would be that the County pay the costs for the parceling, etc. in exchange for the needed right-of-way, that the estimated cost is \$1,800.00 and may be less if some of planning's fees are waived, that as one owner is involved in both issues this proposal appears to be the simplest remedy to both issues as the property owner is in agreement. After discussion the following motion was made by Commissioner Amos and passed unanimously:

To authorize to obtain the additional right-of-way on Kunkel Road including the County

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paying the costs for parceling and the waiver of the \$95.00 filing fee for the Planning Department.

REPORT OF PENDING ROAD DEPARTMENT PROJECTS: No report offered as the Road Superintendent was absent.

MISCELLANEOUS ROAD RELATED MATTERS: None offered.

AUTHORIZATION TO REQUEST PROPOSALS FOR THE NV ENERGY RENEWABLE GENERATION PROGRAM:

A copy of the proposed Request for Proposal was provided to the Board for review. Winnemucca Convention & Visitors Authority Director Kim Petersen appeared before the Board and explained the request; he noted that he would work with District Attorney Macdonald and Mr. Maher to prepare the Request for Proposal. Discussion occurred regarding the location of the meter and the cost savings. After discussion the following motion was made by Commissioner Bell and passed unanimously:

To authorize the request proposals for the NV Energy Renewable Generation Program.

SHERIFF'S OFFICE: Sheriff Ed Kilgore appeared before the Board.

AUTHORIZATION TO SIGN AGREEMENT AND ASSOCIATED DOCUMENTS RELATED TO THE NEVADA STATEWIDE GANG INTELLIGENCE PROGRAM:

A copy of the proposed agreement was provided to the Board for review. Sheriff Kilgore explained the request and program and spoke in support of authorization to proceed. After discussion the following motion was made by Commissioner Amos and passed unanimously:

To approve authorization to sign agreement and associated documents related to the Nevada Statewide Gang Intelligence Program.

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL TO CREATE THE POSITION OF CENTRAL CONTROL OPERATOR SUPERVISOR:

Sheriff Kilgore appeared before the Board and spoke in support of creating the position of Central Control Operator Supervisor. Administrator Deist noted that the Board had reviewed and approved the Compensation and Classification Study in April and that one of the positions reviewed in that study had been a central control operator/supervisor but the recommendation had been not to create the position as in other comparable counties the supervision of the control operators was handled by detention sergeants and further that this position had not been included in the budget; he noted that the next item on the agenda is the presentation related to the communications study and that there are recommendations included in that for increased supervisory staffing and should the Commission agree to that there would be additional positions that are also not included in the budget; he

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suggested that it might be best to consider this request in light of what the Board does related to the report rather than on its own. Chairman French concurred with the suggestion but asked the Sheriff if this position was critical. Sheriff Kilgore agreed that it was critical and explained the need for the direct supervisory position in light of the planned move of dispatch to the new building in early October. After discussion the following motion was made by Commissioner Cassinelli and passed unanimously:

To table this until the Board looks at the Abaris report but to act on it as soon as the Board can and before October 1st.

PRESENTATION BY ABARIS GROUP OF PUBLIC SAFETY ANSWERING POINT (PSAP) -

COMMUNICATION STUDY: A copy of the PSAP Communications Study Final Report from the Abaris Group had been provided to the Board for review. Mike Williams, President of the Abaris Group appeared before the Board and presented a power point presentation regarding the communications study. Discussion occurred regarding the conversion to digital from analog for the radio communications and the potential for returning to analog and the difficulties with going back to analog; Mr. Williams noted that the study did not encompass the issue but that it could and he would work with the County Administrator to set it up. Mr. Williams continued reviewing the recommendation included in the report on page 13. Chairman French asked for comments from the County Commission; none offered. Chairman French commented on the recommendations related to the need for additional personnel and looking at the way services are provided; he noted issues in dispatch, that there still is a ways to go with this process, the report is only the beginning, that there are holes in the study and that it had been a mistake to not interview the Undersheriff. Commissioner Bell commented on his purpose in requesting that this study be done and discussed the potential to have a board of directors for the facility to allow the users of the system to be able to be involved and to be able to come before the Commission; he continued stating that a PSAP director was needed as well as the committee involving the stakeholders. Discussion occurred regarding Elko's Board and the proposal to reformulate it as an advisory board, the need for equal representation for all users, the need to do the strategy planning first, the issue of the facility being run by the Sheriff who can change every four years, the need for a separate director, the need to develop a list of the stakeholders, the need for an expert in the subject matter to facilitate the process and a request to Mr. Williams to provide a list of possible experts. After discussion the following motion was made by Commissioner Bell and passed unanimously:

To go out and hire somebody for the subject matter to start the discussions in the strategic plan and also to include a radio study so these folks have more information

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about what to do with the radio side of things.

Commissioner Bell asked about the request from the prior item related to the Central Control Operator Supervisor position. Chairman French stated that he hoped that the stakeholders group could be put together and one of the first things they would do is a strategic plan but that would include what the staffing requirements would be for that October 1st opening and once that point is reached it needs to be agendized and acted on sooner rather than later. Discussion occurred regarding the recommendations and which once had the higher priority and it was noted that Assessor Jeff Johnson would need to be involved due to the recommendations related to the computer department. Commissioner Bell asked to be involved as the County Commissioner stakeholder. Chairman French agreed.

APPROVAL OF CONTRACT RENEWAL WITH ROBIN GRAY FOR MOSQUITO AND BLACK FLY ABATEMENT: A copy of the proposed agreement was provided to the Board for review. Administrator Deist noted that this is the same contract as in prior years. After discussion the following motion was made by Commissioner Amos and passed unanimously:

To approve the contract with Robin Gray for mosquito and black fly abatement.

DIRECTION REGARDING INPUT TO NEVADA PUBLIC LANDS TASK FORCE: A copy of a memo from the Administrator detailing information related to AB 227 and the formation of the task force and information requested by NACO was provided to the Board for review (see attached). Commissioner Cassinelli noted an upcoming task force meeting at which the priorities of this task force will be discussed. Chairman French noted the need to not only look at the lands to be targeted but also the impact to the Counties related to providing services and how those challenges will be met; he noted that a public hearing may need to be held to allow for everyone to weigh in on the matter. Discussion ensued. Administrator Deist stated that three things appear to have come out of the discussion - That special use lands such as NCA, wilderness study areas and such not be considered, that the checkerboard may be a starting point but it needs to be realized that there is a whole lot more to consider and management issues need to be looked at including such items as the Wild Horse and Burro act, PILT, the Taylor Grazing Act and others. Public comment was offered from the audience by Joyce Sheen noting the need to keep an open mind. Discussion ensued. The Board agreed that the information from the memo as well as the three items identified by the Administrator should be forwarded to Jeff Fontaine, Executive Director of NACO.

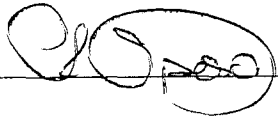
PUBLIC COMMENTS: Chairman French asked for public comments. Craig Scheir of the Nevada Farm Bureau addressed the Board regarding what the farm bureau is doing related to the public lands

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issue. No further comments offered.

ADJOURNMENT: Chairman French adjourned the meeting at 3:25 p.m.

ATTESTED:  Clerk

APPROVED:  Chairman

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MEMORANDUM

TO: COMMISSIONERS
FROM: ADMINISTRATOR
DATE: July 30, 2013
SUBJECT: CONSENT AGENDA

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

1. Request for adjustment to the Real Property Tax Roll: Attached are the requests for your review.

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

2. Approval of CDBG Quarterly Report McDermitt GID Mapping and Master Plan: Attached is the report for your review.

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

3. Approval of CDBG Notice of Grant Award and County Certification Letter as it relates to the McDermitt Community Service Multiplex: Attached are the documents which need to be approved.

Recommendation: That the Commission approves the documents as submitted and authorize the Chairman to sign.

4. Request for refund for Denio Television and Radio Assessment: Attached are the requests.

Recommendation: That the request be granted.
