



Humboldt County Board of Commissioners
Tuesday, January 19, 2021 at 9:30 AM
Meeting Minutes

Those present were Chairman Ron Cerri, Commissioners Jim French, Ken Tipton, Jesse Hill and Tom Hoss, Deputy District Attorney Wendy Maddox (via Microsoft Teams), County Manager Dave Mendiola and Clerk of the Board Tami Rae Spero (via Microsoft Teams).

CALL TO ORDER: The regular meeting of the Humboldt County Board of Commissioners was called to order on Tuesday, January 19, 2021, at 9:31 a.m. Pursuant to multiple directives due to the Covid-19 issue, the state law requirement that there be a physical location designated for meeting of public bodies where members of the public attend and participate was suspended so this meeting was held via teleconference/video conference with public access available for participation and/or comments. All Commissioners were present in person at the regular place of meeting at the County Meeting Room #201, Courthouse, 50 West 5th Street, Winnemucca, Nevada.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: All present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Chairman Cerri noted that all of the Commissioners were meeting in the meeting room due to improvements to address safety in public meetings. Chairman Cerri asked for public comment; none offered.

STAFF REPORT: Non-action item. A copy of the presented Staff Report was included on the on-line agenda for review.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Discussion and action on correction/approval of minutes for March 28-29, 2016; January 17, 2017 (Joint); February 6, 2017 (Special); March 6, 2017; March 20, 2017; March 27, 2017 (Budget Hearing); April 3, 2017; April 17, 2017; May 1, 2017 (Joint); May 15, 2017; June 5, 2017; June 19, 2017; July 10, 2017; August 7, 2017 (Joint); August 21, 2017; December 11, 2017 (Joint); January 16, 2018; January 29, 2018 (Retreat); February 5, 2018 ; February 20, 2018; March 5, 2018; April 2, 2018 (Budget Hearing); April 9, 2018; August 6, 2018; August 20, 2018; September 17, 2018; October 1, 2018; October 15, 2018; March 18, 2019, March 25 (Budget Hearings); April 1, 2019; May 6, 2019; May 20, 2019; June 3, 2019; June 25, 2019 (Special); August 5, 2019; August 19, 2019; September 16, 2019; October 21, 2019; November 4, 2019; January 6, 2020; January 21, 2020 (Combined Regular and Retreat); January 30, 2020; February 3, 2020, February 18, 2020; March 2, 2020; March 19, 2020; April 6, 2020; April 14, 2020; April 23, 2020 (Special); May 4, 2020; July 20, 2020; August 17, 2020; August 20, 2020 (Special); September 8, 2020; September 21, 2020; September 30, 2020; October 5, 2020 (Special Joint); October 5, 2020;

November 9, 2020, November 13, 2020 (Special Canvass); November 23, 2020; December 10, 2020, December 14, 2020 and January 4, 2021. No minutes submitted for consideration.

APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURES FOR HUMBOLDT COUNTY FOR JANUARY 5, 2021 THROUGH JANUARY 19, 2021 AND REQUEST CLERK TO CERTIFY THE VOTE: Discussion ensued regarding the need to have the Clerk certify the vote since the Board is present in person. Deputy District Attorney Maddox confirmed that it would be okay for the Clerk to certify this time. The following motion was made by Commissioner Tipton and passed unanimously:

To approve the expenditures as presented and to have the Clerk certify the vote.

MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE:

1) Other information and upcoming meetings: Chairman Cerri noted the following meetings: January 25, 2021 County Commissioners Retreat; February 8, 2021 County Commissioners Meeting; February 8, 2021 Regional Airport Board Meeting; February 11, 2021 Regional Planning Commission Meeting and February 22, 2021 Humboldt County Commission Meeting.

2) Reports from Commissioners regarding other Boards and Committees on which they serve: Commissioner French noted an upcoming Public Lands/Natural Resources Steering Committee meeting and a Nevada Association of Counties Board of Director's meeting; he reported on a meeting with the Director of NevadaWorks for the authorization of annual contracts and a tour of the communication sites conducted by Communication Director Ric Grantham along with other Commissioners and noted how impressed he is with what has been done; he provided a copy of the NACO Board of Directors Legislative Subcommittee list of Bill Draft Requests to the Commission for their review and commented on what will be occurring legislatively. Commissioner Tipton stated he will be attending a planning meeting for the hospital and will be trying to join the NACO meetings coming up this week. Commissioner Hoss commented on a Pool/Pact meeting and the Health Board meeting which he had listened to, the tour of the communication sites which he was also impressed by, he noted that he did not attend the Airport Board meeting as he did not have all of the information, he commented on a water legislation meeting he had participated in and the discussion including a planned public workshop on February 5th and a phone conversation he had with Jeff Fontaine the Director of the Central Nevada Water Basin Authority to bring him up to speed as to what they do and noted a regional meeting on February 12th, today's Landfill Committee meeting and an upcoming LEPC meeting which he will be attending. Commissioner Hill noted his plan to meet with the Department Heads for the County to gain an understanding of what they do and

reported on his meetings with the Directors of the Public Works Department and the Fairgrounds, his attendance at the Health Board meeting, that he had met with representatives of the Paradise Valley Conservation District and what had been discussed related to water quality issues, his participation in the communications tour and the Pool/Pact meeting; he noted that a letter had been drafted and forwarded to the Governor to request his appointment to the ATV Board and he is awaiting a decision. Chairman Cerri reported on a Humboldt Foundation meeting.

FISCAL YEAR 2020 AUDIT REPORT: A presentation by Drake, Rose & Associates regarding the 2020 Fiscal Year Audit for Humboldt County, including any findings and a request to accept the audit. Andree Rose and Tara Larson of Drake, Rose & Associates LLC appeared before the Commission. Mrs. Rose reviewed the Auditor's Report for the Commission noting that the County has been found to have an Unqualified Opinion. Mrs. Larson reviewed graphs including the Comparison of Ending Cash Balances with Fiduciary Amounts for the years end June 30, Comparison of Ending Fund Balance for the years ended June 30th (all governmental fund types), Revenue by Source (all governmental fund types), Comparison of Revenue by Source (all governmental fund types), Expenditures by Function (all governmental fund types), Comparison of Expenditures by Function (all governmental fund types), Revenue by Source (General Fund), Expenditures by Function (General Fund), Comparison of Revenues & Expenditures (General Fund), Comparison of Ending Fund Balance (General Fund), Revenue by Source (Special Revenue Funds), Expenditures by Function (Special Revenue Funds) and Comparison of Revenues and Expenses (Proprietary Funds). Mrs. Rose noted a non-compliance item with the minutes not being approved as required by Statute but noted that there are not any over expenditures. Manager Mendiola offered his thanks to Comptroller Rackley and her staff commenting on the great job they have done on the procurement side as well as the overall audit, observing that this is significant as when he first came to the County there were many issues and with her assistance and the efforts by all staff and elected officials who have all stepped up there has been great progress. Mrs. Rose concurred and continued reviewing the Auditor's Report; she noted two significant deficiencies with the Review of Balance Sheet Accounts and Grants and how findings of the prior year were addressed. Mrs. Rose reviewed the required Independent Auditor's Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting and on Compliance and Other Matters Based on an Audit of Financial Statements Performed in Accordance with Government Auditing Standards for the Commission. Chairman Cerri thanked the auditors and commented on the good news in the report but noted the need to still keep an eye on the expenditures. Commissioner French offered his thanks to all of the staff of the County. Commissioner Tipton thanked the auditors and the County

Manager and Comptroller on their efforts to hold the expenditures. The following motion was made by Commissioner Tipton and passed unanimously:

To approve the Fiscal Year 2020 audit as presented by Drake, Rose & Associates.

The Commission recessed at 11:04 a.m. and reconvened at 11:12 a.m. Chairman Cerri indicated that the Commission would be moving to item 19 at this time.

COMPTROLLER: Comptroller Gina Rackley appeared before the Commission.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Humboldt County Comptroller Gina Rackley will provide an overview of current conditions with respect to Humboldt County revenues and expenditures for fiscal year 2021 (July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021), including possible impacts of the COVID-19 response in the county and an update on the Coronavirus Relief Funds from the State of Nevada. Comptroller Rackley thanked Drake, Rose & Associates and commented on their thoroughness and offered her thanks to the Commission as the process starts with them. Comptroller Rackley reviewed the revenues, expenditures, departments budget statuses, the status of Corona Virus Relief Funds noting that the County has spent all of their allocation and are actually over and how this may be addressed. Discussion ensued regarding the Cares Act Funding. Commissioner Hill asked about Net Proceeds. Comptroller Rackley responded that Net Proceeds will not be received until May but she noted that the CTX related to mining has continued to increase. Discussion ensued regarding the letter sent to the Department of Taxation, the lack of response received and the need to keep up on this issue.

CONSENT AGENDA: Consideration, discussion, and possible action on a Television/Radio Assessment refund request from Barbara Pope of McDermitt. This request was referred to the Technical Services Department to determine whether or not TV/radio signals can be received at the residence. Staff determined that TV channels can be received at that location and recommend that the request for refund be denied. Discussion ensued regarding how and why this assessment is collected and how these requests are considered. Commissioner Hill asked for confirmation that Tech had been sent to that location to confirm that signal was being received. Manager Mendiola confirmed that had occurred. The following motion was made by Commissioner French and passed unanimously:

To decline the request from Barbara Pope for a refund of her TV tax.

APPOINTMENT TO REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION FOR VACANT SEAT: Consideration, discussion, and possible action to appoint Kevin Chatfield or Brady Rupp to the vacant seat on the Regional Planning

Commission to serve the remainder of the four-year term that began July 1, 2020 and will expire July 30, 2024. Letters from both applicants requesting appointment were included on the on-line agenda for review. Commissioner Hoss asked what we knew about the individuals requesting appointment. Manager Mendiola commented on his knowledge of Mr. Chatfield but stated he did not know Mr. Rupp. Commissioner French noted his service with Mr. Chatfield on the Hospital Board. Discussion ensued regarding both applicants' connections to other members of the Board and how appointment is requested. After discussion the following motion was made by Commissioner French and passed unanimously:

To accept and appoint Kevin Chatfield for the vacant seat on the Regional Planning Commission.

APPOINTMENT OF MARIA ANDERSON TO HUMBOLDT DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY BOARD: Consideration, discussion, and possible action to appoint Maria Anderson, of Lithium Nevada, to the vacant Industrial-Mining and Renewal resources representative seat on the Humboldt Development Authority Board with said term ending June 30, 2021. Manager Mendiola reviewed this request for the Commission; he noted that there were no other requests for appointment. Commissioner Hoss asked if anyone else had been contacted regarding the vacancy. Manager Mendiola stated not to his knowledge. Commissioner Hoss noted his request previously made for an update on Lithium Nevada's project to be placed on the agenda but noted that it is not on today's agenda so he asked if they are even mining here at this time. Manager Mendiola responded. Commissioner Hoss stated his opinion that this is a conflict of interest at this time since they are still trying to get approved for mining in this county. Commissioner Tipton asked what the conflict is. Commissioner Hoss stated that there is not enough information on what they will be asking to do here. Commissioner Tipton asked how that is a conflict with serving on the Development Authority. Commissioner Hoss responded that he believes the conflict would be their ability to push their position in the direction they would want it to go. Manager Mendiola explained that the development authority is only advisory so they have no authority on what businesses are approved, on any funding or anything; any decisions need to come back to the City Council or County Commission. Commissioner French noted that he is aware of concerns about the plan of operations and discussions about the impact to community of Orovada but from the standpoint of being involved in the Development Authority they are but one of many at the table; further he noted that any decision discussions made by this Board need to be mindful of the regulatory process which is regulated by the Federal Government and the State of Nevada and if they have provided evidence of their operation for that process this Board needs to be careful of how we

proceed and provide input as it is not within our jurisdiction; he noted that he feels this company has an unique opportunity with having a representative on this board to come in with solutions and ideas for other types of business development which might compliment their business but are separate from their operation; he noted the need from the regulatory standpoint to be able to grill the BLM on the concerns voiced about the project. The following motion was made by Commissioner French and passed with Chairman Cerri and Commissioners French, Tipton and Hill voting aye and Commissioner Hoss voting nay:

To appoint Maria Anderson of Lithium Nevada to the vacant Industrial-Mining and Renewal Resources representative seat on the Humboldt Development Authority Board with said term ending June 30, 2021.

RE-APPOINTMENT OF HANK DUFURRENA, STEVE EGGER, JOHN PETER, MIKE JEFFRIES, AND RYAN DUFURRENA TO THE PUEBLO RURAL FIRE PROTECTION BOARD: Consideration, discussion, and possible action regarding a request from the members of the Pueblo Rural Fire Protection Board, Hank Dufurrena, Steve Egger, John Peter, Mike Jeffries, and Ryan Dufurrena, to be re-appointed to the Pueblo Rural Fire Protection Board for 2-year terms, ending Monday January 2nd, 2023. The following motion was made by Commissioner Tipton and passed unanimously:

To re-appoint Hank Dufurrena, Steve Egger, John Peter, Mike Jeffries and Ryan Dufurrena to the Pueblo Rural Fire Protection Board to the Pueblo Rural Fire Protection Board for 2-year terms, ending Monday, January 2, 2023.

HEALTHCARE SELF-FUNDING PRESENTATION AND POSSIBLE DIRECTION: Consideration, discussion and possible action regarding a request by the Humboldt County Insurance Benefits Committee (County & City) to provide direction on a plan to move forward with a self-funding health insurance plan from CAS and request a formal proposal, which has been under consideration for two years by the committee. With the current state of insurance in the nation and the constantly rising costs, it is believed that this approach will provide a mechanism to save the county over the long haul and potentially provide an opportunity to provide more comprehensive coverage for our employees. Manager Mendiola reviewed the request for the Commission. Comptroller Rackley appeared before the Commission and commented on the proposal stating her support. Tracy Neeley of A and H Insurance, Amanda Villanueva and Kasha Ozog of Coastal Administrative Services (CAS) appeared before the Commission via video conferencing. Ms. Neeley on the proposal for self-funded for the Commission. Ms. Villanueva reviewed a power point presentation "Why Self-Fund?" including the 2016-2020 Premium versus Paid Claims, the differences between Protected Self-Funded versus Fully Insured, Self-Funding 101: Concepts, CAS Proposal for Humboldt
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County and City of Winnemucca, a cost comparison for self-funded and a 5-year comparison. Questions offered by the Commission about the proposal and responded to by Ms. Villanueva. Comptroller Rackley commented on the utilization of the plan in the prior year and responded to questions related to the appeal process. Discussion ensued related to rates and how they can be impacted as well as the liability risks. Ms. Neeley suggested tabling action at this time to allow for questions at a future meeting. The following motion was made by Commissioner French and passed unanimously:

To table this item to the joint meeting with the City Council on February 22, 2021.

Chairman Cerri stated that item 16 would be taken at this time.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT: Public Works Director Don Kalkoske appeared before the Commission via video conferencing.

APPROVAL TO HIRE A WATER/WASTEWATER SPECIALIST: Consideration, discussion, and possible action to hire a Senior Water/Wastewater Specialist, Water/Wastewater Specialist II, or Water/Wastewater Specialist I which has been vacant in excess of 120 days and has been budgeted and approved for the 2020-21 Fiscal year. This position is budgeted and approved in the 2020-21 budget. Director Kalkoske reviewed the request for the Commission. Chairman Cerri noted that the attrition policy has been adhered to. Commissioner French noted that there is no choice as the County is held to a standard given that the systems must be maintained appropriately. The following motion was made by Commissioner French and passed unanimously:

To grant permission for Don Kalkoske to hire the vacant wastewater specialist one or two that has been vacant for an excess of one-hundred twenty days.

WAIVER OF ATTRITION POLICY ROAD MAINTENANCE EQUIPMENT OPERATOR: Consideration, discussion, and possible action on a request to waive the attrition policy for one Road Maintenance Equipment Operator position which became vacant on 1/04/2021 (and another becoming vacant in March 2021 due to retirement. This position is budgeted and approved in the 2020-21 Budget. Director Kalkoske reviewed the request for the Commission. Chairman Cerri, Commissioner French, Commissioner Hill and Commissioner Hoss agreed that these are necessary positions. The following motion was made by Commissioner Tipton and passed unanimously:

To approve the two vacant position for equipment operators for the road crew for one position vacant as of January 4, 2021 and one becoming vacant as of March 2021.

GENERAL ROAD PROJECTS: A presentation by Humboldt County Public Works Director Don Kalkoske to update the Board on Road projects within Humboldt County, 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. Director Kalkoske reported on road work in the Orovada, Kings River, Paradise Valley, Denio and Grass Valley areas including grading on the road to the communication site at Eagle Point, repairs to the railroad crossing at Morrison in Golconda and sign installation in the Grass Valley area. He noted that Midas Road needs material but he is working with Nevada Gold Mines and the BLM to get things in place to access the material.

Commissioner French inquired about the asphalt portion of Davis Lane and whether the County is responsible for it as he has had questions about it given its condition. Director Kalkoske responded that the County is and suggested that it may need to be ground up and re-laid down. Discussion ensued the condition of said road. Director Kalkoske noted that there was a plan for the Herschell Road remediation within a few weeks.

Chairman Cerri commented on the availability of water at Willow Creek Ranch and his ability to show the crew how to access it.

WINNEMUCCA CONVENTION AND VISITORS AUTHORITY: WCVA Director Kim Petersen appeared before the Commission.

REQUEST FOR A WAIVER TO THE ATTRITION POLICY FOR THE ADMINISTRATIVE CLERK III POSITION: Consideration, discussion, and possible action on a request for a waiver of the attrition policy for an upcoming vacancy of the Administrative Clerk III position due to the retirement of Brenda Keating on April 2, 2021. Director Petersen reviewed the request for the Commission. Commissioner French asked if this is a needed position. Director Petersen responded that this is a very needed position. Commissioner French asked if this position could be held for the 120-day attrition period. Director Petersen explained why that would be difficult. Chairman Cerri noted the difference that this position is paid for by WCVA not the County budget. Commissioner Hill asked if the WCVA had approved this request. Director Petersen responded that they have. Commissioner Hoss asked if the 120-day attrition actually applies if this is not paid for by the County. Manager Mendiola responded and explained how the positions are handled. Deputy District Attorney Maddox stated that they are subject to the attrition policy as the salary is reimbursed by the WCVA. Chairman Cerri noted that the purpose of the attrition policy is to determine if the position is needed in an effort to save the county money but even if this position goes away it does

not save the county any money. Commissioner Tipton commented on why these positions came under the County a number of years ago and on how the WCVA budget is handled by the WCVA and while he understands that this position comes under the attrition policy he does not believe it is up to the Commission to get into the middle of this. Commissioner Hill concurred. Chairman Cerri commented on the importance of the position. Commissioner French noted this was just an effort to maintain consistency so it was important to ask the questions. Commissioner Hill concurred that the questions should always be asked. The following motion was made by Commissioner French and passed unanimously:

To grant the request for the waiver of the attrition policy for the position to become vacant on April 2nd with the retirement of Brenda Keating.

AG DISTRICT 3 REQUEST TO AWARD GRADING AND BASE ROCK PROJECT: Consideration, discussion, and possible action to approve a request from Kim Peterson, Convention & Visitors Authority Director, on behalf of the Ag District 3 Board to award a bid to Hunewill Construction, low bidder, for the grading and placement of base rock and compaction for campgrounds C&D in an amount not to exceed \$86,172.00. The project was approved in the FY21 budget for Ag District 3 in the amount of \$90,000. Included on the on-line agenda was a memo from Director Petersen detailing the request (see attached) with a copy of the bid packet. Director Petersen reviewed the request for the Commission. Commissioner Hill stated that he had toured the facility plus noted that he spent quite a bit of time there and he agreed that the area needs shoring up and he believes it is good money to be spent. Commissioner Hoss noted his problem spending money at this time due to concerns with Covid situation; he asked about the budget and what assurance there is, if these funds are spent, that there will be sufficient funds to operate the facility. Director Petersen commented that room tax revenue has been tracking well and those are the funds that are used for improvements plus there were items that weren't pursued last year so there is a strong ending balance to proceed with the project as well as others. Chairman Cerri observed that this is a first class facility in Northern Nevada and that we need to keep it that way to continue to attract the events and that now is the time to do it while it isn't as busy; he noted the amount of outside money this facility brings into the community. Commissioner French concurred that the facility does pay for itself. Director Petersen noted that this will also assist with weed control and, he agreed, that this is the time to do these types of projects in the off-season. Commissioner French noted his understanding of Commissioner Hoss' concerns. Commissioner Hill and Commissioner Tipton commented on the need to

do this type of project at this time of year. Discussion ensued about where this project is being done, what types of events this could bring into the area and the need to address drainage in other areas.

The following motion was made by Commissioner Tipton and passed with Chairman Cerri and Commissioners French, Tipton and Hill voting aye and Commissioner Hoss voting nay:

To approve a request from Kim Peterson, Convention & Visitors Authority Director, on behalf of the Ag District 3 Board to award a bid to Hunewill Construction, low bidder, for the grading and placement of base rock and compaction for campgrounds C and D in an amount not to exceed \$86,172.00.

The Commission took a recess at 1:05 p.m. reconvening at 1:09 p.m.

WCVA & AG DISTRICT 3 APPROVAL OF ASPHALT SURFACING BID FOR BARN 4 AND 5 AT WINNEMUCCA EVENTS COMPLEX: Consideration, discussion and possible action regarding a request to install asphalt under barns 4 & 5 at the Winnemucca Events Complex as part of an upgrade to accommodate new events at the site. Hunewill Construction was the only bid received in an amount not to exceed \$57,339. Included on the on-line agenda was a memo from the Director Petersen detailing the request (see attached) including a copy of the bid packet. Director Petersen reviewed the request for the Commission noting that this is AG District 3's request with WCVA's assistance and that it was not included in the current budget but explained that it was needed to do a large event that has recently been acquired but that it will require the use of ending fund balance. Discussion ensued that this improvement was requested by the event, that the event will bring in significant funds, what is involved in the project, what would occur if augmentation of the budget is required and the prices for the stalls. Commissioner Hoss noted that he has had discussion with people with horses and they prefer concrete versus asphalt so he would like to get it in writing from the group that they are okay with the asphalt. Director Petersen indicated that they have a letter from the group that they would prefer asphalt. Commissioner Hoss noted that this is not about just this group so he would request more research on the issue and he would like to see the letter. Director Petersen stated that this matter had went to the WCVA and he would be happy to provide the letter and time is of the essence and that WCVA has the experience and this is their recommendation to this Commission. Commissioner Hill stated that he had also reached out to horse people and the consensus was that the asphalt has more give but he did agree that it would not last as long but noted that it is less expensive. Chairman Cerri stated that if this is the recommendation from Ag District 3 he does not want to second guess them. Commissioner Tipton agreed that this is a fairgrounds question and

that is what we have Ag District 3 for. The following motion was made by Commissioner Tipton and passed unanimously:

To install asphalt under barns four and five at the Winnemucca Events Complex as part of an upgrade to accommodate new events at the site and to award the bid to Hunewill Construction which was the only bid received in an amount not to exceed \$57,339.

The Commissioner recessed at 1:29 p.m. for another meeting and reconvened at 1:56 p.m.

PROCLAMATION SUPPORTING FOUR CHAPLAINS SUNDAY: Consideration, discussion, and possible approval of a proclamation to support Four Chaplains Sunday, February 7, 2021 in Humboldt County, to commemorate the sinking of the troopship U.S. Army Transport U.S.A.T Dorchester, which carried to their deaths four U.S. Army Chaplains of three faiths, who gave their life jackets to four soldiers and thus sacrificed their own lives to save the lives of others and stood united in prayer as the ship went down. They were Chaplains Lt. George L. Fox, Lt. Alexander D. Goode, Lt. Johnny P. Washington, and Lt. Clark V. Poling. A copy of the proposed Proclamation was included on the on-line agenda for review. Chairman Cerri presented the proclamation to Lewis Trout, County Commander, present on behalf of the American Legion. Manager Mendiola read the Proclamation as considered. Chairman Cerri thanked Mr. Trout for keeping this memory alive as it should not be forgotten. The following motion was made by Commissioner Tipton and passed unanimously:

To approve the County supporting the Four Chaplains Sunday Proclamation.

(Proclamation No. 01-19-21)

Mr. Trout addressed the Commission and explained what occurs with this observance and thanked the Commission for their support of all of the local Veterans' organizations in general and events like this; he continued complimenting Karen Bannister in the Manager's office on her assistance with this throughout the years.

SHERIFF'S OFFICE: Sheriff Mike Allen appeared before the Commission

WAIVER OF THE ATTRITION POLICY: Consideration of, discussion, and possible action regarding a waiver of the County attrition policy for two deputy positions approved and budgeted for the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 in the Sheriff's Office. These positions will replace detention Deputy Stark who was promoted to Sergeant on October 5, 2020, and Detention Deputy Mendoza who transferred to patrol on December 14, 01/19/2021

2020. Sheriff Allen reviewed the request for the Commission. Chairman Cerri commented that he has realized that these are essential positions and that it takes time to fill the positions with everything involved. Commissioner French concurred and he noted that these are public safety positions. Commissioner Hill agreed that they are public safety positions that do need to be filled. The following motion was made by Commissioner Hill and passed unanimously:

To waive the attrition policy and let the Sheriff hire the two positions that were vacated which were approved and budgeted in fiscal year 2020-2021; these positions will replace detention Deputy Stark who was promoted to Sergeant on October 5, 2020 and detention Deputy Mendoza who transferred to patrol on December 14, 2020.

The Commission recessed the meeting at 2:22 p.m. and reconvened at 2:46 p.m.

COMMUNITY HEALTH NURSE REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE: Consideration, discussion, and possible action regarding a request from the County Health Nurse Marsha Foreman for securing a facility for COVID 19 Vaccinations, for vaccinators and direct County Manager Dave Mendiola to work closely with Captain Wilkin, Ms. Foreman, and other providers to remove any road blocks to securing financial and other resources, equipment and facilities to complete the vaccination rollout as quickly as possible. Manager Mendiola reviewed the request for the Commission noting that this discussion had occurred at the January 15th Health Board meeting; he suggested that this item be tabled at this time as the plan is not yet in place. Commissioner Tipton suggested that as a policy any type of emergency can be handled by the emergency manager and county manager rather than waiting to call a meeting. Commissioner Hill asked if the Commission shouldn't take some action to prevent any possible delay in the future. Commissioner French suggested that taking the action as suggested by Commissioner Tipton would be best. Deputy District Attorney Maddox explained that that authority has already been given under the earlier emergency authority order. Commissioner Hill asked if the Events Center knows that this maybe occurring. Manager Mendiola confirmed they had been involved in the discussion. The following motion was made by Commissioner French and passed unanimously:

To approve a request to direct County Manager Dave Mendiola to work closely with Captain Wilkin, Ms. Foreman, and other providers to remove any road blocks to securing financial and other resources, equipment and facilities to complete the vaccination rollout as quickly as possible.

CONSIDERATION OF COVERING COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH COVID MITIGATION POST CARES ACT FUNDING:

Consideration, discussion, and possible action to approve the expenditure of county funds for waste water testing, contact tracers and Personal Protective Equipment (PPE's) for local businesses and citizens in an amount not to exceed \$50,000, and direct County Manager Mendiola to identify funding sources to recoup the costs to cover contractors, personnel, equipment, facility costs and other resources that have been necessary in mitigating the impact of Covid-19. This funding is necessary to support activities that had been covered by Cares Act funding that ended on December 30, 2020. Manager Mendiola noted that the County has no funding available but that discussion is occurring with the City to see if they would be willing to assist with the ongoing expenses of Dr. Stringham and Public Information Officer Nichole Maher; he stated that he mainly put the item on the agenda to allow for discussion as to how the County wants to proceed with these costs for the future and if they want to continue to do so; he discussed what the plan is for handling any future costs that may occur. Commissioner French asked if items will be tracked so, if Cares Act Funding is made available again, reimbursement can be sought. Manager Mendiola confirmed that it would. Chairman Cerri suggested that this is discussion that needs to happen during the joint meeting; he questioned if this is needed now. Commissioner Tipton commented on the need to maintain Dr. Stringham's involvement. Deputy District Attorney Maddox interjected that the individual(s) being discussed are under contract and so deliberation on those contracts should not be discussed as it is not part of this agendized item. Chairman Cerri responded that this is just discussion on what the Commission wants to continue to do so the cost can be considered. Commissioner French suggested that by the day of the joint meeting we should know, from the federal standpoint, if further funding is coming and it would be beneficial to have the city involved in this discussion; he offered that he had no issue with tabling this item until then. Deputy District Attorney Maddox suggested that she can meet with Comptroller Rackley and specifically agendize items for discussion. Commissioner French questioned if sufficient funds exist currently to continue covering the services of Dr. Stringham and Mrs. Maher. Manager Mendiola responded that was a yes/no answer but he can discuss the situation with the City and Comptroller Rackley. Chairman Cerri stated that this item would be tabled until the February 22, 2021 joint meeting with the City of Winnemucca. No further action taken.

AMENDMENT #01 TO INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT FOR COUNTY DIESEL FUEL TAX: Consideration, discussion, and possible action to enter into an agreement that amends and revises the scope of work & deliverables to the interlocal agreement between Humboldt County and the State of Nevada Department of Motor Vehicles ("DMV") based on the enactment of ordinance No. 11-06-20 and more specifically

Chapter 3.21 "Diesel Fuel Tax" in the Humboldt County ("HCC") to allow the DMV to perform all functions incidental to the administration and operation of HCC Ordinance 3.21. Included on the on-line agenda for review was a copy of the County's Diesel Tax Ordinance, a copy of the prior agreement from 2001 and copies of the proposed amendments to the agreement. Manager Mendiola explained this item to the Commission noting that this updates the agreement with the State for the transfer of fuel taxes to the County to include the diesel fuel as well as the regular fuel. Commissioner Hoss asked how they are including the \$500,000.00 fund that was included in the statute. Manager Mendiola responded that those funds are not included in this agreement, that it is part of the law but separate from this. The following motion was made by Commissioner Tipton and passed unanimously:

To enter into an agreement that amends and revises the scope of work and deliverables to the interlocal agreement between Humboldt County and the State of Nevada Department of Motor Vehicles based on the enactment of Ordinance No. 11-06-20 and more specifically Chapter 3.21 "Diesel Fuel Tax" in the Humboldt County to allow the DMV to perform all functions incidental to the administration and operation of HCC Ordinance 3.21.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS: Manager Mendiola identified the following items for future agendas including the joint meeting with the Winnemucca City Council: the self-funded insurance proposal, the 2021 Mormon cricket plan, an updated report on broadband for the area and what came out of the FCC auction related to that issue, Cares Act funding and discussion with the BLM and/or Lithium NV either together or separate regarding the mine project. Commissioner Tipton noted that he would not be in attendance at the February 8, 2021 Commission meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Chairman Cerri asked for public comment; none offered.

ADJOURNMENT: Chairman Cerri adjourned the meeting at 3:19 p.m.

ATTEST:  Clerk APPROVED:  Chairman

(Minutes approved by the Commission and signed by the Chairman on 2-8-2021)