

## NEVADA ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES (NACO)

Annual Business Meeting  
September 30, 2015 at 8:00 a.m.  
Aliante Hotel-Casino, Camelback Room  
7300 North Aliante Parkway  
North Las Vegas, NV 89084

### ADOPTED MINUTES

#### Attendance

(NACO Staff: Jeff Fontaine, Dagny Stapleton, Tori Sundheim) President Wichman; President Elect Carson; Vice President Phillips; Pat Irwin, Pershing County; Marilyn Kirkpatrick, Clark County; Pete Olsen, Churchill County; Doug Johnson, Douglas County; Demar Dahl, Elko County; Micki Bates, Esmeralda County; J.J. Goicoechea, Eureka County; Jim French, Humboldt County; Patsy Waits, Lander County; Jerrie Tipton, Mineral County; Dan Schinhofen, Nye County; Jack McGuffey, Storey County; Jeanne Herman, Washoe County and Bob Roshak, Nevada Sheriff's and Chiefs Association.

Others: Carol Shank, Pershing County Commissioner; Steve Thaler, Douglas County Commissioner; Rob Stokes, Elko County Manager; Lawrence Weekly, Clark County Commissioner; Keith Westengard, Lander County Executive Director; Pete Goicoechea, Nevada State Senator; Roger Mancebo, NACO Committee of the Emeritus; Don Alt, Lyon County Commissioner; Greg Hunewill, Lyon County Commissioner; Jim Nichols, Douglas County Manager; Barry Penzel, Douglas County Commissioner; Varlin Higbee, Lincoln County Commissioner; Michael Sharkozy, Eureka County Commissioner; Norm Frey, NACO Committee of the Emeritus; Larry Brown, Clark County Commissioner; Bob Lucey, Washoe County Commissioner and Ray Fierro, Lyon County Commissioner

**1. Public Comment.** Commissioner Tipton thanked Clark County for hosting the annual conference and Commissioner Schinhofen announced there would be a golf tournament on the pre-conference day at the 2016 annual conference.

**2. Approval of Agenda.** The agenda was approved on a motion by Commissioner Tipton with the change of the location from the Camelback Room to the Sedona Room, with a second by Commissioner Bates.

**3. Approval of the Minutes of the November 19, 2014 NACO Membership Meeting.** The minutes were approved on a motion by Commissioner Tipton with second by Commissioner Irwin with President Elect Carson abstaining.

**4. President's Report.** President Wichman stated that she has enjoyed the year and is looking forward to the last three months of her time in the office.

**5. Executive Director's Report.** Jeff thanked President Wichman, the Executive Committee and the Board for their leadership, guidance and support. He stated that the year has been productive and that NACO has built increased capacity to advocate on behalf of the counties. He noted the work done during the 2015 Legislative Session and that there has been great effort to advocate on Federal issues as well. He thanked staff for their hard work.

**6. Election of NACO Officers for 2016.** Jeff gave background on the Nominating Committee, chaired by Vice President Phillips and that an email went out to all Commissioners and Supervisors for nominations. He noted that the only office up for election is Vice President as the President Elect and Vice President ascend to the President and President Elect offices in 2016. Vice President Phillips informed the group that only one letter of interest came in on time for the position from Clark County Commissioner Lawrence Weekly. Commissioner Phillips asked for nominations from the floor and Commissioner Schinhofen nominated Washoe County Commissioner Bob Lucey. Nominations were closed on a motion by Commissioner Tipton with Second by President Elect Carson. Commissioner

Lucey addressed the group accepting the nomination; he stated that NACO is a wonderful organization and foundation working for both the urban and rural counties, at both the State and Federal level. He noted his attendance at the NACo conference in July where he was appointed to the Transportation Steering Committee and that he would like to continue his service at the state level. Commissioner Weekly also spoke to his attendance at the NACo conference and that his attendance at the event brought the amount of work to be done at the State level to the forefront. He spoke to the need for the North, South and the rural's to come together to work for the greater good of the state. He stated that he is dedicated to the Nevada and that he will work hard in the position. He also noted that both he and Commissioner Lucey would be good choices for the Board. Commissioner Tipton asked the nominees if they are committed and will work with the Board, they both stated that they understand the importance of the organization and they will make time and commit to the position as well as the need for both Clark and Washoe Counties to become more involved in NACO. President Wichman asked for discussion and Commissioner Kirkpatrick said it is important to have Southern Nevada "buy in" and that the prospective that can be brought by Commissioner Weekly would be important to bridging the gap of the needs across the state. Commissioner Higbee also spoke to his positive experiences with Commissioner Weekly on workforce issues and Commissioner Weekly's concern for the rural areas of Southern Nevada. Commissioner Schinhofen spoke for Commissioner Lucey and said that he believes that the Commissioner has shown commitment to the Board and the organization. President Elect Carson said that she sat with Commissioner Weekly on the Hospital Board for Indigent Persons and that he was committed to that Board. Jeff informed the group that each county receives one vote but it is a weighted vote by the number of Commissioners in each county. Clark County Commissioner, Lawrence Weekly was elected by a majority vote with Carson City absent.

**7. Public Comment.** None was given