



Humboldt County Board of Commissioners
Tuesday, January 18, 2022, at 8:30 a.m.
Meeting Minutes

Those present were Chairman Jim French, Commissioners Ken Tipton, Ron Cerri, Jesse Hill, and Tom Hoss, District Attorney Michael Macdonald, County Manager Dave Mendiola and Clerk of the Board Tami Rae Spero.

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman French called the regular meeting to order in the regular place of meeting at the County Meeting Room #201, Courthouse, Winnemucca, Nevada.

STAFF REPORT: Staff report provided to the Board (see attached).

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: All in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Discussion and action on correction/approval of minutes for discussion and action on correction/approval of minutes for January 17, 2017; February 6, 2017 (Special); March 6, 2017; March 27, 2017 (Budget Hearing); April 3, 2017; May 1, 2017 (Joint); May 15, 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, 2019 (Budget Hearings); April 1, 2019; May 6, 2019; May 15, 2019 (Special); May 20, 2019; June 3, 2019; June 17, 2019; June 25, 2019 (Special); August 5, 2019; August 19, 2019; September 3, 2019; September 16, 2019; October 21, 2019; November 4, 2019; November 25, 2019 (Special); December 16, 2019; January 6, 2020; January 21, 2020 (Combined Regular and Retreat); February 3, 2020; March 2, 2020; March 19, 2020; April 6, 2020; April 14, 2020 (Special); April 20, 2020; May 4, 2020; June 15, 2020 (Joint); July 17, 2020 (Special Joint); July 20, 2020; August 17, 2020; August 20, 2020 (Special Meeting); September 8, 2020; September 9, 2020 (Special); September 21, 2020; September 30, 2020 (Special); October 5, 2020 (Special Joint Meeting); October 19, 2020; November 9, 2020; November 13, 2020 (Special Canvass); November 23, 2020; December 14, 2020; January 4, 2021; January 25, 2021 (Special Meeting); February 8, 2021; February 22, 2021 (Special Joint Meeting); February 22, 2021; March 8, 2021; March 22, 2021; March 29, 2021 (Budgets); April 8, 2021 (Special Meeting); June 21, 2021; July 6, 2021; July 19, 2021; August 9, 2021; August 12, 2021 (Special Meeting); August 23, 2021; September 7, 2021; September 20, 2021; November 8, 2021; and November 22, 2021; December 13, 2021; and January 3, 2022. Chairman French asked for corrections for the minutes of January 17, 2017; none offered. The following motion was made by Commissioner Cerri and passed with Chairman French and Commissioners Tipton and Cerri voting aye, Commissioners Hill and Hoss abstaining as they had not been members of the Commission at the time:

To approve the January 17, 2017 minutes as presented.

Chairman French asked for corrections for the minutes of February 6, 2017; none offered. The following motion was made by Commissioner Cerri and passed with Chairman French and Commissioners Tipton and Cerri voting aye, Commissioners Hill and Hoss abstaining as they had not been members of the Commission at the time:

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To approve the February 6, 2017 minutes as presented.

Chairman French asked for corrections for the minutes of March 6, 2017; none offered. The following motion was made by Commissioner Tipton and passed with Chairman French and Commissioners Tipton and Cerri voting aye, Commissioners Hill and Hoss abstaining as they had not been members of the Commission at the time:

To approve the March 6, 2017 minutes as presented.

APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURES FOR HUMBOLDT COUNTY FOR JANUARY 3, 2022 THROUGH JANUARY 18, 2022: The following motion was made by Commissioner Cerri and passed unanimously:

To approve the expenditures from January 3, 2022 to January 18, 2022.

PROCLAMATION DECLARING FEBRUARY 2022 AS "NATIONAL RADON ACTION MONTH IN HUMBOLDT COUNTY, NEVADA": Consideration, discussion, and possible action to proclaim February 2022 as "National Radon Action Month in Humboldt County, Nevada", and for Chairman Jim French to sign the resolution. A copy of the proposed Resolution was included on the on-line agenda for review. Manager Mendiola read the Proclamation for the record. The following motion was made by Commissioner Tipton and passed unanimously:

To adopt the Proclamation for National Radon Action Month for February 2022 as read.

(Proclamation No. 01-18-22a)

PROCLAMATION SUPPORTING FOUR CHAPLAINS SUNDAY: Consideration, discussion, and possible approval of a proclamation to support Four Chaplains Sunday, February 6, 2022 in Humboldt County, and for Chairman Jim French to sign the resolution. The Proclamation is 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. American Legion Adjunct Paul Schlehr appeared before the Commission and commented on the request including the date and time for the planned ceremony. Manager Mendiola read the Proclamation for the record. The following motion was made by Commissioner Cerri and passed unanimously:

To adopt the Proclamation supporting the Four Chaplains Sunday and have Chairman French sign it.

(Proclamation No. 01-18-22)

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 2022 (July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022), including possible impacts of the COVID-19 response in the county and an update on the American Recovery Act Funds. Comptroller Rackley reported on the quarterly report through

December 31, 2021 including Fund balances noting that the departments are at about 50% for expenditures which is where we should be at this time.

COUNTY CLERK:

APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF EQUALIZATION AND REAPPOINTMENT OF BOARD MEMBER: Consideration, discussion and possible approval per requirements of NRS 361.340(4) for the Chairman of the Board of Commissioners to nominate Jim Bidart for re-appointment to the Humboldt County Board of Equalization for a four (4) year term to expire on December 31, 2025 and for designation of Commissioner Ron Cerri to serve as the Chairman of the County Board of Equalization. The following motion was made by Commissioner Tipton and passed unanimously:

To appoint Jim Bidart for four years to the Board of Equalization and to appoint Commissioner Cerri as Chair of the Board of Equalization.

Chairman French stated that the Commission would proceed to item 12 as items 10 and 11 are time specific.

10:00 A.M. SET TO PUBLIC HEARING:

REQUEST FOR ZONE CHANGES AND MASTER PLAN AMENDMENT: Consideration, discussion and possible approval to set the following to public hearing at a time and date at the discretion of staff: Chairman French asked if each item needs a separate motion. District Attorney Macdonald responded that as long as all are read, one motion can be made. Commissioner Cerri asked the purpose of these changes. Manager Mendiola responded and explained what the Regional Planning Commission had discussed to clean up zoning in certain areas. Chairman French stated that he would read the first five as they are house cleaning from the Planning Department and then do the last two as requested by Desert Mountain Surveying.

A) RH-21-16 – Zone change application submitted by Regional Planning Commission on behalf of David D. Selesnick Trust to change the C (Commercial) zoning designation to CH (Highway Commercial) zoning designation on property located at the E Winnemucca Blvd/I-80 Interchange; assessor’s parcel #10-0262-01. Chairman French read the title of the item set to public hearing

B) RH-21-17 - Zone change application submitted by Regional Planning Commission on behalf of Sawtooth RV, LLC to change the C (Commercial) zoning designation to M-3 (Open Land Use) zoning designation on property located at 24770 N US Hwy 95, Orovada, NV; assessor’s parcel #03-0421-07. Chairman French read the title of the item set to public hearing.

C) RH-21-18 Zone Change application submitted by Regional Planning Commission on behalf of Sawtooth Properties, LLC to change the C (Commercial) zoning designation to CH (Highway Commercial) zoning designation on property located at 24810 N US Hwy 95, Orovada, NV; assessor’s parcel #03-0421-07. Chairman French read the title of the item set to public hearing.

D) RH-21-19 – Zone Change application submitted by Regional Planning Commission on behalf of the Maxl & Theresa Willis Trust to change the C (Commercial) zoning designation to CH (Highway Commercial) zoning designation on property located off SR 789, Golconda, NV; assessor’s parcel #08-0402-01. Chairman French read the title of the item set to public hearing.

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E) RH-21-20 – Zone Change application submitted by Regional Planning Commission on behalf of the Joseph D. Scott Trust to change the C (Commercial) zoning designation to CH (Highway Commercial) zoning designation on property located off SR 789, Golconda, NV; assessor’s parcel #08-0611-04). Chairman French read the title of the item set to public hearing.

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

To set to public hearing items A, B, C, D and E as read by the Chairman for the public record with the set to date to be determined by the Clerk.

F) MP-21-03 - Master Plan Amendment application submitted by Desert Mountain Surveying as agent for ARJ Properties, LLC to amend the OSMU (Open Space Multiple Use) Master designation to COMM (Commercial) Master Plan designation. Subject property is located at the Rose Creek Interchange; assessor’s parcel #'s 05-0481-01 & 052-0482-01 (*as corrected 05-0482-01*). Chairman French read the title of the item set to public hearing.

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

To set to public hearing item MP-21-03 a Master Plan Amendment submitted by Desert Mountain Surveying as agent for ARJ Properties, LLC to amend OSMU – Open Space Multiple Use Master designation to COMM – Commercial Master Plan Designation; subject property is located at the Rose Creek Interchange Assessor’s Parcels 05-0481-01 and 05-0482-01 (amended from 052-0482-01 by Commissioner Cerri) at a time to be set by the Clerk.

G) RH-21-21 – Zone change application submitted by Desert Mountain Surveying as agent for ARJ Properties, LLC to change the M-3 (Open Land Use) zoning designation to Ch (Highway Commercial) zoning designation. Subject property is located at the Rose Creek Interchange; assessor’s parcel #'s 05-0481-01 & 05-0482-01. Chairman French read the title of the item set to public hearing. Discussion ensued regarding the additional number “2” in the second parcel number in item F and what the difference is between the action items. Commissioner Cerri offered an amendment to the prior motion correcting the parcel number.

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

To set to public hearing a zone change application submitted by Desert Mountain Surveying as agent for ARJ Properties, LLC to change the M-3, Open Land Use, zoning designation to CH, Highway Commercial zoning designation; subject property is located at the Rose Creek Interchange, parcel numbers 05-0481-01 and 05-0482-01.

10:00 A.M. PUBLIC HEARING:

RESOLUTION ON NUISANCE COMPLAINT: Consideration, discussion, and possible action per Humboldt County Code (HCC) 8.04.010, related to a nuisance complaint filed against property located at 7140 01/18/2022

Jackson Road, Winnemucca, NV owned by Donn L. Sakurada; Assessor's Parcel Number 13-0541-16. Said action to include allowing the property owner more time to abate the nuisance and or request the District Attorney's office take legal action against the property owner. Chairman French read the title of the item set to public hearing. Property owner Donn L. Sakurada, Keaton Sakurada and complainant Mark Evtz appeared before the Commission and were duly sworn by the Clerk. Levi Carl, Humboldt County Building Inspector I, appeared before the Commission via Teams and reported on the status of the nuisance; he stated that he has been working with Mr. Sakurada and that, as the conex boxes have been removed, he is in compliance with the Building Department and the Planning Department. Chairman French asked what the status is of the burned building. Mr. Carl reported that a site inspection had been done but as of yet no letter had been received from the engineer as to what needs to occur with the building. Mr. Sakurada stated that from what he knows an estimate has been received which he has signed and returned, that a contractor has been acquired and they will be working together for the design of the new structure. Keaton Sakurada responded, to a question about the time line, that they are hoping to proceed as soon as possible but noted that the issues with Covid have impacted access to materials and such and that may create an issue. Commissioner Hill asked if the building would be repaired or if it had been found to be a total loss. Mr. Sakurada stated he believed it had been determined to be a total loss so it will be a total re-build. Chairman French noted the Commission's concern with the time the complainants have had to wait and why there needs to be a determination for when this will be addressed; he noted that with the information that results from the engineer's report which is pending that will determine the plans for how the matter will be proceeding and that he would like to see a report back to this Board by the February 7th or 22nd meeting and that he would like Mr. Sakurada to keep in communication with the County Manager or Mr. Carl as to the status of the report. Mr. Evtz commented that based on the information provided he would think the report should be available by the 7th but he would like to see structure around the time frame so we can move forward. The Board concurred. Manager Mendiola asked District Attorney Macdonald if this matter can be agendized as an update or does it need to be another public hearing with publication. District Attorney Macdonald responded that it could be placed on the agenda as a continued public hearing and, as the Commission is discussing on the record today the date and time of the continued public hearing, he does not believe re-publishing is necessary. Chairman French stated that a continued public hearing would occur on February 7th at 10:00 a.m. at which the Commission would expect to see a copy of the engineer's report, what the property owner's plans are for the site and a report from Levi Carl to see where they are with the process. Commissioner Tipton asked that, if the building has been found to be a total loss, he would like to see a time line for removal of the current structure at the meeting on the 7th. Chairman French asked for public comment; none offered. The following motion was made by Commissioner Tipton and passed unanimously:

To place an item on the February 7th agenda for a continued public hearing for the Sakurada residence at 7140 Jackson Road owned by Donn L. Sakurada Assessor's Parcel Number 13-0541-16 and at that time the Commission will receive a time line and knowledge of what will happen to the property and a time line for removal or repair of the building.

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

MCDERMITT SEWER IMPROVEMENT PROJECT: Consideration, discussion and possible approval for Scope of Work Agreement with Farr West Engineering in an amount not to exceed \$57,000, and subject to the

District Attorney's Office review. This is Phase 1 of the project to connect property to the sewer system via an alternative route. Any system improvements must be completed by a licensed Professional Engineer and Farr West Engineering and their staff will be representing the County in that capacity, regarding this project. ARPA funds will be used to fund this phase of the project. A copy of the proposed Scope of Work for the McDermitt Sewer Improvement Project Phase I was included on the on-line agenda for review. Director Kalkoske reviewed the request for the Commission. Discussion ensued regarding how the phases will be addressed, the options being considered, that funding is via ARPA and the time line for the project. Commissioner Cerri noted his distaste for using tax dollars for this project when the prior method had been working for years; he stated his hope that the County is looking at recouping these costs. Chairman French commented on the initial plan that these GIDs would create ending fund balances to serve as contingencies to cover these types of issues and he concurred with Commissioner Cerri on his concerns as the taxpayers should not be shouldering the costs for these districts. After discussion the following motion was made by Commissioner Cerri and passed unanimously:

To approve the Scope of Work Agreement with Farr West Engineering in an amount not to exceed \$57,000.00 subject to the District Attorney's Office review.

JUNGO ROAD MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT: Consideration, discussion and possible approval for an agreement with Hycroft Mine to continue the shared maintenance of Jungo Road, pending the District Attorney's review. A copy of the proposed Road Maintenance Agreement between Humboldt County and Hycroft Resource & Development was included on the on-line agenda for review. Director Kalkoske reviewed the request for the Commission including the changes made related to not going outside the prescribed right-of-way as established by the BLM and hold harmless clauses for both parties. After discussion the following motion was made by Commissioner Tipton and passed unanimously:

To approve the agreement with Hycroft Mine to continue the shared maintenance of Jungo Road pending the District Attorney's review.

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 that roads are opening up following the snow event, that Albus Road on the west side of 95 is still closed, the Golconda crew is adding material to Green Saddle Road, the Paradise crew is skipping around through Paradise Ranchos and Paradise Valley catching up on repairs for bad spots and there is a crew on Jungo Road as it has been awhile since they had been out there.

Chairman French asked if the shooting range road is open. Director Kalkoske indicated that he hasn't been up there but he believes it is open as it was not closed. Commissioner Cerri asked about the status of staffing for the department. Director Kalkoske responded. Discussion ensued regarding the difficulty in hiring and retaining employees.

SHERIFF: Sheriff Mike Allen appeared before the Commission.

REQUEST TO WAIVE ATTRITION POLICY: Consideration, discussion and possible action to approve a waiver of the County's attrition policy to hire for a 911 Operator position which became available on December 27, 2021 following a dispatcher's resignation from Humboldt County Sheriff's Office Dispatch. Sheriff

Allen reviewed the request for the Commission. The following motion was made by Commissioner Hill and passed unanimously:

To approve a waiver of the County's Attrition Policy to hire a 911 operator position for the Sheriff's Office.

ACCEPTANCE OF JAG GRANT AWARD: Consideration, discussion and possible action to accept the Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) in the amount of \$40,000.00. The grant allows for continuation of narcotics enforcement in Humboldt County. A copy of the grant award was included on the on-line agenda for review. Sheriff Allen reviewed the request for the Commission. The following motion was made by Commissioner Cerri and passed unanimously:

To accept the Justice Assistance Grant, JAG, in the amount of \$40,000.00 to allow for the continuation of narcotics enforcement in Humboldt County.

AGREEMENT WITH DR CHARLES STRINGHAM FOR ADULT DETENTION PHYSICIAN SERVICES: Consideration, discussion and possible approval of an agreement between Humboldt County, a political subdivision of the State of Nevada, and Dr. Charles Stringham to provide physician services in the amount of \$2,000 per month at the adult detention facility temporarily until a new agreement can be completed with Humboldt General Hospital for similar services. A copy of the proposed Adult Detention Facility Medical Authority Agreement was included on the on-line agenda for review. Sheriff Allen offered comment on the request but asked that the matter be tabled to the Commission's next meeting as he needs to review the funding and Captain Lininger is not available today. Chairman French stated that this matter would be tabled to the next regular meeting unless a special meeting is needed.

HUMAN RESOURCES: Human Resources Director Abel del Real-Nava appeared before the Commission.

REQUEST TO HIRE HUMAN SERVICES DIRECTOR AND DEPUTY PUBLIC GUARDIAN: Consideration, discussion and possible approval to open a recruitment to hire for the new positions of Human Services Director and Deputy Public Guardian. Job descriptions and corresponding salary ranges for the positions were approved by the Board of Commissioners at the regular meeting on January 3, 2022. Commissioner Hoss noted that there is discussion related to this matter set for the retreat meeting and questioned why this is being discussed now. Chairman French responded as to what he believes is set to be discussed at the retreat is related to the management of the office where as this item is related to filling a position that will be vacated very shortly and noted the current situation with the District Attorney covering the position of public guardian. Director del Real-Nava offered comment as to what has occurred and the need to fill the Human Services position due to a retirement in March, so this is a request to open recruitment. Discussion ensued regarding the changes which have occurred with the Human Services program compared to the past. Chairman French commented that the discussion at the retreat as well as the budget hearings will deal with how we envision this department moving forward based on the rural county plan as to what we have to provide and what is on the radar down the road. Manager Mendiola responded that today the intention was just to kick off the recruitment for the Director position and then having whomever is hired for that position handle the recruitment for the deputy public guardian position; the retreat discussion will be for how the department will be set up going forward. Commissioner Hoss voiced his concerns on moving forward with hiring when there is no actual plan for what these positions will be doing; he requested that this matter be handled at the retreat as previously noted. Director del

Real-Nava noted that the job descriptions had been approved at the last meeting and asked if there is any clarification needed; he noted the tight time line for hiring the position and allowing for time with the incumbent for training. Chairman French commented on what had changed with prior discussions about this department based on the retirement of the current employee that manages the office and the need to allow for training time. Commissioner Hill voiced concerns not only with how the department will be organized but also with how big it will be employee wise. Clerk Spero offered comments on her concerns that this process is backing up to the retirement of the current employee and how that will impact the ability to train the new hire; she noted that she would not support this department growing outside the two identified positions but commented on the need for a second employee to allow for time off from the duties handled by the person ultimately hired. Commissioner Cerri suggested that the Board make a decision on the director position today but hold off on the second position until the new director comes in. Chairman French agreed that would be a good strategy noting that filling the position due to become vacant is essential; he suggested that for the retreat side he would like to know what happened in Churchill that required additional people and what grant funding was used for those positions as he believes Humboldt is going to see additional need down the road and we will need to know how to fund this outside the general fund. Commissioner Hoss noted the recent approval of the two positions and stated that he would want discussion on how this department and those new positions will be implemented at the retreat and not just go out to hire to replace the retiring employee; he stated that he is not opposed to the new department that he understands the need but that he has no idea what this position will do and he has concerns that we will go from two to seven employees to go along with Churchill and we do not know anything about their program; he agreed with the need to hire to replace the retiring employee but wants to make sure that the department is redesigned so it can go on. Chairman French commented that for today the Board can probably fill the position for replacement based on the job description previously approved and reserve the second position for further discussion. Commissioner Hoss asked if that can be done based on agenda language. District Attorney Macdonald confirmed that the Commission could hire zero to two based on the agenda language. The following motion was made by Commissioner Cerri and passed unanimously:

To open the recruitment to hire a person for Human Services Director.

TECHNOLOGY SERVICES:

REQUEST TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH ALLIANCE DOCUMENT TECHNOLOGIES FOR PRINT DEVICES: Consideration, discussion and possible approval to enter into a 48-month contract with Alliance Document Technologies for county wide print devices that will deliver cost savings to the County. The cost of the contract is approximately \$5,543.71 per month and is pending the District Attorney's review and approval. A copy of the Alliance Managed Print Solution Proposal was included on the on-line agenda for review. Chairman French stated that this item would be tabled to allow for further information gathering.

BLM SAGE GROUSE COOPERATING AGENCY LETTER: Consideration, discussion and possible approval of a letter to submit to the Nevada Deputy State Director, Alan Shepherd, requesting Cooperating Agency status for Humboldt County regarding the re-initiation of the NEPA process for a proposal to withdraw sagebrush focal areas (DOI-BLMWO-WO3500-2016-0002-EIS). A copy of the proposed letter was included on the on-line agenda for review. Chairman French reviewed this request for the Commission. Discussion ensued regarding the status of the lawsuit previously filed. Commissioner Cerri requested that, once we become a cooperating agency, he be included in any meetings or discussions; he noted that it is allowed

for all Commissioners to be included without it violating the Open Meeting Law per legislative action; he commented on the serious ramifications to the ranching industry that this rewrite can result in. Chairman French concurred on the importance of the entire Board being involved. Commissioner Cerri noted that the N2 Grazing Board had discussed requesting cooperating agency status but, as he serves on that Board as well, if he can participate they will not proceed with that request. Chairman French agreed that if there is an issue Commissioner Cerri should be the representative. Commissioner Cerri noted Chairman French's success with the litigation aspect and the importance of he being involved as well. District Attorney Macdonald indicated that the legislation noted by Commissioner Cerri was SB 77. Manager Mendiola stated that he would amend the letter to include language requesting all Commissioners be allowed to participate with Chairman French and Commissioner Cerri taking the lead. The following motion was made by Commissioner Tipton and passed unanimously:

To approve submitting a letter to the Nevada Deputy State Director Alan Shepherd, Requesting Cooperating Agency status for Humboldt County regarding the re-initiation of the NEPA process for a proposal to withdraw sagebrush focal areas (DOI-BLMWO-WO 3500-2016-0002-EIS) and that all Commissioner be represented with Commissioner Cerri and Commissioner French being the leads.

Commissioner Hoss noted that this will be an ongoing thing and we need to stay on top of it.

Commissioner French stated for the record that this is our spotted owl.

Chairman French stated that the Board would return to item 11 as it is 10:00 a.m. and time for the public hearing and set to public hearing items.

RETREAT AGENDA DISCUSSION: Consideration and discussion regarding the agenda for the 2022 Humboldt County Commissioners Retreat agenda. The current plan is to cover the following topics during the session:

1) Justice/District Courtroom and Entry Remodel; 2) Adjustments to Capital Projects Budget to consider other projects; 3) Grass Valley Nitrate Mitigation Master Plan; 4) Human Services Department Organization and Management; 5) Nuisance Ordinance Update and Next Steps; 6) Discussion of new Wells Fargo Credit Card program; 7) Black Fly/Mosquito Mitigation Update. Chairman French and Manager Mendiola noted that the nuisance ordinance update will need to be removed as the attorney working on the proposal is not available at this time. Commissioner Cerri asked if discussion should be included about the cricket/grass hopper matter. Manager Mendiola responded that discussion on those matters will be included with item 7 and explained. Commissioner Hoss asked that discussion on contract renewal processes be included. Manager Mendiola indicated that item would be on the February 7th agenda. Commissioner Hoss asked for information on the County's fiscal involvement with the Boys & Girls Club. Manager Mendiola responded that he will provide a review of what has been done historically though there is nothing automatically budgeted for the organization but they do come in with requests for grants during that process. Discussion ensued regarding the date and time for the retreat. No motion offered as this is an informational item only.

MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE:

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1) Other information and upcoming meetings: The following meetings were noted on the on-line agenda: January 24 & 25 (if needed) 2022 Humboldt County Commission Retreat, February 7, 2022 Humboldt County Commission Meeting, February 10, 2022 Regional Planning Commission Meeting and February 14, 2022 Regional Airport Board Meeting.

2) Reports from Commissioners regarding other Boards and Committees on which they serve: Commissioner Hill noted upcoming meetings for the Humboldt Development Authority and the Paradise Valley Conservation District. Commissioner Hoss reported on an Airport Board meeting and a Museum Board meeting at which discussion had occurred regarding a leak at the St. Mary's Church building and what had occurred with that. Commissioner Tipton stated that he had attended HIPPA training at the hospital. Commissioner Cerri reported on a BLM meeting he had participated in. Commissioner French commented on work he is doing with Western Interstate Region related to coordination for the Waters of the US regulations that are pending and the Wild Horse and Burro Committee outstanding appointments; he noted upcoming meetings of the Public Lands Steering Committee and the NACO Board of Directors.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS: Manager Mendiola identified the following items for the February 7th and 22nd agendas – the Dr. Stringham agreement for the jail, the continued public hearing on the nuisance, the public hearings on the planning matters and a report on the Boys & Girls Club; he noted the change to the start time for the retreat from 8:00 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. Commissioner Hoss asked for additional information on the Alliance Document contract when it is brought back.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Chairman French asked for public comment. Assistant County Manager/Human Resources Director Abel del Real-Nava appeared before the Commission and reported that the United States Supreme Court had blocked the OSHA emergency mandate related to Covid testing and vaccinations for employers and that Governor Sisolak had indicated that he does not intend to pursue a State mandate. No further public comment offered.

ADJOURNMENT: Chairman French adjourned the meeting at 10:59 a.m.

ATTEST:  Clerk APPROVED:  Chairman

(Minutes approved by the Commission and signed by the Chairman on 2/7/22)