



**Humboldt County Board of Commissioners
March 18 2024 at 8:31 a.m.
Meeting Minutes**

Those present were Chairman Jesse Hill, Commissioners Tom Hoss, Ron Cerri, Ken Tipton and Mark Evatz, Chief Deputy District Attorney Wendy Maddox (via Teams), County Manager Don Kalkoske and Clerk of the Board Tami Rae Spero (via Teams).

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

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

PUBLIC COMMENT: Chairman Hill asked for public comments. Rhonda Link appeared before the Commission and offered public comment and introduced herself as she is one of the applicants for the Planning Commission appointment.

Christina Kenison appeared before the Commission and offered public comment asking that the Commission put on an agenda, for discussion and action, the ability to petition the Attorney General's Office for a legal opinion on the validity of the City of Winnemucca, acting as a sole sponsor for the Winnemucca/Humboldt Municipal Airport, even though the County is the co-owner according to the airport agreement.

Commissioner Hoss offered public comments regarding an email that he had received from Lithium America on March 14, 2024 informing him that they have received conditional approval for a DOE loan; he stated that he received it because he critical of the project and they wanted to meet with him privately; he continued stating that he has stood up for Humboldt County so an informed decision for the County can be made and not to let a foreign corporation from Canada or anywhere else, come into the County and tell us what they are going to do to the citizens of our county; he stated that he took offense to the word critical as he has not been critical, he has been asking questions so we can get the truth as to what is going on and make an informed decision.

No further public comment was offered.

COMPTROLLER: Comptroller Gina Rackley and Andree Rose and Tara Larson with Drake, Rose and Associates appeared before the Commission.

REQUEST TO DESIGNATE DRAKE, ROSE & ASSOCIATES AS THE AUDITOR FOR HUMBOLDT COUNTY: Consideration, discussion and possible approval to designate Drake, Rose & Associates as the auditor for Humboldt County for the 2024 Fiscal Year. Comptroller Rackley reviewed the request for the Commission. The Commission noted their support and thanks for Drake, Rose & Associates. The following motion was made by Commissioner Cerri and passed unanimously:

To designate Drake, Rose and Associates as the auditor for Humboldt County for the 2024 Fiscal Year and accept the audit agreement as presented.

CLOSED SESSION FOR LITIGATION CONSIDERATION: Closed session pursuant to NRS 241.015(3)(b)(2), to receive information from Rew Goodenow with the law firm Parsons, Behle, & Latimer regarding potential or existing Second Amendment litigation in Case No. 19 OC 00213 1B pending in the First Judicial District of Carson City, Nevada. Chairman Hill stated that the Commission would be convening in the County Manager's Office in closed session. The following motion was made by Commissioner Tipton and passed unanimously:

To go into closed session at this time.

The Commission entered closed session at 8:40 a.m.

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

That the Commission comes out of the closed session and continue with our County Commission meeting for item number six.

The Commission entered open session at 9:05 a.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Discussion and action on correction/approval of minutes for discussion and action on correction/approval of minutes for March 27, 2023, May 1, 2023, August 7, 2023, August 21, 2023, September 5, 2023, October 2, 2023, January 2, 2024, February 5, 2024, and March 4, 2024. Based on a question from the Chairman, Chief Deputy District Attorney Maddox stated a single motion can be done for all submitted minutes. Chairman Hill asked for corrections for the minutes; none offered. Commissioner Cerri stated that he would be abstaining from approval on the September 5, 2023 minutes as he had not been in attendance. The following motion was made by Commissioner Tipton and passed unanimously with the exception of the minutes for September 5, 2023 for which Commissioner Cerri abstained:

To approve the minutes as posted on the agenda for today.

APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURES FOR HUMBOLDT COUNTY FOR MARCH 4, 2024 THROUGH MARCH 18, 2024: The following motion was made by Commissioner Evatz and passed unanimously:

To approve the expenditures for Humboldt County for the period of March 4 through March 18, 2024 as circulated.

COMPTROLLER: Comptroller Gina Rackley appeared before the Commission.

REQUEST TO CO-SPONSOR THE COUNTY FISCAL OFFICERS ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE: Consideration, discussion and possible approval to co-sponsor the County Fiscal Officers Association Conference September 17-19, 2024, with a donation in an amount not to exceed \$10,000. Recorder Tia Lange and

Comptroller Rackley appeared before the Commission with Comptroller Rackley reviewing the request for the Commission. Commissioner Tipton asked if the WCVA will be approached as well. Comptroller Rackley confirmed that would be occurring. Commissioners Cerri and Hoss stated their support for this event. The following motion was made by Commissioner Tipton and passed unanimously:

To give a donation not to exceed \$10,000.00 for the County Fiscal Officers Association for their conference being held here September 17 through 19, 2024.

Discussion ensued regarding the Chairman or another Commissioner addressing the group and participating in other events being held.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Humboldt County Comptroller Gina Rackley will provide an overview of current conditions with respect to Humboldt County revenues and expenditures for fiscal year 2024 (July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024), including an update on the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) and other funding available to the County. Comptroller Rackley offered no update due to the length of the agenda and budget hearings being scheduled for next week.

SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER AND COMPTROLLER:

REQUEST TO APPROVE CERTIFICATIONS AND ASSURANCES FOR THE FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION GRANT: Consideration, discussion and possible approval of the Certifications and Assurances that is required for the Federal Transit Grant that Humboldt County serves as the pass-through agency to the Senior Center as the subrecipient, and to authorize the County Manager to sign the Affirmation of Applicant. Senior Citizens' Director Brandie Pettis appeared before the Commission and reviewed the request for the Commission. Chief Deputy District Attorney Maddox stated that the District Attorney's Office will review any legal documents requiring the signature of the County. Comptroller Rackley commented on the funds received over the years to assist our senior citizens and their transportation needs, that this is a very successful grant and her enjoyment working with Director Pettis. Chairman Hill asked if this was just a pass-through grant. Comptroller Rackley confirmed it was. Discussion ensued regarding the availability of drivers. The following motion was made by Commissioner Tipton and passed unanimously:

To approve the certifications and assurances for the Federal Transit Administration for the fiscal year 2024 and authorizing County Manager Don Kalkoske to sign the affirmation of applicant following the District Attorney's review.

Commissioner Hoss thanked Director Pettis for her work at the center and commented that the center is one of the best on the west coast. The Commission concurred.

APPOINTMENT OF MEMBER TO REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION: Consideration, discussion and

possible approval to appoint a candidate to the Regional Planning Commission to fill a vacancy and to serve the remainder of a 4-year term set to expire June 30, 2025. Included on the on-line agenda were requests for appointment from Rhonda S. Link and Janet Jacaway. Ms. Link and Ms. Jacaway appeared before the Commission. Applicant Link spoke in support of her appointment. Applicant Jacaway spoke in support of her appointment. A question-and-answer period occurred with the candidates. Chairman Hill encouraged whoever isn't selected, to apply again in the future as both are qualified candidates. The following motion was made by Commissioner Hoss and passed unanimously:

To appoint Janet Jacaway to the Regional Planning Commission to fill a vacancy and serve the remainder of a four-year term set to expire June 30, 2025.

Commissioner Evatz encouraged Ms. Link to participate during the public comment periods at the RPC hearings as he feels her input would be valuable.

Ms. Link commented on the benefit of the local hospital to the community.

Chairman Hill stated that the Commission would proceed to item 14 on the agenda as the next items are time specific.

10:00 A.M. PUBLIC HEARING: Deputy District Attorney Anthony Gordon and Human Services Director Denni Byrd appeared before the Commission.

FOR AN ORDINANCE TO MOVE DUTIES OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATOR/PUBLIC GUARDIAN TO THE HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT: Consideration, discussion and possible approval for an Ordinance to amend Chapter 2.4 of the Humboldt County Code to add provisions related to the public administrator, to abolish the office of ex officio public administrator held by the district attorney, to designate and employ the human services director as the public guardian and public administrator for Humboldt County, to specify additional qualifications of the human services director, to require the director to take an official oath and to post a bond with the county, to address the compensation of the director, to specify the duties of public guardian and public administrator, to provide how the director shall receive legal assistance in public guardianship and public administrator cases, to authorize the director to contract with professionals and consultants necessary for the performance and discharge of the duties as public guardian and public administrator, to grant the director discretion to accept or deny the appointment as public guardian in certain situations, and to address other matters properly related thereto. Included on the on-line agenda for review was a copy of the Notice of Continued Public Hearing and a copy of the proposed Ordinance. Chairman Hill read the title of the item set to public hearing. Chief Deputy District Attorney Maddox explained that since the last Commissioner meeting, they have met with Director Byrd and her questions have been answered, that discussion has occurred and will continue about the

pending cases and that the District Attorney will continue to act as the legal counsel. Director Byrd confirmed that the conversation as noted had occurred and that the bond will be carried under the Pool/Pact coverage. Deputy District Attorney Gordon commented on the District Attorney's involvement. Commissioner Cerri asked if this would impact staffing. Director Byrd responded that she did not believe so and explained. Chairman Hill asked for public comment; none offered. The following motion was made by Commissioner Evatz and passed unanimously:

To approve an ordinance to move the duties of the public administrator/public guardian to the Human Services Department as detailed and read into the record by the Chairman.

(Ordinance No. 03-18-24)

PLANNING: Senior Planning Technician Betty Lawrence, Deputy District Attorney Anthony Gordon and Appellant Mark Marcum appeared before the Commission.

10:00 A.M. PUBLIC HEARING:

AN APPEAL FILED BY MARK MARCUM REGARDING UH-23-17: Consideration, discussion and possible action regarding the vote, decision and findings of the Humboldt Regional Planning Commission at their January 11, 2024, meeting regarding the denial of a Conditional Use Permit Application, UH-23-17, submitted by Dennis O'Keefe on behalf of Golden Gate Petroleum to allow the development of a fueling facility to include gas, diesel and a convenience store. Subject Property is located off U.S. 95, McDermitt, NV; Assessor's Parcel Numbers 03-0441-09,03-06272-05. Included on the on-line agenda was a copy of the Notice of Public Hearing, a copy of appellant Marcum's appeal, copies of the paperwork submitted to the Regional Planning Commission (RPC) including staff report, application, written comments and maps, a copy of the RPC minutes (unapproved) from the January 11, 2024 meeting and a response from J. Christopher Molina, Esq. of McDonald Carano, LLP on behalf of Golden Gate Petroleum. Chairman Hill called the public hearing to order at 10:40 a.m. and read the title of the item set to public hearing. Mrs. Lawrence stated that public comments had been received via email and legal counsel has directed that said comment be read into the record (see attached). Mrs. Lawrence read email comments received from Dale Hartley into the record. Appellant Marcum provided photos to the Commission for review stating that he does not object to project other than the use of his driveway and the impact on the infrastructure including the sewer, the traffic increase and the use of additional property without paying for it; he stated that he does not object for the north driveway as long as they don't block his easement right-of-way and explained. Deputy District Attorney Gordon noted that the only issue to be dealt with is the appeal and explained what was contained in the appeal. J. Christopher Molina with McDonald, Carano LLP appeared before the Commission (via Teams) on behalf of Golden Gate Petroleum and

responded to the appeal, displaying maps related to the roadway and right-of-way for the Commission's review noting that, while there is a notation on the subsequent parcel map as to a private road right-of-way, said notation has no legal effect explaining that, because the person that recorded the map has no authority to limit the right way that was created originally, as under Nevada law this is considered public and even if this was a private easement, Golden Gate as owner of the adjacent parcels would have the right to use the right-of-way for access including providing access to their patrons ; he responded to Mr. Marcum's first argument as to the five-year claim that access can be terminated though the argument is not entirely clear but if this is an adverse possession claim, there is documentation in the record before the RPC that demonstrates that Mr. Marcum has not paid taxes on the roadway parcel which means that he would not be able to establish adverse possession, the second argument is that the heirs of the original property owners are opposed but he explained why they ultimately don't have a right to object; he stated that he would only be addressing the merits of the legal claims made noting that there is some sort of litigation going on between Mr. Marcum and the seller of the property which he won't go into. Commissioner Evatz questioned the notation on the map. Mr. Molina responded explaining that the original map did not have the notation so basically the subsequent map could not limit what the earlier map granted; he explained that even if you assumed it was correct, that it would be for the benefit of the abutting/adjacent property owners which will soon be Golden Gate Petroleum. Commissioner Cerri noted his understanding of the appellant's concern and asked if the RPC could impose an additional requirement for a fence barrier or something. Mrs. Lawrence stated that she is not sure. Deputy District Attorney Gordon stated that, if Golden Gate wanted to accommodate, they could, but he does not believe that there is anything legal that can be required. Mr. Marcum noted concerns with a fence and snow accumulation and voiced concerns related to light pollution. Ilyssa Fogel appeared before the Commission via Teams and offered comment that the RPC has no authority over the issues Mr. Marcum raises and, that his claim of ownership to the drive way should have been dealt with in a court action; she noted the zoning for the area, that there is no other residential development in the area, that the issues regarding easements and sewer were addressed at the RPC meeting and commented on the fact that this is the ideal spot for this type of development for it to be economically feasible; she asked that the Board of Commissioners, based on lack of jurisdiction and the issues she has raised, deny the appeal. Commissioner Hoss offered that this is not in the Commission's hands to decide, if it is a private driveway or not, it appears that Planning has done everything they can possibility do; that this is a legal matter; he voiced concerns about the truck traffic and the need to pave but stated that is not up to the Commission to decide. Chairman Hill commented that while he understood Mr. Marcum's concerns, the

job of the Commission is to listen to an appeal and find legal merit in the appeal to overturn a decision by another board; he stated that he does not see a legal merit to overturn the decision of the RPC. Commissioner Evatz commented on his understanding that the roadway is public but suggested that, Mr. Molina as a representative for Golden Gate Petroleum, engage with Mr. Marcum to ensure that they have a good neighbor relationship going forward and, if there are things that can be done going forward to minimize the negative impacts, that they work to mitigate those impacts. Chairman Hill concurred and offered suggestions on what could be done. Chairman Hill asked for public comment. Tom Corday, the real estate agent for Golden Gate appeared before the Commission and offered public comment regarding his conversation with Mr. Marcum including the offer of fencing to block the lights and that he expressed that they would like to have a good neighbor policy; he noted that Mr. Marcum had purchased the property many years ago and was aware of the zoning and what is allowed with that zoning. No further public comment was offered. Chief Deputy District Attorney Maddox offered directions as to the action the Commission may take per HCC 17.68.090. Discussion ensued regarding the right-of-way and the lack of taxes paid by any party on this right-of-way. Commissioner Cerri asked Deputy District Attorney Gordon, if the Commission has any legal basis for this Commission to deny. Deputy District Attorney Gordon responded stating that he does not see any legal basis for the Commission to deny the RPC's decision. Chief Deputy District Attorney Maddox stated that the Commission would have to decide whether they want to confirm, reverse or modify this decision per the Code. Commissioner Hoss stated that he does believe that the Planning Commission has done anything to cause reversal of this but voiced concerns about the truck stop using a dirt road as access. Commissioner Evatz asked about maintenance and road improvement. Mrs. Lawrence responded. Commissioner Tipton offered comment stating that he has reviewed everything presented and his problem is with the zoning being M-3, which it has been for a long time and if you purchase property next to property zoned that way, why wouldn't you expect something like this to happen in the future; he stated that he does not believe that the Commission can deny what the Planning Commission had done. With direction as to language from legal counsel the following motion was made by Commissioner Evatz and passed unanimously:

To deny the appeal as filed by Mark Marcum regarding UH-23-17 per the information presented on the agenda and in the associated packet; that the Commission supports the findings from and presented by the Humboldt Regional Planning Commission at their January 11, 2024 meeting regarding the denial of the conditional use permit application UH-23-17.

10:00 A.M. PUBLIC HEARING:

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REZONE APPLICATIONS FOR MARLEY AND CLEMENT: Consideration, discussion and possible approval for the following:

RZ-24-01 - Zone change request submitted by Regional Planning Commission on behalf of Kevin and Tahnee Marley to change the C (Commercial) zoning designation to GC (General Commercial) zoning designation on property located at 4650 W Winnemucca Boulevard (APN 13-0053-38). Included on the on-line agenda for review was a copy of the Notice of Public Hearing and a copy of the proposed ordinance. Chairman called the public hearing to order at 11:06 a.m. and read the title of the item. Mrs. Lawrence indicated that this is another rezone be done to clean up the C, Commercial zoning. Chairman Hill asked for public comment; none offered.

RZ-24-02 - Zone change request submitted by Regional Planning Commission on behalf of Roland Clement to change the C (Commercial) zoning designation to RR-1.25 (Rural Ranchette 1.25-acre minimum lots size) zoning designation on property located at 5720 Bird Lane (APN 13-0055-07). Included on the on-line agenda for review was a copy of the Notice of Public Hearing and a copy of the proposed ordinance. Chairman Hill read the title of the item set to public hearing. Chairman Hill asked for public comment; none offered. The following motion was made by Commissioner Evatz and passed unanimously:

To approve RZ-24-01 for the zone change from C - Commercial to GCC - General Commercial and for parcel RZ-24-02 from C - Commercial to RR - Rural Ranchette at the 1.25-acre minimum lot size.

(Ordinance Nos. 03-18-24a & 03-18-24b)

Chairman Hill recessed the meeting at 11:11 a.m. reconvening at 11:16 a.m. and proceeding to item 16C.

SET TO PUBLIC HEARING: Consideration, discussion and possible approval to Set to Public Hearing for a future date to be determined by the County Clerk for the following:

A. RZ-24-04 A rezone application submitted by Regional Planning Commission on behalf of David and Sandra Schirrick to change the C (Commercial) zoning designation to GC (General Commercial) zoning designation on property located at 5705, 5725 and 5745 Rowan Way; assessor's parcel #'s 13-0043-33, 34 and 25. Chairman Hill read the title of the item to be set to public hearing. The following motion was made by Commissioner Evatz and passed unanimously:

To set to public hearing for a future date to be determined by the County Clerk for the rezone application as read into the record by the Chairman.

WINNEMUCCA DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SHELTER REQUEST TO PLACE PINWHEELS ON COURTHOUSE LAWN AND TO USE COURTHOUSE PARKING LOT FOR RELATED ACTIVITIES: Consideration, discussion and

possible approval of a request from Winnemucca Domestic Violence Shelter (WDVS) to utilize the lawn at the Courthouse to place Pinwheels and a banner for display throughout the month of April 2024 to bring awareness of child abuse to the community, and to utilize the parking lot across the street for booths to host children's activities, speakers, and a few food trucks on April 6, 2024. The event would start at 11:00 a.m. and end at 1:00 p.m. Pinwheels and the banner will be removed by April 28, 2024. The following motion was made by Commissioner Tipton and passed unanimously:

To approve the request for WDVS to place the pinwheels on the courthouse lawn and to use the related parking lot for their activities.

Chairman Hill recessed the meeting at 9:38 a.m. reconvening at 9:40 a.m.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:

MICHELLE HAMMOND ALLEN WILL PROVIDE AN OVERVIEW OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITY: Economic Development Officer, Michelle Hammond Allen will provide a brief overview on the economic development activity in Humboldt County. Officer Hammond Allen reviewed a bullet list of ten items that she is involved in. Discussion ensued regarding her participation in solar projects proposed for the area as well as the Commission's need to be involved actively engaged and the status of the charging stations proposed by NDOT.

LITHIUM AMERICAS WILL PROVIDE AN UPDATE ON THACKER PASS LITHIUM PROJECT: Lithium Americas will present an update on the Thacker Pass Lithium Project, as well as the Winnemucca-based workforce hub. Tim Crowley appeared before the Commission and presented a power point presentation related to Lithium Americas including an overview, the March 14th DOE announcement related to a loan including the conditions involved, the project financing, the staffing and shifts, the workforce hub status, Thacker Pass – Quinn pipeline, Topsoil storage, First cut, State Route 293 improvements, Crowley Creek erosion prevention, Sawtooth equipment at site, the opening of the Winnemucca office, the status of the transloading facility, the Orovada improvements, the proposed design of the Orovada elementary school, continued involvement with the Fort McDermitt Paiute Shoshone Tribe and a summary of the project. Discussion ensued regarding the time frame for closure on the DOE loan, what will be addressed first once funds are received, the status of environmental studies done, what is pending for the loan closure, the status of the water rights and what is occurring with sites that irrigation is being removed from, the need to keep the range healthy and the plan to re-seed with native vegetation after alfalfa irrigation is no longer needed, that a memo will be provided to the Commission as to the water issues will be addressed with the details that are looked for, fire concerns due to build up of fuel if grazing is not allowed, that that is happening and that information will be provided on that as well,

consideration of medication facilities in the Orovada area and what is planned, questions about the title of the company and that the agreements were made by Lithium Nevada and the need to make sure that whomever the company is honors those agreements of Lithium Nevada, how the company is structured and does the status of the Presidential administration impact this loan and that it does not. Chairman Hill stated that the Commission would return to item 11 on the agenda, a public hearing, at 10:18 a.m.

HITECH MINERALS WILL PROVIDE AN UPDATE ON THE MCDERMITT LITHIUM PROJECT: HiTech Minerals will present an update on the McDermitt Lithium Project. Brett Marsh, Vice-President of Exploration and Development for HiTech Minerals appeared before the Commission via Teams and reviewed a Power Point presentation including the Key Highlights including the ownership of the company and the location of the site, Lithium investment thesis remains robust, a general project timeline, exploration plan of operations, and what is a community benefits plan and what is involved with it; he stated how they look forward to partnering with the community. Discussion ensued regarding questions from the Commission including the location of local offices, where the receipt of equipment will occur, the impact on the communities and the lack of inclusion with private land users and the Tribe and plans to include, where the taxes will be going as the Nevada will be getting the impact and the existence of a plan of operations for that impact.

REQUEST APPROVAL FOR A LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR HITECH MINERALS' APPLICATION: Consideration, discussion, and possible approval for a letter of support regarding HiTech Minerals Department of Energy funding application; indicating Humboldt County's willingness to engage as a cooperating agency, pending the District Attorney's review and approval. Mr. Marsh spoke in support of this request. Commissioner Hoss stated that signing anything seems premature and explained. Commissioner Evatz commented on the need for the County to stay in touch due to the impact especially from any negative impacts. Chairman Hill noted that this letter of support gets us a seat at the table and the very general letter of support which is what has been proposed will do that; he stated his support to put us in the game and gets our voices heard. Commissioner Cerri noted that the cooperating agency status is made by the federal government, and he would encourage that we do request to be afforded that status; he stated what had been discussed with the Vale BLM District. Chief Deputy District Attorney Maddox stated that the Office has reviewed the letter and noted amendments made to include the removal of the term cooperating agency as well as other provisions removed so as not to commit the county to anything at this time; she requested that any motion made indicate as amended. The following motion was made by Commissioner Evatz and passed with Chairman Hill and

Commissioners Tipton and Evatz voting aye and Commissioners Hoss and Cerri voting nay:

To approve a letter of support regarding HiTech Minerals Department of Energy funding application as reviewed and amended by the District Attorney's Office.

Commissioner Hoss stated that he does not want his signature to appear on this letter. Chairman Hill so noted.

LIBRARY: Library Director Jessica Anderson appeared before the Commission.

REQUEST TO WAIVE ATTRITION POLICY: Consideration, discussion and possible approval for a request to waive the attrition policy to hire for the position of Library Assistant. Director Anderson spoke in support of the request. The following motion was made by Commissioner Evatz and passed unanimously:

To approve the request to waive the attrition policy for the library assistant position.

ASSESSOR: Assessor Andy Heiser appeared before the Commission.

REQUEST TO APPROVE NEW APPRAISER II POSITION: Consideration, discussion and possible approval for the new Appraiser II position. Assessor Heiser reviewed and spoke in support of the request. Commissioner Hoss noted his concerns with the budget impact of adding costs, so he is not interested in moving anything around until after the budget hearings. Assessor Heiser stated that he is okay with that but noted his concerns with the lack of the class and comp study being done before negotiations. Commissioner Evatz commented on the need for a fair compensation package to keep good people. Commissioner Tipton noted his concern that the Commission has not received information on the comp study as well. Assessor Heiser noted that what is occurring today as to the study, is just a portion and there are a lot of offices that need to be addressed that aren't included. Commissioner Cerri noted his concern with adding additional bodies but as that isn't the case he will support the request. Chairman Hill stated his understanding of Commissioner Hoss' concerns as we do have budgets coming up which will result in some tough decision but he also understands Commissioner Evatz's comments as people are our number one asset and there is a huge amount of competition for talented people; that he knows it does not make the Commission's job any easier come budget time but he thinks taking care of our people is one of our most important things that we need to do to provide good service to the county, so he supports the request. The following motion was made by Commissioner Cerri which passed with Chairman Hill and Commissioners Cerri, Tipton and Evatz voting aye and Commissioner Hoss voting nay:
To approve the request for a new appraiser two position.

APPROVAL FOR GSA NEW SUPPORT SERVICES FEES: Consideration, discussion and possible approval for a new annual support and maintenance fee agreement from GSA from July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025 in an amount not to exceed \$141,086.00. Assessor Heiser reviewed the request for the

Commission. Commissioner Hoss questioned this coming forward before budgets. Assessor Heiser clarified that this goes into effect on July 1, 2024. The following motion was made by Commissioner Evatz and passed unanimously:

To approve a new annual support and maintenance agreement with GSA for the period of July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025 in an amount not to exceed \$141,086.00.

TREASURER: Treasurer Rhona Lecumberry appeared before the Commission.

REQUEST TO RENEW BANKING AGREEMENT WITH WELLS FARGO: Consideration, discussion and possible approval to renew the County's banking agreement with Wells Fargo which is set to expire March 31, 2024. The renewal agreement extends the contract for an additional 3 years for banking services. Included on the on-line agenda for review was a copy of the proposed banking services contract. Treasurer Lecumberry reviewed the request for the Commission. The following motion was made by Commissioner Tipton and passed unanimously:

To approve the renewal of the County's banking agreement with Wells Fargo to commence April 1, 2024 and ending March 31, 2027 and to authorize the County Manager to sign.

HUMAN RESOURCES: Human Resources Director Kellie Kranovich appeared before the Commission.

REQUEST TO APPROVE THE CLASS AND COMPENSATION STUDY: Consideration, discussion and possible approval for the Class and Compensation Study Competitive Compensation Analysis and to bring the current pay grades and salary ranges in line with the study. Manager Kalkoske noted that this study has been reviewed by a committee and this is just the start and that other departments are being evaluated and will be brought back later. Commissioner Cerri asked if these are immediate increases that with negotiations coming up, will result in additional increases. Manager Kalkoske responded. Commissioner Hoss asked who represents the Commission on this noting budgetary concerns identified by the auditors; he asked how this information was obtained. Director Kranovich reviewed how the study was conducted. Commissioner Tipton noted his concerns with the comparables given the size of the counties used. Commissioner Hoss agreed; he noted the need to look at what is going on including that larger counties are being used for comparison which skews the findings in his opinion. Commissioner Cerri concurred that this is not a fair comparison. Discussion ensued. Commissioner Cerri reiterated his concerns with the timing of this. Commissioner Tipton noted how the employees would view this. Commissioner Evatz asked if there is an avenue for this disagreement to be heard and respected potentially. Commissioner Cerri stated that this needs to wait until negotiations occur, noting that it may result in two increases for some employees. Discussion ensued regarding how this will impact negotiations, how the Board needs make expenditures come in line with revenues during budget

hearings, that an obligation was made to do this study and the obligation for the Commission to do something with it now that it is done. Treasurer Lecumberry appeared before the Commission and offered comments in support of treating the employees fairly as they are the ones doing the work every day, she noted that with merit increases and negotiations the salary amount is increased twice, concerns with what Pontifex did and the lack of a comp study since 1999. Chairman Hill questioned if the county had a fair shake with this comp study or if there are other options; he stated his support of getting everyone where they need to be but that he wants it to be fair and complete too and questions other options available. Director Kranovich offered comment as to the information received related to the study. Chief Deputy District Attorney Maddox suggested that as an option, as this is just a snapshot of the study with a committee making a recommendation, perhaps the Commission would like to discuss this in an open meeting to look at the study overall. Chairman Hill concurred noting concern with seeing pieces of the study and suggested that perhaps the company could come in and explain everything. County Clerk Spero noted her concern with the study and explained what had occurred when she reached out to the Clerk's Offices cited in the study. Director Kranovich commented on contact she had with other counties and her concerns that some of the data received does not match exactly with what was provided. Juvenile Director Pauline Salla noted that her youth advisor positions came in double digits percentage below what they should be getting paid which supports why it is so difficult to hire those positions; she commented on the impact this has on getting qualified applicants to accept positions, that we are only as good as the employees we have and that the Commission has stated that the employees are the number one priority for the county. Director Salla noted her understanding of the fiscal impact.

Discussion ensued regarding the incompleteness of the study, how to proceed, whether to seek another study, the need to address the minimums for the employees identified, that the timing with negotiations is not the employees fault, the need to continue to work with the departments that need to reclassify/address concerns, errors in the study, when the study was received, that some positions are not included and that there would be different numbers ever year so it is better to know about the problem and work to fix it. After discussion the following motion was made by Commissioner Tipton and passed unanimously:

To approve the changes presented to the Commission today on this chart and the pay grade and salary range for the class and comp study.

Commissioner Hoss asked that for future requests that all information possible be provided to make the process easier, noting that once input was received from managers with explanations it made it easier.

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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT: Public Works Director Daniel Ferraro appeared before the Commission.

REQUEST TO WAIVE ATTRITION POLICY: Consideration, discussion and possible approval to waive the attrition policy to hire for the position of Road Maintenance Equipment Operator Position. Director Ferraro reviewed the request for the Commission. Commissioner Cerri asked how the duties are being handled now. Director Ferraro responded. The following motion was made by Commissioner Tipton and passed unanimously:

To approve the position for road maintenance equipment operator and waive the attrition policy.

GENERAL ROAD PROJECTS UPDATE: A presentation by Humboldt County Public Works Director Dan Ferraro 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 Ferraro reported on road work in various area in Humboldt County, the status of the well drilling in Denio and that the department has received notification that the certified, licensed operator for the Gold Country water system is resigning at the end of the month and what is being done to address that issue.

SHERIFF'S OFFICE: Under Sheriff Damon Kuskie appeared before the Commission.

REQUEST TO WAIVE ATTRITION POLICY: Consideration, discussion and possible approval for a request to waive the attrition policy to hire for three (3) Dispatch Operators within the Sheriff's Dispatch Center. Under Sheriff Kuskie reviewed the request for the Commission. The following motion was made by Commissioner Evatz and passed unanimously:

To approve the request to waive the attrition policy from the Sheriff's Office for three dispatch operators at the Dispatch Center.

LIQUOR BOARD: Undersheriff Damon Kuskie convened the Humboldt County Liquor Board at 12:38 p.m. for consideration, discussion and possible approval for a special liquor license application for Alexis and Alyssa Mendoza for Mezcal & Co. a mobile bartending service. Under Sheriff Kuskie reviewed the request for the Board and recommended approval. Discussion ensued regarding what is being asked for as far as the license and that individual events will require individual licenses. Sheriff's Office Manager Liz Sjoblom appeared before the Commission and explained this is for the business license with each event requiring an individual license. After discussion the following motion was made by Commissioner Hill, was seconded and passed unanimously:

To approve the liquor license for Mezcal & Co.

Under Sheriff Kuskie adjourned the Liquor Board meeting at 12:45 p.m.

TECHNOLOGY SERVICES DEPARTMENT: Technology Services Director Mike DeTullio appeared before the

Commission.

REQUEST TO PURCHASE SECURITY CAMERAS AND LICENSES, AND CLOUD STORAGE: Consideration, discussion and possible approval to purchase sixteen security cameras with licenses and cloud storage from ConvergeOne, in an amount of \$39,577.75. Director DeTullio reviewed the request for the Commission. Discussion ensued regarding where the additional quotes were obtained from, why these were not purchased earlier in the budget cycle, the number of cameras being requested compared to the prior request, the process for justification of the camera's locations, how they are secured to the buildings, where this funding is included in the budget, what is planned for the next budget cycle and how the cameras interact with IT and law enforcement. The following motion was made by Commissioner and passed unanimously:

To approve sixteen security cameras with license and cloud storage from Converge One in an amount not to exceed \$39,577.75.

Chairman Hill recessed the meeting at 12:56 p.m. reconvening at 1:00 p.m.

COOPERATIVE EXTENTION: Northern Area Director for the Cooperative Extension Holly Gatzke and Cooperative Extension Agent Brad Schultz appeared before the Commission.

PROPOSAL FROM DIRECTOR OF EXTENSION'S NORTHERN AREA HOLLY GATZKE: Holly Gatzke, Director of Extension's northern area will present a proposal outlining an organizational realignment of offices and positions to better address funding constraints and recruitment issues. Director Gatzke reviewed what the Extension does including 4-H programs, work with natural resources and other duties; she noted issues in other areas filling these extension positions as people leave, the creation of an Extension County Coordinator position to manage the local programming and what is involved with that, a position of a livestock specialist in certain areas and an extension agriculture educator in another location, what is being discussed with Agent Shultz's position to keep him dedicated for natural resources and how that would impact Humboldt County and what would occur with the other duties of the department. She stated that this is the way they are moving but there is an opportunity to learn and grow to figure out how to do this. Discussion ensued regarding the difficulties with hiring for positions, the importance of maintaining employees and how to create something that results in that, the effort make a transition in the county, how the positions created have moved away from Ph.Ds and the effort to hire locally for the positions, concerns with what will occur when Agent Schultz leaves that the position is filled, the importance to keep the 4-H program going, how the funding will work for the State and other counties with the position being a state employee, what is planned at the state level related to the 4-H program, the need for support from County Commissions, the budgetary aspects of this, the importance of

overlap with the new person before Agent Schultz as to the County and the importance of the understanding of Humboldt County's culture, geography and people for these positions.

COUNTY MANAGER:

REQUEST TO AUTHORIZE ANDY RIEBER TO DRAFT COMMENTS RELATED TO THE WESTWIDE SOLAR PEIS:

Consideration, discussion and possible approval for a request to authorize Public Lands and Resource consultant, Andy Rieber, to draft public comments on behalf of Humboldt County regarding the BLM's Westwide Solar PEIS and to coordinate opposition to the plan. Manager Kalkoske reviewed the request for the Commission. Andy Rieber, public lands consultant, offered comment. Commissioner Cerri offered comment on the importance of this request. Commissioner Tipton agreed and commented. Consultant Rieber commented on the efforts to reach out to the sister counties and what is being considered including the involvement of legal counsel Laura Granier. Commissioners Evatz and Hoss stated their support. Commissioner Tipton agreed with Ms. Rieber's suggestion to engage Laura Granier and asked for that to be included in any motion. Chief Deputy District Attorney Maddox stated that language is not included on the agenda, but it can be done behind the scenes. Discussion ensued regarding the language on the agenda. The following motion was made by Commissioner Cerri and passed unanimously:

To authorize Andy Rieber to draft comments related to Westwide Solar PEIS and to engage with sister counties, if necessary, to accomplish this.

APPROVAL FOR NOTICE OF FUNDING OPPORTUNITY SCORING MATRIX: Consideration, discussion and possible approval for the Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) scoring sheet. Manager Kalkoske reviewed the request for the Commission. The following motion was made by Commissioner Evatz and passed unanimously:

To approve the NOFO, the notice funding opportunity score sheet as presented.

UPDATE REGARDING THE OPIOID LITIGATION GRANT REVIEW SUBCOMMITTEE: County Manager Don Kalkoske will update the Board regarding the Opioid Litigation Grant Review Subcommittee. Manager Kalkoske reviewed the matter for the Commission. Commissioner Evatz asked if this committee would be complying with the Open Meeting Law and have agendas posted. Manager Kalkoske responded that was the plan.

COALITION FOR HEALTHY NEVADA LANDS REQUEST FOR SUPPORT: Consideration, discussion and possible approval to authorize Chairman Jesse Hill to sign the Coalition for Healthy Nevada Lands sign-on letter, requesting the BLM reduce Wild Horse and Burro populations. Manager Kalkoske reviewed the request for the Commission. Commissioner Evatz noted that the proposed language of the letter did not

reference burros. Manager Kalkoske confirmed that the reference could be added. After discussion the following motion was made by Commissioner Cerri and passed unanimously:

That the Commission supports the Coalition for Healthy Nevada Lands request in regard to wild horses and burros with the addition of burros to the letter.

Commissioner Hoss asked that a copy of the memorandum from Congressman Amodei be provided to Manager Kalkoske.

MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE:

Other information and upcoming meetings: The following meeting were noted by Chairman Hill - March 19, 2024 Winnemucca City Council Meeting, March 25 & 26, 2024 Humboldt County Budget Hearings, April 1, 2024 Humboldt County Board of Commissioners Meeting and April 9, 2024 Winnemucca City Council Meeting

Reports from Commissioners regarding other Boards and Committees on which they serve: Commissioner Cerri offered no report. Chairman Hill offered no report. Commissioner Evatz offered no report. Commissioner Tipton offered a report on a cooperating agency working group meeting he had attended with Ms. Rieber and the BLM and his attendance at a NACO workshop about best practices for energy management; he noted correspondence received from NVEnergy regarding the Valmy plants conversion to gas and information received about the BLM reorganizing positions in Washington. Commissioner Hoss reported on an Airport Board meeting and a Museum Board meeting.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS: Whether an item will be placed on a future agenda will be subject to the chairman and/or legal counsel's determination. Manager Kalkoske noted the request from Mrs. Kenison during public comment. Chairman Hill stated the need to work with the District Attorney and Mrs. Kenison to see if this will proceed as an agenda item. Chief Deputy Maddox stated that she would follow up on the item with the County Manager and the Chairman, noting the language of the agenda that placement on a future agenda is subject to the Chairman's and legal counsel's determination. Manager Kalkoske indicated an assignment to the NDOW Citizen Advisory Board for a future agenda. Commission Hoss commented on expenditures noting the costs for propane and gas and questioning if there is a way to look at those before budget. Discussion ensued with Manager Kalkoske indicating that he will follow up. Commissioner Cerri asked for a cricket update so as not to get behind and to get areas identified so aerial treatments can begin as the crickets are out. Discussion ensued as to the need to get the public to report sightings to the State.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Chairman Hill asked for public comment. Commissioner Evatz noted the upcoming Nevada Muleys annual banquet and fundraiser and explained the benefits of the organization; he

congratulated the Wolf Pack on making it to the tournament. Commissioner Tipton noted that this is Dave Mendiola's last week and he offered his thanks for his years of work as he did an excellent job and he wished him well on his next venture. Tami Rae Spero offered public comment stating her appreciation for Humboldt General Hospital and their services.

ADJOURNMENT: Chairman Hill adjourned the meeting at 2:17 p.m.

ATTEST:  Clerk APPROVED:  Chairman

(Minutes approved by the Commission and signed by the Chairman on 4/01/24)

Notice of Public Meeting
Humboldt County Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting
Monday, March 18, 2024
8:30 AM

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

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

General public comment is designated for discussion only. The public has the opportunity to address the Commission on any matter not appearing on this agenda; however, no action may be taken on a matter raised until the matter itself has been specifically included on the agenda as an item upon which action may be taken. Individual comments will be limited to three (3) minutes.

4. COMPTROLLER: REQUEST TO DESIGNATE DRAKE, ROSE & ASSOCIATES AS THE AUDITOR FOR HUMBOLDT COUNTY (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION)

Consideration, discussion and possible approval to designate Drake, Rose & Associates as the auditor for Humboldt County for the 2024 Fiscal Year. Discussion and possible action.

- 4.A) Auditor Designation
[Staff Report Auditor Designation.pdf](#)

5. CLOSED SESSION FOR LITIGATION CONSIDERATION (FOR INFORMATION ONLY)

Closed session pursuant to NRS 241.015(3)(b)(2), to receive information from Rew Goodenow with the law firm Parsons, Behle, & Latimer regarding potential or existing Second Amendment litigation in Case No. 19 OC 00213 1B pending in the First Judicial District of Carson City, Nevada.

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION)

Discussion and action on correction/approval of minutes for discussion and action on correction/approval of minutes for March 27, 2017 (Budget Hearing); April 3, 2017; May 1, 2017 (Joint); May 15, 2017; June 19, 2017; July 10, 2017; August 7, 2017 (Joint); August 21, 2017; December 11, 2017 (Joint); January 16, 2018; January 29, 2018 (Retreat); February 5, 2018; February 20, 2018; March 5, 2018; April 2, 2018 (Budget Hearing); April 9, 2018; August 6, 2018; August 20, 2018; September 17, 2018; October 1, 2018; October 15, 2018; March 18, 2019; March 25, 2019 (Budget Hearings); April 1, 2019; May 6, 2019; May 15, 2019 (Special); May 20, 2019; June 3, 2019; June 17, 2019; June 25, 2019 (Special); August 5, 2019; August 19, 2019; September 3, 2019; September 16, 2019; October 21, 2019; November 4, 2019; November 25, 2019 (Special); December 16, 2019; January 6, 2020; January 21, 2020 (Combined Regular and Retreat); February 3, 2020; March 2, 2020; March 19, 2020; April 6, 2020; April 14, 2020 (Special); April 20, 2020; May 4, 2020; June 15, 2020 (Joint); July 17, 2020 (Special Joint); July 20, 2020; August 17, 2020; August 20, 2020 (Special Meeting); September 8, 2020; September 21, 2020; September 30, 2020 (Special); October 5, 2020 (Special Joint Meeting); October 19, 2020; November 9, 2020; November 13, 2020 (Special Canvass); November 23, 2020; December 14, 2020; January 4, 2021; January 25, 2021 (Special Meeting); February 8, 2021; February 22, 2021 (Special Joint Meeting); February 22, 2021; March 22, 2021; March 29, 2021 (Budgets); April 8, 2021 (Special Meeting); June 21, 2021; July 19, 2021; August 9, 2021; August 12, 2021 (Special Meeting); August 23, 2021; September 20, 2021; November 8, 2021; and November 22, 2021; January 3, 2022; January 24, 2022 (Commission Retreat), March 7, 2022, March 21, 2022; May 2, 2022; May 16, 2022; September 19, 2022 (Regular Meeting); November 7, 2022; November 21, 2022; December 12, 2022; February 21, 2023; March 20, 2023; March 27 & 28, 2023 (Budget Hearing); May 1, 2023, July 10, 2023; August 1, 2023; August 21, 2023; September 5, 2023; October 2, 2023; January 2, 2024; February 5, 2024; and March 4, 2024. Discussion and possible action.

6.A) Minutes

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7. APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURES FOR HUMBOLDT COUNTY FOR MARCH 4, 2024 THROUGH MARCH 18, 2024 (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION)

8. COMPTROLLER: REQUEST TO CO-SPONSOR THE COUNTY FISCAL OFFICERS ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION) AND THE FINANCIAL REPORT (INFORMATIONAL ONLY)

- A. Consideration, discussion and possible approval to co-sponsor the County Fiscal Officers Association Conference September 17-19, 2024, with a donation in an amount not to exceed \$10,000. Discussion and possible action.
- B. Humboldt County Comptroller Gina Rackley will provide an overview of current conditions with respect to Humboldt County revenues and expenditures for fiscal year 2024 (July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024), including an update on the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) and other funding available to the County. Information Only.

8.A) Comptroller - Co-sponsorship

[Staff Report CFOA Conference.pdf](#)

9. SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER AND COMPTROLLER: REQUEST TO APPROVE CERTIFICATIONS AND ASSURANCES FOR THE FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION GRANT (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION)

Consideration, discussion and possible approval of the Certifications and Assurances that is required for the Federal Transit Grant that Humboldt County serves as the pass-through agency to the Senior Center as the subrecipient, and to authorize the County Manager to sign the Affirmation of Applicant. Discussion and possible action.

9.A) Senior Transit Grant

[Staff Report Sr Transportation Grant .pdf](#)

10. APPOINTMENT OF MEMBER TO REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION)

Consideration, discussion and possible approval to appoint a candidate to the Regional Planning Commission to fill a vacancy and to serve the remainder of a 4-year term set to expire June 30, 2025. Discussion and possible action.

10.A) Planning Appointment

[Staff Memo Regional Planning Commission Appointment.pdf](#)

11. 10:00 A.M. PUBLIC HEARING: FOR AN ORDINANCE TO MOVE DUTIES OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATOR/PUBLIC GUARDIAN TO THE HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION)

Consideration, discussion and possible approval for an Ordinance to amend Chapter 2.4 of the Humboldt County Code to add provisions related to the public administrator, to abolish the office of ex officio public administrator held by the district attorney, to

designate and employ the human services director as the public guardian and public administrator for Humboldt County, to specify additional qualifications of the human services director, to require the director to take an official oath and to post a bond with the county, to address the compensation of the director, to specify the duties of public guardian and public administrator, to provide how the director shall receive legal assistance in public guardianship and public administrator cases, to authorize the director to contract with professionals and consultants necessary for the performance and discharge of the duties as public guardian and public administrator, to grant the director discretion to accept or deny the appointment as public guardian in certain situations, and to address other matters properly related thereto. Discussion and possible action.

11.A) Staff Report - Guardianship Ordinance

[Staff Report - Public Guardianship Ordinance_03-18-2024.pdf](#)

12. 10:00 A.M. PUBLIC HEARING: AN APPEAL FILED BY MARK MARCUM REGARDING UH-23-17 (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION)

Consideration, discussion and possible action regarding the vote, decision and findings of the Humboldt Regional Planning Commission at their January 11, 2024, meeting regarding the denial of a Conditional Use Permit Application, UH-23-17, submitted by Dennis O'Keefe on behalf of Golden Gate Petroleum to allow the development of a fueling facility to include gas, diesel and a convenience store. Subject Property is located off U.S. 95, McDermitt, NV; Assessor's Parcel Numbers 03-0441-09,03-06272-05. Discussion and possible action.

12.A) Staff Report - Marcum Appeal

[Staff Report Marcum Appeal.pdf](#)

13. 10:00 A.M. PUBLIC HEARING: REZONE APPLICATIONS FOR MARLEY AND CLEMENT (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION)

Consideration, discussion and possible approval for the following:

- A. **RZ-24-01** - Zone change request submitted by Regional Planning Commission on behalf of Kevin and Tahnee Marley to change the C (Commercial) zoning designation to GC (General Commercial) zoning designation on property located at 4650 W Winnemucca Boulevard (APN 13-0053-38). Discussion and possible action.
- B. **RZ-24-02** - Zone change request submitted by Regional Planning Commission on behalf of Roland Clement to change the C (Commercial) zoning designation to RR-1.25 (Rural Ranchette 1.25 acre minimum lots size) zoning designation on property located at 5720 Bird Lane (APN 13-0055-07). Discussion and possible action.

13.A) Staff Report - Zone change request RZ-24-01 & RZ-24-02

[Staff Report - RZ-24-01 & RZ-24-02.pdf](#)

14. PLANNING: SET TO PUBLIC HEARING: (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION)

Consideration, discussion and possible approval to Set to Public Hearing for a future date to be determined by the County Clerk for the following:

- A. **RZ-24-04** A rezone application submitted by Regional Planning Commission on behalf of David and Sandra Schirrick to change the C (Commercial) zoning designation to GC (General Commercial) zoning designation on property located at 5705, 5725 and 5745 Rowan Way; assessor's parcel #'s 13-0043-33, 34 and 25. Discussion and possible action.

14.A) Planning - Set to - RZ-24-04Schirrick
[Planning - Set to - RZ-24-04Schirrick.pdf](#)

15. WINNEMUCCA DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SHELTER REQUEST TO PLACE PINWHEELS ON COURTHOUSE LAWN AND TO USE COURTHOUSE PARKING LOT FOR RELATED ACTIVITIES (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION)

Consideration, discussion and possible approval of a request from Winnemucca Domestic Violence Shelter (WDVS) to utilize the lawn at the Courthouse to place Pinwheels and a banner for display throughout the month of April 2024 to bring awareness of child abuse to the community, and to utilize the parking lot across the street for booths to host children's activities, speakers, and a few food trucks on April 6, 2024. The event would start at 11:00 a.m. and ending 1:00 p.m. Pinwheels and banner will be removed by April 28, 2024. Discussion and possible action.

15.A) WDVS - Pinwheels 2024
[Agenda Request - Pinwheels.pdf](#)

16. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: MICHELLE HAMMOND ALLEN WILL PROVIDE AN OVERVIEW OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITY; LITHIUM AMERICAS WILL PROVIDE AN UPDATE ON THACKER PASS LITHIUM PROJECT; HITECH MINERALS WILL PROVIDE AN UPDATE ON THE MCDERMITT LITHIUM PROJECT (INFORMATION ONLY); REQUEST APPROVAL FOR A LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR HITECH MINERALS' APPLICATION (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION)

- A. Economic Development Officer, Michelle Hammond Allen will provide a brief overview on the economic development activity in Humboldt County.
- B. Lithium Americas will present an update on the Thacker Pass Lithium Project, as well as the Winnemucca-based workforce hub.
- C. HiTech Minerals will present an update on the McDermitt Lithium Project.
- D. Consideration, discussion, and possible approval for a letter of support regarding HiTech Minerals Department of Energy funding application; indicating Humboldt County's willingness to engage as a cooperating agency, pending the District Attorney's review and approval. Discussion and possible action.

16.A) Economic Development - Presentations and letter of support for HiTech
[24Mar18_EconomicDevelopment_LithiumAmericasUpdate_Agenda Request.pdf](#)

17. LIBRARY: REQUEST TO WAIVE ATTRITION POLICY (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION)

Consideration, discussion and possible approval for a request to waive the attrition policy to hire for the position of Library Assistant. Discussion and possible action.

17.A) Library - Waive attrition policy

[Library_Request_for_Waiver_of_Attrition_Policy 2024.pdf](#)

18. ASSESSOR: REQUEST TO APPROVE NEW APPRAISER II POSITION AND APPROVAL FOR GSA NEW SUPPORT SERVICES FEES (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION)

- A. Consideration, discussion and possible approval for the new Appraiser II position. Discussion and possible action.
- B. Consideration, discussion and possible approval for a new annual support and maintenance fee agreement from GSA from July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025 in an amount not to exceed \$141,086. Discussion and possible action.

18.A) Assessor

[Staff Report & Supporting Documents for Appraiser II New Position.pdf](#)
[Staff Report & GSA Extension Letter Packet.pdf](#)

19. TREASURER: REQUEST TO RENEW BANKING AGREEMENT WITH WELLS FARGO (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION)

Consideration, discussion and possible approval to renew the County's banking agreement with Wells Fargo which is set to expire March 31, 2024. The renewal agreement extends the contact for an additional 3 years for banking services. Discussion and possible action.

19.A) Treasurer - Wells Fargo Agreement

[Staff Report - Banking Agreement Renewal March 2024.pdf](#)

20. HUMAN RESOURCES: REQUEST TO APPROVE THE CLASS AND COMPENSATION STUDY (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION)

Consideration, discussion and possible approval for the Class and Compensation Study Competitive Compensation Analysis and to bring the current pay grades and salary ranges in line with the study. Discussion and possible action.

20.A) Human Resources - Class & Comp Study

[Agenda Request - Pay grade and salary range changes.pdf](#)

21. PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT: REQUEST TO WAIVE ATTRITION POLICY (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION) AND GENERAL ROAD PROJECTS UPDATE (FOR INFORMATION ONLY)

- A. Consideration, discussion and possible approval to waive the attrition policy to hire for the position of Road Maintenance Equipment Operator Position. Discussion and possible action.
- B. A presentation by Humboldt County Public Works Director Dan Ferraro 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.

21.A) Public Works - Request to hire

[Staff Report Attrition Policy Waiver -Equip Operator.pdf](#)

22. SHERIFF'S OFFICE: REQUEST TO WAIVE ATTRITION POLICY (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION)

Consideration, discussion and possible approval for a request to waive the attrition policy to hire for three (3) Dispatch Operators within the Sheriff's Dispatch Center. Discussion and possible action.

22.A) Sheriff - Dispatch Positions

[Staff Report - Attrition Waiver-Dispatch.pdf](#)

23. SHERIFF: LIQUOR BOARD (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION)

Undersheriff Damon Kuskie is requesting to convene the Humboldt County Liquor Board. Consideration, discussion and possible approval of the attached liquor license application. Discussion and possible action.

23.A) Sheriff - Liquor Board

[Staff Report - Special Liquor Venue - Mezcal & Co.-Mezcal and Co..pdf](#)

24. TECHNOLOGY SERVICES DEPARTMENT: REQUEST TO PURCHASE SECURITY CAMERAS AND LICENSES, AND CLOUD STORAGE (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION)

Consideration, discussion and possible approval to purchase sixteen security cameras with licenses and cloud storage from ConvergeOne, in an amount of \$39,577.75. Discussion and possible action.

24.A) Tech Services - Cameras

[Agenda Request Form Template_2023-TSD - Spec Dept Proj - Cameras.pdf](#)

25. COOPERATIVE EXTENTION: PROPOSAL FROM DIRECTOR OF EXTENSION'S NORTHERN AREA HOLLY GATZKE (INFORMATION ONLY)

Holly Gatzke, Director of Extension's northern area will present a proposal outling an organizational realignment of offices and positions to better address funding constraints and recruitment issues. Information only.

25.A) Cooperative Extention Proposal

[Staff Report - Extension - March 18 CC Meeting.pdf](#)

26. COUNTY MANAGER: REQUEST TO AUTHORIZE ANDY RIEBER TO DRAFT COMMENTS RELATED TO THE WESTWIDE SOLAR PEIS (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION)

Consideration, discussion and possible approval for a request to authorize Public Lands and Resource consultant, Andy Rieber, to draft public comments on behalf of Humboldt County regarding the BLM's Westwide Solar PEIS and to coordinate opposition to the plan. Discussion and possible action.

26.A) County Manager - Westwide Solar

[Staff Report - Westwide Solar PEIS - Rieber 03042024.pdf](#)

27. COUNTY MANAGER: APPROVAL FOR NOTICE OF FUNDING OPPORTUNITY

SCORING MATRIX (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION); UPDATE REGARDING THE OPIOID LITIGATION GRANT REVIEW SUBCOMMITTEE (INFORMATION ONLY)

- A. Consideration, discussion and possible approval for the Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) scoring sheet. Discussion and possible action.
- B. County Manager Don Kalkoske will update the Board regarding the Opioid Litigation Grant Review Subcommittee. Information only.

27.A) County Manager - Opioid Committee and NOVO matrix
[Staff Report - Op Lit Grant Rev Subc NOFO Scoring Sheet 03182024 - Package.pdf](#)

28. COUNTY MANAGER: COALITION FOR HEALTHY NEVADA LANDS REQUEST FOR SUPPORT (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION)

Consideration, discussion and possible approval to authorize Chairman Jesse Hill to sign the Coalition for Healthy Nevada Lands sign-on letter, requesting the BLM reduce Wild Horse and Burro populations. Discussion and possible action.

28.A) Staff Report CHNL sign-on letter
[Staff Report - County Manager - CHNL Sign On letter.pdf](#)

29. MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

1. Other information and upcoming meetings

March 19, 2024 Winnemucca City Council Meeting
March 25 & 26, 2024 Humboldt County Budget Hearings
April 1, 2024 Humboldt County Board of Commissioners Meeting
April 9, 2024 Winnemucca City Council Meeting

- 1. 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, Humboldt County Elk Planning Steering Committee, Paradise Conservation District and the State Land Use Planning Advisory Council (SLUPAC).

30. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

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

31. 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. Individual comments will be limited to three (3) minutes.

32. ADJOURNMENT

33. NOTICE:

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

The public is welcome to attend the meeting electronically via Microsoft Teams or by appearing in person at the location at the time and date listed on the first page of this 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 located on the first page of this agenda.

Staff reports and supporting material posted for the meeting are available on the Humboldt County website at <https://www.humboldtcountynev.gov/> (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 Manager's Office is the location where the supporting material is available to the public.

CERTIFICATE OF POSTING

PLACES POSTED: Humboldt Co. Courthouse, 50 W. 5th St.; Rooms 201, 205, & 207 at 9:00 A.M. By: MC

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MEETING DATE: March 18, 2024
DATE POSTED: March 13, 2024 POSTED BY: MICHELLE COOK

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Betty Lawrence

From: Dale Hartley <mapreader894@live.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 13, 2024 6:32 PM
To: Betty Lawrence
Subject: The Golden Gate Truck Plaza Permit process

Hi Betty

I have been reading the material for the County Commission meeting on the 18th regarding the Golden Truck plaza use permit . Mr. Marcum brought the noise of having trucks parked in the Truck Plaza . Quinn River Merc. has a 5 acre parcel on the South side of the store which has been there for over 20 years and it has always been used for Commercial truck parking and there are normally up to 12 Trucks running there during the winters months . And the Say When Casino has always allowed Truck Parking . Marcum has made a lot of statements but has not supported any statement with legal documents or provided an attorney . The McDermitt Fire District supports giving Golden Gate Pet a Use permit . Would like to see the Truck Plaza Built .

Thanks,
Dale Hartley McDermitt Fire Dist. Dir. /chair

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From: Dale Hartley <mapreader894@live.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 13, 2024 10:18 PM
To: Betty Lawrence
Subject: Golden Gate truck Plaza and the Wilkerson Letter

Hi Betty

Read the Wilkerson letter to the Planning Comm. Sounds like a select group wants to control the economic Development in McDermitt to their benefit . Quinn River Merc has a problem with finding People to work in the store due to low wages and no benefits . Ounce the truck Plaza is built and they hire 10 to 15 people Quinn River Merc . will have a labor problem . They where also against Hitech Minerals and the BLM Phase 2 Permit . The Fire Dist. leases out 3 bays to Hitech for the past 3 years and the money helps pay our USDA loan on the new Part . Wilkerson's stated that the Hitech project would put a crimp in their way of living . But failed to point out two Hazmat old mines in their back yard. which is the Brett Mine and Oplalite Mine . Both old Mercury Mines . I have to do an Economic report each Quarter to Comptrollers office and NV Taxation . The Sewer hook problem and the Truck Plaza project brought by Bruce amounts to much about nothing . I was on the GID Board for 8 years . Would like to see the old White Horse Inn torn down . its a Hazmat site and has Asbestos on the old Boiler and pipes and Black Mold all over the place . And its not a safe building . Cellar jacks are also rusted out . Golden Gate has also asked the Oregon Fire Marshals office to look in to having the building torn down . 70% of the building is in Oregon .Have had a call from the Oregon Fire Marshals office on it and the Fire Dist. has an OML complaint on the White Horse INN and then AG's office wanted info on it . There are photos of the inside of the White Horse Inn on file with the AG's office just in case some one is injured there . AG's office wanted to make sure the Fire Dist did their job and have some protection .

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