



Humboldt County Board of Commissioners
August 21, 2023 at 8:30 AM
Meeting Minutes

Those present were Chairman Ken Tipton, Commissioners Ron Cerri, Tom Hoss and Mark Evatz, Deputy District Attorney Michael Macdonald, County Manager Dave Mendiola and Clerk of the Board Tami Rae Spero. Commissioner Jesse Hill was not in attendance.

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

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

PUBLIC COMMENT: Chairman Tipton 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 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 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 22, 2021; March 29, 2021 (Budgets); April 8, 2021 (Special Meeting); June 21, 2021; July 19, 2021; August 9, 2021; August 12, 2021 (Special Meeting); August 23, 2021; September 20, 2021; November 8, 2021; and November 22, 2021; January 3, 2022; January 24, 2022 (Commission Retreat), March 7, 2022, March 21, 2022; May 2, 2022; May 16, 2022; September 19, 2022 (Regular Meeting); November 7, 2022; November 21, 2022; December 12, 2022; February 21, 2023; March 20, 2023; March 27 & 28, 2023 (Budget Hearing); May 1, 2023, July 10, 2023; July 24, 2023; and August 1, 2023. No minutes submitted for consideration.

APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURES FOR HUMBOLDT COUNTY FOR AUGUST 7, 2023 THROUGH AUGUST 21,

2023: The following motion was made by Commissioner Cerri and passed with Chairman Tipton and Commissioners Cerri, Hoss and Evatz voting aye and Commissioner Hill being absent:

To approve the expenditures for August 7, 2023 through August 21, 2023 as presented.

CONSENT AGENDA: Any item appearing on the Consent Agenda can be pulled down and discussed in detail. Treasurer – Roll Change Requests – APN 08-0681-01/Ramirez and APN 10-0551-09/Ball. The following motion was made by Commissioner Cerri and passed with Chairman Tipton and Commissioners Cerri, Hoss and Evatz voting aye and Commissioner Hill being absent:

To approve the consent agenda as presented.

LITHIUM AMERICAS THACKER PASS UPDATE: Representatives from Lithium Americas will provide an update to the Commission regarding their Thacker Pass project. Tim Crowley with Lithium Americas, Lithium Nevada appeared before the Commission and provided an update on the Thacker Pass Project via a power point presentation including the appeals status on permitting, the construction status, hiring, equipment, a partnership with North America’s Building Trades Unions, workforce training and employment opportunities, how the project will look throughout the mine life, what’s ahead in construction, project financing, the status of Orovada community engagement including the building of a K-8 school and the status of that, improvements of turn lanes, the Fort McDermitt Paiute Shoshone Tribe Benefits Agreement and what is involved with that, the status of the transloading terminal in Winnemucca, a workforce hub including safe, secure housing with the note that he will return to give more information on this part once there is more detail, a company overview including the separating of Lithium Americas and Lithium Argentina and contact information for the project. Discussion/questions occurred including as to the reason for the additional validation of claims, the need to receive all equipment in Humboldt County and the need to use due diligence to make that happen including providing updates on those receipts for the tax benefit to be with Humboldt County, the availability of a partnership with Great Basin College for apprenticeships, the need for dust control due to the land being exposed, the need to track injury frequency rate, water rights obtained for construction, contact with OSHA and MSHA for the mine construction and how the project will be jointly regulated, water for the man-camp which will be a tie-in to the City’s system, water for the airport project and how that will be handled, who owns GM and what is it’s make-up, the benefit of the communication with Orovada and what projects still need to be worked on, the need to preserve the habitat on top of the Santa Rosas for the sage grouse and the need to discuss the withdrawal of lithium on top of the mountains based on concerns and the intention to do that with explanation, that the plan is for concurrent reclamation, when phase two will begin which is unknown but the reason it is better to start sooner and what may be

occurring on the south-side of 293.

Chairman Tipton recessed the meeting at 9:26 a.m. reconvening at 9:46 a.m.

PUBLIC FACILITIES INVESTMENT CORPORATION (PFIC) WILL PRESENT OPTIONS FOR FUNDING LARGE CAPITAL PROJECTS: Jeff Tamkin, President of Public Facilities Investment Corporation (PFIC) will provide a presentation regarding options for funding large public facility projects. Manager Mendiola gave an overview of the purpose of this item. Jeff Tamkin appeared before the Commission via Teams and provided a PowerPoint presentation including the PFIC corporate background, what the program does, the PFIC development services, select public facility experience including current projects and what projects have/are being done in Nevada, the markets served, the P3 programs and how they work including development steps, leaseback financing highlights and program advantages. Discussion and questions ensued including what occurs if there is a remodel or maintenance issue during the contract, the ability to re-finance if the rates come down, the time frame for a project start and would the project be subject to the Davis Bacon act based on action taking by the Legislature and the impact of prevailing wage which will be looked at.

DISCUSSION REGARDING FUNDING OPTIONS AND DIRECTION TO MOVE FORWARD ON ONE OR MORE PROJECTS: Consideration, discussion and possible action regarding possible funding options for the construction of a new justice center or courthouse and/or remodeling of existing courthouse facilities and to provide direction to the County Manager on additional information that is required and/or on how to proceed. Manager Mendiola reviewed the request for the Commission noting his need for direction; he asked for a directive to re-engage with CTA noting the increase in jury trials recently and the impact of this on the current facility and the issues with the Adult Detention Facility and the need to look at that project as well. Discussion/questions ensued including as to whether we can afford this long-term, the issue with the Legislature making a decision that impact us so the State should assist, concerns about erosion of the ending fund balance and concerns with long-term funding, the need to look at raising taxes, understanding that the need is there but the need to be transparent on what will occur, concerns with paying for this long-term, that the growth that is coming assists financially but also increases the demand on the court system, that the issue needs to be addressed one way or another, the benefits of using this type of proposal to extend out the payment period with the possibility of re-financing if rates reduce, that the cost for addressing the identified need is not going to go down, that the projection today is not sufficient to cover both projects and to discuss with the Comptroller as to what type of money is available annually to address this with the noted concern of a reduction of income if mining takes a hit. Chairman Tipton stated that he is not prepared to move forward today.

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Commissioner Cerri concurred. Chairman Tipton asked for ballpark figures for the cost of a detention center, the justice center, the cost to repair the current HVAC system and what a 1% increase in property taxes would produce. Manager Mendiola suggested it would seem that the next steps may be for him to meet with the Comptroller and with CTA for the requested information and offered comment. Chairman Tipton also asked that any funding available from the Courts be confirmed. Mr. Tamkin offered comment on the ability to bring the costs down. Angela Hansen of CTA appeared via Teams and offered comment on their ability to work with the County Manager and PFIC to provide an updated plan. Commissioner Cerri noted his concerns with committing to payments for such a long time and asked that the determination be, what we can afford annually without the inclusion of PILT due to concerns with that funding source occurring every year. Commissioner Evatz noted the need to engage with our Legislators to address this issue as to additional funding given requirements put into place related to the Courts. Commissioner Evatz offered the following motion:

To do what the County Manager said we should do.

Deputy District Attorney Macdonald suggested clarification. The following amended motion was made by Commissioner Evatz:

To look at all the financing, all the different revenue sources that we have, to take a comprehensive look at the aspect of need, what are the needs and the revenue sources as addressed by the Chairman; to get with the Comptroller to establish what the what, what a budgetary amount might look like with or without putting our ending fund balance at risk, basically a comprehensive due diligent look from a financial perspective to address/quote the needs of detention, the justice facility and the HVAC upgrade.

Commissioner Hoss asked if this could be done in-house without hiring outside assistance as we have already spent a lot of money on that and explained. The following second amended motion was made by Commissioner Evatz and passed with Chairman Tipton and Commissioners Cerri, Hoss and Evatz voting aye and Commissioner Hill being absent:

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it is going to cost, that would have to be facilitated from some kind of professional service that can give us, a, you know, a prefeasibility or a feasibility look at construction and maintenance costs.

Chairman Tipton recessed the meeting at 10:45 a.m. reconvening at 10:51 a.m.

ZITO MEDIA PRESENTATION REGARDING ITS SERVICE OFFERINGS IN HUMBOLDT COUNTY, INCLUDING WINNEMUCCA, GRASS VALLEY AND FUTURE OFFERINGS IN OTHER AREAS OF HUMBOLDT COUNTY:

James Rigas, Zito Co-President, will provide a presentation to the Humboldt County Commission regarding Zito Media's current service offerings in and around Winnemucca as well as their offerings for the future in outlying areas of Humboldt County due to the recent grant funding award. James Rigas appeared before the Commission on behalf of Zito and provided information including a PowerPoint presentation as well as answers to questions from the Board as to who they are, the national network provided, the benefits to Humboldt County and Winnemucca, investments/upgrades in higher speed access in Winnemucca, what this will allow Zito to do in the local area, the bidding process and what was involved, the expansion network in Phase 1, the areas that are included in the build-out, issues in the Kings River Valley area, how the costs are determined to bring into properties that are off the route, the area being covered, other areas the company is expanding into to create a statewide middle mile network and the benefits and service capabilities, the staffing situation locally and that a certain amount of the fiber is reserved for use by the State and their ability to lease the rest.

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 2024 (July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024), including an update on the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) and other funding available to the County. Comptroller Rackley stated that she does not really have an update this week, that they are just working to close out fiscal year 23 and with our auditor.

TREASURER: Treasurer Rhona Lecumberry appeared before the Commission.

RENEWAL OF RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING INVESTMENTS WITH STIFEL, NICOLAUS & COMPANY:

Consideration, discussion and possible approval of a Resolution authorizing the investment of Humboldt County funds with Stifel, Nicolaus & Company and to authorize the Treasurer and Comptroller to act on behalf of the County. Treasurer Lecumberry reviewed the request for the Commission. The following motion was made by Commissioner Cerri and passed with Chairman Tipton and Commissioners Cerri, Hoss and Evatz voting aye and Commissioner Hill being absent:

To renew the resolution authorizing investments with Stifel, Nicolaus and Company to be signed by the Chair.

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

WINNEMUCCA MOUNTAIN ROAD CLOSURE: Consideration, discussion and possible action regarding Winnemucca Mountain Road closure during the October Annular Eclipse. Director Kalkoske reviewed the request for the Commission. After discussion the following motion was made by Commissioner Cerri and passed with Chairman Tipton and Commissioners Cerri, Hoss and Evatz voting aye and Commissioner Hill being absent:

To approve the road closure during the October annual eclipse from October 11th through the 16th beginning at 8:00 a.m. on the 11th through 8:00 a.m. on the 16th.

Discussion ensued regarding the dates, the time beginning/ending, the need to give a heads up to Kent Arrien related to the shooting range, the need to have signage posted and the need to contact those individuals with mountain top access including the railroad and the State.

PAVEMENT PRESERVATION PROJECT: Consideration, discussion and possible approval to award the bid to Sierra Nevada Construction for the 2023/2024 Humboldt County Pavement Preservation Project, in an amount not to exceed of \$928,493.50. Director Kalkoske reviewed the request for the Commission. The following motion was made by Commissioner Cerri and passed with Chairman Tipton and Commissioners Cerri, Hoss and Evatz voting aye and Commissioner Hill being absent:

To approve and award the bid to Sierra Nevada Construction for the 2023-2024 Humboldt County Preservation Project in an amount not to exceed \$928,493.50.

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 grading, a small flash flood on Leonard Creek Road, the clearing of back slopes, the status of Lambert Bridge, mowing and the plan to inspect the Chimney Dam Road due to flooding earlier in the year as complaints have been received. Director Kalkoske reported on the status of the assumption of the duties related to Gold Country Water including issues with the meters; he noted that the costs are being billed to that enterprise fund.

SHERIFF: Under Sheriff Damon Kuskie appeared before the Commission

LIQUOR BOARD: Under Sheriff Kuskie called the Liquor Board to Order at 11:46 a.m. Under Sheriff Kuskie reviewed and recommended approval for a request for a special liquor license on behalf of Richard F. Gavica and the Santa Rosa Basque Club for the Basque Festival on September 9th, 2023 in Paradise Valley. The following motion was made by Commissioner Tipton and passed unanimously:

That the Liquor Board allows for a special liquor license on behalf of Richard F. Gavica and the Santa

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Rosa Basque Club for the Basque Festival on September 9, 2023 in Paradise Valley.

Under Sheriff Kuskie adjourned the Liquor Board at 11:47 a.m.

WINNEMUCCA EVENTS CENTER: WCVA Director Kim Petersen appeared before the Commission.

REQUEST TO RETROFIT THE LIVESTOCK BARN ALLEYS AND LOADING CHUTE: Consideration, discussion and possible approval to move forward to retrofit the Livestock Barn Alley and Loading Chute Retrofit and approve the use of Ag. District #3 funds to be used to pay Nuffer Fencing LLC \$12,910 with \$4,500 of which will be reimbursed by the Tri-County Junior Livestock Show & Sale Committee. Chairman Tipton stated that Director Petersen had reached out to him related to concerns with having these in place in time for the fair, so he had directed Director Petersen to proceed with the acquisition and to put this item on the agenda. Director Petersen reviewed the request for the Commission noting safety concerns and the need to proceed to have this done in time for the upcoming Labor Day Fair. The following motion was made by Commissioner Cerri and passed with Chairman Tipton and Commissioners Cerri, Hoss and Evatz voting aye and Commissioner Hill being absent:

To approve the retro fit for the livestock barn alleys and loading chute and to approve the use of Ag District 3 funds to be used to pay Nuffer Fencing, LLC \$12,910.00 with \$4,500.00 of which will be reimbursed by the Tri County Junior Livestock Show and Sale Committee.

REQUEST TO PURCHASE UTVS: Consideration, discussion and possible approval to purchase three (3) 2024 Polaris Ranger 570s from Sonoma Cycle in an amount not to exceed \$60,246.75. Director Petersen reviewed the request for the Commission explaining why he is asking to go with the heavier duty vehicles from Sonoma Cycle rather than the prior request for club cars. After discussion the following motion was made by Commissioner Evatz:

To approve the purchase of three 2024 Polaris Ranger 570s from Sonoma Cycle in the amount not to exceed \$60,246.75.

Deputy District Attorney Macdonald suggested that the motion also specify the reasons or findings why the bid is going with this vendor. Commissioner Evatz withdrew his prior motion and offered the following motion which passed with Chairman Tipton and Commissioners Cerri, Hoss and Evatz voting aye and Commissioner Hill being absent:

That based on a reevaluation of the needs of these three units for a heavier duty, longer lasting and ability to support the multiple use of these units at the fairgrounds, that instead of getting the club cars at the lower bid based on the improved performance and standards of these units, we approve the purchase of three 2024 Polaris Ranger 570s from Sonoma Cycle in an amount not to exceed \$60,246.75.

TECHNOLOGY SERVICES: Communications Director Ric Grantham appeared before the Commission.

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REQUEST FOR CHAIRMAN OR VICE CHAIRMAN TO SIGN ELECTRIC SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH HARNEY ELECTRIC: Consideration, discussion and possible approval of a request for the Chairman and/or Vice Chairman to sign an Agreement for Electric Service from Harney Electric resulting from the installation of power at the new McDermitt Public Safety Communication Site. Director Grantham reviewed the request for the Commission. The following motion was made by Commissioner Cerri and passed with Chairman Tipton and Commissioners Cerri, Hoss and Evatz voting aye and Commissioner Hill being absent:

To approve the request for the Chairman or Vice-Chairman to sign the agreement for the County for electric services from Harney Electric at the new McDermitt Public Safety Communication site.

APPROVAL TO PURCHASE COMPUTER EQUIPMENT: Consideration, discussion and possible approval to purchase computer equipment from Dell Computers to replace equipment with expired warranties that are out of service or to add new hardware in an amount not to exceed \$54,000. Director Grantham reviewed the request for the Commission. Discussion ensued regarding the number of replacements, the number of spares, why spares are needed, the timeframe for delivery, Teams room bundles and the reason for the request for five. Commissioner Evatz requested more detail as to these type of requests in the future. The following motion was made by Commissioner Evatz and passed with Chairman Tipton and Commissioners Cerri, Hoss and Evatz voting aye and Commissioner Hill being absent:

To approve the purchase of computer equipment from Dell computers to replace equipment with expired warranties that are out of service or to add new hardware, including aspects of spares, in an amount not to exceed \$54,000.00.

Commissioner Cerri asked about the Eagle Creek site. Director Grantham responded noting that a communications update will be done at a future meeting.

DISCUSSION REGARDING THE HUMBOLDT COUNTY PROCUREMENT CHECKLIST AND POSSIBLE UPDATES: Consideration, discussion and possible approval of revisions to the Checklist for Purchasing Capital Asset (or any Contracts) for Humboldt County that have a useful life of over one year and cost of \$5,000 or more. Commissioner Cerri noted that it was Commissioner Hill who requested this item so perhaps this should be tabled. Comptroller Rackley offered comment on the policy in place including the proposal to add lines to the current checklist. After discussion the following motion was made by Commissioner Evatz and passed with Chairman Tipton and Commissioners Cerri, Hoss and Evatz voting aye and Commissioner Hill being absent:

That we table this item for the second meeting in September, that the reason I say that, is to give ample time for people to go through that check list including Commissioner Hill but also the request is that it be

passed around to some of the department heads that have been quizzed on their preparedness for certain agenda items to have them, to see if there is something that could add to that which might help them as well, so it is not just us saying here is your checklist but this is to help them.

INTRODUCTION OF KELLIE KRANOVICH AS NEW HUMAN RESOURCES DIRECTOR: County Manager Dave Mendiola will introduce the County Commissioners to Kellie Kranovich as the new Human Resources Director for Humboldt County. Kranovich has been employed by the county for one year, first as an administrative clerk for the Assistant County Manager/ HR Director, and more recently as an Administrative Assistant on an interim basis until a new HR Director could be selected. Kranovich has a vast amount of experience in the Human Resources realm and will be a great fit for the county. Manager Mendiola reviewed the request for the Commission. Human Resources Director Kellie Kranovich appeared before the Commission and offered comment. The Board offered its congratulations.

Chairman Tipton recessed the meeting at 12:23 p.m. reconvening at 12:31 p.m.

UPDATE ON OPTIONS TO HIRE A RECRUITING FIRM FOR THE RECRUITMENT OF A NEW COUNTY MANAGER: Express Recruiting will provide a presentation to the Board of Commissioners related to the recruitment effort for a new County Manager for Humboldt County. Manager Mendiola offered comment on the process. It was noted that the Express Recruiting representative had to step out for another meeting, and they were trying to reach him.

Consideration, discussion and possible approval to hire a recruiting firm to assist in the recruitment of a replacement for the Humboldt County Manager position. The current County Manager has announced his retirement in late March 2024. Three companies, P&C Recruiting, VOLT Recruiting and Express Recruiting have provided proposals to provide two possible levels of service for the recruitment effort. Manager Mendiola reviewed what had been requested related to two options with one being less involved; he reviewed the two options provided by P&C Recruiting including the pricing options and the warranty, the option provided by VOLT Recruiting including pricing and Express' Direct Hire Placement Fee Agreement. Discussion ensued between the Commissioners as to their preferences and what the companies have to offer as well as the costs. Director Kranovich spoke in support of going with option two no matter which company is chosen. Discussion continued regarding what is included in option two. Director Kranovich commented on her knowledge as to Express Recruiting. The following motion was made by Commissioner Evatz:

That we acquire the services of P and C Recruiting to assist in the county manager search for Humboldt County utilizing option two, which captures the bullets that are presented in their proposal including

option one and is paid for as a twenty-two percent fee charged as presented based on the salary of the candidate we end up hiring based on their efforts and that we engage with them as soon as possible and get the ball rolling on the search.

Commissioner Cerri asked about local candidates. Director Kranovich and Manager Mendiola responded. Discussion ensued regarding the options. Chairman Tipton called Commissioner Evatz's motion to a vote and it passed with Chairman Tipton and Commissioners Cerri and Evatz voting aye, Commissioner Hoss voting nay and Commissioner Hill being absent.

MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE:

Other information and upcoming meetings: Chairman Tipton noted the following dates - September 4, 2023 Labor Day - County offices will be closed, September 5, 2023 Humboldt County Board of Commissioners Meeting, September 5, 2023 Winnemucca City Council Meeting, September 14, 2023 Regional Planning Committee Meeting, September 18, 2023 Humboldt County Board of Commissioners Meeting September 19, 2023 Winnemucca City Council Meeting, September 26, 2023 Humboldt General Hospital Board Meeting

Reports from Commissioners regarding other Boards and Committees on which they serve: Commissioner Hoss noted a Museum Board meeting and reported on an Airport Board meeting. Commissioner Evatz offered no report. Commissioner Cerri reported on a WCVA meeting, a call along with the Chairman and County Manager with the Vail BLM District related to a proposal on the Nevada/Oregon border as to potential uranium and lithium mine sites and his participation with a panel on Nevada Newsmakers; he noted that he would not be at attendance at the September 5th meeting. Chairman Tipton reported on meetings with Andy Rieber on new rule proposals from the BLM and the Fish and Wildlife Service related to several topics.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS: Whether an item will be placed on a future agenda will be subject to the chairman and/or legal counsel's determination. Manager Mendiola noted the following items to include work with the Comptroller and Treasurer regarding funding resources, with CTA as to an update including on the HVAC system, the procurement checklist, public hearings on the agenda for the 5th and a presentation from the Vail BLM District related to the mine proposals. Commissioner Evatz asked that consideration be give for the Commission to take a position on the Wine Cup Gamble land swap as well as discussion about any other preparations/aspects of government services that may be taxed during the solar eclipse event.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Chairman Tipton asked for public comment. Jamie Nicotera appeared via telephone and offered public comment regarding the situation with the airport land that the City is in

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joint agreement with the County and her hopes for actions that can be taken by the Commissioners related to contacting the FAA, the Nevada Department of Transportation and all resources available to them; she asked for additional public meetings and notifications for the residents of the County; she asked the Commission to put on hold the City's ability to make any decision until the Commission has more information as they are in control of this situation; she commented on information included in the airport master plan and suggested that the Commissioners review that and noted the need for individuals that purchase property close to the airport to be provided that documentation; she noted that the fact that the information has not been provided opens up the County for a lawsuit; she stated that she has filed a formal complaint with the FAA because she felt she had no choice due to lack of feedback and communication with the City; she commented on the County's need to communicate and to perhaps look into forming a community committee; she asked for an agenda item to allow for another round of communication and for placing a hold on the city for their making any further decisions until the County has looked at all the information and sought outside help.

Christine Kennison, appeared before the Commission and offered public comment stating that they were never notified that they were in an airport area with restrictions and her home should not have been built in the area, so the County dropped the ball at some point, so there have been homes and things built in the area and now the City is coming in and trying to build something that is not zoned for there, that does not follow with the county's master plan; that greatly diminishes property value and the quality of life for all residents and there are hundreds if not thousands who are impacted and who have been coming in and asking for help; that she has done tons of research which she has brought to the Commission and she has lost faith in the integrity of this whole system and how things are run as the guiding force seems to be outside money not whether it is a detriment to the community; she commented on the lack of response by the Commission; that they are being pushed into a corner where their only avenue is law suits, she offered comment on the malfeasance which has already occurred with what has already happened in the this County with the planning with the county master plan, with how things are being ignored with the joint airport agreement, the liability is just racking up on the county, the city on the airport; that it is disgusting what the county/city have done and they will be held accountable; that the Commission has not taken advantage of the resources she has provided; she questioned whether the Commission know who they work for and their integrity as they need to do what is best for the county but those outside the county and run by the Chinese are more important than those that live here; she questioned when did mining supersede agriculture in this county; she voiced her displeasure with the actions of the County Commission; she formally requested that the

Humboldt County Commission put an item on the agenda for discussion and possible vote for the Commission to request legal opinion on the matters concerning the ownership, property, authority and liability of the Winnemucca Municipal Airport from the Nevada Attorney General's Office; she spoke in support of said request.

Jonathan Kennison appeared before the Commission and offered public comment verifying that all the information has been given; he offered comment on the knowledge of attorneys as to airports; the risk of losing the airport and how that could impact the facility; knowledge of smells associated with a sulfur plant; the response by Alicia Heiser to the FAA and the need to look at the information that is out there. Commissioner Evatz offered public comment thanking the folks that put on the Mule Deer Enhancement Summit. County Clerk Spero offered public comment and reported Deputy County Clerk Jessica Koepke had traveled out of state to participate in an annual meeting of the Local Leadership Council which serves as an Advisory Board for the US Elections Assistance Commission and would be traveling out of state to attend the Election Centers annual conference. No further public comment was offered.

ADJOURNMENT: Chairman Tipton adjourned the meeting at 1:36 pm

ATTEST:  Clerk

APPROVED:  Chairman

(Minutes approved by the Commission and signed by the Chairman on 3/18/24)

Notice of Public Meeting
Humboldt County Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting
Monday, August 21, 2023
8:30 AM

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

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1. CALL TO ORDER
2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
3. PUBLIC COMMENT:

General public comment is designated for discussion only. The public has the opportunity to address the Commission on any matter not appearing on this agenda; however, no action may be taken on a matter raised until the matter itself has been specifically included on the agenda as an item upon which action may be taken.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION)

Discussion and action on correction/approval of minutes for discussion and action on correction/approval of minutes for 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 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 22, 2021; March 29, 2021 (Budgets); April 8, 2021 (Special Meeting); June 21, 2021; July 19, 2021; August 9, 2021; August 12, 2021 (Special Meeting); August 23, 2021; September 20, 2021; November 8, 2021; and November 22, 2021; January 3, 2022; January 24, 2022 (Commission Retreat), March 7, 2022, March 21, 2022; May 2, 2022; May 16, 2022; September 19, 2022 (Regular Meeting); November 7, 2022; November 21, 2022; December 12, 2022; February 21, 2023; March 20, 2023; March 27 & 28, 2023 (Budget Hearing); May 1, 2023, July 10, 2023; July 24, 2023; and August 1, 2023. Discussion and possible action.

5. APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURES FOR HUMBOLDT COUNTY FOR AUGUST 7, 2023 THROUGH AUGUST 21, 2023 (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION)
6. CONSENT AGENDA (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION)

Any item appearing on the Consent Agenda can be pulled down and discussed in detail. Discussion and possible action.

6.A) Treasurer - Roll Form

[08-0681-01 Roll Correction.pdf](#)

[10-0551-09 Roll Correction Form.pdf](#)

7. LITHIUM AMERICAS THACKER PASS UPDATE (FOR INFORMATION ONLY)

Representatives from Lithium Americas will provide an update to the Commission regarding their Thacker Pass project. Information only.

8. PUBLIC FACILITIES INVESTMENT CORPORATION (PFIC) WILL PRESENT OPTIONS FOR FUNDING LARGE CAPITAL PROJECTS/DISCUSSION REGARDING FUNDING OPTIONS AND DIRECTION TO MOVE FORWARD ON ONE OR MORE PROJECTS(FOR POSSIBLE ACTION)

A) Jeff Tamkin, President of Public Facilities Investment Corporation (PFIC) will provide a presentation regarding options for funding large public facility projects. For information only.

B) Consideration, discussion and possible action regarding possible funding options for the construction of a new justice center or courthouse and/or remodeling of existing courthouse facilities and to provide direction to the County Manager on additional information that is required and/or on how to proceed. Discussion and possible action.

8.A) PFIC Presentation

[Agenda Request - Funding Mechanism Discussion 2023.pdf](#)

[Humboldt County NV - PFIC Development Approach with rates.pdf](#)

9. ZITO MEDIA PRESENTATION REGARDING IT'S SERVICE OFFERINGS IN HUMBOLDT COUNTY, INCLUDING WINNEMUCCA , GRASS VALLEY AND FUTURE OFFERINGS IN OTHER AREAS OF HUMBOLDT COUNTY. FOR INFORMATION ONLY.

James Rigas, Zito Co- President, will provide a presentation to the Humboldt County Commission regarding Zito Media's current service offerings in and around Winnemucca as well as their offerings for the future in outlying areas of Humboldt County due to the recent grant funding award. Information Only.

10. COMPTROLLER: FINANCIAL REPORT (INFORMATIONAL ONLY)

Humboldt County Comptroller Gina Rackley will provide an overview of current conditions with respect to Humboldt County revenues and expenditures for fiscal year 2024 (July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024), including an update on the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) and other funding available to the County. Information Only.

11. TREASURER: RENEWAL OF RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING INVESTMENTS WITH STIFEL, NICOLAUS & COMPANY (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION)

Consideration, discussion and possible approval of a Resolution authorizing the investment of Humboldt County funds with Stifel, Nicolaus & Company and to authorize the Treasurer and Comptroller to act on behalf of the County. Discussion and possible action.

- 11.A) Treasurer - Stifel, Nicolaus & Company Resolution

[Treasurer - Stifel Account Resolution.pdf](#)

[Stifel Entity Account Resolution.pdf](#)

12. PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT: WINNEMUCCA MOUNTAIN ROAD CLOSURE; PAVEMENT PRESERVATION PROJECT (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION) AND GENERAL ROAD PROJECTS (FOR INFORMATION ONLY)

- A. Consideration, discussion and possible action regarding Winnemucca Mountain Road closure during the October Annular Eclipse. Discussion and possible action.
- B. Consideration, discussion and possible approval to award the bid to Sierra Nevada Construction for the 2023/2024 Humboldt County Pavement Preservation Project, in an amount not to exceed of \$928,493.50. Discussion and possible action.
- C. 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.

- 12.A) Staff Memo - Winnemucca Mountain Road Closure

[Staff Report - Winn Mtn Rd Closure - 08212023.pdf](#) Staff

[Report PW Pavement Preservation 2023-2024.pdf](#)

13. SHERIFF: LIQUOR BOARD (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION)

Consideration, discussion and possible approval of a request through Sheriff Cardenas to the Liquor Board for a special liquor license on behalf of Richard F. Gavica and the Santa Rosa Basque Club for the Basque Festival on September 9th, 2023 in Paradise Valley. Discussion and possible action.

13.A) Sheriff - Liquor Board - Basque Festival

[Staff Report - Special Liquor License-Basque Festival.pdf](#)

14. WINNEMUCCA EVENTS CENTER: REQUEST TO RETROFIT THE LIVESTOCK BARN ALLEYS AND LOADING CHUTE, AND TO PURCHASE UTVS (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION)

A. Consideration, discussion and possible approval to move forward to retrofit the Livestock Barn Alley and Loading Chute Retrofit and approve the use of Ag. District #3 funds to be used to pay Nuffer Fencing LLC \$12,910 with \$4,500 of which will be reimbursed by the Tri-County Junior Livestock Show & Sale Committee. Discussion and possible action.

B. Consideration, discussion and possible approval to purchase three (3) 2024 Polaris Ranger 570s from Sonoma Cycle in an amount not to exceed \$60,246.75. Discussion and possible action.

14.A) WEC - Livestock Show Safety & Capacity Retrofit and UTV Purchase

[WEC Livestock Handling Facilities with Estimate.pdf](#)

[Agenda Request Form WEC UTVs Aug 21 2023 w Attachments.pdf](#)

15. TECHNOLOGY SERVICES: REQUEST FOR CHAIRMAN OR VICE CHAIRMAN TO SIGN ELECTRIC SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH HARNEY ELECTRIC AND APPROVAL TO PURCHASE COMPUTER EQUIPMENT (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION)

A. Consideration, discussion and possible approval of a request for the Chairman and/or Vice Chairman to sign an Agreement for Electric Service from Harney Electric resulting from the installation of power at the new McDermitt Public Safety Communication Site. Discussion and possible action.

B. Consideration, discussion and possible approval to purchase computer equipment from Dell Computers to replace equipment with expired warranties that are out of service or to add new hardware in an amount not to exceed \$54,000. Discussion and possible action.

15.A) TSD - McDermitt Power Svc Agreement & Computer Equipment Purchases

[TSD - Sign McDermitt Power Svc Agmt.pdf](#)

[Harney Electric New Power Service Agreement - McDermitt.pdf](#)

[Staff Memo -TSD Initial Computer Equip Order FY23-24.pdf](#) [TSD Equipment Purchases_8-21-2023.pdf](#)

16. DISCUSSION REGARDING THE HUMBOLDT COUNTY PROCUREMENT CHECKLIST AND POSSIBLE UPDATES (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION)

Consideration, discussion and possible approval of revisions to the Checklist for Purchasing Capital Asset (or any Contracts) for Humboldt County that have a useful life of over one year and cost of \$5,000 or more. Discussion and possible action.

16.A) Procurement Checklist

[Agenda Request - Capital Asset Checklist 2023.pdf](#)
[Capital Asset Checklist Template 2023.pdf](#)
[Procurement Policy FINAL 6.12.18.pdf](#)

17. INTRODUCTION OF KELLIE KRANOVICH AS NEW HUMAN RESOURCES DIRECTOR (FOR INFORMATION ONLY)

County Manager Dave Mendiola will introduce the County Commissioners to Kellie Kranovich as the new Human Resources Director for Humboldt County. Kranovich has been employed by the county for one year, first as an administrative clerk for the Assistant County Manager/ HR Director, and more recently as an Administrative Assistant on an interim basis until a new HR Director could be selected. Kranovich has a vast amount of experience in the Human Resources realm and will be a great fit for the county. For information only.

17.A) New HR Director

[Agenda Request - HR Director Promotion 2023.pdf](#)
[Resume.pdf](#)

18. UPDATE ON OPTIONS TO HIRE A RECRUITING FIRM FOR THE RECRUITMENT OF A NEW COUNTY MANAGER (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION).

A) Express Recruiting will provide a presentation to the Board of Commissioners related to the recruitment effort for a new County Manager for Humboldt County. For Information Only.

B) Consideration, discussion and possible approval to hire a recruiting firm to assist in the recruitment of a replacement for the Humboldt County Manager position. The current County Manager has announced his retirement in late March 2024. Three companies, P&C Recruiting, VOLT Recruiting and Express Recruiting have provided proposals to provide two possible levels of service for the recruitment effort. Discussion and possible action.

18.A) Recruiting Options

[Agenda Request - County Manager Replacement Recruiting 2023.pdf](#)
[P&C 2023 County Manager Search - County Manager Proposed Agreement.pdf](#)
[Express Direct Hire Agreement.pdf](#)
[VOLT Service Options Proposals.pdf](#)

19. MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

1. Other information and upcoming meetings

September 4, 2023 Labor Day - County offices will be closed

September 5, 2023 Humboldt County Board of Commissioners Meeting

September 5, 2023 Winnemucca City Council Meeting

September 14, 2023 Regional Planning Committee Meeting

September 18, 2023 Humboldt County Board of Commissioners Meeting

September 19, 2023 Winnemucca City Council Meeting

September 26, 2023 Humboldt General Hospital Board Meeting

2. Reports from Commissioners regarding other Boards and Committees on which they serve, including POOL/PACT Board, National Wild Horse & Burro Advisory Board, Nevada Association of Counties (NACO), Regional Airport Board, Humboldt River Basin Water Authority (HRBWA), Western Interstate Region (WIR), Legislative Interim Land Council, Humboldt Development Authority (HDA), Winnemucca Visitors & Convention Authority (WCVA), Hospital Board, Humboldt Foundation, Northeastern Nevada Regional Development District (NNRDA), Humboldt County Elk Planning Steering Committee, Paradise Conservation District and the State Land Use Planning Advisory Council (SLUPAC).

20. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Whether an item will be placed on a future agenda will be subject to the chairman and/or legal counsel's determination.

21. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Public Comments: General public comment is designated for discussion only. The public has the opportunity to address the Commission on any matter not appearing on this agenda; however, no action may be taken on a matter raised until the matter itself has been specifically included on the agenda as an item upon which action may be taken.

22. ADJOURNMENT

23. NOTICE:

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