



Humboldt County Board of Commissioners
November 18, 2024 at 8:30 a.m.
Meeting Minutes

Those present were Chairman Jesse Hill, Commissioners Tom Hoss, Ron Cerri, and Mark Evatz (via Teams) (at certain points during the meeting), Legal Counsel Gabrielle Carr (via Teams), County Manager Don Kalkoske and Clerk of the Board Tami Rae Spero. Commissioner Ken Tipton was not in attendance.

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.

RECESS: OPEN HOUSE TOUR OF THE RECORDER/BUILDING & SAFETY/PLANNING DEPARTMENTS: The Employee Engagement Action Committee invites the Commissioners to attend the Open House at the Recorder/Building & Safety/Planning Departments in the Annex Building. The Commissioners will recess to attend the tour. Chairman Hill recessed the meeting to convene at the Annex building at 8:34 a.m. reconvening in the County meeting room at 9:28 a.m.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Discussion and action on correction/approval of minutes for discussion and action on correction/approval of minutes for October 21, 2024 and November 4, 2024. Chairman Hill asked for corrections for the minutes as presented; none offered. The following motion was made by Commissioner Cerri and passed with Chairman Hill and Commissioners Hoss and Cerri voting aye and Commissioners Tipton and Evatz being absent:

To approve the minutes for November 4, 2024 and October 21, 2024 as presented.

APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURES FOR HUMBOLDT COUNTY FOR NOVEMBER 4, 2024; THROUGH NOVEMBER 18, 2024: The following motion was made by Commissioner Cerri and passed with Chairman Hill and Commissioners Hoss and Cerri voting aye and Commissioners Tipton and Evatz being absent:

To approve the expenditures for the County for November 4, 2024 through November 18, 2024.

LITHIUM AMERICAS THACKER PASS PROJECT UPDATE: Representatives from Lithium Americas will provide an update regarding the Thacker Pass Project. Representatives for Lithium Americas Ted Crowley, Vice-President for External Affairs and Richard Gerspacher, Executive Vice-President of Projects and Operations appeared before the Commission. Mr. Gerspacher reviewed a power point presentation for the Commission detailing the organization of the company for this project, what is important to him and Lithium Americas, Bechtel's involvement in the project, where they are today, the engineering model, early works progress, earthwork progress, work force hub update, infrastructure of the transload terminal and operator selections and where they are going. Mr. Crowley offered comment on the plant

as planned. A video related to the Thacker Pass Project was provided but the sound could not be played for the room; Mr. Gerspacher reviewed what was occurring in the video. Mr. Gerspacher and Mr. Crowley offered further comment. A discussion and answer period occurred with the Commission including concerns voiced by Commissioner Cerri as to safety improvements needed on US 95 and the status of the building of the school for the Orovada community; Mr. Crowley commented on the company's commitment to the airport site for the transloading facility and the due diligence they have done to find alternative sites and the opportunity for considering other sites; Commissioner Hoss commented on the agreement between Lithium Americas and Bechtel and Ironhorse Nevada Inc. which puts the lease in the hands of others; Mr. Crowley responded that the contracts are private and explained. Discussion ensued between Mr. Crowley and Commissioner Hoss about the contracts, the loans received, the impact of no taxes being paid, what abatements exist and what taxes will be paid and the benefit to the County of the amounts to be paid, Commissioner Hoss' concern as to the sulfuric acid and who the plant will benefit, that GM is not an American owned company, the lack of movement on the school, concerns with the difference between Lithium Nevada versus Lithium Americas, the need for the County to hire individuals for inspections, the lack of movement on the man camp project, the plan for power at the site, the amount of the loan and funding from outside sources, that the company is a publicly traded company and the status of the fund raising. Commissioner Hoss asked that the project be reviewed in January with the new administration as to the safety of Humboldt County. Commissioner Evatz asked questions including the time frame for the Orovada school, a request for more detail around the time frame for construction on all parts of the project, a request for assurance that materials, supplies and equipment are received in Humboldt County for the tax benefit and concerns with safety on US 95. Mr. Gerspacher responded. Chairman Hill asked about the status of the man camp project, noted concerns about continuing to make exceptions for the transloading facility and what would occur if those are not approved and the terminal operator status. Mr. Gerspacher and Mr. Crowley responded.

Chairman Hill stated that the Commission would be moving to agenda item 13 at this time due to people being present for that item.

COMPTROLLER: Deputy 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 2025 (July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025), including an update on the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) and other funding available to the County. Deputy Comptroller Noyes reported on the receipt of the contracts and

grants modules for the enterprise resources planning software; the status of the audit work; and, the hope that a finalized ARPA plan will be presented at the next regular meeting.

SHERIFF: Under Sheriff Damon Kuskie appeared before the Commission.

LIQUOR BOARD: Under Sheriff Kuskie as Chairman convened the Humboldt County Liquor Board at 11:00 a.m.

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

Consideration, discussion and possible approval for the following 1st Quarter 2025 Liquor License Renewals: Saif Orahah / SMO Fuels, Inc. - Valmy Chevron; William Firth - Water Hole #1; Gurjot Singh - BJ's Market; Tiara Tocco - Denio Junction; Giovanni & Shannon Giordano - Sawtooth Station; Joginder Lal - McDermitt Gas Lean Motel; Jeffery Siegel - Diamond Inn Bar; Manjinder Singh & Kirandeep Kaur - A-1 Fuel Stop; Norman Calhoun Jr & Barry Wilkinson - Quinn River Merc, LLC; Juanita Kennedy - Paradise Valley Bar & Grill; Micaela Fregoso, Gen Mgr. - Pilot Travel Centers, LLC; Ted Rookstool - Windspur Supply; and Chloe Dufferrena - Say When, Inc. - All above licenses will expire 12/31/24. Under Sheriff Kuskie reviewed the request for the Board. The following motion was made by Commissioner Cerri and passed with Commissioners Hill, Hoss, Cerri and Evatz voting aye and Commissioner Tipton being absent: *To approve the following first quarter for 2024 liquor licenses as included in the agenda, there are thirteen.*

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

Adjournment: Under Sheriff Kuskie adjourned the liquor board meeting at 11:02 a.m.

MUNOZ NUISANCE COMPLAINT UPDATE: Consideration, discussion and possible action on a follow-up report per Humboldt County Code (HCC) 8.04.010, related to a nuisance complaint filed against property located at 3080 Mars Avenue, Winnemucca, NV, Assessor's Parcel Number 13-0457-06 and owned by Jose Flores/Petra Moran Munoz. Manager Kalkoske noted that this is an update based on a request from the Commission. Deputy Manda Howard appeared before the Commission and reported on the status of the nuisance based on her review yesterday noting some improvement. Discussion ensued regarding what had been ordered by the Commission at the prior public hearing. Manager Kalkoske noted a planned continuation of this hearing in January. Based on a question from Commissioner Hoss, Manager Kalkoske reported on the status of the nuisance ordinance change. Chairman Hill noted the language of the Resolution as to when the nuisance needed to be abated which does not appear to have occurred so the process will continue.

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

GENERAL ROAD PROJECTS: 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/grading throughout the County, drainage work at the intersection of Mary and Children's Way, snowplow training and salt/sand applications today due to icy conditions. Commissioner Hoss asked if Director Ferraro had offered any input on the plan for Cordero Road. Director Ferraro stated that he had not received any communication on the situation but that he did not foresee any changes on the county portion of the road.

TECHNOLOGY SERVICES DEPARTMENT: Technology Services Director Mike DeTullio and Administrative Specialist Tammy Bendall appeared before the Commission.

REQUEST TO APPROVE EARLY TERMINATION OF GRANITE TELECOMMUNICATIONS CONTRACT WITH APPROVAL OF ONE-TIME ACTIVATION CREDIT OFFER FROM VERIZON WIRELESS: Consideration, discussion and possible approval to terminate the contract with Granite Telecommunications and approve to accept a one-time activation credit offer from Verizon Wireless. Included on the online agenda for review was a copy of the Staff Report detailing the request (see attached). Director DeTullio reviewed the request for the Commission. Discussion ensued. Legal Counsel Carr questioned the language and whether an updated contract with Verizon was being approved as that language was not included on the agenda. Discussion ensued as to what was required, what was included on the agenda and what the timeline is for the process. Legal Counsel Carr opined that the Commission would be okay to proceed as the item was attached to the agenda and the District Attorney's Office has approved. The following motion was made by Commissioner Cerri and passed with Chairman Hill and Commissioners Hoss, Cerri and Evatz voting aye and Commissioner Tipton being absent:

To approve the early termination of the Granite Communication contract with the approval of a one-time activation credit offer from Verizon Wireless.

REQUEST TO PURCHASE MICROWAVE EQUIPMENT AND INSTALLATION SERVICES FOR MCDERMITT, DOUBLE H AND EAGLE CREEK PUBLIC SAFETY COMMUNICATION SITES: Consideration, discussion and possible approval to purchase Microwave Equipment and Installation services, from Aviat Networks, for the McDermitt, Double H and Eagle Creek Public Safety Communication Sites' Radio Systems in an amount not to exceed \$598,740.00. Included on the online agenda for review was a copy of a Staff Report detailing the request (see attached). Director DeTullio reviewed the request for the Commission. Discussion ensued with Commissioner Evatz requesting a report on the status of this project in advance of the full report planned for the Retreat meeting. Legal counsel Carr offered a recommendation that the agreement be reviewed by legal counsel if that has not already occurred. The following motion was

made by Commissioner Cerri and passed with Chairman Hill and Commissioners Hoss, Cerri and Evatz voting aye and Commissioner Tipton being absent:

To approve the purchase of microwave equipment and installation services, from Aviat Networks, for the McDermitt, Double H and Eagle Creek Public Safety Communication Sites' Radio Systems in an amount not to exceed \$598,740.00 subject to review by legal counsel.

Commissioner Hoss asked for a requirement for signatures as to the review identifying who performed it. Discussion ensued.

COUNTY MANAGER: County Manager Kalkoske appeared before the Commission.

GRANT AND/OR CASH DONATION REQUEST FOR COMMUNITY SUPPORT PURPOSES FY 2024-2025:

Consideration, discussion, and possible approval for grants and/or monetary donations to one or more of the applicants (as attached) that submitted a request to support community activities in Humboldt County. The total budget for said grants/donations is \$40,000.00 for FY 2024-25. Included on the online agenda for review were requests from the Lowry Grad Party Committee - \$3,000.00; Humboldt County High School Rodeo Club - \$5,000.00; Paradise Valley Volunteer Fire Department - \$3,000.00; Lowry High School Graduation – rental fees for Events Center; Nevada Outdoor School - \$5,000.00; Silver State International Rodeo - \$5,000.00; Winnemucca Moto Cross Club - \$4,000.00; McDermitt Community Inc. - \$3,000.00; Great Basin College – Winnemucca Center - \$1,500.00; and Denio Community Club - \$1,000.00. Manager Kalkoske noted that representatives were not notified until Friday which may have impacted their ability to appear in person. Lowry Grad Party Committee – no representative present. Members of the Humboldt County High School Rodeo Club appeared before the Commission and spoke in support of their request. Dennis Deputy appeared before the Commission on behalf of the Paradise Valley Fire Department and spoke in support of their request. Commissioner Cerri noted concerns that other communities have GIDs which collect funding for this type of activity from the residents and questioned why the Commission should approve this type of request when it isn't done for other communities. Mr. Deputy responded. Commissioner Cerri commented that it is not fair to do it for one and expect others to do their own. Shawn Taylor, principal Lowry High School and Virginia Parker and Miranda Santos Senior Class Advisors appeared before the Commission and spoke in support of the request for the Lowry High School Graduation costs for renting the facility. Discussion ensued with concerns voiced by Commissioner Cerri that the school does not fund this. Melanie Erquiaga, Director of Nevada Outdoor School, appeared before the Commission and spoke in support of the request for Nevada Outdoor School. Dale Owen appeared before the Commission and spoke in support of the request from the Silver State International Rodeo organization. Jazmine Hughes and Justin McGee

appeared on behalf of the Winnemucca Moto Cross Club and spoke in support of their request. Commissioner Cerri noted the increase of this request and asked if an increase of a contribution will also be requested from WCVA. Ms. Hughes confirmed they would and explained the increase in the costs. Mr. McGee offered comment. Discussion ensued. No representative present for McDermitt Community Inc. request. No representative present for Denio Community Club request. Jolene Adams, Great Basin College Academic Advisor, appeared on behalf of the Great Basin College request and spoke in support. Jake Rorex appeared before the Commission on behalf of the Lowry High Grad Party. No questions asked. Chairman Hill asked about prior discussion related to the NDOW funding request for the free fishing day event. Discussion ensued. Commissioner Cerri offered comment as a member of the WCVA related to what could be provided to the Winnemucca Moto Cross group. After discussion the following motion was made by Commissioner Cerri and passed with Chairman Hill and Commissioners Hoss, Cerri and Evatz voting aye and Commissioner Tipton being absent.

To reduce the Winnemucca Moto Cross Club from \$4,000.00 to \$3,000.00 with the suggestion that the group go to the WCVA to pick the difference up and to approve all other requests as presented.

Chairman Hill recessed the meeting at 10:53 a.m. reconvening at 10:58 a.m. and returning to item 8 on the agenda.

REQUEST TO ACCEPT THE NEVADA WATER CONSERVATION INFRASTRUCTURE INITIATIVE FUNDING AWARD AMENDMENT: Consideration, discussion and possible approval to accept a Nevada Water Conservation Infrastructure award amendment in the amount of \$3.5 million to support the preconstruction costs associated with the Grass Valley Nitrate Mitigation and Wastewater Treatment Project. Included on the online agenda for review was a copy of the Staff Report detailing the request (see attached) and a copy of the proposed State of Nevada Water Conservation and Infrastructure Initiative Funding Agreement Amendment #1. Manager Kalkoske reviewed the request for the Commission. Chairman Hill offered comment. Commissioner Hoss asked where the remainder of this funding would get us. Manager Kalkoske responded. Discussion ensued regarding what the funding could be used for. The following motion was made by Commissioner Cerri and passed with Chairman Hill and Commissioners Hoss, Cerri and Evatz voting aye and Commissioner Tipton being absent:

To approve and accept the Nevada Water Conservation Infrastructure award amendment in the amount of \$3.5 million to support the construction costs associated with the Grass Valley Nitrate Mitigation and Wastewater Treatment Project.

REQUEST TO APPROVE THE LINE EXTENSION AGREEMENT WITH NV ENERGY FOR THE NEW FACILITY OPERATIONS BUILDING: Consideration, discussion and possible approval for the Line Extension

Agreement with NV Energy for the new Facility Operations building at Sage Heights in the amount of \$87,597.00, pending District Attorney Approval. Manager Kalkoske reviewed the request for the Commission. Discussion ensued regarding the amount budgeted for the project, whether this impacts the Public Works building and the potential that the amount could be less. Legal Counsel Carr noted the need to refer to the company as NV Energy not Nevada Energy. The following motion was made by Commissioner Cerri and passed with Chairman Hill and Commissioners Hoss, Cerri and Evatz voting aye and Commissioner Tipton being absent:

To approve the Line Extension Agreement with NV Energy for the new facility operations building at Sage Heights in the amount of \$87,597.00, pending District Attorney approval.

REQUEST TO ENGAGE WITH HOLLAND AND HART ASSOCIATES TO FILE PROTEST AGAINST BLM'S PROPOSED SAGEGROUSE PLAN: Consideration, discussion and possible approval to engage Holland and Hart Associates to file a protest against the Greater Sage Grouse (GRSG) Rangewide Planning proposed Resource Management Plan and final Environmental Impact Statement from the BLM. This plan replaces the 2015 and 2019 GRSG plans and updates restrictions for greater sage grouse habitat management areas. This new plan will have effects on grazing, communications and utility infrastructure, renewable energy projects, recreation, saleable and non-energy minerals, and other aspects of public lands use. Manager Kalkoske reviewed the request for the Commission. Commissioner Cerri offered comment as to why the County needs to be part of this. Commissioner Hoss commented on the need for this. Discussion ensued regarding the cost of this proposal. The following motion was made by Commissioner Cerri and passed with Chairman Hill and Commissioners Hoss, Cerri and Evatz voting aye and Commissioner Tipton being absent:

To engage Holland and Hart Associates to file a protest against the BLM's proposed Greater Sage Grouse Plan in an amount not to exceed \$18,000.00.

DISCUSSION OF THE 2025 COUNTY CALENDAR: Consideration, discussion, and possible approval of the 2025 County Manager's Calendar of Events, including dates for County Commission meetings and other internal events. Deputy Comptroller Noyes noted that the Comptroller's office has reviewed the accounts payable and payroll dates as proposed, and they are correct. Manager Kalkoske asked for any additional input noting that this will be brought back at the December meeting for action.

MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE:

Other information and upcoming meetings: November 19, 2024 Winnemucca City Council Meeting, November 28 – 29, 2024 Thanksgiving Holiday – All Humboldt County offices closed, December 16, 2024 Humboldt County Board of Commissioners Meeting, December 17, 2024 Winnemucca City Council



Meeting, December 25, 2024 Christmas Day - All Humboldt County offices closed, January 1, 2025 New Year's Day - All Humboldt County offices closed, January 6, 2025 Humboldt County Board of Commissioners Meeting and January 7, 2025 Winnemucca City Council Meeting.

Reports from Commissioners regarding other Boards and Committees on which they serve: Commissioner Cerri commented on a Humboldt River Water Basin Authority meeting. No further reports offered.

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. Commissioner Hoss asked that the County have an attorney look at the lease agreement being discussed at the airport based on the sublease that is occurring and explained. Commissioner Cerri asked about the status of the variance denial related to Lithium Americas. Manager Kalkoske responded. Commissioner Hoss explained that is why he wanted to have this looked at. Chairman Hill suggested that any discussion needs to be agendized. Legal counsel Carr concurred. Manager Kalkoske commented on a potential closed litigation meeting. Commissioner Cerri asked about the status of the nuisance complaint. Discussion ensued. Commissioner Evatz asked about an item related to identifying a location for the sewer treatment plan as to both an update and a strategy. Manager Kalkoske responded.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Chairman Hill asked for public comment. Commissioner Evatz offered public comment thanking the Commissioners for using their microphones and thanked them for their patience with him appearing via telephone. Discussion ensued. Christina Kenison appeared before the Commission and offered public comment asking what could be done related to the Airport Board not having site plan review during lease negotiations for the transloading facility as that is discussed under the Humboldt County Code and she asked about the status of her appeal of the Master Plan amendment that the Planning Commission had approved which she filed on October 24th. Discussion ensued with Legal counsel Carr offering comment and Manager Kalkoske indicating that he would be meeting with the District Attorney as to the matter. No further public comment offered.

ADJOURNMENT: Chairman Hill adjourned the meeting at 12:38 p.m.

ATTEST:  Clerk APPROVED:  Chairman

(Minutes approved by the Commission and signed by the Chairman on 12.16.2024)

Notice of Public Meeting
Humboldt County Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting
Monday, November 18, 2024
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. RECESS: OPEN HOUSE TOUR OF THE RECORDER/BUILDING & SAFETY/PLANNING DEPARTMENTS (INFORMATION ONLY)

The Employee Engagement Action Committee invites the Commissioners to attend the Open House at the Recorder/Building & Safety/Planning Departments in the Annex Building. The Commissioners will recess to attend the tour. Information only.

3.A) Recess

[20241118 Agenda Request - Recorder-Building & Safety-Planning Department Open House.pdf](#)

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

5. 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 5, 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; September 16, 2024; October 7, 2024; October 21, 2024.; and November 4, 2024. Discussion and possible action.

5.A) Minutes

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6. APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURES FOR HUMBOLDT COUNTY FOR NOVEMBER 4, 2024; THROUGH NOVEMBER 18, 2024 (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION)

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

Representatives from Lithium Americas will provide an update regarding the Thacker Pass Project. Information only.

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 2025 (July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025), including an update on the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) and other funding available to the County. Information Only.

9. SHERIFF: LIQUOR BOARD

Undersheriff Kuskie is requesting that the Humboldt County Liquor Board be convened.

A. Public Comment

B. Consideration, discussion and possible approval for the following 1st Quarter 2025 Liquor License Renewals:

Applicant

Business Name

1	Saif Oraha / SMO Fuels, Inc.	Valmy Chevron
2	William Firth	Water Hole #1
3	Gurjot Singh	BJ's Market
4	Tiara Tocco	Denio Junction
5	Giovanni & Shannon Giordano	Sawtooth Station McDermitt Gas Lean
6	Joginder Lal	Motel
7	Jeffery Siegel	Diamond Inn Bar
8	Manjinder Singh & Kirandeep Kaur	A-1 Fuel Stop
9	Norman Calhoun Jr & Barry Wilkinson	Quinn River Merc, LLC Paradise Valley Bar & Grill
10	Juanita Kennedy	Pilot Travel Centers, LLC
11	Micaela Fregoso, Gen Mgr.	Windspur Supply
12	Ted Rookstool	Say When, Inc.
13	Chloe Dufferrena	

All above licenses will expire 12/31/24. Discussion and possible action.

C. Public Comment

D. Adjournment

9.A) Liquor Board

[2025 1st Quarter Liquor License Renewals.pdf](#)

10. MUNOZ NUISANCE COMPLAINT UPDATE (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION)

Consideration, discussion and possible action on a follow-up report per Humboldt County Code (HCC) 8.04.010, related to a nuisance complaint filed against property located at 3080 Mars Avenue, Winnemucca, NV, Assessor's Parcel Number 13-0457-06 and owned by Jose Flores/Petra Moran Munoz. Discussion and possible action.

10.A) Munoz Nuisance - Original Set to Documents

[Public Hearing_Nuisance_10-21-2024.pdf](#)

11. PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT: GENERAL ROAD PROJECTS (FOR INFORMATION ONLY)

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.

12. TECHNOLOGY SERVICES DEPARTMENT: REQUEST TO APPROVE EARLY

TERMINATION OF GRANITE TELECOMMUNICATIONS CONTRACT WITH APPROVAL OF ONE-TIME ACTIVATION CREDIT OFFER FROM VERIZON WIRELESS; REQUEST TO PURCHASE MICROWAVE EQUIPMENT AND INSTALLATION SERVICES FOR MCDERMITT, DOUBLE H AND EAGLE CREEK PUBLIC SAFETY COMMUNICATION SITES (POSSIBLE ACTION)

- A. Consideration, discussion and possible approval to terminate the contract with Granite Telecommunications and approve to accept a one-time activation credit offer from Verizon Wireless. Discussion and possible action.
- B. Consideration, discussion and possible approval to purchase Microwave Equipment and Installation services, from Aviat Networks, for the McDermitt, Double H and Eagle Creek Public Safety Communication Sites' Radio Systems in an amount not to exceed \$598,740. Discussion and possible approval.

12.A) Technology Services

[TSD Request - Agenda Request Form Template_2023- TSD - Early Term Granite & Accept Verizon Credit.pdf](#)
[TSD - Phase II Site Microwave Equip & Install.pdf](#)

13. GRANT AND/OR CASH DONATION REQUEST FOR COMMUNITY SUPPORT PURPOSES FY 2024-2025 (POSSIBLE ACTION)

Consideration, discussion, and possible approval for grants and/or monetary donations to one or more of the applicants (as attached) that submitted a request to support community activities in Humboldt County. The total budget for said grants/donations is \$40,000 for FY 2024-25. Discussion and possible action.

13.A) Grant Application & List - 2024-2025

[Community Support Grants Apps_2024-2025.pdf](#) [Grants_Apps_list_24-25_final.pdf](#)

14. COUNTY MANAGER: REQUEST TO ACCEPT THE NEVADA WATER CONSERVATION INFRASTRUCTURE INITIATIVE FUNDING AWARD AMENDMENT (POSSIBLE ACTION)

Consideration, discussion and possible approval to accept a Nevada Water Conservation Infrastructure award amendment in the amount of \$3.5 million to support the preconstruction costs associated with the Grass Valley Nitrate Mitigation and Wastewater Treatment Project. Discussion and possible action.

14.A) Grass Valley water treatment funding

[Staff Report - Amendment 1 to DCNR SLFRF Funding 11182024.pdf](#)

15. COUNTY MANAGER: REQUEST TO APPROVE THE LINE EXTENSION AGREEMENT WITH NV ENERGY FOR THE NEW FACILITY OPERATIONS BUILDING (POSSIBLE ACTION)

Consideration, discussion and possible approval for the Line Extension Agreement with NV Energy for the new Facility Operations building at Sage Heights in the amount of \$87,597.00,

pending District Attorney Approval

15.A) NV Energy Line Extension

[Staff Report - NVE LEA for Facility Ops building 11182024.pdf](#)

16. COUNTY MANAGER: REQUEST TO ENGAGE WITH HOLLAND AND HART ASSOCIATES TO FILE PROTEST AGAINST BLM'S PROPOSED SAGEGROUSE PLAN (DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION)

Consideration, discussion and possible approval to engage Holland and Hart Associates to file a protest against the Greater Sage Grouse (GRSG) Rangeland Planning proposed Resource Management Plan and final Environmental Impact Statement from the BLM. This plan replaces the 2015 and 2019 GRSG plans and updates restrictions for greater sage grouse habitat management areas. This new plan will have effects on grazing, communications and utility infrastructure, renewable energy projects, recreation, saleable and non-energy minerals, and other aspects of public lands use. Discussion and possible action.

17. DISCUSSION OF THE 2025 COUNTY CALENDAR (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION)

Consideration, discussion, and possible approval of the 2025 County Manager's Calendar of Events, including dates for County Commission meetings and other internal events. Discussion and possible action.

17.A) Calendar - 2025

[2025 Calendar Grid_draft1.pdf](#)

18. MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

1. Other information and upcoming meetings:

November 19, 2024 Winnemucca City Council Meeting

November 28 – 29, 2024 Thanksgiving Holiday – All Humboldt County offices closed

December 16, 2024 Humboldt County Board of Commissioners Meeting

December 17, 2024 Winnemucca City Council Meeting

December 25, 2024 Christmas Day - All Humboldt County offices closed

January 1, 2025 New Year's Day - All Humboldt County offices closed

January 6, 2025 Humboldt County Board of Commissioners Meeting

January 7, 2025 Winnemucca City Council Meeting

2. Reports from Commissioners regarding other Boards and Committees on which they serve, including POOL/PACT Board, National Wild Horse & Burro Advisory Board, Nevada Association of Counties (NACO), Regional Airport Board, Humboldt

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

19. 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.

20. 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.

21. ADJOURNMENT

22. 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.

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STAFF AGENDA REQUEST

DATE: October 24, 2023
TO: County Commission
FROM: Mike DeTullio, Director of Technology Services
SUBJECT: Approval of Early Termination of Contract with Granite Telecommunications and Approve Accepting One-Time Activation Credit Offer from Verizon Wireless and for the Commission Chairman or His Designee to Sign Any Associated Documents

REQUESTED AGENDA DATE: November 18, 2024

SUMMARY AND BACKGROUND:

The Technology Services Department is requesting that the Commission approve the early termination of a contract with Granite Telecommunications (Granite) and approve accepting a one-time activation credit offer from Verizon Wireless.

On November 6, 2023, this Commission approved entering into a contract with Granite for cellular services. Granite offered a solution to Humboldt County that did not change the carrier, it only moved the billing from a retail platform to a wholesale platform at what appeared to be a significant cost saving to Humboldt County. Humboldt County has remained on the Verizon network with the same devices and same phone numbers through the Granite contract.

The Technology Services Department (the department) also currently still has a government account with Verizon Wireless, as the process to move everything from this account to Granite was a two-phase process that was never completed. The account allows the department to purchase wireless devices, cell phone service, laptop/tablet and other device data lines for county employees at a special discounted government rate. Additionally, on or around April 2024, the County's Verizon account qualified for and was converted to a public safety account and all device lines now utilize their service from the Verizon First Responders' Network which is similar to AT&T's FirstNet. These devices now enjoy prioritized data lines and cell line services at further reduced monthly rates.

Soon after making the phase one transition of data lines and a few cell phone lines to the Granite contract, the department began to realize some stark limitations and differences with the Granite contracted services versus the services provided by Verizon. The department was presented with this solution by Granite as a pooled data plan but Granite never gave a detailed description of what the pooled data plan would look like. This was only discovered by the department once the contract was entered into. For example, the cost savings realized by a data line of service was only substantial if the data line of service was assigned to a .5GB data plan, costing \$7.99 per month. This is an extremely small amount of data than can easily be exceeded by normal use of a device's data line. An illustration of this normal use would

be what the Sheriff's patrol vehicles' MDTs (Mobile Data Terminal) use. The MDTs, which all use a data line of service to access the internet from the vehicles, normally use around 5GB of data a month. Granite does have a 5GB plan, which some of the MDTs were assigned to, but that plan for each line costs \$39.99 per month which is the same costs for an unlimited data line of service from Verizon and Verizon's data lines are on their First Responders' Network. This was never explained to the department by Granite prior to entering into the contract with them. Also, the assignment of all the county's data lines of service seem to have been randomly assigned by Granite as they are not all on the same allotment plan and the county was never given the option to make these choices.

Also, in May 2024, the department received a notification from Granite that the department's account was in an overage status as the account had exceed the entire account's allotment of pooled data of 123GB. This was due to one user's data line being utilized while working an extended period of time remotely. This total allotment of data for the entire account was also never explained to the department by Granite prior to entering into the contract with them.

Another example of the only cost saving the County realizes from the Granite contract is on their cell phone lines of service that are allotted 3GB of data at a cost of \$34.99 per month. Again, this is a fairly small amount of data for regular use on a cell phone. For only \$5.00 more per month, \$39.99, our cell phone lines of service from Verizon comes with unlimited data and are on their First Responders' Network. Furthermore, the cell phones offered by Granite for purchase were quite a bit more expensive than what Verizon offers. Verizon often offers specials on phone purchases and offer older phones at a discounted price.

Additionally, upon using Granite's online portal to activate or de-activate lines of service or to order SIM cards or purchase cell phones, it has been discovered that it is clunky and cumbersome and sometimes could not even be used for these transactions. When not being able to use Granite's online portal, one would have to email the customer service rep, who is on the east coast and works a schedule that is three hours ahead of the county's normal business hours. This would sometimes delay a response from the customer service rep until the next business day. These factors alone have made working with Granite very frustrating at a minimum.

Upon the department's continuous frustration with the limitations of the Granite plan, the department began discussing early termination of the Granite contract and requested an estimate of early termination fees from Granite. Subsequently, the department also began discussing early termination with the County Manager and the District Attorney. The District Attorney reviewed Granite's contract with the County and determined although there are some ambiguities contained in the contract and Granite not being very forthcoming with their presentation of the contract savings from the beginning, the contract is a contract and he did not think the county could terminate it early without having to pay the early termination fees. As of October 31, 2024, the estimate of early termination fees the county would have to pay, for terminating the contract in whole, is \$21,731.00.

However, about the same time the county began to realize the Granite contract is not what it was presented to be, and the county's Verizon account was converted to a public safety account, the county's Verizon rep reached out to see how things were going with the Granite contract. The department shared with the Verizon rep that we were very unhappy with the Granite contract and the services received. The Verizon rep asked the department if we were offered a special to move all lines from the Granite contract back to the Verizon account, would that be entertained. Soon after, the department was given a One-Time Equipment, Smartphone Activation Credit, & Mobile Broadband/Tablet Activation Credit Offer from Verizon, which has now been extended twice and the department has until December 31, 2024 to take advantage of, that entails activating a minimum of four (4) smartphones and a minimum of fifty (50) data lines of service on the county's public safety account and Verizon will credit the county \$100.00 for each

smartphone and \$240.00 for each data line of service. In addition, Verizon will provide the county with four (4) of the newest smartphones, iPhone or Android, at no cost. The county has 83 devices on the Granite plan but only requires 74 of those devices to remain activated and moved back to their Verizon public safety account. Of those 74 devices, 4 of them are smartphones. The result of activating those 74 device lines of service on the department's Verizon account would result in a credit back to the department from Verizon, in an amount of \$17,200.00. The department would also be receiving four (4) brand new smartphones, valued at \$729.99 each for a total value of \$2,919.96, as part of their offer. This offer must be accepted and completed by December 31, 2024.

The department is requesting authorization to terminate their contract with Granite early and accept the activation credit offer from Verizon, moving 74 of the 83 device lines of service back to their Verizon account. The difference of paying Granite's early termination fee estimate of \$21,731.00, and accepting the activation credit offer from Verizon, in the amount of \$17,200.00, would result in the county ultimately only paying \$4,531.00 in early termination fees to Granite and receiving \$2,919.96 worth of brand new smartphones. The department and the county as a whole would benefit from authorizing this request, as the services they will receive from Verizon will be much better quality and will utilize Verizon's First Responder Network, giving all lines of service, be it a data line or cell phone line, priority service. Being on Verizon's First Responder's Network will also help further the county's continuity of operations in an emergency situation. Additionally, the cost of the lines of service from Verizon will be known and mostly cost no more than the lines of service from the Granite contract and most importantly will not be limited on the amount of data utilized by those lines of service.

WHY ARE YOU BRINGING THIS BEFORE THE BOARD NOW:

To approve the early termination of a contract with Granite Telecommunications (Granite) and approve accepting a one-time activation credit offer from Verizon Wireless and for the Commission Chairman or his designee to sign any associated documents.

PREVIOUS ACTION:

None

HAS DISTRICT ATTORNEY REVIEWED AGREEMENT/CONTRACT IF APPLICABLE:

Yes

FISCAL IMPACT IF APPLICABLE:

The fiscal impact of approving this request would be paying an additional amount of approximately \$1,655.00 from the approved fiscal year 2024-2025 Technology Services - Computer Systems budget for cellular services that would have been paid from the fiscal year 2025-2026 Technology Services - Computer Systems budget for cellular services, in the form of early termination fees. Otherwise, the fiscal impact of approving this request would not change from the amounts approved for the fiscal year 2024-2025 Technology Services - Computer Systems budget for cellular services.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that this request be approved and for the Commission Chairman or his designee to sign any associated documents related to the early termination of the Granite contract and the acceptance of the Verizon One-Time Activation Credit Offer.

LIST SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS IF APPLICABLE:

Granite Government Solutions Path to Partnership with Humboldt County - Original presentation made to the County, Granite Early Termination Fee Estimate Spreadsheet and Verizon One-Time Equipment, Smartphone Activation Credit, & Mobile Broadband/Tablet Activation Credit Offer.



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STAFF AGENDA REQUEST

DATE: October 29, 2024
TO: County Commission
FROM: Mike DeTullio, Director of Technology Services
SUBJECT: Approval to Purchase Microwave Equipment and Installation, from Aviat Networks, for the McDermitt, Double H and Eagle Creek Public Safety Communication Sites' Radio Systems

REQUESTED AGENDA DATE: November 18, 2024

SUMMARY AND BACKGROUND:

The Technology Services Department is requesting approval to purchase microwave equipment and installation, from Aviat Networks, for the McDermitt, Double H and Eagle Creek Public Safety Communication Sites' Radio Systems, in an amount not to exceed \$598,740.00.

The Technology Services Department is responsible for designing, constructing and maintaining Public Safety Communication Sites throughout Humboldt County. Technology Services has been upgrading and/or newly constructing all of the public safety communication sites in Humboldt County. This project has been broken down into three phases. Phase I of this project was completed in November 2020 which consisted of a major upgrade to the Winnemucca Mountain site together with constructing brand new communication sites at Sports Complex and Rose Creek here in Winnemucca. Phase II was to consist of upgrading the following sites: Denio Summit, Eagle Creek, Double H, McDermitt and Saipan Peak. However, due to many factors, the Denio Summit and Saipan Peak sites have been pushed out for completion during the Phase III of this project. Although a large portion of the physical upgrades and replacements of buildings and towers will be time consuming and completed in phases as time progresses, the Tait Radios and associated equipment has already been purchased and installed, significantly increasing the poor radio coverage for public safety entities that existed in the northern portion of Humboldt County. Activating the Bravo channel allowed communications to continue while upgrading the Phase II high level sites Trident, Blue Mtn, Buckskin, New York Peak in the spring of 2022, with the new channels and associated equipment only. This purchase would allow the Technology Services Department to purchase and install the microwave equipment needed to complete and bring online the newly constructed McDermitt site in addition to having the remaining microwave equipment purchased and ready to install once the Double H and Eagle Creek site constructions are complete.

This proposed purchase did not go through the competitive bid process, it is exempt per NRS 332.115 (1) (s), Contracts which by their nature are not adapted to award by a competitive solicitation, including contracts for the design of, and equipment and services associated with, systems of communication, are not subject to the requirements of this chapter for a competitive solicitation, as determined by the

governing body or its authorized representative. However, it should be noted that two (2) quotes were obtained for this equipment, one directly from the manufacturer, and one from a regional re-seller, and the manufacturer submitted the lower quote which we are recommending be approved herein.

WHY ARE YOU BRINGING THIS BEFORE THE BOARD NOW:

For approval to purchase microwave equipment and installation, from Aviat Networks, for the McDermitt, Double H and Eagle Creek Public Safety Communication Sites' Radio Systems, in an amount not to exceed \$598,740.00.

PREVIOUS ACTION:

None

HAS DISTRICT ATTORNEY REVIEWED AGREEMENT/CONTRACT IF APPLICABLE:

There is not an agreement/contract as such but a proposed Statement of Work, that can be submitted to the District Attorney's Office for review if requested. This Statement of Work does require a signature of approval by Humboldt County.

FISCAL IMPACT IF APPLICABLE:

The fiscal impact of approving this request would be an expenditure from the approved fiscal year 2024-2025 Capital Project Funds, in an amount not to exceed \$598,740.00.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the purchase of microwave equipment and installation, from Aviat Networks, for the McDermitt, Double H and Eagle Creek Public Safety Communication Sites' Radio Systems, in an amount not to exceed \$598,740.00, be approved by the Commissioners.

LIST SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS IF APPLICABLE:

Proposal from Aviat Networks and Quote from Premier Wireless Services

POSSIBLE MOTION:

Motion to approve the purchase of microwave equipment and installation, from Aviat Networks, for the McDermitt, Double H and Eagle Creek Public Safety Communication Sites' Radio Systems, in an amount not to exceed \$598,740.00.



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STAFF AGENDA REQUEST

DATE: October 30, 2024
TO: County Commission
FROM: Don Kalkoske, County Manager
SUBJECT: Nevada Water Conservation Infrastructure Initiative Funding Amendment
REQUESTED AGENDA DATE: November 18, 2024

SUMMARY AND BACKGROUND:

In October 2023, the County accepted a Nevada Water Conservation Infrastructure award in the amount of \$5 million-dollars of Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds to support the preconstruction costs associated with the Grass Valley Nitrate Mitigation and Waste Water Treatment Project.

Since that time, the county has engaged with DOWL to complete the design of the collection system and associated treatment plant. With engaging DOWL, the obligated funding was short of the awarded amount. Commissioner Hill and I met with the Nevada Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) (administration of grant) in September 2024 and were informed that we needed to obligate the remaining funds before December 2024 or they would be lost. After the meeting, I met with Public Works and Economic Development to put together a plan for obligating the remaining funds. While we prepared a workable solution to the issue, the DCNR decided to de-obligate \$1.5 million-dollars of the award in hopes of granting to others that can obligate in the required time frame.

The reduction in funding does not affect the currently obligated and agreed upon work that DOWL is completing, and actually provides some additional funds for other projects that we can obligate in the time frame.

WHY ARE YOU BRINGING THIS BEFORE THE BOARD NOW:

The DCNR has prepared an amendment to the original agreement for the new agreement total of \$3.5 million-dollars.

PREVIOUS ACTION:

October 2023, Acceptance of original award.

FISCAL IMPACT IF APPLICABLE:

The amended \$3.5 million-dollar award must be expended by the end of 2026, and thus should be budgeted across the associated fiscal years and properly managed, including the proper allocation of the associated pre-construction costs of the project. The award does not require matching funds from Humboldt County, thus has no direct fiscal impact to the County. Of the amended award amount, \$2.825

million-dollars is obligated for the design and feasibility of the new wastewater treatment and collection system. A portion of the remaining amount will be utilized (planned) to replace water meters in both McDermitt and Gold Country as allowed by the amendment. Any remaining amount from the amended award amount and current and planned obligations will be reviewed and obligated on various other water/wastewater projects as approved by DCNR.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is staff's recommendation to proceed with approval of Amendment #1 to the Nevada Water Conservation and Infrastructure Initiative Funding Agreement.

LIST SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS IF APPLICABLE:

0844 Humboldt County Funding Amendment 1

POSSIBLE MOTION:

A possible motion for this item would be "Move to approve and execute Amendment #1 to the Nevada Water Conservation and Infrastructure Initiative Funding Agreement with an amended award amount of \$3.5 million-dollars."