



**Humboldt County Board of Commissioners**  
**May 22, 2023 at 8:30 AM**  
**Meeting Minutes**

Those present were Chairman Ken Tipton, Commissioners Ron Cerri, Jesse Hill (via Teams), Tom Hoss and Mark Evatz (via Teams), Deputy District Attorney Michael Macdonald, County Manager Dave Mendiola (via Teams) and Clerk of the Board Tami Rae Spero.

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

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

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

INTRODUCTION AND SET FOR PUBLIC HEARING THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF WATER REVENUE BONDS IN THE COMBINED MAXIMUM AGGEGRATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF \$2,400,000: Consideration, discussion and possible action to set for public hearing an ordinance authorizing the issuance by Humboldt County, Nevada, of its Water Revenue Bonds, Series 2023A, Series 2023B and Series 2023C in the combined maximum aggregate principal amount of \$2,400,000 for the purpose of financing water projects; providing the form, terms and conditions thereof and covenants relating to the payment of the bonds; and providing the effective date hereof. Chairman Tipton read the title of the agenda item. Commissioner Hoss commented on language in section ten which would leave it wide-open for the County as a whole to have to pay for this process and questioned. Manager Mendiola offered comment that would not be what would happen and explained. Commissioner Hoss offered comment on his continued concern that this language would leave it wide-open for taxing other county residents who do not use the system; he questioned the increase in the amount of money put into this. Manager Mendiola explained what was included in the \$2,400,000.00. Comptroller Gina Rackley explained the purpose of this hearing including the need for it to acquire the debt and commented that there is sufficient funding to cover said the debt; she noted the retention of JNA Consulting as well as water counsel Theresa Stix to confirm language of the ordinance and the action of the PUC at a meeting last week. Manager Mendiola noted the amount of the loan forgiveness loan of 1.85 million from the State Revolving Fund. Commissioner Cerri asked for clarification on what is being bonded and how the process works. Comptroller Rackley explained the process. Discussion ensued. Deputy District Attorney Macdonald explained what the process is for today including the need to read the title of the proposed ordinance and offered a suggested motion. Deputy District Attorney Macdonald read the title of the item to be set to public hearing. The following motion was made by Commissioner Cerri:

*To approve the bond read into the record and set to public hearing this ordinance at a time to be determined by the Clerk, the County Manager and the District Attorney's Office.*

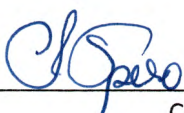
Commissioners Hill and Evatz offered no questions. Commissioner Hoss noted his concerns with doing this due to the language as he previously noted. Chairman Tipton called Commissioner Cerri's motion to a vote and it passed with Chairman Tipton and Commissioners Hill, Cerri and Evatz voting aye and Commissioner Hoss voting nay.

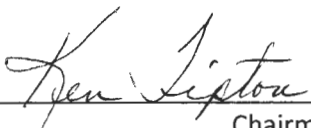
REVIEW OF LEGISLATIVE BILLS AND BILL DRAFT REQUESTS (BDR) BEING CONSIDERED BY THE 2023 NEVADA LEGISLATURE: Consideration, discussion and possible action regarding Senate and Assembly Bills as well as Bill Draft Requests (BDR's) being or to be considered by the Nevada Legislature, including taking positions in support of or against bills, and authorizing letters to legislators and/or the governor regarding Humboldt County's position on a bill, the County's thoughts and/or concerns on legislation, as well as a request to the governor to veto any bill the County opposes. Discussion and possible action will include, but is not limited to, the following bills: SB 226 – Revises provisions governing public works. SB 233 - Revises provisions governing taxes imposed on certain heavy equipment and AB 387 – Revises provision relating to water. Chairman Tipton explained the concerns related to the bills noted suggesting that letters stating the concerns of the Commission should be written. Commissioner Cerri noted that he does not know the status of the bills and questioned whether a letter is needed. Commissioner Hoss stated that for the record the Commission should put in writing that we are opposed. Commissioner Cerri suggested that if any of these bills have passed that a letter should go to the Governor asking for veto. Commissioner Evatz suggested that a letter be prepared on behalf of the Commission related to each of the items and be sent to the Governor's Office with copies to the Senate and House stating the Commission's non-support and if they do move forward the same letter could be sent to the Governor asking for veto. Commissioners Hill and Cerri concurred with Commissioner Evatz's suggestion. The following motion was made by Commissioner Evatz and passed unanimously:

*To author a letter for signature by Chairman Tipton on behalf of the entire Board of Commissioners and Dave Mendiola, as the County Manager expressing our concern and opposition to the bills that we just discussed with a brief comment as to our concern, primary concern or two, and that be sent to the Governor's Office as well as to our Assembly and State Senator leadership and that, we have in our hip pocket the same letter, ready to go to the governor for a veto request, if those bills move forward.*

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

ADJOURNMENT: Chairman Tipton adjourned the meeting at 8:49 a.m.

ATTEST:   
Clerk

APPROVED:   
Chairman

(Minutes approved by the Commission and signed by the Chairman on 6/5/23)

Notice of Public Meeting  
Humboldt County Board of Commissioners Special Meeting  
**Monday, May 22, 2023**  
**8:30 AM**

50 W. Fifth Street, Room 201  
Winnemucca, Nevada 89445

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1. CALL TO ORDER
2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
3. PUBLIC COMMENT  
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4.A) Agenda Request - Gold Country Ordinance

[Agenda Request Revenue Bond Ordinance Gold Country Water 5-2023 GC edits clean.pdf](#)

[Bond Ordinance Humboldt SRF \\_05222023.pdf](#)

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5.A) Support Documents

[Elko County\\_\\_wages\\_ltr.pdf](#)

[NRHA\\_\\_wages\\_ltr.pdf](#)

[NV Policy Research Inst.\\_wages\\_testimony.pdf](#)

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7. ADJOURNMENT

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**MEETING DATE:** May 22, 2023

**DATE POSTED:** May 17, 2023 **POSTED BY:** MICHELLE COOK

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