

NEVADA ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES

Board of Director's Meeting

September 27, 2017

Immediately upon adjournment of the NACO Annual Business Meeting but no earlier than 8:15a.m.
Winnemucca Convention Center

ADOPTED MINUTES

ATTENDANCE: President Phillips, President-Elect Weekly, Vice President Waits, Past President Wichman, Carson City Mayor Crowell, Churchill County Commissioner Olson, Douglas County Commissioner Thaler, Elko County Commissioner Dahl, Esmeralda County Commissioner Bates, Humboldt County Commissioner French, Lyon County Commissioner Alt, Mineral County Tipton, Nye County Commissioner Schinhofen, Pershing County Commissioner Shank, Storey County Commissioner McGuffey, Washoe County Commissioner Herman, White Pine County Commissioner Perea, and Catherine Bakaric, Nevada Association of County Treasurers. (NACO Staff Jeff Fontaine, Dagny Stapleton and Tori Sundheim)

OTHER ATTENDEES: Churchill County Commissioner Erquiaga, Lyon County Commissioner Honeywell, Elko County Manager Rob Stokes, Norman Frey, Susan Frey, Roger Mancebo, Washoe County Manager John Slaughter, Jamie Rodriguez, Doug Johnson and CABNR Dean Bill Payne

1. **Public Comment.** None was given
2. **Approval of Agenda.** The agenda was approved on a motion by Commissioner Tipton with second by Past President Wichman.
3. **Approval of Minutes of the August 25, 2017 NACO Board of Directors Meeting.** The minutes were approved on a motion by Commissioner Tipton with second by Past President Wichman.
4. **Acceptance of NACO's Audited Financial Statements December 31, 2016 and 2015.** The financial statements were accepted on a motion by Past President Wichman with second by Commissioner Tipton.
5. **Approval of the 2017 NACO Honor Roll, NACO 2017 Participatory Democracy Award and NACO Legislator of the Year Award.** The awards were approved on a motion by Past President Wichman with second by Commissioner Tipton.
6. **NACO Emeritus Committee Update on Upcoming Educational Workshops for County Officials.** Past President Wichman, as Chair of the Committee, informed the Board that the Committee has established four workshops to be conducted during the remainder of 2017 and in 2018. The first will be held in December on understanding Medicaid, in February on county tax revenues, in April on public lands and why and how to write county natural resources plan and in July on how bills become law in the State of Nevada. Past President Wichman also noted that now is the time to foster new relationships with Legislators and to teach them what is important to rural communities. President Phillips also noted that the workshops will be open to all county staff not just Commissioners.
7. **Update on University of Nevada Cooperative Extension.** Dean Payne informed the Board that a recommendation was reached by the search committee for a Director of Cooperative Extension and that an offer of employment had been sent the previous day. The Dean noted that the candidate is engaged and has indicated a November 1 start date. He thanked Commissioners Kirkpatrick, French, Herman and Dagny for serving on the search committee. He informed the Board that the College was given a month's notice to come up with a two-page request for budget enhancement for Cooperative Extension, due the first of October. He noted the engagement of a third party to help with the process through a survey, and thanked everybody who

was able to participate. He said that he would like to work with a small group, including Jeff and Dagny, to finish working on the draft of the budget enhancement, which was currently for \$6 million. The Dean also noted that there is a nucleus of an Extension Advisory Committee, and that the plan is to start the first meeting as soon as the new Extension Director is appointed. He informed the Board that the NSHE audit of Cooperative Extension has been prepared. It was noted that the Plan to spend down reserves in Clark was a 5-year plan and since then there have been a few ad hoc committee's and conversations with Clark County Commissioners regarding the use of those funds. The Dean noted that he has also asked for ways to increase collaboration with Southern Nevada Water Authority and has been attending Southern Nevada Strong. Commissioner French noted that he was involved with the survey and expressed concern that it looked like the budget enhancement melds Extension and CABNR. He asked why the budgets are not being run parallel. The Dean stated that the survey had to do with the Experiment Station and Cooperative Extension and on their integration. He noted that the research should be driven by stakeholders and that more should be occurring off campus. He agreed that there isn't currently a defined strategic plan and that it is being developed by stakeholders. The Dean explained that there are six or seven working groups from Extension and the third party is expected to deliver a more detailed report shortly. Dagny asked whether the \$6 million was for CABNR and Extension together, and the Dean clarified that those funds were only for Extension. President-Elect Weekly inquired about the resources in Clark County and the reserve there. The Dean stated that he believes it was \$13 million and is now down to \$11 million and mentioned the five-year plan. President-Elect Weekly inquired as to a timeline for spending the funds and the Dean referenced the five-year plan. President Elect-Weekly also asked for clarification on who could spend the surplus in Clark County and it was clarified that only Clark County would be able to utilize those funds. The President-Elect asked the Dean to speak with Commissioners Giunchigliani and Kirkpatrick about the recommendations for spending those funds down, and also asked that that conversation take place with the county. Past President Wichman inquired about an Extension Office in Tonopah. The Dean said that there is a proposal to put an educator in Tonopah for Northern Nye and Esmeralda Counties, and Commissioner Wichman requested to be informed on the progress of that process. Commissioner French asked about spending down fund balances in the rural counties and the Dean stated that he has difficulty gaining access to those numbers. Commissioner French requested transparency and to be informed of the process as well. President Phillips appointed Commissioner French, Commissioner Giunchigliani, Commissioner Herman, and Dagny to work with the Dean on the budget enhancement.

8. **Update on a NACO Plan to Prepare for the 2019 Legislative Session by Providing Outreach to State and Legislative Officials regarding County Priorities.** Dagny provided an update on the Board's request that staff work on a plan for outreach to elected officials during the legislative interim. She informed the Board that a preliminary plan is being developed and that it will be brought to the Board in October along with a recommendation that the Legislative Committee be tasked with carrying out the plan.
9. **Public Comment.** Jeff gave a brief review of the schedule for the remainder of the day and Tori reminded the group that the Sage Grouse counties would be meeting the following day at 6:30A.

The meeting was adjourned on a motion by President-Elect Weekly with second by Past President Wichman.