



Humboldt County Board of Commissioners
Monday, February 7, 2022, at 8:30 a.m.
Meeting Minutes

Those present were Chairman Jim French, Commissioners Ken Tipton, Ron Cerri, Jesse Hill, and Tom Hoss, Deputy District Attorney Wendy Maddox, 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.

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

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

PUBLIC COMMENT: Chairman French asked for public comment. Debra Gay appeared before the Commission and provided handouts to the Commission members and offered a statement putting the Board on notice as to the information that is not being given to public which should be as prevalent as the storyline that is being given; she provided information on the Covid-19 vaccine including that it does not prevent people from getting or passing the virus, that the resistance which occurs once someone has had the virus is not being looked at, that there are life-threatening reactions and unknown long-term effects including for children 6 months to 12 years; that the current narrative has caused terror and anxiety; the lock-down effects and damage those have caused; the need to get our thinking more aligned with what the science is telling us as opposed to those that are profiting from this; she discussed Fauci and big pharma and how they are getting rich and how that is being accomplished; she asked do you want to be on this list as an accomplice of murder on a scale that has not been seen since World War II and noted that the Board should be aware of this information even with the censorship by big tech which does not allow for all to obtain the information; that states that have not masked up have fared better than those that did; that the time is here to say it is enough that this thing is over though the big money does not want it to end; that they have tried countless times to bring information other than the current narrative to you but she does not think you listen; she commented on treatments that work and the issues with the treatment supported by Dr. Fauci; she referred to studies provided including the Ebola one; she noted the lack of testing of current treatments which makes them unscientific at best; she noted based on the information provided that it is time to get our heads out of the sand and the need to examine information not just what is easy because we are told to do so by those making money off of us through government subsidies but it is still us the taxpayers; that meanwhile inflation will kill more than the virus if we continue

down this path; she referred to the Nuremberg Code which had been provided and what should not be allowed per said Code related to vaccines and that there are no provisions for emergency mandates per the Nuremberg Code; what the vaccine is doing to people is just now being exposed and there is more to come; she asked when you realize the consequences of your decisions will you be able to live with yourselves knowing what you did to this small community; she highly suggested that you find the truth and get it out as fast as you can; that you have nothing to worry about from her and the many unvaccinated people the ones you must really worry about are the ones that were intimidated into getting this vaccine; that she would not want to be in the Board's position right now as the community will judge them for what they have done in forcing them to take experimental vaccines which are not approved by the FDA, they will be the ones angry at you for luring them into getting the vaccine; that the Board could learn a lesson from Lander County as they have stood strong with their community; she stated that she would personally not want to be Dr. Stringham right now as of all people he should have known and done research which he has not, not just take the money and run.

Kelly Anderson appeared before the Commission and offered comment on the virus and the need to educate yourself and to listen to those that have the information; she commented on correspondence from Senator Ron Johnson to the Secretary of Defense inquiring into the shockingly high Covid 19 injuries amongst military personnel; the increase of medical conditions associated with the vaccine; that a scientist had shown that when an unvaccinated individual had sexual intercourse with an unvaccinated individual the characteristics of the vaccinated blood was transmitted to the unvaccinated individual so it is sexually transmitted; so we need to stop it and stop it now.

Kim Christopherson appeared before the Commission and offered comment stating that she was here because she had concerns with the ethical decision made by the Health Board representatives and Humboldt County during this current pandemic that reflects guidelines from our governor, CDC and FDA; she stated that she is aware that the Commission, the Health Board members and hospital administration have been provided research, studies and science explaining the effective treatment contrary to the CDC guidelines; she commented on the number of medical professionals speaking out from around the world exposing the true Covid 19 origins and the effective treatments which are being withheld from people and patients but that won't be seen on the media as we are only allowed to listen to the science from one virologist that is getting paid the most; she discussed what is occurring in other countries with successful treatments; she encouraged the Board to read the studies provided and to open their minds; that she is not being paid to be here or to convince the community to wear the useless masks and take the mysterious

injections, she is just here to inform the people that we are being lied to but there are others being paid to encourage and coerce compliance which should raise a red flag, look who is making the money out there and which agenda they are pushing; she commented on influenza and the deaths from that and questioned why it is called Covid 19 now and there are new variants, that there are forced vaccines which were not forced previously when people died, that there are people dying from the vaccines and most complications are not being reported to VARES; that there are protests occurring across the world related to Covid restrictions/vaccines and asked why these people would go to hassle of protesting a vaccine that we are told will save lives; she commented on the effect of restrictions; she noted her concerns with the vaccine not being administered with informed consent and explained; she asked as representatives of the County would the Board please look into providing handouts and put up posters that includes what is in the vaccines and what are all of the side effects to allow for informed consent; she noted her concern that effective early treatment is being withheld from patients in Humboldt County and the hospital is unwilling to share the protocols for Covid-19 treatment; she stated that she has formally requested local protocol information from HGH and received no reply; she stated that she assumed they are using the treatment guidelines as recommended by the CDC and are using Remdesivir and noted that studies show the medication has fatal side effects; that the negligence witnessed at HGH will result in deaths and law suits and that many residents have lost faith in our health care system in Humboldt County and have received successful Covid treatment outside the County; she asked the Board to take time and visit with the Lander County manager and Commissioners as they refused to shut down their economy during the pandemic as the governor ordered and they refused to accept the financial compensation from the American Rescue Plan Act project and expenditure plan; she noted websites to review for information.

Kevin Bodecker appeared before the Commission and stated that he would be brief as he did not come here to speak, he came here to listen as he is the new guy in town but that everything these ladies have said is correct and offered comment that there is no pandemic, that his father was a doctor of political science who said to read everything before you make a decision and that this is a global political science experiment and anybody who follows the mainstream narrative is a sheep; he stated again that he is the new guy in town and that he will be back.

Paul Conger appeared before the Commission and stated that NAIAD which Tony Fauci runs is also supported by Bill Gates who wants to depopulate the planet and there is something wrong with that picture; he further commented on the convoy that is moving up in Canada had a GoFundMe page on

Facebook which had collected ten million dollars and Facebook shut down the page and confiscated the money and gave it to Black Lives Matter.

Chairman French asked for further public comment. No further public comment offered. Commissioner Hoss asked to comment.

Commissioner Hoss stated that everything that has been said is true and we are not getting enough out in the public to help those that do get Covid; he stated that we did a brochure after he got back from having Covid himself and it was helpful but he is sure it was not enough; he stated that we still have a choice whether to take a shot or not take a shot but military doesn't which is a completely different thing; he stated that what Debra Gay had referred to he has seen, he has read, he has discussed and he thanked her for coming here; that he would like to see if there is anything specific that you think would help the community, anything we could do to help that would be very beneficial if we could; he noted that he had been at the hospital himself and was sent home with nothing which is why he questioned it when he came to the next commission meeting and included with the original brochure are the supplements that are very helpful for those that get the covid.

Debra Gay appeared before the Commission and stated that what she would like to see is a more open dialog with the commissioners and be able to bring information and talk and get with some of the other commissions in Battle Mountain as they have a clinic that is open to prescribe the Ivermectin and Hydrachloroquine and they have a doctor on site; she stated that the hospital here will demean, push out, not allow anyone to prescribe these drugs no matter what you say they will not allow anyone that works in that hospital to prescribe them; they are killing the doctors around here and there are no other doctors but whats inside the hospital so this county is pretty much SOL; we have no doctors here that will prescribe the medications that the public would love to have and we need to figure out how we can get somebody here or a clinic here for these people to get the medication they need; that with early treatment you would not find half these people in the hospital, early treatment works; she commented that people in the community, people in the United States they look at hospitals as the new ovens and explained; she noted that you do not see people dying on the street or in their homes, you see them dying in the hospitals and questioned why; she stated that the Board needs to do some heavy, heavy research on this and she had heard that they are treating the EMTs at the hospital with disrespect if they are not vaccinated, that they are being made to sleep somewhere else, move them somewhere else so they are not around the vaccinated and if you are vaccinated what are you worried about; she stated that she is not happy with what happening in the city and we need to really look into it and she wants to figure out how to get rid of

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Stringham. Commissioner Hoss asked what the County has to do with hospital. Chairman French responded that it is a county district hospital and as a function of that some taxes go to the budget for the hospital as such as we have a connection with some of the financial aspects of the hospital, the Board has one member who sits on the hospital board; as far as policy and procedure goes we are limited as to what we bring to the hospital except through our representative on the board though that representative is not able to serve as Chairman or Vice-Chairman by rule of the hospital; he commented on the involvement of that representative as to physician recruitment and contract renewals as to other things such as the budget the vote as a member of the board is the extent of the authority. Commissioner Hoss stated so the hospital is pretty much on their own; he referred to the debate about the medicines mentioned noting that the hospital refuses to give it as do their physicians, that they did set up a clinic for certain ones where you can obtain them but that is all as of now. Chairman French suggested that these comments should be made to the Hospital Board as they have the authority from a policy perspective. Mrs. Gay commented from the audience on the renewal of Dr. Stringham's contract by this Board and the need to get a physician who will look at both sides which Stringham does not.

Daniel Gay offered comment from the audience stating that some have a choice but many don't have a choice it is either have a livelihood or quit but that is not really choice; he asked that if the Commission supports the comments made today he would ask that they get on board with the good fight and go before the HGH Board with the people.

No further public comment offered.

Chairman French stated that the Commission would go to item 6 at this time.

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 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; January 3, 2022 ; January 18, 2022 and January 24, 2022 (Commission Retreat). Chairman French asked for corrections to the minutes of July 6, 2021; none offered. The following motion was made by Commissioner Cerri and passed with Chairman French and Commissioners Tipton, Cerri and Hoss voting aye and Commissioner Hill abstaining as he had not been in attendance:

To approve the July 6th 2021 minutes as presented.

Chairman French asked for corrections to the minutes of January 18, 2022; none offered. The following motion was made by Commissioner Cerri and passed unanimously:

To approve the January 18, 2022 minute as presented.

APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURES FOR HUMBOLDT COUNTY FOR JANUARY 18, 2022 THROUGH FEBRUARY 7, 2022: The following motion was made by Commissioner Tipton and passed unanimously:

To approve the expenditures for Humboldt County for January 18, 2022 through

February 7, 2022 as presented.

Chairman French stated that the Board would now move to item 8 on the agenda.

EMPLOYEE OF THE QUARTER (4TH QUARTER 2021): Manager Mendiola read the nomination for Under Sheriff Kevin Malone. Alaine Nye of the Frontier Community Action Agency offered comment on Under Sheriff Malone's assistance. Chairman French provided Under Sheriff Malone with a plaque. Sheriff Allen provided a plaque on behalf of the Sheriff's Office in recognition of his service.

Chairman French stated that the Board would now proceed to agenda item 18.

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS: Buildings & Grounds Director Enoc Gaitan and Chief Building Engineer Jeff Tindall appeared before the Commission.

APPROVAL OF AWARD TO ORMAZA CONSTRUCTION FOR LIBRARY ADA UPDRADE AND BATHROOM RENOVATION: Consideration, discussion and possible approval to accept the proposal from Ormaza Construction of Elko, Nevada for the Humboldt County Library bathroom renovation and American Disabilities Act (ADA) upgrade to allow access to the bathrooms and conference room in the Library in an amount not to exceed \$281,868.00. Included on the on-line agenda for review was a copy of the Notice of Award for Ormaza Construction and a copy of the proposed Agreement. Director Gaitan reviewed the request for the Commission. Discussion ensued regarding the amount of the quote. Commissioner Hoss commented on the financial report figures and questioned if everything has to be done, is there a way to keep it at \$200,000.00 as budgeted. Manager Mendiola noted his concern about the need to mobilize twice which will probably result in an increase in cost. Commissioner Hill suggested putting this off until the next budget cycle but noted his fear that, if it is put off, it could result in a significant increase in cost by the time it is done; he asked what would have to be removed to offset the over budget amount. Manager Mendiola responded noting that the department is under budget as is the Capital Improvements budget; he commented on the report offered by the Comptroller. Discussion ensued regarding the need for ADA compliance and the concerns about the costs going up. Commissioner Hill asked about grant funding availability. Manager Mendiola responded. Discussion ensued regarding the ability to use ARPA funds for ADA compliance and Commissioner Tipton indicated it would not qualify; Comptroller Rackley concurred. Chairman French asked if anything could be removed from the project to reduce the costs. Discussion ensued. The following motion was made by Commissioner Tipton and passed unanimously:

*To approve the Ormaza Construction proposal for the Humboldt County Library
Bathroom Renovation and ADA Compliance Project in an amount not to exceed
\$281,868.00 pending approval by the District Attorney's Office.*

Chairman French stated the Board would return to item 5 on the agenda.

CREATIVE CONSTRUCTION AND LANDSCAPE SNOW REMOVAL AGREEMENT: Consideration, discussion and possible approval of an agreement with Creative Construction and Landscape, LLC to provide snow removal services for Humboldt County in an amount not to exceed \$20,000 and to expire on April 30, 2024. At the January 3, 2022 Commission meeting it was agreed to extend the current contract with Creative Construction and Landscape to February 7, 2022 and to return with a new two (2) year agreement. Included on the on-line agenda for review were copies of the proposed agreement and extension of agreement with Creative Construction & Landscaping LLC. Manager Mendiola reviewed the

request for the Commission noting that legal had reviewed the agreement. Commissioner Hill asked if the \$20,000.00 covers one year or two years. Manager Mendiola stated this would be for two-years. Commissioner Cerri asked if all the recommendations identified previously had been added to the agreement. Manager Mendiola responded. Discussion ensued including how to handle the piles of snow. Commissioner Hoss noted his concern about the contract being with someone who is close to someone who works for the County. Deputy District Attorney Maddox addressed the concern explaining the process put in place which did not allow anyone close to anyone seeking the contract to be involved and other options available. Building Engineer Tindall noted that the contractor deals with the Building & Grounds department directly. The following motion was made by Commissioner Cerri and passed with Chairman French, Commissioners Tipton, Cerri and Hill voting aye and Commissioner Hoss voting nay:

To approve Buildings and Grounds request as presented to enter into a new agreement with Creative Construction and Landscaping LLC for snow removal services from the parking lots of properties owned by Humboldt County for the next two years.

COMPTROLLER: Comptroller Gina Rackley appeared before the Commission via Teams.

FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023 PROPERTY TAX RATE: Consideration, discussion, and possible action to approve the current Humboldt County Tax Rate Levy, currently .7512 per \$100 Assessed Valuation, or to change the rate for the 2022- 2023 fiscal year. Comptroller Rackley reviewed the request for the Commission. The following motion was made by Commissioner Tipton and passed unanimously:

To leave the tax rate at .7512 per \$100 assessed valuation for the 2022-2023 fiscal year.

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 reviewed the CTX revenues for November of 2021 and noted the status of the budget process and the audit.

Chairman French stated that the Board would go to item 15 on the agenda.

TREASURER: Humboldt County Treasurer Rhona Lecumberry appeared before the Commission.

QUARTERLY FINANCIAL INVESTMENT REPORT FOR PERIOD ENDING 12/31/21: Consideration, discussion, and possible action to accept the 3rd quarter fiscal year 2021-22 investment report from Humboldt County Treasurer Rhona Lecumberry. Treasurer Lecumberry reviewed the quarterly financial investment report and commented on the revenues generated by the diesel tax.

ASSESSOR: Assessor Andy Heiser appeared before the Commission.

REQUEST TO AMEND PREVIOUSLY APPROVED CONTRACT WITH PICTOMETRY: Consideration, discussion and possible action to approve an amendment to the previously approved contract with Pictometry to add the solar plant to our flight for the upcoming year. This will be the last year the Assessor will add this solar plant to flights. Going forward, it will be included on the Golconda/Valmy area every five years. Previous contract for this upcoming year was approved for \$203,774.68. This amendment will increase the cost an additional \$3,896.64 for a total not to exceed \$207,671.32. A copy of the proposed Amended Contract was included on the on-line agenda for review. Assessor Heiser reviewed the request for the Commission. The following motion was made by Commissioner Cerri and passed unanimously:

To approve the amended contract between Humboldt County and Pictometry International Corp. to incorporate the solar plant into this year's imagery capture and to increase the previously approved amount by \$3,896.64 for a total amount of \$207,671.32.

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

REQUEST TO AUCTION EQUIPMENT: Consideration, discussion and possible action to dispose of 11 County vehicles and a trailer as listed in the attached staff report by public auction pursuant to NRS 332.185 as said property is no longer of public use and in the best interest of the County. All items should be auctioned off to the highest bidder. Included on the on-line agenda for review was a list of the equipment proposed for auction (see attached). Director Kalkoske reviewed the request for the Commission. The following motion was made by Commissioner Cerri and passed unanimously:

To approve the sale or transfer of county surplus inventory as presented as said property is no longer of public use and is in the best interest of the County.

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 on Cane Springs Road and River Ranch in the Orovada area, Jungo Road, Bottle Creek, Grass valley and Pumpnickel; he noted that the department is still down employees and how he is addressing the shortage but noted that two new hires are now on; he discussed the impact of parts availability and the cost on the shop and the status of equipment previously ordered. Commissioner Cerri asked about the crushing schedule. Director Kalkoske responded. Commissioner Tipton asked about Soldier Meadows Road noting contact he had received about someone that cannot get propane delivered due to the condition of the road. Director Kalkoske responded noting a prior contract with BLM that is being looked at and what is being done to get a road crew out there but that it is a difficult road to deal with given the distance away. Commissioner Tipton noted that Barter Ranches would be interested in doing some type of MOU with the County and they have a grader so he suggested that might be something that would work. Director Kalkoske stated that was the first he had heard of that but also explained that Pershing County is no longer maintaining their portion and discussion was occurring regarding turning the road back over to the BLM so they can acquire funding for maintenance. Chairman French asked about the status of agreements for road maintenance with the Federal government. Discussion ensued.

SHERIFF: Sheriff Mike Allen, Under Sheriff Kevin Malone and Captain Chris Lininger appeared before the Commission.

REQUEST TO PURCHASE PARTS: Consideration, discussion and possible approval of the following: Request to purchase console parts for Humboldt County Dispatch in an amount not to exceed \$32,324.89. The consoles need repair due to everyday use. Sheriff Allen reviewed the request for the Commission. Under Sheriff Malone offered comment on the proposal. The following motion was made by Commissioner Tipton and passed unanimously:

To allow the Sheriff's Department to purchase the console parts for Humboldt County

Dispatch in an amount not to exceed \$32,324.89.

WAIVE THE ATTRITION POLICY: Consideration, discussion and possible approval of the following: Request to waive the attrition policy for the following positions: - A 911 Operator position that became available on December 20, 2021 and a Detention Deputy position is anticipated to be vacant in the next 30-60 days

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due to a transfer to the Patrol Division. Both positions are a part of the 2021-2022 FY budget. Sheriff Allen reviewed the requests for the Commission. The following motion was made by Commissioner Cerri and passed unanimously:

To approve the waiver of attrition for the Sheriff for the 911 operator in the Dispatch Center which became available on December 20, 2021 and the Detention Deputy position which is anticipated to become vacant in the next thirty to sixty days.

DENTENTION CENTER PHYSICIAN AGREEMENT: Consideration, discussion and possible approval of the following: An agreement between Humboldt County, a political subdivision of the State of Nevada, and Dr. Charles Stringham to provide physician services in an amount not to exceed \$2,000 per month for an estimated 2-3-month time period at the adult detention facility until a new agreement can be completed with Humboldt General Hospital for similar services. A copy of the proposed agreement was included on the on-line agenda for review. Sheriff Allen reviewed the request for the Commission. Discussion ensued regarding the need for physician oversight of the nurse stationed at the Detention Center, that currently there is no nurse in the facility due to lack of oversight, what oversight is required, that this is a limited contract pending renewal of the contract with Humboldt General, the status of the contract with Humboldt General and the cost for that contract and the funds available in the current budget to cover the cost. The following motion was made by Commissioner Cerri and passed unanimously:

To approve a contract with Dr. Charles Stringham for medical oversight of the nurse at the Humboldt County Detention Center.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY:

APPROVAL AND EXECUTION OF OPIOID SETTLEMENT FORMS AND APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT 1 TO ONE NEVADA AGREEMENT ON OPIOID RECOVERIES: Consideration, discussion and possible approval and execution of the following items: A) Execution of "Subdivision Settlement Participation Forms" and releases pursuant to the One Nevada Agreement on Allocation of Opioid Recoveries ("One Nevada Agreement") previously agreed upon for participation in settlements with (1) the State of Nevada and opioids distributor defendants AmerisourceBergen Drug Corporation, Cardinal Health, and McKesson as listed in Exhibit C to the One Nevada Agreement, and (2) the State of Nevada and opioid manufacturer defendant Janssen/Johnson & Johnson as listed in Exhibit C to the One Nevada Agreement. Including on the on-line agenda for review were copies of the proposed Participation Forms and Release Agreements.

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Chairman French offered comment on this item. The following motion was made by Commissioner Tipton and passed unanimously:

That we sign the agreements, the One Nevada Agreement and the Participation Form to Release for Distributor Agreement and the Participation Form and Release for Janssen – Johnson and Johnson Agreement.

B) Execution of an "Amendment No. 1 to One Nevada Agreement on Allocation of Opioid Recoveries" regarding a reduction in attorney's fees to the One Nevada Agreement for purposes of these two settlements only. Included on the on-line agenda was a copy of the proposed Amendment to the One Nevada Agreement. The following motion was made by Commissioner Tipton and passed unanimously:

That we with approve the One Nevada Agreement on Allocation of Opioid Recoveries regarding a reduction in attorney's fees to the One Nevada Agreement for purposes of these two settlements only.

Chairman French stated that the Board would move to time 17 on the agenda.

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

APPROVAL TO PURCHASE EQUIPMENT: Consideration, discussion and possible approval to purchase Tait Radios and associated equipment for Phase II Public Safety Communications sites at Denio Summit, Eagle Creek, Double H, McDermitt and Saipan Peak, in an estimated amount of \$626,010.94, plus shipping charges. Director Grantham reviewed the request for the Commission. After discussion the following motion was made by Commissioner Cerri and passed with Chairman French and Commissioner Tipton, Cerri and Hill voting aye and Commissioner Hoss voting nay:

To approve the purchase of equipment from Tait Radios and associated equipment in an amount not to exceed \$626.010.94.

10:00 A.M. PUBLIC HEARING CONTINUANCE:

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 Jackson Road, Winnemucca, NV owned by Donn L. Sakurada; Assessor's Parcel Number 13-0541-16. Said

action to includes a report from Donn Sakurada from Lostra Engineering to determine the condition of the house and next steps as to repair or demolish the structure. In addition to the engineer's report, Mr. Sakurada will need to provide a timeline for said work to be completed. Included on the on-line agenda for review was correspondence from Lostra Engineering related to their inspection of the site and their recommendations for addressing the situation. Chairman French read the title of the item set to public hearing. Property owner Donn Sakurada and complainant Mark Evatz present. Building Inspector Levi Carl appeared before the Commission via Teams. Mr. Sakurada appeared before the Commission and reviewed the status of the rebuild project including that a contractor has been identified and the status of the design portion of the project. Chairman French asked for public comment. Mr. Evatz requested that there is enough detail received by the Commission so they know what needs to be done to meet expectations. Chairman French asked that Mr. Sakurada keep the County Manager in the loop and that an update be provided at the next Commission meeting. Manager Mendiola asked that Mr. Sakurada continue updating Building Inspector Levi Carl. Deputy District Attorney Maddox noted that notice is being provided to the property owner today of the continued public hearing on Tuesday, February 22nd at 10:00 a.m. Commission Hoss asked why the house could not be taken down prior to the design. Chairman French noted that the contractor is involved in both. Mr. Sakurada explained that the second plan will be provided in 7 to 8 days. Building Inspector Carl stated that he is okay with the process. Commissioner Hill asked about the ability of the contractor to work with both parts of the project. Mr. Sakurada and Building Inspector Carl responded. The following motion was made by Commissioner Tipton and passed unanimously:

To continue the public hearing of November 16th to the meeting on February 22, 2022.

Chairman French stated that the Board would move to item 7 on the agenda.

911 SURCHARGE COMMITTEE BOARD MEMBER APPOINTMENTS: Under Sheriff Kevin Malone appeared before the Commission.

Consideration, discussion and possible approval pursuant to Humboldt County Code 8.44.030 to re-appoint Dave Garrison as the Winnemucca Police Department's designee, Kevin Malone as the Humboldt County Sheriff's Office designee and Ric Grantham to the Humboldt County 911 Surcharge Advisory Committee Board for a two (2) year term ending December 31, 2023. Under Sheriff Malone offered comment. The following motion was made by Commissioner Cerri and passed unanimously:

To reappoint Ric Grantham, Dave Garrison and Kevin Malone to two-year terms

ending December 31, 2023.

OROVADA COMMUNITY CITIZENS GROUP TRANSPORTATION LETTER: Consideration, discussion and possible approval to include the Humboldt County Board of Commissioners to the attached letter from Thacker Pass Concerned Citizens (TPCC) and Lithium Nevada Corporation (LNC) as an additional supporter of efforts to encourage the Nevada Department of Transportation to consider improvements to US 95 highway between Winnemucca and McDermitt in advance of the Thacker Pass lithium mine opening. A copy of the proposed letter was included on the on-line agenda for review. Gina Amato on behalf of the Thacker Pass Concerned Citizens and Maria Anderson, Community Relations Lithium Nevada appeared before the Commission. Mrs. Amato spoke in support of the request. Commissioner Cerri stated for the record that he is a member of Orovada Community Citizens Group as a citizen of Orovada and commented on the hard work done to identify issues they see on the horizon including the need for a new site for a school due to the current school's location on SR 293 and traffic issues with US 95 as well as the solutions looked at; he explained that he is the one that suggested that the group come before the Commission to get their support of the letter as Highway 95 has been identified as a top priority for years and while a little bit has been done it is not near enough and as we have a meeting coming up with NDOT soon he thought it would be nice if this letter was available ahead of that meeting to show where our priorities lie. Chairman French stated his support of the letter noting prior discussions about US 95 and the importance of these improvements to any economic development in the Orovada, McDermitt areas; he suggested that the letter be followed up with contact with the Governor's Office. Commissioner Tipton agreed stating his support and noted the importance of sending the letter to the legislators as well. Mrs. Amato noted that she has a copy showing everyone they intend to send the letter to and commented on the benefit of the Commission signing as well to show a united front. Commissioner Hoss stated that he is not in support at all; he would like to see the letter sent without the Commission on it at all; he noted that the Commission had backed off support for the lithium mine noting that he and Commissioner Cerri had went up to Orovada and presented them with a concerned citizens way of getting involved in this. Commissioner Hoss asked Mrs. Amato if they had gotten LNC to sign an agreement with them at all or is this just some more rhetoric from LNC. Mrs. Amato asked if that would be an agreement that specifically addresses transportation. Commissioner Hoss stated no, as concerned citizens, as was originally brought to you. Mrs. Amato responded that they are still working through that process, nothing has been agreed to, but the group sees this US 95 issue as needing to be addressed whether there is a lithium project going on or in the works as this is something that has been a problem for a while and will continue to be a

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problem, mine or no mine. Commissioner Hoss stated his agreement with her comment noting that the area through Orovada needs to be changed, done immediately and that is just general traffic but then you have a mine that wants to bring 150 plus a day but they don't want to do anything about this, they want us to do it, as taxpayers and fix it because they want this; he continued noting that when they offered the school he told them to put up the money and show us that you would in good faith do that but they haven't done anything, they haven't been willing to sign an agreement with the Orovada Concerned Citizens Group who are the closest to what is going to happen but he thinks as far as Humboldt County is concerned, to sign a letter on our own and to send it in to explain to them what is happening today not, if there are permits given to LNC mine, but what is happening today which is terrible as he thinks that whole area through Orovada needs to be changed so he would not be in favor of Humboldt County signing on to this letter but he would be in favor of the Orovada group signing it and going from there and possibly, the County sending a letter later, as it needs to be fixed but it does not need to get fixed just because of lithium mining. Chairman French stated for the record that this Commission has not backed away from the mine issue; that the Commission has been involved actively as a cooperating agency with the developing of the EIS, we have been involved with the permitting side of this through NDEP from day one and he stated that it is extremely important for this Commission to weigh in on the need for infrastructure improvement which is not just for the Orovada area but also for the infrastructure on 95 from Winnemucca to the Oregon state line and past that is in dire need, this board has been on record through two governors, the Department of Transportation and the Governor of Idaho asking for an I-11 corridor to be selected and 95 is the top pick for that, though who knows how that will come out, but the point of that request was also to point out the need to update that entire road and the lithium project is a reason to move forward right now as it is pending; he noted that this is no different than projects that occurred on the Eden Valley side with the gold mines that were developed as you have a company that has jumped through the hoops, done the permitting and is in play and you provide infrastructure that supports that team that works out there as well as the public that will use the road; he again stated that he is in complete support of letter as written and he thinks as a Commission we need to be players in development of that access road as well as the mine as it moves forward. Commissioner Cerri commented on the funds being contributed by Lithium Nevada including doing the engineering and their intent to install a new intersection at the point where SR 293 and US 95 meet in town and explained why the current configuration would not work noting that it would be a public safety hazard. Ms. Anderson commented on the status of the intersection improvement. Commissioner Hoss asked for the time frame for that. Ms. Anderson stated she did not have that information but could get back to the Commission with the

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answer. Mrs. Amato stated that they want it to be complete before construction starts. Commissioner Hill asked what is the main intent of the letter. Mrs. Amato responded that it is seeking funding from the State level. Commissioner Hill stated the he would have to go with Commissioner Hoss as this group was created to be more on the fore front of this fight for the community of Orovada and to be an active speaking group, that at this point he would lean more toward the Commission staying neutral and reserving our power as a County for further down the road to go in support or denial of this; he stated that he would be in support of the concerned citizen group signing this off and going that route before we step in with the full support of the Commission since there appears to be a mixed bag of thoughts on this; that at this point he would like to see the concerned citizens and Lithium Nevada go at this as this will not be our last chance with the state. Commissioner Cerri responded by stating that he wished we could take Nevada Lithium out of this equation explaining that if your families drove this road every day you would look at this different and commented on what occurs with those folks who drive this road every day; he explained that it is not about lithium it is about making the road safe which has been requested but nothing has occurred so maybe if the Commission adds their name to this letter something might get done, that even if NV Lithium doesn't happen the residents still need the road fixed. Chairman French noted that recognizing that lithium has jumped through the hoops to mine on federal ground we are at the point where we are trying to mitigate impacts that said activity is going to have but taking lithium completely out of it, we, as a board, have been more than vocal for years, maybe even decades, about the status of this road; that the upgrades being requested would be identical even if lithium was not involved; that this is an opportunity to join arms to work as a group which is why we have both entities sitting here and he again stated his support of the letter. Commissioner Hoss stated his support of the letter and his knowledge of how bad the road is, but stated that he did not agree with partnering with LNC that we should do this on our own. Chairman French responded that this is not partnering with anybody, it is a support letter to the Nevada Department of Transportation to elevate this project for the upgrading of Highway 95 and it just so happens that not only are the Orovada Concerned Citizens involved with this request but so are the folks that are moving forward on the permitting of a mine up there right now and it would be identical if we were on the Eden Valley side and Nevada Gold was involved it would be the exact same situation. Commissioner Hill stated his understanding that the citizens want to make the roads safer but the issue is that the letter is leaning on Lithium Nevada which is the leverage and that is his concern otherwise would we even be talking about this. Commissioner Tipton stated that it has been discussed ever since he has been Commissioner and commented on NDOT's lack of response to the requests. Commissioner Hill asked Mrs. Amato, as a resident of Orovada and leaving Lithium out of it, to

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identify what the issues are. Ms. Amato responded explaining the issues she personally has experienced with US 95 and SR 293; she stated that she believes with everyone standing together this gives weight and gives the community a stronger voice to get the job done. Commissioner Hill confirmed that both US 95 and SR 293 are included. Mrs. Amato confirmed that. Commissioner Hill agreed that 95 could be bad with that many more trucks on it. Commissioner Hoss commented on what LNC had done on their own with the redesign of the turning point to where the problem is going to be and noted that as we well know the road out there is governed by the State of Nevada so there is no one that can just go out and do this it must be approved by the State which is why he continues to say that a letter from the citizens' group will hold very well and it was mentioned that LNC was going to put up a million dollars to do this but when asked where the money was going to come from the response was that the State was going to be asked for the money to do this, so why only a million dollars from LNC, as they seem to be the biggest problem involved in it but if the citizens' group would send the letter themselves, the Commission would send a letter; that if the Commission has to send a letter every week, they would send a letter every week as it has to get fixed, it has nothing to do with the upcoming LNC as it has been a problem for years and it is getting worse and is a danger and it needs to be fixed; so they should send in a letter together and they should get an agreement and have LNC sign it so that in the future, if the permits go through, the community has something to fall back on and that is what this started with and what it was all about. Mrs. Amato stated that is an ongoing effort and they are working on that and this letter represents a portion of the agreement and so this can be viewed as a commitment and they have agreed to do the intersection of their own accord as they do not know when it would get done if they went any other route; she noted the community input used for the design of the intersection. Chairman French commented on the requests for improvements over the years that have fallen on deaf ears noting that this request is not for funding from NDOT but a request to elevate this road to the top of the list for federal funding and from that standpoint he believes it is important for the Commission to sign this letter; he further noted that based on the language of this agenda item the Board will be voting yes or no on this letter. Commissioner Tipton questioned if a separate letter from the Commission should be done as well as this letter. Commissioner Cerri stated that he did not see any disadvantage of a separate letter but also believes there is an advantage to joining in showing support for the citizens of Orovada who the Commission represents and he believes it gives more weight to the letter if the Commission includes their support which is why he suggested they bring this to the Commission; he noted that NDOT has only so many dollars to spend and so the request would be to take some of what is often spent in the south and bring it up here, that this does not indicate support for the lithium mine but does say, if the state supports it, help

the community to prepare for it; he noted the upcoming meeting with NDOT and the importance of having this in place at that time. Chairman French concurred and suggested that the County's RTC should also weigh in on the matter. Commissioner Hill commented that this is broader than he originally thought and that lithium mine or no lithium mine it is going to help the citizens of Orovada regardless, that if the mine does produce it just makes it that much better; that he would like the citizens' group to be a stronger proponent in all of this but, now knowing that this is a broader issue, which has been ongoing before any lithium project he would be completely in favor of a separate letter, though he does not see anything in this letter that holds the county accountable to spend any county money on the project, so while he would very much be in support of a separate letter, he does not see any problem in supporting this letter as written. Commissioner Cerri noted that these improvements will benefit all users of US 95 not just the residents of Orovada.

Audience member, Kim Christopherson offered comment asking if there is a place where the specifications for this project as well as the I-11 proposal can be found asking if they would be two separate projects. Chairman French replied. Commissioner Hill suggested that what is being asked for is not anything specific, the request is to look at and come up with a plan as to what would be upgraded and he would hope, if I-11 is being considered, that it would be taken into consideration so as not to have to do this twice. Chairman French offered comment and suggested that when NDOT comes before the Commission with their annual report that he would like the Orovada group to appear and offer their comments. Mrs. Amato stated that they would be happy to do so. After discussion the following motion was made by Commissioner Cerri and passed with Chairman French and Commissioners Tipton, Cerri and Hill voting aye and Commissioner Hoss voting nay:

*That as a Commission we sign on to the letter presented by the Thacker Pass Concerned
Citizens' Group with Lithium Nevada.*

Chairman French recessed the meeting at 9:54 a.m. reconvening at 9:57 a.m.

Chairman French indicated the Commission would return to item 9 on the agenda.

APPROVAL OF BLM GREATER SAGE GROUSE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT SCOPING COMMENTS: Consideration, discussion and possible approval of scoping comments regarding the Bureau of Land Management's (BLM-WO-2300- 2022-0001-RMP-EIS) Notice of Intent to amend the 2015 and 2019 management plans, published in the Federal Register on November 22, 2021. The BLM will prepare

environmental impact statements to support this planning initiative and is seeking comment on issues for analysis, as well as relevant data. A copy of the draft comments was included on the on-line agenda for review. Manager Mendiola reviewed the request for the Commission included amendments that had been provided to the Board based on comments from those involved. The following motion was made by Commissioner Cerri and passed unanimously:

To accept the scoping comments as presented and approve the Chairman to sign the comments and submit them to the BLM by February 8, 2022 with the amended comments sent to the Commissioners on Friday.

MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE:

1) Other information and upcoming meetings: The following meetings were noted on the on-line agenda - February 10, 2022 Regional Planning Commission, February 14, 2022 Regional Airport Board Meeting and the February 22, 2022 Humboldt County Commission Meeting.

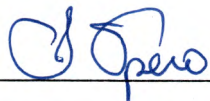
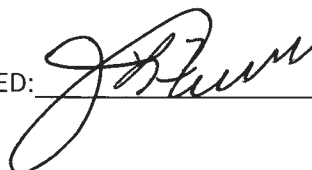
2) Reports from Commissioners regarding other Boards and Committees on which they serve: Commissioner Hill noted his attendance at a Humboldt Development Authority meeting and stated that he had not attended the Paradise Valley Conservation District meeting. Commissioner Hoss reported on a Local Emergency Planning Committee meeting. Commissioner Tipton reported on a meeting he had attended along with others and representatives of West Coast Salmon and a Hospital Board meeting. Discussion ensued regarding the mandates that must be followed by the Hospital to maintain their federal funding. Commissioner Cerri reported on a Winnemucca Convention & Visitors Authority meeting and a meeting with Andy Reiber related to our Master Plan as to sage grouse and grazing and a meeting with the BLM regarding fire protection and road issues. Commissioner Tipton asked if the Trap Club had reached out to the WCVA regarding the need for a generator for an upcoming event. Commissioner Cerri responded. Discussion ensued regarding the sage grouse/grazing issue. Chairman French provided copies of the comments provided by the Nevada Association of Counties (NACO) related to the sage grouse issue and offered comment. Discussion ensued. Chairman French commented on the efforts to hire the new public lands person for NACO, that legislative federal priorities had been passed by NACO, the creation of a sub-committee for NACO involving County Managers, that NACO had moved his name forward as a request to serve on Governor's Board on Outdoor Recreation, discussion which had occurred with Justice Hardesty regarding changes regarding the need for juries in Justice Court and the impact on the County

as to the cost to reconfigure the court rooms to accommodate the change and the possibility of grants being available from the State to assist with those costs; he noted upcoming meetings with Nevada Works, the State Land Use and Planning Advisory Committee, the Nevada Works Board of Directors, the Indigent Accident Fund Board and the Nevada Association of Counties Board of Directors.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS: Manager Mendiola identified the continuance of the public hearing on the Sakurada nuisance for February 22nd. Discussion ensued regarding preparing a separate letter from the Commission regarding the need for improvements for US 95 and the current status of the road and the impact of development in the Orovada area on the road; the need for ongoing correspondence on the issues and the possibility of a member of the Regional Transportation Commission to offer comment on the project before the State Transportation Commission. Discussion ensued regarding what has been accomplished by the Citizens' Group and the status of the mine project. Manager Mendiola continued identifying items for future agendas including the shooting park letter of support for the BLM comments which the period is now open for for the 22nd, the possibility of a Union Pacific tower agreement and an update on West Coast Salmon on the 22nd. Commissioner Hoss asked about the status of nuisance on Colt Drive. Manager Mendiola responded that he would obtain an update.

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

ADJOURNMENT: Chairman French adjourned the meeting at 12:24 p.m.

ATTEST:  Clerk APPROVED:  Chairman

(Minutes approved by the Commission and signed by the Chairman on 2/22/2022)

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Notice of Public Meeting
HUMBOLDT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Humboldt County Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting
Monday, February 07, 2022
8:30 AM:

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

All times on this agenda are approximate. Consideration of items may require more or less time than is scheduled. Items on the agenda may be taken out of order; the public body may combine two or more agenda items for consideration; and the public body may remove an item from the agenda or delay discussion relating to an item on the agenda at any time. Public comment is designated for discussion only. The public has the opportunity to address the Commission on any matter not appearing on the agenda; however, no action may be taken on Matter raised until the matter itself has been specifically included on the agenda as an item upon which action may be taken. Additionally, public comment may be heard on any item listed on the Agenda. Persons are invited to submit comments in writing and/or attend and make comments on any agenda item at the Commission meeting. All public comment may be limited to three (3) minutes per person, at the discretion of the Commission.

Agenda - Monday, February 7, 2022

STAFF REPORT

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 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; January 3, 2022 ; January 18, 2022 and January 24, 2022 (Commission Retreat). Discussion and possible action.

4.A.Minutes

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5.APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURES FOR HUMBOLDT COUNTY FOR JANUARY 18, 2022 THROUGH FEBRUARY 7, 2022 (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION)

6.EMPLOYEE OF THE QUARTER (4TH QUARTER 2021)

7.BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS: APPROVAL OF AWARD TO ORMAZA CONSTRUCTION FOR LIBRARY ADA UPDRADE AND BATHROOM RENOVATION (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION) - Consideration, discussion and possible approval to accept the proposal from Ormaza Construction of Elko, Nevada for the Humboldt County Library bathroom renovation and American Disabilities Act (ADA) upgrade to allow access to the bathrooms and conference room in the Library in an amount not to exceed \$281,868.00. Discussion and possible action.

DATE: Tuesday, February 1, 2022
TO: County Commission
FROM: Dave Mendiola, County Manager
SUBJECT: Humboldt County Library Bathroom Renovation and ADA Compliance Project

REQUESTED AGENDA DATE: February 7, 2022

SUMMARY

The Request for Proposal (RFP) went out in late October, 2021, and at closing no bids were submitted. However, there was one contractor that learned of the opportunity late and was not able to complete their bid in time. We requested prior to the bid closing that they complete their proposal and submit it as soon as possible.

WHY ARE YOU BRINGING THIS BEFORE THE BOARD NOW:

This project was published via Invitation to Bid according to statute in the Humboldt Sun. In addition, the project was published on Sierra Contractor's Source and circulated among all of the construction bidding world in Northern Nevada. We requested bids from our local potential bidders; Jon Burhans and George Miller (JR Builders and Big G). We reached out to MGM Construction in North Salt Lake (they do a lot of public work in Northern Nevada). We did manage to foster interest from Ormaza Construction in Elko and they had a bid together but were lacking some items by the deadline on November 4, 2021 and did not make the bid opening. We requested that they submit their proposal when we realized that there were no bids that had come in.

PREVIOUS ACTION

The bid was tabled at the November 22, 2021 Commission meeting to allow for some additional time to publish the bid opportunity per NRS required until January 26, 2022. That date passed with no additional bids, thus, the request to award the bid to Ormaza Construction.

BACKGROUND

As the Commission has heard before, it is very difficult getting contractors for any number of reasons. They are very busy, are having difficulty getting laborers as well as materials, thus they have a lot more variables than ever before.

FISCAL IMPACT

This project was earmarked for approval in the 2021-22 budget in the amount of \$200,000. This bid came in at \$281,868, this \$81,868 above projection. This is not surprising as that projection was done back in late 2020.

RECOMMENDATION

Recommend approval of Ormaza as they are a quality construction firm and the project will not get less expensive if we wait. There is no telling what the situation on the ground will be in 6, 9 or even 12-months, thus we would like to get this done. There were several projects that were approved as part of the budget, however, the courtroom renovation is just starting a kickoff meeting this week and we will only get a portion of the project completed in the current fiscal year (7-1-2021 thru 6-30-2022) and the entryway (Courthouse) and Buildings & Grounds Projects will be held off until the next fiscal year, thus we have funds available to cover the additional costs.

LIST SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS IF APPLICABLE:

Ormaza Bid

POSSIBLE MOTION

Motion to approve the Ormaza Construction proposal for the Humboldt County Library Bathroom Renovation and ADA compliance project in an amount not to exceed \$281, 868 pending approval by the District Attorney's office.

7.A.Bid Award

[Staff Report - Library Bathroom Renovation - Ormaza 01-26-2022.pdf](#)

[Notice of Award-Ormaza Construction INC.pdf](#)

[AGREEMENT.pdf](#)

[Notice of Award Cover Letter.pdf](#)

8.CREATIVE CONSTRUCTION AND LANDSCAPE SNOW REMOVAL AGREEMENT (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION) - Consideration, discussion and possible approval of an agreement with Creative Construction and Landscape, LLC to provide snow removal services for Humboldt County in an amount not to exceed \$20,000 and to expire on April 30, 2024. At the January 3, 2022 Commission meeting it was agreed to extend the current contract with Creative Construction and Landscape to February 7, 2022 and to return with a new two (2) year agreement. Discussion and possible action.

DATE: Thursday, January 27, 2022

TO: County Commission

FROM: Enoc Gaitan, Building and Grounds

SUBJECT: Request for Approval to Enter Into A New Agreement with Creative Construction & Landscaping LLC for Snow Removal Services from Parking Lots of Properties Owned by Humboldt County Subject to the DA's Office Review and Approval.

REQUESTED AGENDA DATE: February 7, 2022

SUMMARY

Building and Grounds is requesting approval to enter into a new agreement with Creative Construction & Landscaping LLC for snow removal services from the parking lots of properties owned by Humboldt County for the next two years in an amount not to exceed \$20,000.00 subject to the DA's Office review and approval.

WHY ARE YOU BRINGING THIS BEFORE THE BOARD NOW:

For approval to enter into a new agreement with Creative Construction & Landscaping LLC for snow removal services from the parking lots of properties owned by Humboldt County in an amount not to exceed \$20,000.00. The agreement is valid for two years from February 7, 2022 thru April 20, 2024. Creative Construction & Landscaping LLC provides snow removal services to the parking lots of the following properties owned by Humboldt County: Humboldt County Courthouse parking lot located on the East side of 5th Street and between Bridge Street and Melarkey Street, Humboldt County Annex Building, Humboldt County District Attorney's Office, Humboldt County Child Support Office, Humboldt County Detention Center, Humboldt County Dispatch Center, and the Humboldt County Juvenile Detention Center. Only one proposal from Creative Construction & Landscaping LLC has been obtained thus far. An ad for a quote or proposal was put in the Humboldt Sun for the December 22nd addition. No other quotes or proposals were received.

PREVIOUS ACTION

The acceptance date for quotes or proposals was extended from December 22, 2021 to January 29, 2022. There have been no addition quotes or proposals received as of January 26, 2022. A motion was made and approved at the January 3rd Commission meeting for an amendment to the current contract with Creative Construction & Landscaping LLC to extend the services of the contract until the February 7, 2022. It was requested by Commissioners that a section for large piles of snow removal and de-icing services be added to the current contract, if it was not already included. It was also suggested that a "not to exceed" amount needed to be added to the contract as well, if it was not already included. A section was also included requiring invoices being submitted within 30-days of the end of the month.

BACKGROUND

Creative Construction & Landscaping LLC provides snow removal services to the parking lots of properties owned by Humboldt County. They have been doing so for the past few years. Although, they do not salt the parking lots after snow removal, the service itself is very beneficial and helpful to the building and grounds department. Due to the short staff of Building and Grounds, the snow removal service provided by Creative Construction & Landscaping LLC helps with quicker removal of snow from the property parking lots. Building and grounds lays down sand if needed after the snow removal. Having the snow removal service provided by Creative Construction & Landscaping LLC allows for building and grounds to service the walkways and sidewalks of the county owned property for safe passage for everyone. Creative Construction & Landscaping LLC will only charge for snow removal service that occurs at a Humboldt County property.

FISCAL IMPACT

Expenditure for snow removal services approved 2020-2021 and 2022-2023 fiscal year budget an amount not to exceed \$20,000.00 for the Building and Grounds Department.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the agreement with Creative Construction & Landscaping LLC for snow removal services from the parking lots of properties owned by Humboldt County for the next two years in an amount not to exceed \$20,000.00 be approved.

LIST SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS IF APPLICABLE:

Signed amended agreement and agreement from Creative Construction & Landscaping LLC.

POSSIBLE MOTION

Motion to approve Building and Grounds Department's request, as presented, to enter into a new agreement with Creative Construction & Landscaping LLC for snow removal services from the parking lots of properties owned by Humboldt County for the next two years.

8.A. Agreement

[Staff Report - Creative Construction and Landscaping Snow Removal Feb 7, 2022.pdf](#)

[Humboldt County Snow Removal Agreement FINAL - Creative Construction Landscaping LLC - 2022-02-07 Rev DmSq.pdf](#)

[snow removal agreement extension Signed Quilici.pdf](#)

9.COMPTROLLER: FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023 PROPERTY TAX RATE (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION) AND FINANCIAL REPORT (INFORMATIONAL ONLY) -

- A) Consideration, discussion, and possible action to approve the current Humboldt County Tax Rate Levy, currently .7512 per \$100 Assessed Valuation, or to change the rate for the 2022-2023 fiscal year. Discussion and possible action.

DATE: Monday, January 24, 2022
TO: County Commission
FROM: Gina Rackley, Comptroller
SUBJECT: Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Property Tax Rate
REQUESTED AGENDA DATE: February 7, 2022

SUMMARY

Annually the County needs to inform the NV Dept of Taxation if they intend to change the tax rate for the county. The current tax rate levy is .7512 per \$100 assessed valuation.

WHY ARE YOU BRINGING THIS BEFORE THE BOARD NOW:

We must inform the department of taxation in writing if we intend to change the tax rate no later than February 21, 2022.

PREVIOUS ACTION

The property tax rate for the County has not changed since fiscal year 2005-2006.

BACKGROUND

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FISCAL IMPACT

If there is an increase in the tax rate there would be increased revenue especially in Net Proceeds.

RECOMMENDATION

I am not making a recommendation one way or the other regarding your decision.

LIST SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS IF APPLICABLE:

Letter from the Department of Taxation is attached.

POSSIBLE MOTION

B) 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. Information Only.

9.A.COMPTROLLER MEMO - 2022-2-23 TAX RATES

Staff Report Tax Rate.pdf

1-25-22 Memo Tax Rate Changes.pdf

10.TREASURER: QUARTERTLY FINANCIAL INVESTMENT REPORT FOR PERIOD ENDING 12/31/21 (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION) - Consideration, discussion, and possible action to accept the 3rd quarter fiscal year 2021-22 investment report from Humboldt County Treasurer Rhona Lecumberry. Discussion and possible action.

10.A.Treasurer Staff Memo - 3rd Quarter Report

Staff Report - Quarterly Financial Report.pdf

Quarterly Financial Report - 12-31-21.pdf

11.ASSASSOR: REQUEST TO AMEND PREVIOUSLY APPROVED CONTRACT WITH PICTOMETRY (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION) - Consideration, discussion and possible action to approve an amendment to the previously approved contract with Pictometry to add the solar plant to our flight for the upcoming year. This will be the last year the Assessor will add this solar plant to flights. Going forward, it will be included on the Golconda/Valmy area every five years. Previous contract for this upcoming year was approved for \$203,774.68. This amendment will increase the cost an additional \$3,896.64 for a total not to exceed \$207,671.32. Discussion and possible action.

DATE: Tuesday, February 1, 2022
TO: County Commission
FROM: Andy Heiser, Humboldt County Assessor
SUBJECT: Amended Contract for Imagery Capture on fourth project

REQUESTED AGENDA DATE: February 7, 2022

SUMMARY

The Assessor's Office is requesting to amend our previously approved contract with Pictometry to add the solar plant to our flight for the upcoming year.

WHY ARE YOU BRINGING THIS BEFORE THE BOARD NOW:

To ask for approval from the board on the amended contract.

PREVIOUS ACTION

Previously approved without the nine additional sectors of the solar plant.

BACKGROUND

This will be the last year that I will add this solar plant to our flights. Going forward, it will be included on the Golconda/Valmy area every five years.

FISCAL IMPACT

Previous contract for this upcoming year was approved for \$203,774.68 and this will increase this flight an additional \$3,896.64 for a total of \$207,671.32.

RECOMMENDATION

We have several other solar plant projects coming to fruition in Humboldt County, having this data in my office will be a good asset in the work that goes into valuing them.

LIST SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS IF APPLICABLE:

2018 Contract – 5-year approved contract (Reference page 4, 6 & 10)
2021 Amended Contract

POSSIBLE MOTION

Discussion and possible action to approve the amended contract between Humboldt County and Pictometry International Corp. to incorporate the solar plant into this year's imagery capture.

11.A.Assessor's Staff Memo _ Pictometry Support Documents
[Assessor Staff Report - 2021 Pictometry Amended Contract.pdf](#)

[2019 Amended Contract - Signed.pdf](#)

[NV Humboldt County \(US GSA\) Pictometry Amendment - Project 4.pdf](#)

12.PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT: REQUEST TO AUCTION EQUIPMENT (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION) AND GENERAL ROAD PROJECTS (FOR INFORMATION ONLY) -

A) Consideration, discussion and possible action to dispose of 11 County vehicles and a trailer as listed in the attached staff report by public auction pursuant to NRS 332.185 as said property is no longer of public use and in the best interest of the County. All items should be auctioned off to the highest bidder. Discussion and possible action.

DATE: Friday, January 21, 2022
TO: County Commission
FROM: Don Kalkoske
SUBJECT: Public Surplus Auction Items
REQUESTED AGENDA DATE: February 7, 2022

SUMMARY

Decommissioned County equipment have been delivered to the Humboldt County Public Works yard for

disposal. All items listed are no longer of use to the county and should be auctioned off to the highest bidder.

WHY ARE YOU BRINGING THIS BEFORE THE BOARD NOW:

Decommissioned County equipment have been delivered to the Humboldt County Public Works yard for disposal. All items listed are no longer of use to the county and should be auctioned off to the highest bidder.

PREVIOUS ACTION

None

BACKGROUND

In years past it has been most beneficial for the county to dispose of decommissioned equipment through auctioning to the highest bidder rather than just scrapping said items.

FISCAL IMPACT

Limited fiscal impact as the fees collected are usually minimal.

RECOMMENDATION

That the items listed on the attached sheet be sold to the highest bidder at auction as these items are no longer of use to the county, unless other county departments wish to claim the item for use in their department.

LIST SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS IF APPLICABLE:

Click or tap here to enter text.

POSSIBLE MOTION

A possible motion for this action may be: "Move to approve the sale or transfer of county surplus inventory as presented."

B) 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.Public Works - Staff Memo - List of decommissioned County property
[Staff Report - Auction items.pdf](#)

13.SHERIFF: REQUEST TO PURCHASE PARTS / WAIVE THE ATTRITION POLICY / DENTENTION CENTER PHYSICIAN AGREEMENT (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION) - Consideration, discussion and possible approval of the following:

A) Request to purchase console parts for Humboldt County Dispatch in an amount not to exceed \$32,324.89. The consoles are in need of repair due to everyday use. Discussion and possible action.

DATE:

Tuesday, February 1, 2022

TO:

County Commission

FROM:

Sheriff Mike Allen

SUBJECT: Approval to purchase console parts for Humboldt County Dispatch

REQUESTED AGENDA DATE: February 7, 2022

SUMMARY

The Humboldt County Sheriff's Office is requesting to purchase replacement/repair parts for consoles in the dispatch center.

WHY ARE YOU BRINGING THIS BEFORE THE BOARD NOW:

For approval to purchase console parts from Xybix Systems inc.

PREVIOUS ACTION

The request was previously presented to the Humboldt County Board of Commissioners during the 2021/22 budget hearings. Amount projected during budget hearing was \$30,000.00.

BACKGROUND

The consoles need repair from everyday use. The parts from the presented quote are sole sourced and unique to the existing consoles.

FISCAL IMPACT

Projected expenditure from the Humboldt County Dispatch Centers Capital Outlay Over \$5,000 budget for fiscal year 2021/22.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that Humboldt County Sheriff's Office be given approval to purchase needed repair parts for dispatch consoles.

LIST SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS IF APPLICABLE:

Quote from Xybix in the amount of \$32,324.89 and Capital Asset Procurement form.

POSSIBLE MOTION

Motion to approve Humboldt County Sheriff's Office request to purchase repair parts from Xybix Systems Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$32,324.98 for the needed repairs of dispatch consoles.

B) Request to waive the attrition policy for the following positions:

- A 911 Operator position that became available on December 20, 2021. This position is part of the 2021-2022 FY budget. Discussion and possible action.

DATE: Thursday, January 27, 2022
TO: County Commission
FROM: Mike Allen, Sheriff
SUBJECT: 911 Operator (Dispatcher) Waiver of Attrition
REQUESTED AGENDA DATE: February 7, 2022

SUMMARY

A 911 Operator position became available on December 20, 2021.

WHY ARE YOU BRINGING THIS BEFORE THE BOARD NOW:

To fulfill mandatory staffing levels in Humboldt County Sheriff's Office Dispatch Center.
Mandatory

staffing levels are necessary to effectively manage incoming 911 calls, non-emergent calls and handle all radio traffic in Humboldt County.

PREVIOUS ACTION
N/A

BACKGROUND
Humboldt County Sheriff's Office Dispatch facility is the first line of contact for all responders in Humboldt County, a total of 16 different agencies and departments. The center has five consoles that operate 24/7/365.

FISCAL IMPACT
This is a budgeted position for the Humboldt County Sheriff's Office Dispatch Center

RECOMMENDATION
It is recommended that the waiver of attrition be approved to enable the recruitment process to begin for the position that became available on December 20, 2021.

LIST SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS IF APPLICABLE:
N/A

POSSIBLE MOTION
(FOR POSSIBLE ACTION) - Consideration, discussion, and possible action on a request from the Sheriff for a waiver of the attrition policy for 911 Operator (Dispatcher) position that became available on December 20, 2021

- A Detention Deputy position is anticipated to be vacant in the next 30-60 days due to a transfer to the Patrol Division. This position is part of the 2021-2022 FY budget. Discussion and possible action.

DATE: Thursday, January 27, 2022
TO: County Commission
FROM: Mike Allen, Sheriff
SUBJECT: Waiver of Attrition - Detention Deputy
REQUESTED AGENDA DATE: February 7, 2022

SUMMARY
A detention deputy position is anticipated to become available in the next 30-60 days as a result of a transfer of staff from detention to patrol division.

WHY ARE YOU BRINGING THIS BEFORE THE BOARD NOW:
To fulfill mandatory staffing levels in Humboldt County Sheriff's Office Detention Center.
Mandatory staffing levels are necessary to enable detention staff to carry out their daily duties and responsibilities in the safest manner for staff and inmates.

PREVIOUS ACTION
N/A

BACKGROUND
The detention center is an 84-bed minimum, medium, maximum, male and female housing unit.

Areas to be supervised by staff include housing areas, courtyard, court and overseeing inmate workers.

FISCAL IMPACT

This is a budgeted position for the Humboldt County Sheriff's Office Detention Center

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the waiver of attrition be approved to enable the recruitment process to begin for the position that is anticipated for vacancy in the next 30-60 days.

LIST SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS IF APPLICABLE:

N/A

POSSIBLE MOTION

(FOR POSSIBLE ACTION) - Consideration, discussion, and possible action on a request from the Sheriff for a waiver of the attrition policy for Detention Deputy position that is projected to be vacant in the next 30-60 days

C) An agreement between Humboldt County, a political subdivision of the State of Nevada, and Dr. Charles Stringham to provide physician services in an amount not to exceed \$2,000 per month for an estimated 2-3-month time period at the adult detention facility until a new agreement can be completed with Humboldt General Hospital for similar services. Discussion and possible action.

DATE: Thursday, January 27, 2022
TO: County Commission
FROM: Captain Chris Lininger
SUBJECT: Contract with Charles Stringham
REQUESTED AGENDA DATE: February 7, 2022

SUMMARY

In December of 2021, HGH pulled the medical service contract and MOU of oversight for the nurse working at the Humboldt County Detention Center for concern of liability insurance coverage. This left the Detention Center without a nurse to perform medical screenings and COVID prevention. Dr. Charles Stringham has agreed to temporarily provide medical oversight of the nurse until a new contract can be approved between the county and HGH.

WHY ARE YOU BRINGING THIS BEFORE THE BOARD NOW:

The Humboldt County Detention Center has been without a nurse to provide medical intake screenings and COVID prevention.

PREVIOUS ACTION

Tabled for further clarification on contract.

BACKGROUND

In December of 2021, HGH pulled the medical service contract and MOU of oversight for the nurse working at the Humboldt County Detention Center for concern of liability insurance coverage.

FISCAL IMPACT

\$2,000.00 per month for an estimated 2-3-month time period.

RECOMMENDATION

Approve contract with Dr. Charles Stringham for medical oversight of nurse at the Humboldt County Detention Center.

LIST SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS IF APPLICABLE:

Attached Contract

POSSIBLE MOTION

Approve Contract with Dr. Charles Stringham for medical oversight of Nurse at the Humboldt County Detention Center

13.A.Sheriff's Office Staff Memos - Support documents

(3)STAFF REPORT - Dispatch Console Repairs.pdf

Staff Memo Waiver Dispatch Operator -.pdf

Staff Memo Waiver - Detention Deputy.pdf

Sheriff's Office - Staff Memo - Detention Center Stringham.pdf

(3a) Xybix Quote.pdf

(3b)Capital Asset Procurement - Dispatch Console.xlsx

Adult detention agreement 2022 Strigham and Sheriff M2M.pdf

14.DISTRICT ATTORNEY: APPROVAL AND EXECUTION OF OPIOID SETTLEMENT FORMS AND APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT 1 TO ONE NEVADA AGREEMENT ON OPIOID RECOVERIES (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION) - Consideration, discussion and possible approval and execution of the following items:

A) Execution of "Subdivision Settlement Participation Forms" and releases pursuant to the One Nevada Agreement on Allocation of Opioid Recoveries ("One Nevada Agreement") previously agreed upon for participation in settlements with (1) the State of Nevada and opioids distributor defendants AmerisourceBergen Drug Corporation, Cardinal Health, and McKesson as listed in Exhibit C to the One Nevada Agreement, and (2) the State of Nevada and opioid manufacturer defendant Janssen/Johnson & Johnson as listed in Exhibit C to the One Nevada Agreement. For possible action.

B) Execution of an "Amendment No. 1 to One Nevada Agreement on Allocation of Opioid Recoveries" regarding a reduction in attorney's fees to the One Nevada Agreement for purposes of these two settlements only. For possible action.

14.A.Opioid Settlement

Amendment to One Nevada Agreement (Final).pdf

Participation Form and Release for Distributor Agreement (Final).pdf

Participation Form and Release for Janssen-J&J Agreement (Final).pdf

15. TECHNOLOGY SERVICES: APPROVAL TO PURCHASE EQUIPMENT (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION) - Consideration, discussion and possible approval to purchase Tait Radios and associated equipment for Phase II Public Safety Communications sites at Denio Summit, Eagle Creek, Double H, McDermitt and Saipan Peak, in an estimated amount of \$626,010.94, plus shipping charges. Discussion and possible action.

DATE: Wednesday, January 26, 2022
TO: County Commission
FROM: Ric Grantham, Technology Services Department
SUBJECT: Approval to Purchase Tait Radios and Associated Equipment for Phase II Public Safety Wide Area Channels.

REQUESTED AGENDA DATE: February 7, 2022

SUMMARY

The Technology Services Department is constructing new Public Safety Communication Sites at Denio Summit, Eagle Creek, Double H, McDermitt and Saipan Peak.

WHY ARE YOU BRINGING THIS BEFORE THE BOARD NOW:

Approval to purchase Tait radios and associated equipment from EMR Corp., in an estimated amount of \$97,620.94 plus shipping to be determined and Eagle Communications, LLC., in an estimated amount of \$528,390.00 plus shipping to be determined, for a total estimated amount of \$626,010.94 plus shipping to be determined. Please take note that we have been notified by Eagle Communications, LLC. that the quotes provided for the purchase of Tait equipment are expected to increase by 5% in the next 90 days and potentially another 3-5% mid-summer.

PREVIOUS ACTION

None

BACKGROUND

The Technology Services Department is responsible for designing, constructing and maintaining Public Safety Communication Sites throughout Humboldt County. Technology Services has been upgrading and/or newly constructing all of the public safety communication sites in Humboldt County. This project has been broken down into three phases. Phase I of this project was completed in November 2020 which consisted of a major upgrade to the Winnemucca Mountain site together with constructing brand new communication sites at Sports Complex and Rose Creek here in Winnemucca. Phase II consists of upgrading the following sites: Denio Summit, Eagle Creek, Double H, McDermitt and Saipan Peak. Although a large portion of the physical upgrades and replacements of buildings and towers will be time consuming and completed in phases sometime in the future, the Tait Radios and associated equipment could be purchased and installed now, significantly increasing the currently poor radio coverage for public safety entities in the northern portion of Humboldt County. Activating the Bravo channel will allow communications to continue while upgrading the Phase II high level sites Trident, Blue Mtn, Buckskin, New York Peak in the spring with the new channels and associated equipment only. This proposed purchase did not go through the competitive bid process, it is exempt per NRS 332.115 (1) (s), Contracts which by their nature are not adapted to award by a competitive solicitation, including contracts for the design of, and equipment and services associated with, systems of communication, are not subject to the requirements of this chapter for a competitive solicitation, as determined by the governing body or its authorized representative. It should also be noted that two (2) quotes were obtained for this equipment, one directly from the manufacturer, and one from our regional re-seller, and the regional re-seller submitted the lower quotes which we are recommending be approved herein.

FISCAL IMPACT

The fiscal impact would be an expenditure, from the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Capital Projects Fund, in an estimated amount of \$626,010.94.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Technology Services Department's request for this expenditure be approved.

LIST SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS IF APPLICABLE:

Quotes from EMR Corp., Quotes from Eagle Communications LLC and Quotes from Tait North America Inc.

POSSIBLE MOTION

Motion to approve the Technology Services Department's request to purchase Tait radios and associated equipment from EMR Corp., in an estimated amount of \$97,620.94 plus shipping to be determined and Eagle Communications, LLC., in an estimated amount of \$528,390.00 plus shipping to be determined, for a total estimated amount of \$626,010.94 plus shipping to be determined.

15.A.Tech Services Staff Memo and Support Documents

Staff Report - Radio Equipment Purchase for all Phase II sites-revised.pdf

Phase II Expense Radios and Assoc Equip.pdf

16.10:00 A.M. PUBLIC HEARING CONTINUANCE: RESOLUTION ON NUISANCE COMPLAINT (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION) - Consideration, discussion, and possible action per Humboldt County Code (HCC) 8.04.010, related to a nuisance complaint filed against property located at 7140 Jackson Road, Winnemucca, NV owned by Donn L. Sakurada; Assessor's Parcel Number 13-0541-16. Said action to include a report from Donn Sakurada from Lostra Engineering to determine the condition of the house and next steps as to repair or demolish the structure. In addition to the engineer's report, Mr. Sakurada will need to provide a timeline for said work to be completed. Discussion and possible action.

January 31, 2022

Humboldt County Building Department

1751 College Avenue

Winnemucca, NV 89801

ATTN: Mr. Levi Carl:

RE: Fire Damage Inspection Report at 7140 Jackson Road, Winnemucca, Nevada

Dear Levi:

We completed a visual inspection of the above noted residence on January 7, 2022. The structure is a single-story, single-family residence with an attached garage. The foundation stem walls are presumably concrete with concrete footings. The main structure of the residence is a light framed wood modular building with an addition in the rear of the residence. There were no excavations made and all interior finishes as well as plumbing, mechanical and electrical had been removed at time of inspection. The roof over the garage as well as a portion of the modular home was partially removed due to the significant fire damage.

It is our understanding that the residence fire had not happened recently and the existing building structure shows significant damage due to exposure to the weather. The majority of the fire damage that was observed during our inspection was in the area over the garage as well as a front portion of the residence. Water damage and exposure to the elements was observed throughout the residence at the time of inspection.

Based on our inspection the building, we would recommend the remaining structure be completely removed; leaving foundation in place. With the extensive fire damage as well as the prolonged exposure to the weather we believe the existing structure should be removed in its entirety. We would recommend an "A" general contractor be required to remove the existing structure to ensure proper disconnection from the existing foundation prior to demolition. An

additional structural inspection should be required as well as a report of findings to ensure the structural integrity of the existing foundation after the structure is removed. It is the responsibility of the contractor to notify our office when inspections are needed. Upon removal of the existing damaged structure, a new engineered design residence may be constructed. We would mention that the new residence design must take into consideration number of bedrooms due to the fact this property is on a septic system to ensure septic upgrades are not required. This report as well as a new residence design incorporating the existing foundation shall be approved by Humboldt County Building Department prior to work commencing.

Michael L. Lostra, P.E.
Thomas W. Hawkins, P.E.
Phone: 775-777-1210
Fax: 775-777-1211
930 College Avenue, Elko, NV
www.elkoengineers.com

If you have any additional questions or concerns feel free to contact us.
Sincerely;

Michael L. Lostra, P.E.
cc:
Donn Sakurada (Owner)

16.A.Lostra Letters
[Lostra Memo.pdf](#)

[224621 Donn Sakurada - Inspection at 7140 Jackson Road.pdf](#)

17.911 SURCHARGE COMMITTEE BOARD MEMBER APPOINTMENTS (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION) -
Consideration, discussion and possible approval pursuant to Humboldt County Code 8.44.030 to re-appoint Dave Garrison as the Winnemucca Police Department's designee, Kevin Malone as the Humboldt County Sheriff's Office designee and Ric Grantham to the Humboldt County 911 Surcharge Advisory Committee Board for a two (2) year term ending December 31, 2023.
Discussion and possible action.

DATE: Tuesday, January 25, 2022
TO: County Commission
FROM: US Kevin Malone
SUBJECT: Reappointment of 911 Surcharge Advisory Committee Board Members
REQUESTED AGENDA DATE: February 7, 2022

SUMMARY

Approval pursuant to Humboldt County Code 8.44.030 to nominate Ric Grantham and Chief Dave Garrison for reappointment to the Humboldt County 911 Surcharge Advisory Committee Board for a one (1) year term and to reappoint Undersheriff Kevin Malone for a two (2) year term. Board Member's terms have expired or are about to expire.

WHY ARE YOU BRINGING THIS BEFORE THE BOARD NOW:

Ric Grantham and Chief Dave Garrison's term expired 12/31/2021. Undersheriff Kevin Malone's term expires 03/2022.

PREVIOUS ACTION

Appointment to 911 Surcharge Advisory Committee

BACKGROUND

The 911 Advisory Committee was created with the intent to develop a plan for the enhancement of the County's 911 emergency response system and make recommendations to the County Commission concerning the expenditures of the money collected through the telephone line surcharge. The 911 Surcharge Advisory Committee includes 5 Board Members which are appointed by the Humboldt County Board of County Commissioners. Members included are individuals from the AT&T, Humboldt County Rural Volunteer Fire Department, Winnemucca Police Department, Humboldt County IT Department and the Humboldt County Sheriff's Office.

FISCAL IMPACT

N/A

RECOMMENDATION

To re-appoint all 3 members to new terms on the 911 Surcharge Advisory Committee.

LIST SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS IF APPLICABLE:

N/A

POSSIBLE MOTION

Move to approve the reappointment of Ric Grantham, Chief Dave Garrison, and Undersheriff Kevin Malone to the Humboldt County 911 Board.

17.A.911 Surcharge Memo - Board Reappointment
[Staff Memo 911 Board Reappointments.pdf](#)

18. OROVADA COMMUNITY CITIZENS GROUP TRANSPORTATION LETTER (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION) - Consideration, discussion and possible approval to include the Humboldt County Board of Commissioners to the attached letter from Thacker Pass Concerned Citizens (TPCC) and Lithium Nevada Corporation (LNC) as an additional supporter of efforts to encourage the Nevada Department of Transportation to consider improvements to US 95 highway between Winnemucca and McDermitt in advance of the Thacker Pass lithium mine opening. Discussion and possible action.

January 28, 2022
Nevada Governor Sisolak
State Capitol Building
101 N. Carson Street
Carson City, NV 89701

Dear Governor Sisolak,

Thacker Pass Concerned Citizens (TPCC) and Lithium Nevada Corporation (LNC) are seeking your assistance to improve the safety and economic well-being of the Humboldt County communities around LNC's Thacker Pass Lithium Mine Project. In this letter, we provide a brief history of the relationship between TPCC and LNC, detail the need for state assistance, and invite you to visit our community.

Prior to the formation of TPCC in 2021, residents of the Quinn and Kings River Valleys attended several open houses sponsored by LNC and its predecessor about the potential development of a lithium mine at Thacker Pass, near the community of Orovada. It wasn't until after the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) approved the Environmental Impact Statement for Thacker Pass in January 2021, that the local communities and LNC became involved in working together to address a number of potential land, water, air, and transportation impacts. These

potential impacts caused considerable community safety and "way of life" concerns, which continue to this day.

The majority of Orovada area residents recognize that state and national law, regulation, and policy supports mining of strategic minerals, such as lithium. However, the residents are being asked to bear the direct impacts of the Thacker Pass project and are expected to shoulder that burden for the sake of the common good. The local communities and LNC are working cooperatively to ensure that the Thacker Pass project is implemented in a way that minimizes adverse impacts and maximizes benefits.

In 2021, LNC and the TPCC formed a working group and jointly hired facilitators to guide discussions about the Project and its impacts. Numerous meetings have been held by this working group to document and prioritize community concerns, identify potential opportunities, and become better informed on ways to manage the changes that will come to the community as a result of the Project. One of the group's accomplishments has been to design an improved intersection at US Route 95 and State Route 293. The NDOT permitting process is underway for this intersection and must be completed for Thacker Pass to move forward. The working group is also in discussions with Mr. Kris Sanchez of the Governor's Office of Economic Development on additional improvements to infrastructure in the area. This working group has made progress, but now needs the support of the Governor and the State of Nevada to move forward.

Orovada sits at the junction of US Route 95 and SR 293, and its citizens are at risk from safety hazards caused by degraded highways, lack of passing lanes, inadequate shoulders, and minimal maintenance and law enforcement staff. These roads were not designed for this level of traffic and are ill-equipped from an engineering and safety perspective. The development of the Thacker Pass Project, with its projected 150 plus truck and staff trips per day, further necessitates the need to pursue road improvements. There are significant concerns about the local impacts of this project; in particular about the safety and sustainability of US Route 95 and SR 293 to serve both their designed purposes of carrying agriculture, traffic from cars and trucks, and the exponential increase of traffic that would serve the lithium mine. LNC and TPCC have been working together to delineate necessary repairs and upgrades to these routes. However, given the role that the State plays in road and highway management, this is a critical area where we need your leadership and assistance.

We are doing our best to help implement state and national policy but cannot do it alone. To see first-hand the issues that we are facing and the assistance that we need from the State to be successful in coexisting with the Thacker Pass lithium mine project, we ask that you and key members of your staff visit the Orovada area to experience our unique environment and culture and tour the proposed mine site. Please contact Gina Amato at 503-936-4043 or amatoagnv@gmail.com.

Thank you for your time. We look forward to working with you in the future.

Sincerely,

Gina Amato Karen Hogue
Co-Chair, TPCC Co-Chair, TPCC
Alexi Zawadzki, President, LNC

cc: Representative Amodei, Senator Cannizzaro, Senator Cortez Masto, Representative Horsford, Representative Lee, Senator Rosen, Governor's Office of Economic Development Deputy Director Kristopher Sanchez, NDOT Director Swallow, Representative Titus

18.A. Transportation-Orovada Concerned Citizens Letter
Thacker Pass Working Group Transportation Letter-final.docx.pdf

19. APPROVAL OF BLM GREATER SAGE GROUSE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT SCOPING COMMENTS (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION) - Consideration, discussion and possible approval of scoping comments regarding the Bureau of Land Management's (BLM-WO-2300-2022-0001-RMP-EIS) Notice of Intent to amend the 2015 and 2019 management plans, published in the Federal Register on November 22, 2021. The BLM will prepare environmental impact statements to support this planning initiative and is seeking comment on issues for analysis, as well as relevant data. Discussion and possible action.

DATE: January 26, 2022
TO: Humboldt County Board of Commissioners
FROM: Dave Mendiola, County Manager
SUBJECT: Scoping comments for 2021 Greater Sage Grouse EIS

SUMMARY

The Bureau of Land Management has launched an environmental impact statement and is requesting scoping comments from interested parties. The county is ground zero for Greater Sage Grouse and is also involved in litigation with the federal government following the 2015 Record of Decision.

COUNTY PRIORITY/GOAL SUPPORTED BY THIS ITEM

The county is focused on keeping public land designation as multiple use to allow use by all citizens as well as traditional agricultural businesses like farming and ranching.

PREVIOUS ACTION

BACKGROUND

The county has been working with the BLM and USFS for many years to deal with the Greater Sage Grouse issue. Following the Record of Decision by the BLM in 2015 which was based on erroneous habitat maps and did not include a socioeconomic impact study, the county joined forces with other Nevada counties in litigation to stop the plan from being implemented. The legal effort was successful and led to a court order to force the BLM to reconsider the 2015 decision. That led to a new FEIS that was issued in 2019 that was accepted by the county. Subsequently, a federal court in Idaho ordered the BLM reconsider the 2019 plan and seek additional data from various sources.

FISCAL IMPACT

Any decision by the BLM as it relates to Sage Grouse could have significant fiscal and public safety impacts. Agricultural interests, recreational enthusiasts and local public safety personnel could be limited to access to large swaths of public lands should these areas be considered off limits.

RECOMMENDATION

Review and make any recommendations to alter the scoping comments as presented for submission to the BLM by February 8, 2022.

POSSIBLE MOTION

Motion to accept the scoping comments as presented (or accept with any additions) and approve the Chairman to sign the comments and submit them to the BLM by February 8, 2022.

19.A.Scoping Comments

Staff Memo - BLM DEIS Scoping Comments 02-07-2022.pdf

20.MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE - 1)Other information and upcoming meetings

February 10, 2022 Regional Planning Commission
February 14, 2022 Regional Airport Board Meeting
February 22, 2022 Humboldt County Commission 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).

21.FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

22.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.

23.ADJOURNMENT

24.NOTICE: - The public is welcome to attend the meeting electronically via Microsoft Teams or by appearing in person at the Humboldt County Courthouse Meeting Room 201 50 West Fifth Street, Winnemucca, Nevada 89445 at the time and date listed on the top of the agenda. There will be a physical location for the meeting; however, the meeting may be accessed electronically through an internet connection at Microsoft Teams link.

Members of the public may make a public comment at the meeting without being physically present by emailing publiccomment@humboldtcountynv.gov prior to 8:00 a.m. on the day of the meeting and messages received will be transcribed for entry into the record and provided to the Board for review. Members of the public may also make a public comment at the meeting without being physically present by accessing the meeting through the internet connection at Microsoft Teams link above.

Staff reports and supporting material posted for the meeting are available on the Humboldt County website at <https://www.hcnv.us/> (click on the "Government" link on the home page) if that information was available when the agenda was posted. If the supporting material/ staff report is not included in the agenda packet, it is available to the general public at the same time the materials are provided to the Board. The administrative assistant at the county manager's office located at 50 West 5th Street, Winnemucca Nevada, telephone number 775-623-6300 is the

designated person from whom a member of the public may request the supporting material for this meeting and the County Administrator's office is the location where the supporting material is available to the public.

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

CERTIFICATE OF POSTING

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POSSIBLE MOTION

A possible motion for this action may be: "Move to approve the sale or transfer of county surplus inventory as presented."

Unit No.	Department	V I N	Make	Model	License plate	Year	Notes
220	Road	1A9BP3029XC411062	Allco	11 Yard	19584	1999	
	Civil Air Patrol	1FMDU34X4MUE03861	Ford	Explorer	4044	1991	
32	Justice Court	2G4WS52J641208736	Buick	Century	74358	2004	
102	Road	1FTWF31P46EB93206	Ford	F 350	48560	2006	
434	Sheriff	1FMFU16577LA94650	Ford	Expedition	48570	2007	Needs stripped
GW1	Golconda GID	1FMFU16L21LA53630	Ford	Expedition	62546	2001	
70	Fairgrounds	1FTEF14H8MKB03560	Ford	F 150	14956	1991	
R02	Rural Fire	1GNFK13067R210024	Chevrolet	Tahoe	72701	2007	
77	Fairgrounds	1FMFU16597LA94648	Ford	Expedition	48599	2007	
381G	Road	3654059	Multiquip	25KW		1994	Bad engine
384G	Road	8499G3	Kamag	75SX9E		Unknown	Bad generator
137	Indigent	2G1WS583189250213	Chevrolet	Impala	55803	2008	