

Monday, September 21, 2015

The regular meeting of the Humboldt County Board of Commissioners was called to order on Monday, September 21, 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, Deputy District Attorney Gabrielle Carr, Administrator Dave Mendiola and Clerk of the Board Tami Rae Spero.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Chairman Amos asked for public comments. Nevada Division of Wildlife Biologist Brad Bauman appeared before the Board and offered an update on the urban pond project including the need to finalize the lease agreement between the County and the land owner, to obtain the permitting with the Nevada Department of Transportation, to obtain the land survey, to do a change of use on the water and to obtain a special use permit from the Regional Planning Commission. Discussion ensued. No further public comment offered.

DISCUSSION & ACTION ON CORRECTION/APPROVAL OF MINUTES - MAY 18, 2015, AUGUST 3, 2015, AUGUST 17, 2015 AND SEPTEMBER 8, 2015: No 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. **Tax Roll Adjustments:** Requests for adjustments to the Real Property Tax Roll for Avery, Gilbert, Waldron and Muratore were submitted for Commission consideration. The following motion was made by Commissioner Brissenden and passed unanimously:

To approve the tax roll adjustments as presented.

SOLID WASTE MATTERS: Administrator Mendiola 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: Commission Cerri commented on a call he had received from the Forest Service requesting that the Commission send a letter of support to the Reno Gazette Journal for the planned Indian horse gather in McDermitt. Administrator Mendiola indicated that he had discussed the matter with District Ranger Joe Garrotto and the request will be on the October agenda for consideration.

CODIFICATION UPDATE: No update provided.

MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE:

OTHER INFORMATION AND UPCOMING MEETINGS: Administrator Mendiola reviewed

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upcoming meetings for the Board. Comptroller Sondra Schmidt reviewed the fourth quarter financial report for the Commission.

REPORTS FROM COMMISSIONERS REGARDING OTHER BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

THEY SERVE ON: Administrator Mendiola noted that he would be attending a Western Nevada Development District committee meeting on Wednesday. Commissioner Brissenden discussed a town hall meeting related to dementia and driving and a Central Nevada Regional Water Authority meeting that she had attended; she spoke in support of joining the CNRWA. Commissioner French discussed a meeting that had occurred with representatives of the tri-counties related to the district court split and the division of assets including Leighton Hall, an American Planning Association conference he had attended and his participation with EPIC - Economic Planning Indicators Committee.

APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURES: The expenditure list had been provided to the Commission for review. The following motion was made by Commissioner Brissenden and passed unanimously:

To approve the expenditures as presented.

TREASURER: Per NRS 361.5607 the Treasurer would like the Commission to approve a request to designate the attached taxes on personal property as uncollectible. All appropriate collection procedures have been followed and have proved unsuccessful and the taxes have been delinquent for three years or more: A list of all uncollectible Personal Property Taxes which have been delinquent for three years or more were provided to the Commission for review (see attached). Treasurer Gina Rackley and Assessor Jeff Johnson appeared before the Commission. Treasurer Rackley reviewed the request for the Board and recommended that the Commission approve the request to designate the presented personal property taxes as uncollectible per NRS 361.5607. After discussion the following motion was made by Commissioner French and passed unanimously:

To grant the request from the Treasurer as per NRS 361.5607 to approve a request to designate the identified taxes on personal property as uncollectible and recognizing that following that NRS statute they will proceed forward in a timely manner for the remainder.

SET TO PUBLIC HEARING MP-15-01: A Master Plan Amendment request submitted by Roberto Fierro to reclassify property on the Master Plan from COMM (Commercial) to HDR (High Density Residential) on a 1.25 +/- acre portion of his parcel. Subject property is located at 4510 West Winnemucca Boulevard; a portion of assessor's parcel #3537-02-403-004: Provided to the

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and passed unanimously:

To set to public hearing MP-15-01.

SET TO PUBLIC HEARING RH-15-02: A zone change request submitted by Roberto Fierro to rezone a 1.25 +/- acre portion of his property from C (Commercial) to RR-1.25 (Rural Ranchette 1.25 acre minimum lot size); 1.38 +/- acre portion to GC (General Commercial). Subject property is located at 4510 West Winnemucca Boulevard; a portion of assessor's parcel #3537-02-403-004:

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To set to public hearing RH-15-02.

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

REPORT OF PENDING ROAD DEPARTMENT PROJECTS:

DELANEY/SAND DUNES AREA DUST ISSUES: Superintendent Garrett explained that he had received calls from residents in the sand dunes area complaining about dust issues, so he had went out and taken photos (presented for the Commission's review); he continued reviewing the costs for maintenance per mile per year in the area when mag chloride is used for dust control and when it is not and the finding that it is more expensive when the mag chloride is not used but there are issues with the mag that the residents complain about. Superintendent Garrett noted that this was an area that was surveyed via mail prior to last year's mag process and that of the 200 plus letters that were sent out, 12 were returned as undeliverable, 4 opposed the use of mag and 2 supported the use of mag. Superintendent Garrett asked for direction from the Commission on how to proceed as the budget was approved without this area included so there would be a budgetary effect; he further noted that this same issue is occurring in the Rainbow/Stratus area which was also removed from the mag project list. Chairman Amos commented on the issues with mag but noted the requirement by statute to control dust and the issues that have occurred in the past when the County has failed to do so. Commissioner Cerri suggested waiting until spring as it is very dusty everywhere but perhaps there will be moisture soon. Commissioner Bell agreed. Superintendent Garrett commented on the increase in maintenance costs when the mag is not used and suggested that, while he can hold off for now, this issue is going to have to be addressed to decide how the County wants to proceed in the future; he further noted that Kings River Road was also cut from the mag list this year and will need to be looked at. Commissioner French agreed that something is going to need to be done but agreed with Commissioner Cerri's suggestion that nothing be done at this time and the roads be looked at in the spring. Chairman Amos noted that the matter is not agendized in a way that

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would allow the Commissioner to take action today. Commissioner Bell suggested that there is a consensus of the Board that the issue be brought back as an agenda item in the spring. The Board concurred.

Superintendent Garrett reported on road grading, the watering of the roads being used for the potato harvest and informed the Board that the chip seal project had been completed.

APPROVAL TO INTERVIEW AND HIRE REPLACEMENT FOR OPEN POSITION (120-DAY PERIOD OVER): Superintendent Garrett stated that he would not be moving forward with this request until October.

MISCELLANEOUS ROAD RELATED MATTERS: Superintendent Garrett updated the Commission on discussions he had with Hycroft regarding maintenance on Jungo Road.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY: REQUEST A WAIVER OF ATTRITION POLICY FOR CASE WORKER POSITION: District Attorney Michael Macdonald appeared before the Commission and spoke in support of the request; he provided a handout to the Board detailing the statistics for this department. District Attorney Macdonald explained that one of the case workers had transferred to the District Attorney's Office, that the position being sought is an entry level position but based on applicant's skills may be brought in at a one or a two level, the current staffing in the department, the amount of reimbursement from the State for this department and how that reimbursement is determined by the statistics reviewed. Commissioner Brissenden stated her support for the request. Commissioner French commented that the position appears to be essential. Discussion ensued regarding the statistics and workload for the department. The following motion was made by Commissioner Brissenden and passed unanimously:

To support the waiver of the attrition policy for a case worker one or two position.

CLERK: REQUEST A WAIVER OF ATTRITION POLICY FOR ADMINISTRATIVE CLERK POSITION: Provided to the Commission for review was a memo detailing the duties of the County Clerk's staff both shared and individual as well as statistics for the period of June 2015 through August 2015. County Clerk Tami Rae Spero appeared before the Commission. Clerk Spero explained that a long time employee was due to retire in October and spoke in support of the request for waiver of the attrition policy. Clerk Spero reviewed the statistics presented to the Commission and explained the reduction in staffing for the Office that had occurred in prior years; she further noted that this position would be classified as a lower position than that of the retiring employee which would result in a cost savings in both salary and benefits. After discussion the following motion was made by Commissioner Brissenden and passed unanimously:

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To approve a waiver of the attrition policy for an administrative clerk position in the County Clerk's Office.

LIBRARY BOARD: CONSIDERATION OF RECOMMENDATION FROM LIBRARY BOARD TO CHANGE THE OFFICIAL NAME OF THE HUMBOLDT COUNTY LIBRARY:

Library Board Co-Chairmen Mary Beene and Susan Putnam and Library Assistant Leanne Autrey appeared before the Commission. Mrs. Putnam explained that the possibility of re-naming the library for long time librarian Shari Allen had been raised but noted the legal issues to be considered with the request. Ms. Autrey explained the issues with names changes for a library and suggested that the proposal needs to be discussed with the District Attorney. Deputy District Attorney Carr stated that she would look into the matter. Chairman Amos asked that the District Attorney's Office work with the Library Board on this issue and suggested that the matter be tabled for now. Mrs. Putnam asked if the County Commission is okay with the Library Board pursuing this plan. Administrator Mendiola agreed that the intent of this item was to get the idea out to the public. Commissioner Bell stated that the plan was very fitting. Commissioner French noted his support for the proposal. Chairman Amos stated that the Library Board has the support of the Commission for pursuing this proposal.

PRESENTATION BY HUMBOLDT RIVER BASIN WATER AUTHORITY (HRBWA) TO CONSIDER CLOUD SEEDING OPERATIONS FOR THE UPCOMING 2015-2016 WINTER IN HUMBOLDT, SANTA ROSA AND SONOMA MOUNTAIN RANGES AS PART OF REGIONAL EFFORT AMONGST PUBLIC AND PRIVATE INTERESTS TO INCREASE SNOW PACK:

Provided to the Board for review was a copy of a Proposal and Scope of Work - Cloud Seeding Project for the State of Nevada for WY2016. Chairman Amos stated that he had requested that this item be on the agenda to determine the Commission's support for the plan; he explained the proposal and how it would be accomplished. Discussion occurred regarding the time line, the cost, the possible target areas, the involvement of both public and private interests, how the process works, the involvement of agencies, the ability to do with in wilderness areas, if environmental assessments would be required and how the seeding location determines where the moisture occurs. Commissioner French stated his support to explore the proposal further but noted that he would not support the use of taxpayer dollars only, that it must be a partnership with the private sector. The Board concurred with doing further review including the statistics of success, the costs, the risks and what permitting may be required. Administrator Mendiola stated that he would contact the BLM and Forest Service to gain their input. The following motion was made by Commissioner Brissenden and passed unanimously:

To have the County Administrator contact the BLM and the Nevada Forest Service

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regarding seeding operations for the upcoming 2015-2016 winter in Humboldt County as part of a regional effort amongst public and private entities to increase snow pack.

CONSIDERATION OF FINAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE SIDWELL COMPANY AND HUMBOLDT COUNTY FOR ASSET COLLECTION AND UPDATING OF GIS DATABASE FOR COUNTY MAPPING SYSTEMS AND 911 COVERAGE IMPROVEMENTS:

Administrator Mendiola explained that this is the project that was approved during the budget process, that part of the costs would be paid out of the 9-1-1 Fund and he spoke in support of approval of the agreement. The following motion was made by Commissioner Brissenden and passed unanimously:

To approve the final agreement between the Sidwell Company and Humboldt County for asset collection and updating of GIS database for county mapping systems and 911 coverage improvements.

JOINT HUMBOLDT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AND WINNEMUCCA CITY

COUNCIL MEETING: Present on behalf of the Winnemucca City Council were Mayor DiAn Putnam, Councilmen Mike Owens and Ken Tipton and City Manager Steve West.

PRESENTATION BY SILVER STANDARD (MARIGOLD MINE) REGARDING CURRENT STATUS OF MINING OPERATIONS AS WELL AS EXPANSION PROJECT AND FUTURE PLANS:

Ron Leiken, Environmental Projects Manager at Marigold Mine appeared before the Commission and Council and offered a power point presentation regarding the Marigold Mackay Optimization Project. Following the presentation Mayor Putnam adjourned the City Council portion of the meeting at 11:53 a.m.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Chairman Amos asked for public comments; none offered.

Chairman Amos recessed this portion of the County Commission meeting at 11:54 a.m. to reconvene for a tour of the mine site.

TOUR OF MARIGOLD OPERATIONS AT VALMY SITE BY CITY AND COUNTY ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICIALS. LUNCH TO BE SERVED ON THE BUS FOLLOWED BY FURTHER PRESENTATIONS AND A TOUR OF THE MINE SITE.

ADJOURNMENT: Chairman Amos adjourned the meeting at 3:36 p.m. following the presentation and tour at the mine site.

ATTESTED: _____

[Signature]

Clerk

APPROVED: _____

[Signature]

Vice-Chairman

(Minutes approved by the Commission and signed by the Chairman on 2-16-16)

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Notice of Public Meeting
 HUMBOLDT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
 REGULAR MEETING
Monday, September 21, 2015
9:30 a.m.

Humboldt County Courthouse Meeting Room #201
 50 West Fifth Street, Winnemucca, NV 89445

All times on this agenda are approximate.

Consideration of items may require more or less time than is scheduled. Items on the agenda may be taken out of order; the public body may combine two or more agenda items for consideration; and the public body may remove an item from the agenda or delay discussion relating to an item on the agenda at any time.

Public comment is designated for discussion only. The public has the opportunity to address the Commission on any matter not appearing on the agenda; however, no action may be taken on a Matter raised until the matter itself has been specifically included on the agenda as an item upon which action may be taken. Additionally, public comment may be heard on any item listed on the Agenda. Persons are invited to submit comments in writing and/or attend and make comments on any agenda item at the Commission meeting. All public comment may be limited to three (3) minutes per person, at the discretion of the Commission.

Agenda – Monday, September 21, 2015

1. 9:30 a.m.
 - A. Call to Order
 - B. Pledge of Allegiance
 - C. Public Comments: General public comment is designated for discussion only. The public has the opportunity to address the Commission on any matter not appearing on this agenda; however, no action may be taken on a matter raised until the matter itself has been specifically included on the agenda as an item upon which action may be taken.
 - D. Discussion and Action on Correction/Approval of Minutes: May 18, 2015; August 3, 2015; August 17, 2015; and September 8, 2015 Regular Meetings.

2. 9:35 a.m. Administrative Report - Discussion and for Possible Action
 - A. Consent Agenda
 - 1) Tax Roll Adjustment
 - B. Solid Waste Matters (if any)
 - C. Public Lands Planning Matters & Formulation of County Position on BLM, Forest Service, and the Federal Fish and Wildlife Service Proposed Actions
 - D. Codification Update
 - E. Miscellaneous Reports and Correspondence
 - 1) Other information and upcoming meetings
 - October 5, 2015 County Commission
 - Preliminary 2014-2015 Financial Outcome Report (Comptroller)
 - 2) Reports from Commissioners regarding other Boards and Committees they serve on.
 - F. Approval of Expenditures

3. 9:50 a.m. Treasurer: Per NRS Statute 361.5607, the Treasurer would like the Commission to approve a request to designate the attached taxes on personal property as uncollectible. All appropriate collection procedures have been followed and have proved unsuccessful and the taxes have been delinquent for three years or more – Discussion and for Possible Action.

4. 10:00 a.m. Set to Public Hearing: MP-15-01 - A master plan amendment request submitted by Roberto Fierro to reclassify property on the master plan from COMM (Commercial) to HDR (High Density Residential) on a 1.25 +/- acre portion of his parcel. Subject property is located at 4510 West Winnemucca Boulevard; a portion of assessor's parcel #3537-02-403-004 - Discussion and for Possible Action.
5. 10:05 a.m. Set to Public Hearing: RH-15-02 – A zone change request submitted by Roberto Fierro to rezone a 1.25 +/- acre portion of his property from C (Commercial) to RR-1.25 (Rural Ranchette 1.25 acre minimum lot size; 1.38 +/- acre portion to GC (General Commercial). Subject property is located at 4510 West Winnemucca Boulevard; a portion of assessor's parcel #3537-02-403-004 – Discussion and for Possible Action.
6. 10:10 a.m. Road Matters: Discussion and for Possible Action
- A) Report of Pending Road Department Projects
 - 1) Delaney/Sand Dunes Avenue Dust Issue
 - 2) Approval to Interview and hire replacement for open position (120-day period over)
 - B) Miscellaneous Road Related Matters (if any)
7. 10:25 a.m. District Attorney: Request a Waiver of Attrition Policy for Case Worker position - Discussion and for Possible Action
8. 10:35 a.m. Clerk: Request a Waiver of Attrition Policy for Administrative Clerk position – Discussion And for Possible Action.
9. 10:45 a.m. Clerk: Designation of areas at County Buildings where signature collection petitions are allowed as required annually per NRS 293.127565 – Discussion and for Possible Action.
10. 10:50 a.m. Library Board: Consideration of Recommendation from Library Board to change the official name of the Humboldt County Library – Discussion and for Possible Action.
11. 11:05 a.m. Presentation by Humboldt River Basin Water Authority (HRBWA) to consider cloud seeding operations for the upcoming 2015-2016 winter in Humboldt, Santa Rosa and Sonoma Mountain Ranges as part of regional effort amongst public and private interests to increase snow pack – Discussion and for Possible Action.
12. 11:20 a.m. Consideration of final agreement between the Sidwell Company and Humboldt County for asset collection and updating of GIS database for county mapping systems and 911 coverage improvements – Discussion and for Possible Action.
13. 11:25 a.m. Joint Humboldt County Board of Commissioners and Winnemucca City Council Meeting: Presentation by Silver Standard (Marigold Mine) regarding current status of mining operations as well as expansion project and future plans – Discussion and for Possible Action.
14. 11:45 a.m. Public Comment: General public comment is designated for discussion only. The public has the opportunity to address the Commission on any matter not appearing on this Agenda; however, no action may be taken on a matter raised until the matter itself has been specifically included on the Agenda as an item upon which action may be taken.
15. 11:46 a.m. Tour of Marigold operations at Valmy site by City and County elected and appointed officials. Lunch to be served on the bus followed by further presentations and tour at the mine site

16. 3:30 p.m. Adjournment (For Possible Action)

NOTICE: The County Commission may close the meeting to receive information from legal counsel pursuant to Nevada Revised Statutes 241.015

CERTIFICATE OF POSTING

PLACES POSTED: Humboldt Co. Courthouse: Rooms 201, 205 & 207 at 8:29 A.M.
Humboldt County Library: 85 E. 5th St. at 8:35 A.M.
County Annex: 4th & Bridge St. at 8:37 A.M.
Winnemucca City Hall: 4th & Melarkey St. at 8:40 A.M.
Humboldt County Website: www.hcnv.us at 8:29 A.M.
State of Nevada Website: www.notice.nv.gov at _____ A.M.

MEETING DATE: September 21, 2015 POSTED BY: [Signature]
DATE POSTED: September 16, 2015 before 9:00 A.M. K. Bannister
Administrative Specialist, H/C Commissioners' Office

NOTE FOR SUPPORTING MATERIAL: A copy of the supporting material for the meeting may be obtained at Commissioner meeting/agendas on the Humboldt County website: www.hcnv.us or by contacting Dave Mendiola, County Administrator, at 50 W. Fifth Street, Winnemucca, Nevada 89445, (775) 623-6300

NOTICE TO PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES - Reasonable efforts will be made to assist and accommodate physically disabled persons desiring to attend the meeting. Please call the Humboldt County Administrator's Office at 623-6300 in advance so that arrangements may be conveniently made.

EQUAL OPPORTUNITY NOTICE - Humboldt County is an Equal Opportunity Employer and will not discriminate against employees or applicants for employment or services in an unlawful manner.

RECEIVED

MEMORANDUM

TO: COMMISSIONERS
FROM: ADMINISTRATOR
DATE: January 30, 2016
SUBJECT: Uncollectible Personal Property Tax List

The following is a list of all uncollectible Personal Property Taxes that the Treasurer has been unable to collect over three years:

- 1) Acme Industries (\$28.29)
- 2) Allemang's Tailoring/Mark Allemang (\$178.96)
- 3) Bankvest Capital Corp (\$1,058.21)
- 4) Cimarron Management Company (\$1,672.99)
- 5) Corias Tacos (\$155.98)
- 6) Desert Line (\$183.10)
- 7) Emporium, Inc (\$600.26)
- 8) Humboldt Diesel Service (\$53.08)
- 9) Hottiez (\$18.32)
- 10) Pappas Telecasting (\$201.76)
- 11) Petals for You (\$21.59)
- 12) Winnev Video, Inc (\$328.86)
- 13) Ceci's bakery (\$86.03)

Recommendation – That the Commission approve a request by the County Treasurer to designate the attached taxes on personal property as uncollectible per NRS Statute 361.5607.