

Monday, April 6, 2015

The regular meeting of the Humboldt County Board of Commissioners was called to order on Monday, April 6, 2015, at 9:30 a.m. in the regular place of meeting at the Courthouse, Winnemucca, Nevada. Those present were Chairman Garley Amos, Jr., Commissioners Marlene Brissenden, Mike Bell, Jim French and Ron Cerri, District Attorney Michael Macdonald, Administrator Dave Mendiola 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 - NOVEMBER 24, 2014; JANUARY 20, 2015; FEBRUARY 2, 2015; FEBRUARY 17, 2015; MARCH 2, 2015 & MARCH 16, 2015 REGULAR MEETINGS & DECEMBER 2, 2014, JANUARY 26, 2015; MARCH 26, 2015 & MARCH 30, 2015 SPECIAL MEETINGS:

Chairman Amos asked for corrections/additions for the minutes of November 24, 2014; none offered. The following motion was made by Commissioner Brissenden and passed with Chairman Amos and Commissioners Brissenden, Bell and French voting aye and Commissioner Cerri abstaining as he was not a member of the Commission at the time:

To approve the minutes from the meeting for November 24, 2014.

Chairman Amos asked for corrections/additions for the minutes of December 2, 2014; none offered.

The following motion was made by Commissioner Brissenden and passed with Chairman Amos and Commissioners Brissenden, Bell and French voting aye and Commissioner Cerri abstaining as he was not a member of the Commission at the time:

To approve the December 2, 2014 minutes as presented.

No further minutes presented for consideration.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT:

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

1. **Request for adjustment to the Humboldt County Real Property Tax Roll:** A copy of a roll change request for Myers was provided to the Board for review. *Recommendation: To approve the request per recommendation of the Assessor and Treasurer.*

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

To approve the consent agenda as presented.

SOLID WASTE MATTERS: Administrator Mendiola stated that he had nothing on this item.

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PUBLIC LANDS PLANNING MATTERS & FORMULATION OF COUNTY POSITION ON BLM, FOREST SERVICE AND THE FEDERAL FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE PROPOSED ACTIONS: Administrator Mendiola stated that he had nothing on this item.

2015 LEGISLATIVE MATTERS: POSSIBLE FORMULATION OF COUNTY TESTIMONY/INPUT ON PROPOSED LEGISLATION, RESPONSE TO LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE REQUESTS, NACO LEGISLATIVE REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION AND RELATED MATTERS: Commissioner French updated the Commission on Legislative bills including SB29, SB487, SB382, SB483, SJR1, AB435, AB352, AB479, SB411 and AB280.

ALLIED NEVADA GOLD CORP. ET AL. BANKRUPTCY UPDATE: District Attorney Macdonald updated the Commission on the situation including the status of the payments on outstanding personal property taxes and concerns regarding the selling of assets. Discussion ensued regarding the issue.

MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE:

OTHER INFORMATION AND UPCOMING MEETINGS: Administrator Mendiola stated that he had nothing on this item.

REPORTS FROM COMMISSIONERS REGARDING OTHER BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

THEY SERVE ON: Commissioner Brissenden reported on a Hospital Board meeting she had attended. Commissioner French discussed an upcoming State Land Use Planning Advisory Council meeting and an upcoming meeting regarding the proposed urban pond.

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

To accept the expenditures as submitted.

REQUEST FROM 777 BARREL RACING FOR A \$1,500 GRANT TO COVER ARENA FEES FOR THE 777 ANNUAL BENEFIT BARREL RACE: Bonnie Cassinelli representing the 777 Barrel Racing group appeared before the Commission and spoke in support of the request for a \$1,500.00 grant to cover the arena fees for the annual benefit race which is scheduled for April 26th and 27th. Discussion occurred and it was noted that this is an annual request. The following motion was made by Commissioner French and passed unanimously:

To accept the request from the 777 Barrel Racing for a \$1,500.00 grant to cover the arena fees for the annual benefit barrel race.

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE PERSHING/HUMBOLDT/LANDER TRI-COUNTY HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN: A copy of the proposed resolution was provided to the Commission for review. Administrator Mendiola discussed the process that had went into formulating the Humboldt

County Hazard Mitigation Plan as required by the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 and FEMA. Discussion ensued regarding the process and who was required to do this type of plan. After discussion the following motion was made by Commissioner Brissenden:

To approve the Pershing/Humboldt/Lander Tri-County Hazard Mitigation Plan as presented.

Discussion occurred regarding the language of the motion. The following amended motion was offered by Commissioner Brissenden and passed unanimously:

To adopt the resolution to approve the Pershing/Humboldt/Lander Tri-County Hazard Mitigation Plan as presented.

(Resolution No. 04-06-15)

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

REPORT OF PENDING ROAD DEPARTMENT PROJECTS: Superintendent Garrett updated the Commission on items including crack sealing, cattle guard replacement and installation, patching on Cordero Road and that a permanent fix is being looked into for the road, grading and preparation of the mag chloride project. Commissioner Cerri asked about Greeley Crossing and the road maintenance done on it. Superintendent Garrett explained the schedule and the agreement that is currently in place with the BLM but noted concerns due to the reduction in workforce by the BLM.

MISCELLANEOUS ROAD RELATED MATTERS: Administrator Mendiola stated that he had received a call from Frosty Tipton regarding a county fence line in the Jungo area which was down and had allowed cattle to access the park in that area; that he and Superintendent Garrett had went out and inspected the fence and Superintendent Garrett was preparing cost estimates for the repair of said fence. Superintendent Garrett explained the location of the fence line, the belief that the fence was placed in preparation for a re-routing of Jungo Road which never occurred, that the fence is on property that was taken by the County due to non-payment of taxes years ago and that the fence line currently runs through the center of the property; he suggested that if the fence is repaired that it be moved to run along the property line which would result in about 6,500 feet of fence line to tie into the Union Pacific. Discussion occurred regarding the cost of fencing both for a portion and the whole property, the ability to contract the work out, the possibility of using the Honor Camp crews to do the work, that there is a gravel pit on property owned by the BLM above the County's property so if that source continues the property may have a viable gravel pit on it, that the parcel is large enough that it could also be used for expansion of County services in the future and the pros/cons of fencing a portion or the full property. Discussion occurred regarding the need for a motion; District Attorney Macdonald suggested that it appeared that the

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Board was directing the Road Superintendent to gather additional information on pricing and who could perform the service and then bring it back at a future meeting so no motion would be required. The Board concurred.

District Attorney Macdonald updated the Commission on the status of the civil litigation with the County and DeLong Ranches versus the Bureau of Land Management.

REQUEST BY DELONG CONSTRUCTION, INC. FOR A GRANT TO COVER THE WINNEMUCCA CONVENTION CENTER FEE FOR THE RENTAL FOR THE SWANA CERTIFICATION CLASS:

Administrator Mendiola stated that there was no action required on this item as the training set to occur was a County event and so no fee was charged.

REQUEST BY COMMUNITY HEALTH FOR GRANT TO COVER THE WINNEMUCCA CONVENTION CENTER FEE FOR THE RENTAL FOR THE FBU SHOT CLINIC:

Loretta George and Rita Esquivel of the Community Health Nurse's office appeared before the Commission and spoke in support of the request for a grant to cover the cost of the Winnemucca Convention Center rental fee for the flu shot clinic including statistical information from the prior year's event. Discussion occurred regarding the ability of the different entities who provide flu shots to collaborate to reach more people and to share resources. After discussion the following motion was made by Commissioner French:

To grant the request from the Community Health Nurse to approve a grant to cover the Winnemucca Convention Center fees for the rental for the flu shot clinic for 2015.

District Attorney Macdonald observed that it was actually the Indoor Events Center. Commissioner French offered the following amended motion and it passed unanimously:

To grant the request from the Community Health Nurse to approve a grant to cover the Indoor Events Center fees for the rental for the flu shot clinic for 2015.

REQUEST BY WINNEMUCCA DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SHELTER FOR PROCLAMATIONS DECLARING THE MONTH OF APRIL AS NATIONAL CHILD ABUSE AWARENESS MONTH; NATIONAL SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH; AND NATIONAL CRIME VICTIMS' RIGHTS WEEK (APRIL 19-25):

Copies of the proposed proclamations were provided to the Commission for review. Commissioner Brissenden read the proclamations presented for consideration. The following motion was made by Commissioner Bell and passed unanimously:

To adopt the resolution presented to declare the month of April as National Child Abuse Awareness Month and to adopt the resolution declaring April as National Sexual Assault Awareness Month and to adopt the resolution declaring the week of April 19th through

25th as National Crime Victims' Rights Week.

(Resolution No. 04-06-15a/Resolution No. 04-06-15b/Resolution No. 04-06-15c)

APPROVAL OF GRANT APPLICATION AND SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS ON BEHALF OF THE SENIOR CITIZENS OF HUMBOLDT COUNTY INC. FOR THE 5311 RURAL TRANSIT PROGRAM FOR 2015/2016:

Provided to the Commission for review was a copy of an e-mail from Senior Citizens Center Director Patricia Tindall detailing the request for approval, a copy of the NDOT federal grant application and a copy of a letter of support for the grant application from the Nevada Aging and Disability Services Division. Senior Citizens Center Director Patricia Tindall appeared before the Commission and spoke in support of the request and reviewed the grant application process. After discussion the following motion was made by Commissioner French and passed unanimously:

To accept and approve the grant application and supporting documents on behalf of the Senior Citizens Center for 5311 Rural Transportation Program for 2015-16.

REQUEST FROM THE HUMBOLDT COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE FOR CONTRIBUTION OF \$6500 FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2015-2016:

Commissioner Bell noted that he knew the County funded this every year but he questioned, given the current budget constraints, what this entity's ending fund balance is and if it is healthy whether the County should hold off for a year or so on the support; he asked that a representative from the Chamber appear before the Commission to discuss the matter. The Board concurred.

ASSIGNMENT OF A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AND AN ALTERNATE, TO ATTEND WITH THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY THE SETTLEMENT CONFERENCE IN U.S. DISTRICT COURT IN RENO IN THE CASE OF CLARK V. CAMPBELL, RANGEL, LANDER COUNTY AND HUMBOLDT COUNTY:

District Attorney Macdonald explained that this is a pending lawsuit that the County is involved in and that POOL/PACT has retained the law firm of Erickson, Thorpe & Swainston to represent the County; he provided a summary as to the status of the case and explained that there is a settlement conference set for April 30th and the order requires that each County have a Commissioner present; discussion of how the settlement process would work occurred. After discussion Commissioner Brissenden offered to attend the settlement conference and Commissioner French offered to serve as the alternate. The following motion was made by Commissioner Bell and passed unanimously:

To assign Commissioner Brissenden as the member to attend the settlement conference with Commissioner French as the alternate.

Discussion ensued regarding the joint meeting that was scheduled for 3:00 p.m.

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Chairman Amos recessed the meeting at 11:18 a.m. to reconvene at 3:00 p.m.

The regular meeting of the Humboldt County Board of Commissioners reconvened on Monday, April 6, 2015, at 3:00 p.m. in the regular place of meeting at the Courthouse, Winnemucca, Nevada. Those present were Chairman Garley Amos, Jr., Commissioners Marlene Brissenden, Mike Bell, Jim French and Ron Cerri, District Attorney Michael Macdonald, Administrator Dave Mendiola and Clerk of the Board Tami Rae Spero.

JOINT MEETING BETWEEN LANDER COUNTY COMMISSION, PERSHING COUNTY COMMISSION AND HUMBOLDT COUNTY COMMISSION: Present on behalf of the Lander County Commission were Commission Chairman Patsy Waits, Commissioners Sean Bakker, Doug Mills and Art Clark and District Attorney Theodore Herrera.

Present on behalf of the Pershing County Commission were Commission Chairman Darin Bloyed, Commissioners Carol Shank and Pat Irwin, Deputy District Attorney Jack T. Bullock, II and Administrative Assistant Karen Wesner.

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

FISCAL YEAR 2015-2016 BUDGET WORKSHOP FOR THE SIXTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

FUNDS: Present on behalf of the Sixth Judicial District Court were Judge Michael R. Montero and Judge Jim Shirley. Judge Montero reviewed the budget requests for the District Court, the District Court/Humboldt, the Court Reporters, the Law Library/Humboldt and the Sixth Judicial Drug Court including the status of the grants that fund the Drug Court program. Lander District Attorney Herrera commented on the Lander County budget process including the need to factor in Assembly Bill 435 which would realign the Judicial Districts by creating the Eleventh Judicial District and leaving Humboldt County alone in a judicial district and placing Lander, Pershing and Mineral County into a district; he noted at this time it is unknown which county or counties would be identified as the Eleventh and which would be identified as the Sixth but that the change would go into effect on July 1, 2015 and the Lander County Commission has passed a resolution supporting AB 435. He continued commenting on the difficulty this potential change makes relative to budget issues but stated, for the record, that whether AB 435 passes or not, the Lander County Commission in no way would waive any objections they have under the Interlocal Agreement that the three counties agreed to in 1985 or to the Interlocal Agreement that they agreed to in 1996 which contemplated a twenty year agreement and therefore would end at the end of the upcoming fiscal year 2015-2016, meaning this is the last budget under that contract, and the issues within the agreement such as the 60/20/20 split will need to be renegotiated at the appropriate time. District Attorney Herrera continued discussing the 1985 agreement and the overall lack of knowledge related to

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the contract and concerns/issues related to that lack of knowledge including the hiring of staff in the District Court that did not go through the approval process set forth in the agreement; he noted that until recently he did not believe either of the current Judges were aware of the contract but now that everyone is aware of it, there are certain objections that he, on behalf of Lander County needs to put on the record. Upon request of Lander Commissioner Mills copies of the contracts were provided for review. Commissioner Bell asked if the judicial districts split will Lander and Pershing still be a part of the juvenile facility. District Attorney Herrera indicated not necessarily. Commissioner Bell asked if the counties would be interested in remaining with juvenile. District Attorney Herrera stated not at the current cost. Judge Shirley noted the need to distinguish between fiscal years as for the upcoming fiscal year there is an intact agreement between all three counties that they will be sharing in the 60/20/20 split, so regardless of what happens with the redistricting this year, that 60/20/20 split holds for one more year, following that there would need to be discussion and negotiation regarding involvement. Discussion occurred as to what the current agreement is.

Chief Juvenile Probation Officer Ed Sampson appeared before the Commission and presented the proposed budget for the Juvenile Department including the 60/20/20 split as well as the request for \$45,000.00 in Capital Outlay which has been used for vehicles in the past but, as the Department has a good fleet, he would like to keep those funds to assist in covering the cost of a new control panel if it becomes necessary for the Detention facility; he noted that the cost estimate he has received is significantly higher than that amount and that the panel may last two days or two years but that he wants to be prepared if replacement is necessary. Discussion ensued between Commissioner French and Mr. Sampson about the control panel.

Chairman Amos stated that as the video link with the Supreme Court has been established the Commissions would be tabling the current item until later in the meeting and moving to item B1 on the Humboldt County Commission agenda.

LEGISLATIVE MATTERS:

ASSEMBLY BILL 435 - Providing for the realignment of the Sixth Judicial District of the State of Nevada and creation of the Eleventh Judicial District of the State of Nevada by separating the two

district judges: Supreme Court Chief Justice James Hardesty appeared before the Commissions via video conferencing to discuss the proposed judicial re-alignment while Judge Shirley presented a power point presentation regarding the proposal. The presentation included the current judicial district layout, a comparison of the number of cases per judicial district, benefits of the re-alignment, budget effects, that an amendment is being submitted to address the Humboldt River Water Decree which would split the

jurisdiction between Humboldt and Pershing, that an amendment is being submitted that will re-align Lander, Pershing and Mineral into the newly created 11th Judicial District and leave Humboldt alone in the 6th Judicial District, that Lander, Pershing & Mineral counties have already submitted resolutions in support of the re-alignment and that the bill is set to be heard on Wednesday. Discussion ensued regarding how the bill is being received by the Legislature, the juvenile case load by County, the length of stay in Leighton Hall of juveniles by County, the potential impact of the realignment on the budgets, what the administrative costs for the Courts are, the need for future negotiations related to the use of Leighton Hall by Lander and Pershing, the control panel issue at the facility and who would be representing each county at the hearing on Wednesday. After discussion Commissioner Bell noted that while he did have some concerns about the budget, given the overall support, he did not have any issues with the re-alignment. Chairman Amos stated his support for the re-alignment. Commissioner Cerri stated that he would support the bill as long as the language protects the Humboldt River Water Decree. The following motion was made by Commissioner Bell:

That the Humboldt County Commission supports the AB 435 re-alignment of the Sixth Judicial District State of Nevada and the creation of the Eleventh Judicial District State of Nevada by separating the two districts and that this support should be done by resolution.

Chief Justice Hardesty asked that it be AB 435 "as amended" so that the Districts are changed from the current bill. Commissioner Bell offered the following amended motion:

That the Humboldt County Commission supports the AB 435 re-alignment of the Sixth Judicial District State of Nevada and the creation of the Eleventh Judicial District State of Nevada by separating the two districts as amended and that this support should be done by resolution.

District Attorney Macdonald asked for a clarification on the motion as no resolution has been prepared for consideration; he suggested that the motion could be amended to authorize either the County Administrator or the Chairman to sign a letter that can be presented to the Judiciary Committee or a resolution could be prepared that would be reviewed at a future date, in addition the Commission could authorize Commissioner French, who will be attending the hearing, to voice the position of Humboldt County at that hearing. Chairman Amos asked the Commission how they wished to proceed. Commissioner French suggested that if the Commission votes for the support then a resolution should be prepared for the Chairman's signature but that in the meantime, as there is a hearing coming up on Wednesday, the Commission should authorize him to express the County's position to the Judiciary

Committee. Commissioner Bell offered the following second amended motion which passed unanimously:

That the Humboldt County Commission supports the AB 435 re-alignment of the Sixth Judicial District State of Nevada and the creation of the Eleventh Judicial District State of Nevada by separating the two districts as amended and that this support should be done by resolution; that a resolution mimicking Pershing's resolution should be prepared, that the Chair be authorized to sign the resolution and to authorize Commissioner French to be at the meeting and to state the position of the Humboldt County Commission.

Judge Montero thanked Chief Justice Hardesty for his time in presenting the information to the Board. Chief Justice Hardesty stated his intent to keep working with the Commissions on this issue and commented on the benefits to the communities and his appreciation for the input provided; he noted that the amendment language related to the Humboldt Decree would not be available in time for Wednesday's hearing but that he would continue to work on the language with Judges Montero and Shirley and that the amendment would be submitted to the District Attorneys for the respective Counties for review. *(Chief Justice Hardesty exited the meeting at 4:31 p.m.)*

Chairman Amos stated that the Commission would now return to discussion on the Tri-County Sixth Judicial District Court budgets.

CONTINUED FISCAL YEAR 2015-2016 BUDGET WORKSHOP FOR THE SIXTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT FUNDS:

Representatives for both Lander and Pershing Counties indicated that they had tentatively approved the District Court budgets during their budget hearings. Lander District Attorney Herrera noted his prior comments related to Lander not waiving any objections related to the Tri-County agreement.

DISTRICT COURT BUDGETS: DISTRICT COURT (TRI-COUNTY), DISTRICT COURT (HUMBOLDT), COURT REPORTERS (TRI-COUNTY), COURT REPORTERS (HUMBOLDT), LAW LIBRARY, DRUG COURT, JUVENILE PROBATION:

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

To approve the District Court (dept 043) budget as presented.

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

To approve the Tri-County Court Reporters (dept 044) budget as presented.

Discussion occurred regarding the increases due to the Child Protective Services, the Pre-

Sentence Investigation and the Washoe Legal Services line items. District Attorney Macdonald noted that the Child Protective Services and PSI items are based on figures provided by the State and are part of the "shared sacrifice" with the State. Judge Montero explained the Washoe Legal Services line item noting that the District Court budget is just a place holder for the funds that are used to pay the contract previously agreed to by the Commission. Discussion occurred regarding the benefits of the service. The following motion was made by Commissioner Brissenden and passed unanimously:

To approve the Sixth Judicial District for Humboldt County as presented for \$521,460.00.

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

To approve the Court Reporters budget as presented.

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

To approve the Law Library Fund budget as presented.

District Judge Montero and Comptroller Schmidt explained how grant funding, State funding and client fees cover the costs for the Sixth Judicial District Court Drug Court Program. The following motion was made by Commissioner Brissenden and passed unanimously:

To approve the Sixth Judicial Drug Court for \$227,670.00 for Humboldt County.

Commissioner French disclosed for the record that he has a family member that works for Juvenile services but that he has no financial connection to them. Commissioner Cerri asked about the inclusion in the budget of salaries/benefits for positions that are not currently filled. Mr. Sampson agreed that the amount was included and stated his hope that the positions will be filled. District Judge Montero commented on ongoing internal discussions about the staffing and the plan for a staffing review. Commissioner Bell concurred with Commissioner Cerri's concerns given the budgetary issues the County is facing. District Judge Montero continued commenting on the plan to review staffing throughout the Court system. Commissioner French also concurred with the concerns noted by Commissioner Cerri but suggested that the funding be left in the budget and the need to fill the positions be left to the discretion of the Court and the Juvenile Department. Lander County District Attorney Herrera stated for the record that this is another area that Lander County indicates an objection to though they will not attempt to circumvent this budget process; he continued noting that under the 1985 contract, Lander County is obligated to pay for all of the Tri-County employees that are located in Lander County but that in the last few months due to the positions that are not filled in Humboldt County, employees from Lander County have been traveling to Humboldt County to cover those duties which has resulted in issues in the Lander County office. Discussion occurred with Comptroller Schmidt about how any budgetary savings/costs

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are handled via a "true-up". After discussion the following motion was made by Commissioner French and passed unanimously:

To accept the Juvenile budget as presented.

Judge Montero commented on the potential realignment of the Judicial Districts and stated for the record that if that does occur he would like to let Lander and Pershing Counties know that it has been a pleasure and honor to serve the people of those communities.

CONTINUED LEGISLATIVE MATTERS:

SENATE BILL 451 - Revising provisions relating to public defenders in counties whose population is less than 100,000 and affecting existing county public defender offices and contracts with attorney for public defenders services and conflict public defender services.

District Attorney Macdonald reviewed SB 451 for the Commissions including how the services are currently handled in each County, how the bill came about, what the bill does and how it effects the current services, the status of the bill in the Legislature, concerns about the use of standardized case load standards and that the Supreme Court and State Public Defender's Office support this bill. Lander District Attorney Herrera commented on his concerns with the proposals noting issues with the use of the State Public Defender in the past and the lack of rural oversight as well as input that had occurred then and the concern that the same situation would occur with this proposal; he further noted concerns with the Nevada Association of Counties position on this bill. District Attorney Macdonald suggested that the Commissions needed to take a position on the legislation and noted his concerns about the cost of the program to the Counties as well as the lack of representation and input; he discussed issues with the case load standards and how they are determined and used. Commissioner Bell asked if the Commission should do a letter of opposition. Commissioner French commented on his concerns about Jeff Fontaine's, Executive Director for NACO, comments regarding the bill as his recollection was that the Board of Directors had decided to stay neutral as they had not received enough fiscal impact data from the other counties to take a position. Lander Commissioner Waits concurred that the consensus was to remain neutral in part because Justice Cherry had requested that NACO not oppose the bill but there were counties that had concerns so the agreement had been to remain neutral but to ask the Director to please, at least, provide the Board's concerns during the testimony. Pershing Commissioner Irwin also agreed with what had occurred during the NACO meeting and stated his intent to discuss these concerns with the NACO Director; he continued voicing his opposition to the State coming in to counties in this way as well as pushing unfunded mandates down to the counties; he stated his agreement that the Counties need to take a stand; he continued discussing his concerns related to a Legislative bill that would require counties to outfit their law enforcement officers

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with body cameras and stated that the counties should get to choose how their public safety dollars are spent, to do the best they can as counties and not have these unfunded mandates imposed, that this needs to be done in a unified manner and that it needs to be done now. Lander County Commissioner Clark spoke in opposition to SB 451 discussing issues he had with public defenders related to a personal experience and the importance of using local people with local oversight. Discussion occurred regarding problems with NACO outright opposing the bill due to the need to represent all seventeen counties given that some of the counties support the legislation. The following motion was made by Commissioner French:

That the Humboldt County Commission opposes SB 451 as it is written.

Pershing County Chairman Bloyed stated that the Pershing County Commission cannot take action on this item as it does not appear on their agenda, so they will agendaize this matter at a future meeting. Chairman Amos called Humboldt County's motion to a vote and it passed unanimously. Lander Commissioner Bakker offered a mirrored motion to oppose SB 451 which was seconded and passed. Lander District Attorney Herrera asked about preparation of the letters. Commissioner French suggested that the Humboldt Commission would just direct the County Administrator to prepare a letter for the Chairman's signature. The Board concurred. Lander Commissioner Baker offered a motion to have the Lander D.A. write the same letter for the Chair or Vice-Chair to sign, it was seconded and passed. The following mirrored motion was made by Commissioner French and passed unanimously:

To have the Humboldt DA write the letter for the Chair or Vice-Chair to sign.

OTHER LEGISLATIVE MATTERS OF INTEREST TO THE THREE COUNTIES: None offered.

OTHER MATTERS OF INTEREST TO THE THREE COUNTIES: Discussion occurred between the three Commissions regarding the placement of an item on future agendas to oppose the body armor legislation, the proposed elected officials salary bill and whether language would be included to allow counties to opt out, concerns in Lander County related to the BLM and grazing issues and wild horse management, public lands transfers, the Wild Horse/Burro Act, SJR 1 support as well as concerns about the administration and questions as to how it would be implemented and sage grouse issues.

TOUR OF THE HUMBOLDT COUNTY DISPATCH CENTER AND LEIGHTON HALL AND

DINNER TO FOLLOW THE MEETING: Due to the time the tours were not conducted and some Commission members proceeded to dinner following the meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Chairmen Amos, Bloyed and Waits asked for public comments. None were offered.

ADJOURNMENT: On behalf of the Lander County Commission, Commissioner Bakker offered a

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motion to adjourn, it was seconded and passed with adjournment at 5:58 p.m. On behalf of the Pershing County Commission, Chairman Bloyed adjourned the meeting at 5:58 p.m. On behalf of the Humboldt County Commission, Chairman Amos adjourned the meeting at 5:58 p.m.

ATTESTED: *C. Spuro* Clerk APPROVED: *Stanley Amos* Chairman

(Minutes approved by the Commission and signed by the Chairman on *8/3/2015*)

UNOFFICIAL