

Monday, October 23, 2017

The regular meeting of the Humboldt County Board of Commissioners was called to order on Monday, October 23, 2017, at 9:30 a.m. in the regular place of meeting at the Courthouse, Winnemucca, Nevada. Those present were Chairman Mike Bell, Commissioners Ron Cerri, Jim French, Marlene Brissenden and Ken Tipton, Deputy District Attorney Gabrielle Carr, County Manager Dave Mendiola and Clerk of the Board Tami Rae Spero.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Chairman Bell asked for public comments. Vicki Nye, MaryAnna Enochson and Dale Enochson appeared before the Commission and shared their concerns about the Humboldt County Library including books being removed from the shelves including certain collections, the lack of books locally and the manner in which the books are being disposed of. Chairman Bell asked if the disposal of the books as government property is being handled as required by statute. Manager Mendiola stated that the disposal is handled by the Library Board. Commissioner French offered a suggestion that a "Friends of the Library" group be formed and go before the Library Board to offer public input. Mrs. Enochson stated that she would be willing to go before the Library Board but she would hesitate to join a group until she knew what would be involved.

Chairman Bell asked for further public comment. Commissioner Tipton introduced Art Frable the new Humboldt General Hospital Administrator. Mr. Frable introduced himself to the Commission. Commissioner Tipton requested that he come back before the Commission in the future with regular updates about the Hospital. No further public comment offered.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES - Discussion and action on correction/approval of minutes for February 1, 2016, March 7, 2016, March 21, 2016, March 28-29, 2016, April 4, 2016, April 18, 2016, May 2, 2016, May 16, 2016, June 6, 2016, July 11, 2016, July 12, 2016, August 1, 2016, August 15, 2016, August 31, 2016, September 6, 2016, September 19, 2016, October 3, 2016, October 17, 2016, October 27, 2016, November 15, 2016, November 28, 2016, December 12, 2016, January 3, 2017, January 17, 2017, January 30, 2017, February 6, 2017, February 21, 2017, March 6, 2017, March 20, 2017, March 27, 2017, April 3, 2017, April 10, 2017, April 17, 2017, May 1, 2017, May 15, 2017, June 5, 2017, June 19, 2017, July 10, 2017, August 7, 2017, August 21, 2017, September 18, 2017 and October 9, 2017: No minutes offered for consideration.

GOLCONDA GENERAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT MATTERS: Chairman Bell convened the meeting of the Golconda General Improvement District Board at 9:41 a.m. Chairman Bell asked for public comment, none offered.

CONSIDERATION OF, DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF EXPENSES FOR THE TIME PERIOD FROM OCTOBER 5, 2017 THROUGH OCTOBER 18, 2017 RELATED TO THE OPERATION OF THE GOLCONDA GENERAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT FOR THE

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EXPRESS PURPOSE OF MAINTAINING AND IMPROVING THE WATER SYSTEM: County Manager Mendiola reviewed the expenses for the period. The following motion was made by Commissioner Cerri and passed unanimously:

To approve expenditures in the amount of \$6,828.42.

Chairman Bell adjourned the meeting of the Golconda General Improvement District portion of the meeting at 9:42 a.m.

MCDERMITT GENERAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT MATTERS: Chairman Bell convened the meeting of the McDermitt General Improvement District Board at 9:42 a.m. Chairman Bell asked for public comment; none offered.

CONSIDERATION OF, DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF EXPENSES FOR THE TIME PERIOD FROM OCTOBER 5, 2017 THROUGH OCTOBER 18, 2017 RELATED TO THE OPERATION OF THE MCDERMITT GENERAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT FOR THE EXPRESS PURPOSE OF MAINTAINING AND IMPROVING THE WATER OR SEWER SYSTEMS: County Manager Mendiola reviewed the expenses for the period. The following motion was made by Commissioner Brissenden and passed unanimously:

To approve the expenses for the time period from October 5, 2017 through October 18, 2017 for \$10,405.00.

Chairman Bell adjourned the meeting of the McDermitt General Improvement District portion of the meeting at 9:43 a.m.

PARADISE VALLEY SEWER DISTRICT MATTERS: Chairman Bell convened the meeting of the Paradise Valley Sewer District Board at 9:43 a.m. Chairman Bell asked for public comment; none offered.

CONSIDERATION OF DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF EXPENSES FOR THE TIME PERIOD FROM OCTOBER 5, 2017 THROUGH OCTOBER 18, 2017 RELATED TO THE OPERATION OF THE PARADISE VALLEY SEWER DISTRICT FOR EXPRESS PURPOSE OF MAINTAINING AND IMPROVING THE WATER OR SEWER SYSTEMS: County Manager Mendiola reviewed the expenses for the period. The following motion was made by Commissioner Cerri and passed unanimously:

To approve the expenses for October 5th through October 18th of \$1,344.81.

Chairman Bell adjourned the Paradise Valley Sewer District portion of the meeting at 9:44 a.m.

MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE:

OTHER INFORMATION AND UPCOMING MEETINGS: Upcoming meetings were noted on the on-line agenda for review.

REPORTS FROM COMMISSIONERS REGARDING OTHER BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

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THEY SERVE ON: Commissioner Brissenden reported on a Northeastern Nevada Regional Development District meeting and a Safe Talk class regarding suicide prevention which she had attended. Commissioner French reported on the NevadaWorks Quarterly meeting as well as the National Wild Horse and Burro Advisory Board meeting he had attended as a new appointee to the Board. Commissioner Cerri offered Commissioner French his thanks for serving on the Advisory Board and wished him luck in that appointment; he then reported on a Humboldt River Basin Water Authority conference call he had participated in related to the search for a new executive director, a Humboldt Foundation meeting he had attended at which it had been announced that Bill Macdonald and Louise Scott would be stepping down and that the Boys & Girls Club now has a representative serving on the Foundation's Board and he offered a status report on the riding arena project at the fairgrounds. Commissioner Tipton reported on a Hospital Board meeting he had attended. Chairman Bell offered no report.

APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURES: A report identifying the expenditures being considered was provided to the Commission for review. The following motion was made by Commissioner French and passed unanimously:

To approve the expenses as presented.

PUBLIC HEARING - PARADISE VALLEY SEWER DISTRICT: The Humboldt County Commission acting in their capacity as the Board of Trustees for the Paradise Valley Sewer District will be holding a public hearing on Monday, October 23, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. in the Humboldt County Meeting Room #201, Humboldt County Courthouse, 50 W. 5th St., Winnemucca, NV 89445 to consider whether to allow the current monthly service charge assessed to each parcel of real property receiving sewer services and facilities within the Paradise Valley Sewer District to be collected with the real property taxes of the County as provided for in Humboldt County Code Chapter 13.24.045(d) (this is not a new tax or service charge). Per NRS 318.201 a report containing a description of each parcel of real property receiving such services and facilities and the amount of the charge for each parcel for the 2018-2019 tax year has been prepared and is on file with the County Clerk at her Office located at 50 W. 5th St., #207, Winnemucca, Nevada: A copy of the Notice of Public Hearing was included on the on-line agenda for review. Chairman Bell read the title of the item set to public hearing. Deputy District Attorney Carr stated that the Commission would be re-opening the meeting for the Paradise Valley Sewer District and acting as the managing Board for that District. Chairman Bell re-convened the Paradise Valley Sewer District Board at 10:02 a.m. Treasurer Rhona Lecumberry appeared before the Commission and requested that she be allowed to bill for the Paradise Valley Sewer District monthly service charge on the real property tax bill rather than as a separate billing; she explained that this would be a separate assessment similar to what is done for the landfill and TV districts but did ask whether there should be a separate special assessment for

delinquencies which would help with title searches if property were to sell. Manager Mendiola stated that statutory notice had been accomplished. Chairman Bell asked for public comment. Commissioner Cerri asked if it would be a one-time assessment or if, it would be in installments, as it is with the property taxes. Treasurer Lecumberry explained that it would be one fee on the tax bill but that they would be able to pay it in installments if they wished. Treasurer Lecumberry asked if this request is approved that it be made effective as of July 1, 2018. Deputy District Attorney Carr noted that the way this matter was noticed identified the current service charge but did not note a separate assessment for delinquencies; she suggested that she could discuss that further with the Treasurer and that it could be brought back if necessary. Treasurer Lecumberry suggested that it could probably be dealt with on a case by case basis as statute allows for the collection of delinquent utility taxes. The following motion was made by Commissioner Brissenden and passed unanimously:

To approve the request and resolution to allow the current monthly service charge assessed for each parcel of real property receiving services and facilities within the Paradise Valley Sewer District to be collected with the real property taxes and to go into effect as of July 1, 2018.

(Resolution No. 10-23-17/PVS-01)

Chairman Bell adjourned the Paradise Valley Sewer District portion of the meeting at 10:06 a.m.

PUBLIC HEARING - DENIO TELEVISION DISTRICT:

Possible action to either merge/consolidate the Denio Television District with the Humboldt Television District or dissolve the local district governing Board of the Denio Television District and allow the Humboldt County Board of Commissioners to be the managing Board for the Denio Television District.

The Humboldt County Commission will be holding a public hearing on Monday, October 23, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. in the Humboldt County meeting room #201, Humboldt County Courthouse, 50 W. 5th St., Winnemucca, Nevada to consider whether to merge/consolidate the Denio Television District into the Humboldt Television District which would officially allow the Humboldt Television District to manage all matters including equipment and transmission sites or, in the alternative, to proceed with the process of dissolving the Denio Television District managing board due to a lack of board members and allowing the Humboldt County Board of County Commissioners to manage the Denio Television District in accordance with Nevada Revised Statute 318. A copy of the Notice of Public Hearing was included on the on-line agenda for review. Chairman Bell read the title of the item set to public hearing. Manager Mendiola noted that the Denio TV District has been without a Board for some time for various reasons including term limits and due to that the County Commission has been making any necessary decisions and the Humboldt Television District has been handling all of the maintenance so it makes sense to do something to formalize the situation; he explained that the change would need to

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occur via an ordinance adopted following a public hearing so today is just to determine how the Commission would like to proceed. Comptroller Gina Rackley appeared before the Commission and noted that NRS 318 does allow for the merger, consolidation or dissolving of the district and based on analysis she had done, it does appear that the services of the district can be more effectively performed by the existing governmental unit, Humboldt TV, managing it as is occurring now; she recommended that the choice be a merger as then the funds held by the District would be transferred to the governmental unit which assumes the obligations and functions as she believe this is what the Communications Director was thinking would be best; she further requested that the Ordinance go into effect on July 1, 2018 for fiscal reporting purposes. Discussion occurred regarding what would need to occur to proceed with the merger. Chairman Bell asked for public comment; none offered. Commissioner Cerri asked about the amount of the assessments for each of the three districts. Comptroller Rackley explained that there are currently three different rates and that may be something to look at once the merger is complete. Deputy District Attorney Carr reviewed what is necessary including a finding that it is in the best interest of the County and the District, that the District be merged, The following motion was made by Commissioner French and passed unanimously:

That pursuant to NRS 318.510 that it is in the best interest of Humboldt County to merge the Denio and the Humboldt TV Districts at this time.

Deputy District Attorney Carr continued stating that the two additional findings that the Commission must make a determination on for inclusion in the Ordinance are that all outstanding indebtedness and bonds of all kinds of the district have been paid or will be assumed by the resulting merged or consolidated unit of government and that the services of the District are no longer needed or can be more effectively performed by an existing unit of government. Commissioner French questioned if the motion language related to "in the best interest" doesn't cover the second of those findings. Deputy District Attorney Carr explained that statute specifically requires these two findings to be in the ordinance separate and aside from the "in the best interest" standard but she does agree that they can serve the same purpose. Comptroller Rackley stated that there is no debt associated with any of the three districts. The following motion was made by Commissioner Brissenden and passed unanimously:

That the Commission finds that all outstanding indebtedness and bonds of all kinds of the District have been paid or will be assumed by the resulting merged or consolidated unit of government and that the services of the district are no longer needed or can be more effectively performed by an existing unit of government.

Discussion ensued regarding the date and time for the public hearing. After discussion the following motion was made by Commissioner French and passed unanimously:

To declare the date and time on the public hearing on this matter to be November 20th at 10/23/2017

10:00 o'clock right here.

Deputy District Attorney Carr explained that a motion to merge must be made following the findings. The following motion was made by Commissioner French and passed unanimously:

To merge based on the findings.

PUBLIC HEARING - QUINN RIVER TELEVISION DISTRICT:

Possible action to either merge/consolidate the Quinn River Television District with the Humboldt Television District or dissolve the local district governing Board of the Quinn River Television District and allow the Humboldt County Board of Commissioners to be the managing Board for the Quinn River Television District. The Humboldt County Commission will be holding a public hearing on Monday, October 23, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. in the Humboldt County meeting room #201, Humboldt County Courthouse, 50 W. 5th St., Winnemucca, Nevada to consider whether to merge/consolidate the Quinn River Television District into the Humboldt Television District which would officially allow the Humboldt Television District to manage all matters including equipment and transmission sites or, in the alternative, to proceed with the process of dissolving the Quinn River Television District managing board due to a lack of board members and allowing the Humboldt County Board of County Commissioner to manage the Quinn River Television District in accordance with Nevada Revised Statute 318. A copy of the Notice of Public Hearing was included on the on-line agenda for review. Chairman Bell read the title of the item set to public hearing. Chairman Bell asked for public comment; none offered. Comptroller Rackley stated that this District had no debt. Manager Mendiola stated that there is no current board in place for this District and has not been for some time due to the same issues identified for the prior item. The following motion was made by Commissioner French and passed unanimously:

Pursuant to 318.510 that the Commission finds that it is in the best interest of Humboldt County to merge the Humboldt TV District with the Quinn River TV District.

The following motion was made by Commissioner Brissenden and passed unanimously:
That the Commission finds that all outstanding indebtedness and bonds of all kinds of the District have been paid or will be assumed by the resulting merged or consolidated unit of government and that the services of the district are no longer needed or can be more effectively performed by an existing unit of government.

The following motion was made by Commissioner French and passed unanimously:
That based on the previous two motions that the Commission moves to officially combine the Humboldt and the Quinn River TV Districts.

The following motion was made by Commissioner French and passed unanimously:
To set the public hearing for this matter to November 20th 10 am in this room.

NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE (NDOW): A presentation by Cody Byrne from the

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Nevada Department of Wildlife to provide an update on the Falls Canyon Creek Treatment Project. Cody Byrne, Fisheries Biologist with the Nevada Department of Wildlife appeared before the Commission and reviewed the update for the Falls Canyon Creek Treatment Project which would authorize NDOW to eradicate the non-native brook trout in the lower reaches of Falls Canyon as well as try and make it more difficult for fish to move on their own or a person to move fish through the system. Commissioner French noted that often times in the past if a fish eradication project was unsuccessful a fish barrier project would be proposed so he did have some questions about that; he further commented on the ability of the Department to come back when they initiate the species management plan to allow the public and Commission to weigh in on those. Mr. Byrne explained what is being considered and stated that any such process will involve the public but that the process is not at that stage yet. Commissioner French asked if there is a plan by NDOW and the Feds to update all of the standing species management plans. Mr. Byrne responded that, at this time, he is only aware of the northwest GMU species management plan. Commissioner Cerri commented on a meeting which had occurred in Orovada where the re-introduction of Lahontan Cutthroat Trout (LCT) in streams in the area had been opposed and that when notification of this eradication had been sent this year there were concerns expressed that it is part of the bigger plan as connection between the streams occurs every year so either this eradication project will have to occur every year or there is a bigger plan. Mr. Byrne responded that the only plan is to remove non-native fish from the lower section of Falls Canyon Creek; he noted that there are too many difficulties under current management to pursue LCT recovery work in the other watersheds on the west side of the Santa Rosas. Mr. Byrne continued stating that they do not know how the brook trout got into the lower portion of the Falls and they won't know until the stream has been eradicated from fish and further post-treatment surveys are conducted to see if fish are re-populating; he discussed fish behavior as it pertains to this situation.

Edward Bartell appeared before the Commission and stated that he had protested this decision and offered that the LCT are a non-native fish that were planted by NDOW above the Falls and while he was not here then, he has requested information about the process including environmental impact statements but no one has been able to provide that information; he continued noting the ranchers' concerns about the lack of public involvement and notice for these types of projects and concerns about NDOW doing these types of projects without adequate NEPA analysis which result in issues that substantially effects the landowners. Mr. Bartell discussed other actions by NDOW that had impacted his property and stated that the landowners need real protections that they will not try and heavily regulate once these fish are put in. Commissioner Cerri stated that he still had concerns that this is all part of a bigger plan and explained his concerns. Mr. Byrne responded to the concerns noting that what Commissioner Cerri is looking at are just topics that have been discussed at the GMU team level but there

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have been no formal proposals or management plans written, they are just ideas/alternatives that are being discussed for LCT management. Commissioner Cerri noted a reference to using a method that excludes public input and that is what concerns him. Mr. Byrne stated that he is not completely sure about the internal workings of the NEPA process for the Forest Service but that he does know that an EA would have to be done for any treatments conducted within wilderness on the forest; he continued stating that there were no further plans to conduct any rotenone treatments associated with LCT recovery in the Santa Rosa's other than the lower Falls Canyon Creek Treatment Project. Mr. Byrne continued addressing some of Mr. Bartell's comments stating that meeting have occurred with NDOW, BLM and Fish & Wildlife Service representatives to go over the ability to continue maintaining the irrigation ditch that captures the water flow in Falls Canyon Creek as it does today and that grazing restrictions would not be in place, the grazing regulations and standards would continue the same as they are today on the Buffalo Allotment. Commissioner Cerri noted that those standards are greater where there are LCT on the Santa Rosas. Mr. Byrne agreed and clarified that there would be no change on the Forest Service administered allotments with this treatment. Mr. Bartell discussed his understanding that there is not LCT restrictions below the Falls but that would need to be verified and that should LCT be established there could be further restrictions; he continued commenting on LCT issues and stated his hope that NDOW would enter into reasonable discussion on the matter and take the concerns under consideration to provide protection. Mr. Bartell asked that the Commissioners continually push NDOW on finding out which streams could potentially be poisoned. Deputy District Attorney Carr asked if there was a Wildlife Advisory Board that could address this issue in more depth as the item as agendaed is informational only for one project and so she cautioned the Commission to keep it nearer to the item as agendaed. Commissioner French stated that as a Commission the request is to open the door for frank discussion as NDOW moves forward with development of amendments to the existing plan and that there should be adequate notice to the public so they can weigh in on changes which may be proposed. Commissioner French explained how the development of a species management plan for cutthroat trout came about and how Humboldt County's involvement had been an effort to create a plan that would de-list the fish rather than allow it to be declared endangered which would put management of the habitats as well as the fish with the Federal government; he noted the importance of remembering that as a threatened species the State has control and that is something that should definitely be maintained. Commissioner Cerri agreed that a lot of work and consensus went in to that early plan and he would request that, if that is going to change, to please involve those that have an interest and may be effected and that if there are any proposals as far as poisoning or re-introduction that the Commission be informed. Mr. Byrne responded that, as he had stated, as they move forward with updating the species management plan, it will be a public process which will involve the stakeholders but currently it is too early to have those discussions. Commissioner

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Tipton asked if the plan would be new or an update to the existing plan. Mr. Byrne stated that it would be a new plan to update the existing plan which is twenty years old.

Commissioner Brissenden requested that the item 19 on the agenda be taken next in order.

GRANT AND/OR CASH DONATION AWARDS FOR COMMUNITY SUPPORT: Consideration, discussion and possible approval of community support grants and/or cash donations to organizations that support activities that benefit the County. Included on the on-line agenda for review were applications from 777 Barrel Racing/Barrel Race Event (\$1500), the Boys & Girls Club of Winnemucca/Cooking with Chef Ian (\$7500), the Humboldt County Chamber of Commerce (\$6500), LHS 2018 Drug Free Graduation Committee (\$3300), Humboldt County High School Rodeo Club/Nevada State High School/Jr. High School Rodeo (\$7500), Winnemucca Host Lions Club/Festival of Trees (\$1000), Lowry High School Graduation (\$3000), Nevada Outdoor School/Classroom & Field Trip Programs (\$5000), Northern Nevada Arts Council (\$10000), Silver State International Rodeo (\$6000), Show and Sale/Jr. Livestock Show (\$2500), Winnemucca Little League/Golf Tournament (\$500), YoungLife/Clubs-Camp (\$5000), Humboldt County Shooting Park (\$1500), The Family Support Center (\$10000), Denio Community Club/Denio BBQ & Events (\$800). Provided to the Commission for review were applications from the Winnemucca Animal Rescue/Community Cat Project (\$10000) and from the Paradise Valley Fire District/Playground equipment for Fireman's Park (\$3000) and a break-out of all requests showing the prior year awards. Commissioner Brissenden questioned the request from the Boys & Girls Club for a cooking class noting that in the prior year funds were contributed to support an after school food program which seems justifiable; she further questioned the amount requested by the Community Arts Council. Commissioner Cerri suggested that the Community Cat Program addresses an issue which is in the City not the County. Manager Mendiola suggested that the Commission hold off on a decision on that request until an agreement can be reached with the City and it is determined what actually will be done and then it can be properly budgeted for. Commissioner Cerri noted that funding had been provided for the Paradise request through the WCVA's community grant program. Manager Mendiola explained what is occurring with the Paradise Valley request and other options that are being researched; he further recommended that the Commission review each request to see if the Board supports the contribution/grant and the suggested amount to see where everything stands. Commissioner Brissenden explained what she had learned about the 777 Barrel racing event and the Board's consensus was to contribute amount requested. Koralee Bernardo the Assistant Director with the Boys & Girls Club appeared before the Commission and explained the program that was being proposed for that entity, as well as responded to questions about the number of participants and the cost of the program. Commissioner French stated his support for the Boys & Girls Club and the programs they have that benefit the youth of the community as well as his confidence in the management of the facility; he noted

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his concern about the County's budget and his belief that the Commission needs to be careful about how they allocate public funds for any applicants for the grant programs but stated that he would be in favor of the full \$7,500.00 for this program. Commissioner Cerri stated his concern as to whether the County Commission is the proper venue to be putting money into the cooking program not that it isn't a worthy program but he questioned whether it is an appropriate use of County dollars. Commissioner Tipton stated that he has a problem with increasing anyone's contribution/grant given the revenues that the County is receiving and given that the situation is getting worse. Chairman Bell noted that the requests total \$84,000.00 and there is only \$50,000.00 budgeted for Commissioners Contributions/Grants so some things are going to have to be cut. Commissioner Brissenden noted her concern that the voters of the County rejected the funding for the Boys & Girls Club and her belief that it would be a slap in their face if the Commission contributed to a program that many children cannot afford to participate in. Ms. Bernardo explained the scholarship program offered by the Club, stating that they do not turn any child away. Manager Mendiola noted the amount spent last year as noted on the handout. Commissioner Brissenden stated that she is an advocate for the Nevada Outdoor School given what it is doing for children in the community, that in order to incorporate everything into the community she is in support of providing some funding to the Northern Nevada Arts Council, that she supports leaving the contribution to YoungLife at \$1500 due to what they do for the young people in the community, as well as the Chamber of Commerce, the Drug Free Graduation and the Tri-County Fair Show & Sale, Silver State Rodeo; she asked about the increase to the Lowry Seniors' Grad Night contribution. Discussion occurred regarding the amount contributed in the prior year, the High School Rodeo, the Silver State Rodeo, the Northern Nevada Arts Council, the Family Support Center, justifications received for increases, the need to support rural requests, the need for additional funding for the proposed project in Paradise, as to why the School District does not contribute towards the cost for the facility for graduation, the need to obtain additional information for purposes of ranking the choices and the concern of the Board related to revenues. Manager Mendiola noted that a decision does not have to be made today and additional information could be obtained to assist in making the decision. Commissioner French noted the need to determine if the grant/contribution offers a return/benefit to the taxpayers of this County. Manager Mendiola commented on the need to create a ranking system. After discussion Commissioner French offered the following motion which passed unanimously:

To table this item and request the County Manager to contact those entities which have applied to complete an application with full justification for this year's request and to come up with some form of a ranking system based on that.

The Commission took a 5 minute recess.

COMPTROLLER: Comptroller Gina Rackley appeared before the Commission.

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QUARTERLY FINANCIAL REPORT: A quarterly financial report by the Humboldt County Comptroller/Auditor per NRS 354.290. Attached to the on-line agenda for review was a memorandum detailing this presentation from the County Comptroller and a copy of the 1st Quarter 2017-17-2018 Report Analysis with Reports 1 and 2 included. Comptroller Rackley reviewed the information provided for the Commission. As this was an informational item only, no action was taken.

JUSTICE COURT: Justice of the Peace Letty Norcutt appeared before the Commission.

FEES: Consideration, discussion and possible action to approve a letter of understanding between the Union Township Justice Court and Humboldt County pertaining to the authority of the Justice Court to collect reasonable fees as allowed by NRS 4, by the Nevada Supreme Court Case of Blackjack Bonding Company versus City of Las Vegas, 116 Nev. 1213 (2000) and the Constitution of the State of Nevada. In addition to the fees that the Justice Court is already authorized to charge, the following fees would be either modified or added to the schedule of fees of the Justice Court - Community Service Sign Up Fee \$20, Setting up or resetting a payment plan - \$10, Court approval of proof vehicle insurance \$25, registration - \$25, driver's license - \$25, Re-call of Bench Warrant with or without appearance - \$100, CD copy of court proceedings without order of transcript \$15. Justice of the Peace Norcutt reviewed the request for the Commission noting that the issue has been reviewed by legal counsel. After discussion the following motion was made by Commissioner Brissenden and passed unanimously:

To approve a letter of understanding between the Union Township Justice Court and Humboldt County pertaining to the authority of the Justice Court to collect reasonable fees as allowed by NRS Chapter 4, the Nevada Supreme Court case of Blackjack Bonding Company versus City of Las Vegas, 116 Nevada 1213 (2000).

ROAD DEPARTMENT: Road Superintendent Ben Garrett appeared before the Commission

GENERAL ROAD PROJECTS: Superintendent Garrett offered a report to the Commission on the road repairs, cattle guard clean-outs, road covers, road grading, culvert installations, a planned project for the Golconda Water District, McDermitt General Improvement District fire hydrant cleaning and replacement, work on the Paradise Valley Sewer District pond, the status of the Eden Valley Bridge Project bid and issues with the crushing bids that may result in the matter being brought back before the Commission at their next meeting. Discussion occurred regarding how the work involved with the special districts impacts the road work including the time and personnel usage for the special districts. Superintendent Garrett noted that the McDermitt GID arsenic treatment project had been completed. Commissioner Tipton inquired about the status of the shooting park/landfill expansion request before the BLM. Superintendent Garrett stated that he has a meeting with the BLM scheduled for this week. Commissioner French noted the potential impact that re-initiating the sage grouse planning process might have on the request.

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URBAN POND UPDATE: Superintendent Garrett indicated that he had met with the core group for the pond project last week and offered an update to the Commission on the status including the depth, aerating, permitting and piping; he indicated that the hope would be to open next spring.

SHOOTING PARK GRANT: Robert Thomason appeared before the Commission. Mr. Thomason provided a hand-out to the Commission which had photos of the shooting park as well as a copy of the Nevada Department of Wildlife Notice of Subgrant Award #W-51-HS-18 for the purchase and installation of two ADA ramps, shade structures and to purchase 58 3D targets to be housed on-site. Mr. Thomason noted that the item was incorrectly identified on the agenda as being a grant for gates but he explained that the request was for ramps, shade structures and archery targets; he reviewed the match funding that would be provided by the Shooting Park group. Mr. Thomason requested that the County sign off on behalf of the sub-grantee. Discussion occurred regarding the deadline for this action as well as who would need to sign, the determination was that the County Manager, District Attorney and Shooting Park representative could handle the signature. No action taken on this item.

AMENDED AGREEMENT WITH VIETNAM VETERANS OF AMERICA CHAPTER 744:

Consideration, discussion and possible approval of an amendment to a lease agreement between the Vietnam Veterans of America (VVA), Chapter 744, a non-profit corporation, and Humboldt County Board of County Commissioners approved on November 2, 2015. The amendment would allow the VVA to occupy the entire building (including both the North and South portions) of the West building located at 3300 Bengochea Circle. The amended lease would commence on November 1, 2017 for a period of 5-years at a cost of \$10.00 annually. A copy of the proposed lease was attached to the on-line agenda for review. Manager Mendiola explained that this was an amendment to a lease currently in place which would extend said lease five years. The following motion was made by Commissioner Brissenden and passed unanimously:

To approve an amendment to a lease agreement between the Vietnam Veterans of America, Chapter 744, a non-profit corporation and Humboldt County Board of County Commissioners approved on November 2, 2015.

HUMBOLDT RIVER WATER RIGHTS PLANNING GROUP: Consideration, discussion and possible action regarding forming a group of interested parties to consider alternative options being considered by State Water Engineer for dealing with the conflicting water rights within the Humboldt River Basin corridor. Doug Busselman Executive Vice President with the Nevada Farm Bureau Federation appeared before the Commission. Mr. Busselman explained the proposed formation of a planning group that would involve the users and allow them to work through issues with conflicting water rights without involving the State Engineer or the Courts. Discussion occurred regarding other groups being formed related to the Humboldt River, who would be involved in this group and the status of other

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entities joining the group. After discussion the Board reached a consensus that they supported the formation of the group.

NEVADA LANDS COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP CONSIDERATION: Consideration, discussion and possible approval to join the Nevada Lands Council as a business member. The group provides three levels of membership including Advocate (\$500), Partner (\$2500) and Champion (\$10,000). Attached to the on-line agenda for review was a copy of a letter from Rex Steninger, President of the Nevada Lands Council requesting support/membership. Manager Mendiola read the letter submitted noting that in the past Humboldt County has not joined. Discussion occurred regarding what NLC does. After discussion the following motion was made by Commissioner Brissenden and passed unanimously:

To not approve joining the Nevada Lands Council as a business member.

ADMINISTRATOR:

VALMONT ENGINEERING DESIGN PROPOSAL APPROVAL: Consideration discussion and possible approval of four proposals for tower design on Rose Creek, Sports Complex, Winnemucca Mountain and Saipan Peak tower sites to be completed by Valmont Industries, Inc. at a cost of \$1,850 each for a total not to exceed \$7,400. Copies of the quotes for each of the sites prepared by Valmont Industries were attached to the on-line agenda for review. Manager Mendiola reviewed the request for the Board. After discussion the following motion was made by Commissioner French and passed unanimously:

To approve four proposals for tower design on Rose Creek, Sports Complex, Winnemucca Mountain and Saipan Peak tower sites to be completed by Valmont Industries, Incorporated at a cost of \$1,850.00 each for a total not to exceed \$7,400.00.

TELECOMMUNICATIONS SITE LEASE AGREEMENT: Consideration, discussion and possible action to approve a Telecommunications Site Lease Agreement between Channel 5 Public Broadcasting, Inc. (KNPB) and Humboldt County to allow Humboldt County to lease premises from KNPB to improve communication services for public safety and emergency needs as well as improve television and communication signals to Humboldt County in an amount not to exceed \$1,000. A copy of the proposed Telecommunications Site Lease Agreement between Channel 5 Public Broadcasting, Inc. and Humboldt County, Nevada was included on the on-line agenda for review. Manager Mendiola reviewed the request for the Commission. Deputy District Attorney Carr clarified for the Commission that it is only a \$1.00 a year for the County to place their equipment at the site but if KNPB should have to do an emergency repair to the County's equipment there would be a cost associated with that and so the amount of \$1,000.00 was put in there to cover that possibility. The following motion was made by Commissioner Cerri and passed unanimously:

To approve a telecommunications site lease agreement between Channel Five Public

Broadcasting, Incorporated and Humboldt County to allow Humboldt County to lease premises from KNPB to improve communication services.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS: Deputy District Attorney Carr commented on the upcoming public County Water Plan meetings and concerns expressed about the manner in which they were advertised as they were not published in the Humboldt Sun. Manager Mendiola explained how the notices had been provided. Deputy District Attorney Carr suggested that the meetings proceed as planned and if there is not sufficient attendance they could be re-scheduled and published in the newspaper. Commissioner Cerri commented on the status of the Martin Basin Environmental Impact Study and asked that the County seek cooperating agency status with the new process.

INSPECTION OF THE HUMBOLDT COUNTY DETENTION CENTER: As part of the County's POOL/PACT membership, it is required that the County Commissioners conduct an annual inspection of the Adult Detention Center Facility, complete the survey and report back to the POOL. Discussion occurred about re-scheduling the inspection as the meeting had went later than expected. The Board concurred. Manager Mendiola indicated that he would contact Captain Rorex to re-schedule the inspection.

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

ADJOURNMENT: Chairman Bell adjourned the meeting at 12:56 p.m.

ATTESTED: _____



Clerk

APPROVED: _____



Chairman

(Minutes approved by the Commission and signed by the Chairman on _____)

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