



Humboldt County Board of Commissioners
November 3, 2025 at 8:30 a.m.
Meeting Minutes

Those present were Chairman Mark Evatz, Commissioners Ron Cerri, Ken Tipton, Jesse Hill (via Teams) and Paige Brooks, Legal Counsel Gabrielle Carr, County Manager Don Kalkoske and Clerk of the Board Tami Rae Spero.

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Evatz called the regular meeting of the Commission 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 Evatz asked for public comment; none offered.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Consideration and action on correction/approval of minutes for October 20, 2025. Chairman Evatz asked for corrections for the minutes as presented; none offered. The following motion was made by Commissioner Hill and passed unanimously:

To approve the minutes from October 20, 2025.

APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURES FOR HUMBOLDT COUNTY FOR OCTOBER 20, 2025 THROUGH NOVEMBER 3, 2025: Commissioner Hill disclosed that he has an expenditure for Stoney Basin under the Golconda Fire expenditures. The following motion was made by Commissioner Tipton and passed unanimously:

To approve the expenditures for Humboldt County for October 20, 2025 to November 3, 2025.

MCDERMITT GENERAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT BOARD:

Call To Order: Chairman Evatz convened the regular meeting of the McDermitt General Improvement District Board at 8:33 a.m.

Public Comment: Chairman Evatz asked for public comment; none offered.

EXPENDITURES: Consideration, discussion and possible approval of the expenditures for the time period October 6, 2025 through November 3, 2025 related to the operation of the McDermitt General Improvement District (GID) for the express purpose of maintaining and improving the water or sewer systems. Copies of the financial reports for the month of October for the water and sewer funds were included on the online agenda for review. The following motion was made by Commissioner Cerri and passed unanimously:

To approve the expenditures for McDermitt GID from October 6th through November 3rd of 2025 in the amount of \$15,814.16.

Public Comment: Chairman Evatz asked for public comment; none offered.

Adjournment: Chairman Evatz adjourned the regular meeting of the McDermitt General Improvement District at 8:35 a.m.

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COMPTROLLER: Comptroller Weston Noyes appeared before the Commission.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Humboldt County Comptroller's Office will provide an overview of current conditions with respect to Humboldt County revenues and expenditures for fiscal year 2026 (July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026). Comptroller Noyes reported that August CTX had been received and reviewed the funding received; he reviewed meetings/discussions that had occurred with the Department of Taxation and stated that with those conversations he is confident in saying that we are now caught up with the CTX distribution and explained including reviewing graphs related to the CTX distribution; he noted that the one outstanding item is how abatements impact CTX. Comptroller Noyes answered questions put forth by the Commission. Treasurer Lecumberry appeared before the Commission and stated her agreement with Comptroller Noyes' comments. Chairman Evatz and Commissioner Cerri noted concerns with abatements and the impact on the funding to provide services as necessary for the residents given the impact on our infrastructure of the growth. Commissioner Tipton asked about the impact on diesel taxes with Comptroller Noyes indicating he would look at that. Manager Kalkoske concurred with the comments made by the Comptroller and Treasurer. Chairman Evatz noted the need to continue to monitor these issues.

TREASURER: Treasurer Rhona Lecumberry appeared before the Commission.

REQUEST APPROVAL TO ISSUE CREDIT CARDS: Consideration, discussion and possible approval to issue a County credit card to Building Official Andrew Arminio in the amount of \$1,000.00; and a credit card to Captain Stark of the Humboldt County Detention Center in the amount of \$1,000.00. Treasurer Lecumberry reviewed the request for the Commission. The following motion was made by Commissioner Brooks and passed unanimously:

To approve the county credit card to Building Official Andrew Arminio in the amount of \$1,000.00; and a credit card to Captain Stark of the Humboldt County Detention Center in the amount of \$1,000.00.

ROLL ADJUSTMENT: Consideration discussion and possible approval for Adjustment to the Roll for APN 15-0301-17 for 2025-2026 taxes from \$3,697.72 to \$1,192.05. Included on the online agenda for review was a copy of the Roll Change Request prepared by the Assessor stating that the property is owned by the County. Treasurer Lecumberry reviewed the request for the Commission. The following motion was made by Commissioner Tipton and passed unanimously:

To approve the adjustment to the Roll for APN 15-0301-17 for 2025-2026 taxes from \$3,697.72 to \$1,192.05.

QUARTERLY REPORT: The Treasurer's Office will update the Board regarding the First Quarter FY 2025-2026 financial report. Treasurer Lecumberry provided an update including the amounts collected for the 11/03/2025

first and second installments for real property and that other revenues are stable; she noted that she has not seen any decrease in gas/diesel taxes but she will keep an eye on it; she continued reviewing the investments the County holds and possible impacts to said investments. Treasurer Lecumberry answered questions put forth by the Commission.

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

GENERAL PROJECTS: A presentation by Humboldt County Public Works Director Dan Ferraro to update the Board on projects within Humboldt County. Director Ferraro reported on shoulder work on Herschell Road, grading on various roads in the county, shoulder work on roads in the county, that preparation for snow removal is completed, the status of trucks, the status of the valve check on McDermitt Sewer, the process for finding main lines for McDermitt for work being done by Zito, the upcoming road cover projects, the status of crushing at the Reinhart Pit and the plan to retire and auction a blade truck. Commissioner Brooks noted comments received about the condition of Alta Road with Manager Kalkoske responding that he had planned to reach out to the BLM on the issue but with the shut down that had not occurred. Discussion ensued.

Commissioner Cerri commented on a call from a citizen regarding speeding on Barber Road and asked about the ability to place signage.

Commissioner Brooks asked about the status of signs for East Second with Director Ferraro stating that they have the signs but they have not yet been installed.

BUILDING AND SAFETY: Building & Safety Director Andrew Arminio appeared before the Commission.

PROJECTS UPDATE: A presentation by Humboldt County Building and Safety Director Andrew Arminio to update the Board on projects within Humboldt County. Director Arminio reviewed annual comparisons and monthly numbers for permits issued, permit fees received including the amounts related to Thacker Pass; he reviewed the status of the project(s) at Thacker Pass including the involvement of the project reviewer Four Leaf, the meetings occurring and the status of plan checks. Director Arminio reported that the City processes are now back with the City and reported on what is occurring within the County Building Department including upcoming goals. Chairman Evatz commented on the need to manage the aspect of retaining good talent; he offered thanks for the updates being provided. Commissioner Cerri offered his thanks as well and asked how the inspectors at the Thacker Pass site are working out with Director Arminio responding. Commissioner Hill asked if the fire certification Director Arminio received would allow him to inspect fire suppression systems with Director Arminio responding. Commissioner Tipton just offered his congratulations and thanks. Commissioner Brooks asked about Four Leaf and the status of payment with Director Arminio responding noting the difficulty of getting Lithium to the table for contract negotiations.

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Discussion ensued regarding the issue with the Commission expressing concern on the status of the contract for Four Leaf. Per a question from Director Arminio, the Commission indicated what they would like to see going forward with these updates.

Chairman Evatz recessed the meeting at 9:28 a.m. reconvening at 9:37 a.m.

SHERIFF: Undersheriff Damon Kuskie and Captain Sean Wilkin appeared before the Commission.

REQUEST TO APPROVE AN AGREEMENT TO PROVIDE TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT FUNDING: Consideration, discussion and possible approval of an agreement to accept funding from Bechtel Global/Lithium Americas Corporation in the amount of \$20,000.00 for directed traffic enforcement. A copy of the proposed agreement was included on the online agenda for review. Captain Wilkin reviewed the request for the Commission. Captain Wilkin answered questions put forth by the Commission. Commissioner Tipton asked about signage related to wildlife with Captain Wilkin responding. Legal Counsel Carr asked if this agreement was reviewed by the District Attorney's Office with Captain Wilkin stating it had been reviewed and approved. The following motion was made by Commissioner Tipton and passed unanimously:

For approval of an agreement to accept funding from Bechtel Global/Lithium Americas Corporation in the amount of \$20,000.00 for directed traffic enforcement.

REQUEST TO APPROVE A MOU TO ACCEPT FUNDING TO PURCHASE OF TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT EQUIPMENT: Consideration, discussion and possible approval of a memorandum of understanding to accept funding from Lithium Americas Corporation to purchase a radar trailer from Kustom Signals, Inc./MPH Industries in the amount of \$16,703.99. A copy of the proposed MOU was included on the online agenda for review. Captain Wilkin reviewed the request for the Commission noting that he had obtained a couple of quotes and this was the best price; he explained what would be provided. Chairman Evatz asked if this MOU had been reviewed by the District Attorney's Office. Captain Wilkin confirmed that it had with no corrections offered by the District Attorney but a request that Lithium Americas Corp being changed to Lithium Nevada by the company which was accepted. The following motion was made by Commissioner Cerri and passed unanimously:

For approval of a memorandum of understanding to accept funding from Lithium Nevada Corporation to purchase a radar trailer from Kustom Signals, Inc./MPH Industries in the amount of \$16,703.99.

LIQUOR BOARD:

Call To Order: Undersheriff Damon Kuskie called the meeting of the County Liquor Board to order at 9:50 a.m.

Public Comment: Undersheriff Kuskie asked for public comment; none offered.

LIQUOR LICENSES APPROVAL: Consideration, discussion and possible approval for the First Quarter 2026 billing for 16 Liquor Licenses as follows:

Chloe Dufurrena Say When, Inc 018; Micaela Fregoso, Gen Mgr. Pilot Travel Centers, LLC 126; Juanita Kennedy Paradise Valley Bar & Grill 127; Norman Calhoun Jr & Barry Wilkinson Quinn River Merc, LLC 156; Manjinder Singh & Kirandeep Kaur A-1 Fuel Stop 158; Jeffery Siegel Diamond Inn Bar 159; Jojinder Lal McDermitt Gas Lean Motel 160; Giovanni & Shannon Giordano Sawtooth Station 164; Tiara Tocco Denio Junction 186; Gurjot Singh Nagra BJ's Market, LLC 187; Saif Oraha/SMO Fuels, Inc Valmy Chevron SMO Fuels 191; Kimberly S. Riley Walmart Delivery 201; Dennis O'Keefe Golden Gate – McDermitt 202; Ted Rookstool Windspur Supply 203; Bhupinder Singh Golconda Stop-Water Hole-Store 206; and, Bhupinder Singh Golconda Stop-Water Hole-Bar 207. Undersheriff Kuskie stated all applicants are in good standing and asked for a motion. The following motion was made by Commissioner Tipton and was seconded:

To approve the renewals of the liquor licenses as presented.

Legal Counsel Carr asked for clarification as to whether this is approval of renewal or the billing based on a difference in the language of the agenda and the attachment. Discussion ensued. Legal Counsel Carr suggested the language be amended for future agendas but noted that the item could be continued to the next agenda, if it would not impact the licensing requirements. After discussion Undersheriff Kuskie called Commissioner Tipton’s seconded motion to a vote and it passed unanimously.

Public Comment: Undersheriff Kuskie asked for public comment. Commissioner Evatz noted the need to get punctuation correct for future agendas. No further public comment offered.

Adjournment: Undersheriff Kuskie adjourned the meeting of the County Liquor Board at 9:53 a.m.

NEVADA ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES PRESENTATION: Nevada Association of Counties (NACO) Executive Director Vinson Guthreau will update the Board on NACO activities. NACO Executive Director Vinson Guthreau appeared before the Commission. Director Guthreau explained the purpose of NACO, discussed Humboldt County’s involvement with the organization, other board members, NACO staffing, how this staffing can assist counties, what NACO strives to be for the Counties including serving as a forum of collaboration for all of the Commissioners, what occurred with the 2025 conference, the plan for the 2026 conference, the efforts with roundtables, plans for the next Legislative session, that NACO is also an advocacy association and what is involved with that, the continued plan to monitor interim committees and sessions as the have become a more engaged process, the headway made by Counties during the 83rd session and what occurred during said session and the plan to keep an eye on the possible special session. Director Guthreau continued reviewing the National Association of Counties (NACo) and what they provide and opportunities available for local counties to participate, the proposal to provide tools and processes

to participate in national programs and opportunities. Director Guthreau responded to questions from the Commission.

Chairman Evatz recessed the meeting at 10:25 a.m. reconvening at 10:33 a.m.

JUVENILE SERVICES: Juvenile Services Director Pauline Salla appeared before the Commission.

REQUEST TO WAIVE THE ATTRITION POLICY: Consideration, discussion and possible approval to waive the attrition policy to hire for the position of Probation Officer to fill a critical need position. Director Salla reviewed the request for the Commission. Director Salla answered questions put forth by the Commission.

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

For approval to waive the attrition policy to hire for the position of probation officer that is currently a critical needs position.

COUNTY MANAGER: County Manager Don Kalkoske appeared before the Commission.

REQUEST TO APPROVE THE RENEWAL AGREEMENT WITH ANDY RIEBER: Consideration, discussion and possible approval to renew the Professional Services Agreement with Andy Rieber for a three-year period with an amount not to exceed \$300,000.00. A copy of the proposed agreement was included on the online agenda for review. Manager Kalkoske reviewed the request for the Commission. Commissioner Cerri stated his support for this agreement. Manager Kalkoske noted that this agreement had been reviewed and approved by the District Attorney. Commissioner Tipton spoke in support of this request. The following motion was made by Commissioner Tipton and passed with Chairman Evatz and Commissioners Tipton, Hill and Brooks voting aye and Commissioner Cerri being absent (who had left the meeting for a few minutes to take a call):

To approve renewing the professional services agreement with Andy Rieber for a three-year period with an amount not to exceed \$300,000.00.

REQUEST TO APPROVE PURCHASE OF LAND TO BE USED IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE GRASS VALLEY WASTEWATER COLLECTION SYSTEM: Consideration, discussion and possible approval to purchase a portion of APN 13-0455-26 in an amount not to exceed \$5,000.00 to cover the appraised value and other fees and allow the County Manager to negotiate and sign the purchase agreement. This portion of the parcel will be used in the development of the Grass Valley Wastewater collection system. Manager Kalkoske reviewed the request for the Commission. Chairman Evatz asked if this agreement has been reviewed and approved by the District Attorney's Office. Manager Kalkoske stated that he had provided a copy of the document which is a standard real estate form but he does not believe he has received a response. Chairman Evatz requested that any motion made include language regarding the need for the DA to review and approve. After discussion the following motion was made by Commissioner Brooks:

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To approve the purchase of a portion of APN 13-0455-26 in an amount not to exceed \$5,000.00 to cover the appraised value and other fees and allow the County Manager to negotiate and sign the purchase agreement and subject to approval by the DA's Office.

Commissioner Cerri asked how this would be paid with Manager Kalkoske responding. Commissioner Cerri noted the need for the users of this system to pay for the costs associated with the system. Discussion ensued. Commissioner Hill asked if county-owned property had been looked at for this purpose. Manager Kalkoske responded. Chairman Evatz asked for clarification going forward as to the funding and the need to navigate this in a way, that does not result in an impact on future support of small projects in the rural areas. Manager Kalkoske responded with discussion ensuing. After additional discussion the following amended motion was made by Commissioner Brooks:

To approve the purchase of a portion of APN 13-0455-26 in an amount not to exceed \$5,000.00 to cover the appraised value and other fees and allow the County Manager to negotiate and sign the purchase agreement using ARPA funds and making sure that the DA has approval of the contract.

Based on a question from Commissioner Hill, Manager Kalkoske stated that if the ARPA funding is not possible or if additional costs become associated, this matter would be brought back before the Commission. Chairman Evatz called Commissioner Brooks amended motion to a vote and it passed unanimously.

REQUEST TO APPROVE WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITY SITE AND TO PROCEED WITH ADDITIONAL GEOTECHNICAL INVESTIGATIONS: Consideration, discussion and possible approval of the selection of a site for the WWTF, with the condition that additional geotechnical investigations be conducted to verify infiltration rates in accordance with NDEP requirements prior to final design. Manager Kalkoske reviewed the request for the Commission. Manager Kalkoske responded to questions from the Commission. Commissioner Hill offered comment on area 1 as identified in the report. David Pulley with DOWL appeared before the Commission and addressed questions about the ability to mesh the processes of the proposed recycling facility and the county's proposed facility. Commissioner Hill continued commenting on area 2 as identified in the report and area 3. Chairman Evatz asked about a gradient benefit with area 2 with Mr. Pulley responding explaining the advantages of area 2 and area 3. Commissioner Hill asked about the private lands looked at. Discussion ensued including benefits vs. issues of seeking BLM land. Legal Counsel Carr offered comment on the ability to offer public comment. Chairman Evatz asked for public comment. Jami Nicotera appeared before the Commission and offered public comment about her request for updates and continued conversation on these sites especially area 2 as there are residents in the area; she voiced her frustrations with how the Commission is representing the County residents in the

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area noting that residents have not been contacted, that there is no notice occurring, that the Commission is not standing up for the residents of the area; she continued explaining her concerns with the sites identified including water impact and other issues that make this area bad for what is being proposed.

Chairman Evatz noted the Commission's need to represent all the citizens in the County and the number of residents in the Grass Valley area.

Commissioner Tipton noted that this is the first time he has seen the proposed sites, so this is not something that was done behind the scenes.

Christina Kenison appeared before the Commission and offered public comment about the effect on county residents out there, that many of the sites shown as vacant have homes on them, that area 3 includes a large portion of airport property so the only way that would be feasible would be if you had a completely enclosed system which may mitigate a lot of the concerns for local residents; she continued explaining why she does not believe an agreement between the City and County has not been looked into enough.

Public Works Director Daniel Ferraro appeared before the Commission and offered public comment on why this project is being pursued due to nitrate issues in the area.

Jami Nicotera appeared before the Commission and offered additional public comment on concerns with the chemicals that will be released back into the basin and how that is not being discussed.

Mr. Pulley with DOWL offered comment responding to Ms. Nicotera's comments about the concerns with the water and the level of treatment that is planned.

Christina Kenison appeared before the Commission and offered additional public comment on actions in the past which resulted in planning and zoning as to what is allowed and isn't, that the Star City/Grass Valley area was not supposed to go in without a septic system in place not just a water system; that this why the residents have concerns they have and why things be need to looked into more deeply to get the best outcome possible down the line with the least amount of effect on the residents and the financially for the county.

Mr. Pulley with DOWL offered comment about the sites toured and the lack of order; he stated that the county staff has really worked with DOWL and wanted DOWL to do our best to make sure that this doesn't impact anybody significantly and truly, when it comes to the odor issues we are not looking to put this right in somebody's backyard, these properties are large so the will be thousands of fee away.

Commissioner Brooks commented on the sites toured and the lack of odors at those sites.

Commissioner Tipton questioned how closely BLM land had been looked at.

Chairman Evatz commented on the process occurring and the need to move on to significant geotechnical investigation.

Commissioner Hill offered comment on what had occurred with the City on this situation as well as the location of the City's facility and the residents that reside in that area.

Commissioner Cerri offered comments on what has occurred in the past with this need and his desire to move forward with this and his expectation to listen seriously to the recommendation. The following motion was made by Commissioner Brooks and passed unanimously:

To approve the selection of a site for the WWTF, with the condition that additional geotechnical investigations be conducted to verify infiltration rates in accordance with NDEP requirements with the selection of area two and based on the DA's approval.

MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE:

Reports from Commissioners regarding other Boards and Committees on which they serve: Commissioner Cerri offered no report. Chairman Evatz noted that he had a Landfill Committee meeting but it did not occur. Commissioner Tipton commented on his attendance at the Future's forum. Commissioner Brooks commented on the Landfill Committee meeting which hadn't occurred due to lack of quorum, that the Museum Board has offered the director position, that the Airport Board is working on some projects and she noted upcoming events in the community. Commissioner Hill offered no report.

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. Chairman Evatz asked for information at a future item about funding mechanisms for projects throughout the county; he further asked that information on the wastewater treatment facility be put out to the public in some manner. Commissioner Brooks concurred and asked that the reasons for the need for this facility be presented and the public be educated on what is occurring in the area. Commissioner Hill asked for an update on filling the WCVA Director position. Manager Kalkoske responded. Discussion ensued. No further items identified.

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

ADJOURNMENT: Chairman Evatz adjourned the meeting at 12:03 p.m.

ATTEST:

C. Speso

Clerk

APPROVED:

Ran Cerri

Vice-Chairman

(Minutes approved by the Commission and signed by the Chairman on 11.17.2025)

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Notice of Public Meeting
Humboldt County Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting
Monday, November 3, 2025
8:30 AM

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

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1. CALL TO ORDER
2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
3. ROLL CALL
4. 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.

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5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (POSSIBLE ACTION)

Consideration and action on correction/approval of minutes for October 20, 2025. Discussion and possible action.

5.A) Minutes

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6. APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURES FOR HUMBOLDT COUNTY FOR OCTOBER 20, 2025 THROUGH NOVEMBER 3, 2025 (POSSIBLE ACTION)

7. CONVENE THE MCDERMITT GENERAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT BOARD (POSSIBLE ACTION)

A. Public Comment

B. Consideration, discussion and possible approval of the expenditures for the time period October 6, 2025 through November 3, 2025 related to the operation of the McDermitt General Improvement District (GID) for the express purpose of maintaining and improving the water or sewer systems. Discussion and possible action.

C. Public Comment

D. Adjournment

7.A) McDermitt Reports

[McDermitt Water Financial Report - 10.23.25.pdf](#)

[McDermitt Sewer Financial Report - 10.23.25.pdf](#)

8. COMPTROLLER: FINANCIAL REPORT (INFORMATIONAL ONLY)

Humboldt County Comptroller's Office will provide an overview of current conditions with respect to Humboldt County revenues and expenditures for fiscal year 2026 (July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026). Information Only.

9. TREASURER: REQUEST APPROVAL TO ISSUE CREDIT CARDS; ROLL ADJUSTMENT (POSSIBLE ACTION); QUARTERLY REPORT (INFORMATION ONLY)

A. Consideration, discussion and possible approval to issue a County credit card to Building Official Andrew Arminio in the amount of \$1,000; and a credit card to Captain Stark of the Humboldt County Detention Center in the amount of \$1,000. Discussion and possible action.

B. Consideration discussion and possible approval for Adjustment to the Roll for APN 15-0301-17 for 2025-2026 taxes from \$3,697.72 to \$1,192.05. Discussion and possible action.

C. The Treasurer's Office will update the Board regarding the First Quarter FY 2025-2026 financial report. Information only.

9.A) Treasurer

[Treasurer - Building Official.pdf](#)
[Treasurer - Detention Center - Stark.pdf](#)
[Staff Report - 15-0301-17.pdf](#)
[Roll Adjustment - 15-0301-17.pdf](#)
[Quarterly Financial Report - 9.30.25.pdf](#)

10. PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT: GENERAL PROJECTS (INFORMATION ONLY)

A presentation by Humboldt County Public Works Director Dan Ferraro to update the Board on projects within Humboldt County. Information only.

11. BUILDING AND SAFETY UPDATE (INFORMATION ONLY)

A presentation by Humboldt County Building and Safety Director Andrew Arminio to update the Board on projects within Humboldt County. Information only.

12. SHERIFF: REQUEST TO APPROVE AN AGREEMENT TO PROVIDE TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT FUNDING; REQUEST TO APPROVE A MOU TO ACCEPT FUNDING TO PURCHASE OF TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT EQUIPMENT (POSSIBLE ACTION)

- A. Consideration, discussion and possible approval of an agreement to accept funding from Bechtel Global/Lithium Americas Corporation in the amount of \$20,000 for directed traffic enforcement. Discussion and possible action.
- B. Consideration, discussion and possible approval of a memorandum of understanding to accept funding from Lithium Americas Corporation to purchase a radar trailer from Kustom Signals, Inc./MPH Industries in the amount of \$16,703.99. Discussion and possible action.

12.A) Sheriff

[STAFF REPORT - Bechtel OT Request.pdf](#)
[STAFF REPORT - LAC Radar Trailer.pdf](#)
[Bechtel-Lithium-HCSO Traffic Enforcement Agreement 11032025.pdf](#)
[Trailer Quote_11-03-2025.pdf](#)
[MOU HCSO -Lithium Americas Radar Trailer 11032025.pdf](#)

13. SHERIFF: LIQUOR BOARD (POSSIBLE ACTION)

The Humboldt County Sheriff's Office is requesting that the Humboldt County Liquor Board be convened.

- A. Public Comment
- B. Consideration, discussion and possible approval for the First Quarter 2026 billing for 16 Liquor Licenses as attached. Discussion and possible action.
- C. Public Comment
- D. Adjournment

13.A) Liquor - 1st Quarter - 2026
[2026 1st Quarter Liquor License Renewals.pdf](#)

14. NEVADA ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES PRESENTATION (INFORMATION ONLY)

Nevada Association of Counties (NACO) Executive Director Vinson Guthreau will update the Board on NACO activities. Information only.

15. JUVENILE SERVICES: REQUEST TO WAIVE THE ATTRITION POLICY
(POSSIBLE ACTION)

Consideration, discussion and possible approval to waive the attrition policy to hire for the position of Probation Officer to fill a critical need position. Discussion and possible action.

15.A) Juvenile Services
[Staff Report - JPO Attrition 102225.pdf](#)

16. COUNTY MANAGER: REQUEST TO APPROVE THE RENEWAL AGREEMENT
WITH ANDY RIEBER (POSSIBLE ACTION)

Consideration, discussion and possible approval to renew the Professional Services Agreement with Andy Rieber for a three year period with an amount not to exceed \$300,000. Discussion and possible action.

16.A) County Manager - Rieber
[Staff Report - Rieber agreement 11032025.pdf](#)
[2025 agreement RIEBER-Humboldt County.pdf](#)

17. COUNTY MANAGER: REQUEST TO APPROVE PURCHASE OF LAND TO BE
USED IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE GRASS VALLEY WASTEWATER
COLLECTION SYSTEM (POSSIBLE ACTION)

Consideration, discussion and possible approval to purchase a portion of APN 13-0455-26 in an amount not to exceed \$5,000 to cover the appraised value and other fees and allow the County Manager to negotiate and sign the purchase agreement. This portion of the parcel will be used in the development of the Grass Valley Wastewater collection system. Discussion and possible action.

17.A) County Manager
[Staff Report - APN 13-0455-26 Purchase 10162025.pdf](#)

18. COUNTY MANAGER: REQUEST TO APPROVE WASTEWATER
TREATMENT FACILITY SITE AND TO PROCEED WITH ADDITIONAL
GEOTECHNICAL INVESTIGATIONS (POSSIBLE ACTION)

Consideration, discussion and possible approval of the selection of a site for the WWTF, with the condition that additional geotechnical investigations be conducted to

verify infiltration rates in accordance with NDEP requirements prior to final design.
Discussion and possible action.

18.A) County Manager - WWTF Site

[Staff Report - WWTF Siting 11032025.pdf](#)

[Nitrate Reduction WWTF Siting_20251021 signed.pdf](#)

19. MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

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), Central Nevada Regional Water Authority (CNRWA), Western Interstate Region (WIR), Legislative Interim Land Council, Humboldt Development Authority (HDA), Winnemucca Visitors & Convention Authority (WCVCA), Hospital Board, Humboldt Foundation, Humboldt County Elk Planning Steering Committee, Paradise Conservation District and the State Land Use Planning Advisory Council (SLUPAC).

20. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

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21. PUBLIC COMMENT:

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22. ADJOURNMENT

23. NOTICE:

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STAFF REPORT

DATE: Thursday, October 23, 2025
TO: County Commission
FROM: Don Kalkoske, County Manager
SUBJECT: Property Acquisition

REQUESTED AGENDA DATE: November 3, 2025

SUMMARY:

This year, with direction from the Commission, we engaged to appraise properties that will be needed for wastewater collection system infrastructure. We received the appraisals and negotiated with the property owners. While some owners have reconsidered their interest, we do have one that is interested in selling a portion (2,800 sqft) of their property for this use.

PREVIOUS ACTION:

January 2025, engage with appraiser to complete appraisals.

BACKGROUND:

The Grass Valley Nitrate Mitigation project has been in the works for a couple years now. We have engaged with DOWL and are working on collection system design and site assessments and recommendations. With the topography in the area, lift stations will be required at various locations to help move the effluent from one location to the other with a terminus at the sited WWTF. The property in question has been reviewed by staff and DOWL and is the most feasible location for a lift station. I have had discussions with the owner and she is willing to work with us on this acquisition.

FISCAL IMPACT:

While our funding from NDCNR will cover the costs associated with this purchase, we would be required to go through the NEPA process for any property purchases, utilizing this funding. However, with these funding sources, we also have some "match" funds that we need to expend to obtain the funding. We would like to utilize county funds for this purchase, as a match to minimize any regulatory requirements regarding NEPA or other necessary processes. The appraised value for the portion of parcel is \$3,473, plus any other fees required for the purchase. We estimate the total impact will be less than \$5,000.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is staff's recommendation to move forward with purchasing this parcel to ensure we have locations for the necessary wastewater infrastructure.

LIST SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS IF APPLICABLE:

None

POSSIBLE MOTION:

A possible motion for this item may be; “Move to approve the purchase of a portion of APN 13-0455-26 in an amount not to exceed \$5,000 to cover the appraised value and other fees, and allow the County Manager to negotiate and sign the purchase agreement.”



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STAFF REPORT

DATE: Friday, October 24, 2025
TO: County Commission
FROM: Don Kalkoske, County Manager
SUBJECT: Grass Valley Wastewater Treatment Facility Siting Study

REQUESTED AGENDA DATE: November 3, 2025

SUMMARY:

This wastewater treatment plant siting study was prepared for Humboldt County to identify and evaluate potential locations for a new wastewater treatment facility serving the Grass Valley area near Winnemucca, Nevada. Rising groundwater nitrate levels in the Gold Country Estates and Star City subdivisions—largely caused by individual septic systems—necessitate replacing these systems with a centralized sewer collection and treatment system. The proposed facility will treat wastewater to remove ammonia and significantly reduce nitrate discharge before recharging the aquifer through rapid infiltration basins. Three undeveloped sites were assessed based on ownership, proximity to residences, groundwater recharge benefits, utilities, soil suitability, and cost.

WHY ARE YOU BRINGING THIS BEFORE THE BOARD NOW:

With the siting study completed, the next step in the process, to continue movement forward on this project, will be for the board of commissioners to approve a site to construct the WWTF on. Once we have a location determined for the WWTF, DOWL will be able to complete additional geotechnical work and the design of the facility and collection system.

PREVIOUS ACTION:

Engagement with DOWL to prepare the siting study for the GV WWTF – September 2024

BACKGROUND:

Groundwater nitrate levels in the Grass Valley area have been increasing over the past several decades. The abundance and density of septic tanks in the area, is a cause that can be mitigated with a sewer collection system and WWTF.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Funding for the design of the nitrate mitigation project design comes from the ARPA 00844 funding currently secured by Humboldt County.

RECOMMENDATION:

Based on the comparative evaluation of the three potential WWTF sites, Area 2 is identified as the most favorable location. Area 2 provides multiple advantages, including proximity to existing

residential areas that will benefit from improved groundwater recharge and mitigation of rising nitrate levels. The reduced length of force main associated with Area 2 minimizes potential odor concerns at the headworks and decreases both construction and long-term operational costs.

Moreover, shorter force main length lowers the risk of environmental impacts in the event of a line failure. With planned enclosures at the headworks and sludge handling facilities, odor impacts are anticipated to be negligible.

Staff recommends selection of Area 2 as the preferred site for the WWTF, with the condition that additional geotechnical investigations be conducted to verify infiltration rates in accordance with NDEP requirements prior to final design.

LIST SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS IF APPLICABLE:

Wastewater Treatment Plant Siting Study – DOWL October 2025

POSSIBLE MOTION:

A possible motion for this item may be; “Move to approve the selection of Area 2 as the preferred site for the proposed Wastewater Treatment Facility, based on the comparative site evaluation findings indicating its advantages in groundwater recharge benefits, reduced nitrate levels, minimized odor potential, and lower construction and operational costs. Further, staff is directed to proceed with additional geotechnical investigations in Area 2 to verify infiltration rates in accordance with NDEP requirements prior to final design.”