AGENDA
Some NACO Board members may attend via video link or phone from other locations. Items on the agenda may be taken out of order. The NACO Board may combine two or more agenda items for consideration. The NACO Board may remove an item from the agenda or delay discussion relating to an item on the agenda at any time.

Call to Order, Roll Call and Pledge of Allegiance

1. Public Comment. Please Limit Comments to 3 Minutes.
2. Approval of Agenda. For Possible Action.
3. NACO President’s Report.
4. NACO Executive Director’s Report.
5. Approval of Minutes of the May 18th, 2018 NACO Board of Directors Meeting. For Possible Action.
6. Election of Nevada’s Two Representatives to the National Association of Counties (NACo) Board of Directors. For Possible Action.
7. Possible Approval of a Letter from NACO to Governor Sandoval Regarding the State’s 2019-2021 Biennium Budget. For Possible Action.
8. Presentation and Discussion Regarding the Nevada Network of Fire Adapted Communities and How Counties Can Get Involved, Michael Beaudoin, Coordinator.
9. Presentation and Discussion Regarding the Certified Local Government Program and Other Opportunities for Counties to Access Funding for Historic Preservation Projects, Jim Bertolini, Historian, Nevada State Historic Preservation Office.
10. Discussion and Possible NACO Support for the Creation of a Reporting Tool for Rural Counties to Use to Monitor Contract Public Defenders. For Possible Action
11. Update on Legislative Committees and Studies, Legislative Priorities, and Possible Approval of NACO Bill Draft Requests for the 2019 Legislative Session. For Possible Action

Update and Possible Action Regarding Public Lands and Natural Resources Issues Affecting Counties Including:

a. NACO Public Lands and Natural Resources Committee Update.

b. Update on the BLM and USFS Greater Sage Grouse Resource Management Plan Amendments, Including Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Cooperating Agency Status with the USFS.

12. NACO Committee of the Emeritus Update.

13. National Association of Counties and Western Interstate Region Board Member Updates.
14. NACO Board Member Updates.

15. Public Comment. Please Limit Comments to 3 Minutes

Adjournment.

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In order for your county to cast its votes in the National Association of Counties annual election of officers you must complete the credentials form, signed by your Commission Chair, by June 29th. Please find additional information attached.
MEMORANDUM

ELECTION OF NACo OFFICERS AND VOTING ON POLICY

To: County Board Chairpersons, Parish Presidents, Borough Mayors, County Judges, Elected County Executives and County Clerks
From: Roy Charles Brooks, NACo President
Date: May 18, 2018
Subject: Voting Credentials – 2018 Annual Conference

NACo is preparing for the 83rd Annual Conference to be held July 13-16, 2018, in Nashville-Davidson County, Tenn. It is important that your county participates in the association’s annual election of officers and policy adoption. **In order to participate, a county must have paid its membership dues and have one paid registrant for the conference, according to NACo bylaws.**

Please read the enclosed information carefully. Indicate on the credentials form the name of the county voting delegate and alternate authorized to pick up your county’s voting materials.

A checklist is enclosed to assist you in filling out the voting credentials form. Additionally, **the chief elected official of your county must sign the form.** A chief elected official may include the following:

- board chair/president
- mayor
- county judge
- elected county executive

*Please fill out this form in advance and mail, fax or scan and e-mail the enclosed form by **FRIDAY, JUNE 29.**

If no one from your county is planning to register for the conference, you do not have to turn in the credentials form.

Alex Koroknay-Palicz - Fax (866) 370-9421

Credentials Committee
Attn: Alex Koroknay-Palicz
National Association of Counties
660 North Capitol St, NW, Suite 400
Washington, DC 20001

AKPalicz@naco.org

Membership Coordinator, Alex Koroknay-Palicz, can be reached at 888.407.NACo (6226) x291, his direct line at 202.942.4291 or akpalicz@naco.org. We look forward to seeing you in Nashville-Davidson County!
2018 Credentials Process Frequently Asked Questions

On what issues or for which candidates do counties/parishes/boroughs vote?
Counties vote on resolutions that set NACo legislative and association policy for the coming year. Delegates also elect NACo officers for the coming year. The position of second vice president is usually the one position that is contested.

How can my county vote?
A county must be a NACo member “in good standing” in order to vote. This means your county’s dues for 2018 must be paid before the voting occurs. Also, the county must have at least one paid registration for the annual conference and have proper credentials.

What are credentials?
Credentials attest to a county’s eligibility to vote. Credentials contain information on the number of votes a county is eligible to cast, as well as the identity of the delegate that is authorized to cast the county’s vote.

How is the credentials form distributed?
The form is mailed to the clerk and chief elected official of member counties so that the county can provide the name of the voting delegate to NACo. Conference registrants will receive an e-mail with a link to the credentials form as well. Only counties that have paid their 2018 NACo dues will receive a credentials form. This form is mailed in May. Please return this form by Friday, June 29, 2018.

Why did I receive a credentials form?
You are receiving this form because you are the chief elected official at your county, your county’s clerk, or you registered for the 2018 NACo Annual Conference. If you wish to vote, please bring the credentials form to your chief elected official to fill out and return to us. Please see this packet for more instructions on the form.

My county has misplaced the credentials form. What should I do?
The credentials form will be available in the Elections and Voting Credentials section of the NACo website (www.naco.org/credentials) shortly after it is mailed. After you download, print, and fill out the form correctly, you can return it to NACo. Please call Alex Koroknay-Palicz at 888.407.NACo (6226) x291 if you need assistance.

If my county is not registering for the Annual Conference, does my county have to send in the credentials form?
No. Only counties who register are able to vote. Please do not return the credentials form to the NACo office if your county does not plan to register for the Annual Conference.

What is a voting delegate?
A voting delegate is someone authorized by your county/parish/borough board to pick up a ballot and cast your county’s votes at the annual conference. The delegate must have a paid registration to the conference.

Who may be a voting delegate?
Any elected or appointed official or staff member from your county/parish/borough may be a voting delegate. That decision is up to your county board.

What is an alternate?
An alternate is another elected or appointed official or staff member from the county delegated by the county to pick up and cast its ballot. The alternate must have a paid registration to the conference.

- The delegate OR alternate listed on the credentials form may pick up your county’s ballot.
My county has only one person attending the conference. Does my county have to designate an alternate?
No. It is not necessary to list an alternate if a delegate is named.

Whose ballots may the state associations of counties/parishes/boroughs receive?
Your state association of counties/parishes/boroughs is allowed to pick up any unclaimed ballots from counties/parishes/boroughs that have registered delegates. The pick-up time for state associations is Sunday afternoon (2 to 5 pm) during the conference. The state association may then cast those ballots in the election.

My county does not want our state association to pick up our votes. How does my county go about indicating this decision?
You must check the box that says “If my ballot is not picked up, I DO NOT AUTHORIZE my state association to pick up or cast my county’s vote. I understand that my county’s votes will NOT be cast if I select this option.”
- Remember that your county’s votes will not be cast at all with this option if your delegate does not pick up the ballot.

If I do not get my credentials form into the NACo office by June 29, may I become credentialed on site at the conference?
Yes. You may bring the original credentials form signed by your chief elected official or fill out the on-site ballot form. By signing the on-site ballot form you declare that you and the other conference attendees from your county have agreed that you are the voting delegate for your county. You must be registered for the conference to be able to vote.

What would happen if more than one registered attendee from my county fills out the on-site ballot form?
If there is uncertainty as to who the authorized delegate is, and more than one person claims to be your county’s authorized delegate, officials from your county will need to resolve the dispute by 1 p.m. CDT on Sunday July 15, 2018. Unless the dispute is resolved, your county’s votes will not be counted. To resolve the dispute, all registrants who filled out the on-site ballot form need to agree as to who is authorized to cast their county’s votes and communicate that to Alex Koroknay-Palicz at the credentials desk by 1 p.m. CDT on July 15.

How do I get my ballot?
When you submit your credentials form NACo staff prints out a paper ballot to bring to the NACo Annual Business Meeting. In order to vote you will need to pick up this paper ballot at the NACo Credentials Desk. Your county has until 1 p.m. on Sunday July 15 to come to the Credentials Desk and pick up your ballot. If you do not pick it up by 1 p.m. your state association can then pick up your vote until 5 p.m. unless you check the box on the form to not permit them. If you check that box and do not pick up your own ballot your county WILL NOT be permitted to vote.

What would happen if I’ve picked up my ballot, but I need to leave before the election on Monday?
If you have picked up the ballot for your county but won’t be present to cast it at the NACo Annual Business Meeting on Monday morning, you can give that ballot to a delegate from your same county, from another active member in your state, the head of your state delegation, or your state association president or president’s designee. To do this, you (transferer) and the person you are handing the ballot to (transferee) must sign the Record of Ballot Transfer form on the back of your ballot.

My county won’t be attending this year’s Annual Conference, can we still vote?
Yes. Your county can still have its votes counted without attending the conference, but one person from your county still needs to register. You must have at least one person registered by 12 PM CDT on July 10. If you register, do not plan to attend and wish to vote, you MUST designate your state association president as your delegate on the Credentials Form. Your state association president or his/her designee will pick up and cast your ballot.
How does NACo determine the number of votes each county receives?
The number of votes is determined by the amount of dues a county pays. Dues are based on population. All counties are entitled to at least one vote. Members with more than $1,199 in dues are entitled to one additional vote for each additional $1,200 in dues or fraction thereof paid in the year the meeting is held.

- Counties with dues of $450 to $1,199 receive one vote.
- Counties with dues of $1,200 to $2,399 receive two votes, and so on.
- The maximum number of votes a county can receive is 51.

My county has 10 votes. How can our 25 commissioners divide or share the votes?
That is up to your county. NACo has no rule as to how counties decide to allocate their votes. Counties may split their vote amongst the candidates running for second vice president if it is desired.

I’ve heard the term “unit vote” used. What is that?
Some states, by custom or policy, cast all of their votes as a block or “unit.” State associations typically have a meeting before the election to determine how they will handle the voting process.

- Check with your state association regarding the time, date and location of this meeting.
- NACo bylaws permit each county to cast its vote as it chooses. Your county does not have to vote with your state association should you so choose.

When does the voting take place?
This year’s election will be held on Monday, July 16, 2018 at 9:30 a.m. at the NACo Annual Business Meeting.

How does the voting occur?
Votes are cast by state, not by state association. Counties from a state sit together as a delegation. The reading clerk will call out states at random. A state appointed representative will approach the microphone and call out that state’s vote. This will continue until one of the candidates has a majority of the total number of votes being cast. Voting may still continue after a majority has been reached.

What is a roll call?
Roll call is a way of voting for NACo resolutions to be passed. If a roll call is necessary, the names of the states will be read out in alphabetical order by the reading clerk. A state appointed representative will approach the microphone and call out that state’s vote as “yes” or “no.” This will continue until all votes have been cast.

What happens if there is a dispute over the election process?
It is rare, but sometimes irregularities occur with how votes are cast or counted, or how the credentialing process is conducted. As a safeguard elections may be challenged during the voting process at the NACo Annual Business Meeting. Challenges are allowed under two circumstances. A voting delegate may challenge the vote for his/her state, and his/her state only. A candidate running to become a NACo officer may challenge the vote of any state. If a challenge is made, the NACo Credentials Committee may audit the ballots of a state delegation to ensure that the number of votes the state is casting matches the number of ballots the state has. The committee may also audit the ballot transfer records on the back of each ballot and the State Voting Totals Form, which is a form states fill out showing the number of votes cast for each candidate.
Please complete and RETURN FORM BY JUNE 29, 2018 to:

Credentials Committee / NACo
Attn: Alex Koroknay-Palicz
660 North Capitol St, NW,
Suite 400
Washington, DC 20001

You may also fax this form to: 866.370.9421 ... or scan and e-mail this form to: akpalicz@naco.org ... or have the voting delegate(s) carry it with him/her to the NACo conference and present it at the Credentials Desk.

If you do not plan on registering for the 2018 Annual Conference, there is no need to fill out and return this form. Your county/parish/borough MUST have at least one paid conference registration to be able to vote.

By signing this form you are declaring that you and the other conference attendees from your county have agreed that you are the voting delegate for your county.

If your ballot is not picked up at the 2018 Annual Conference the President of your State Association will pick up and cast your county’s votes unless you check the box below.

☐ If my ballot is not picked up, I DO NOT AUTHORIZE my state association to pick up or cast my county’s vote. I understand that my county’s votes will NOT be cast if I select this option.

By signing this form you are declaring that you and the other conference attendees from your county have agreed that you are the voting delegate for your county.

If your ballot is not picked up at the 2018 Annual Conference the President of your State Association will pick up and cast your county’s votes unless you check the box below.

☐ If my ballot is not picked up, I DO NOT AUTHORIZE my state association to pick up or cast my county’s vote. I understand that my county’s votes will NOT be cast if I select this option.

Please note: This form must be signed by the CHIEF ELECTED OFFICIAL from your county. Submissions without an appropriate signature will not be accepted.

Signature of Chief Elected Official
(Board President / Chair / elected County Executive / Judge / Mayor)

Date

Cell Number

Print Name

Title


Credentials Checklist

Please use the following checklist before returning the credentials form.

**YES**  **NO**  Has my county/parish/borough paid its 2018 NACo dues?

*If no, please contact NACo’s Membership department at 888.407.NACo (6226). 2018 dues must be paid before votes may be cast.*

**YES**  **NO**  Has my county/parish/borough registered or at least one person from my county/parish/borough paid the registration fee to attend the annual conference?

*If no, STOP. The county must have at least one paid conference registrant to cast a ballot, according to NACo’s bylaws. If no one from your county is registered for the conference, your county may not vote in the election. If your county does not plan on registering for the conference, you do not need to turn this credentials form back in to the NACo office.*

**If you have answered “YES” to both of the above questions, please continue.**

**YES**  **NO**  Has my county designated a voting delegate and alternate, if applicable?

*Only ONE alternate may be designated per county. If more than one alternate is designated per form, only the first will be counted as the credentialed voting alternate.*

**YES**  **NO**  Has the chief elected official of my county/parish/borough (board chair, mayor, parish president, elected county executive, etc.) signed the credentials form?

*If you have answered yes to all questions, please either fax, mail or scan and e-mail the credentials form by Friday, June 29, 2018 to:*

Alex Koroknay-Palicz
Fax # (866) 370-9421

Or:

Credentials Committee
Attn: Alex Koroknay-Palicz
National Association of Counties
660 North Capitol St., NW, Suite 400
Washington, DC 20001

Or:

AKPalicz@naco.org

If you have questions call or e-mail Alex Koroknay-Palicz at 888.407.NACo (6226) or his direct line: (202) 942-4291. E-mail: akpalicz@naco.org
The following links and/or pages are support for agenda Item 5
NEVADA ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES (NACO)
Board of Directors’ Meeting
May 18th, 2018, 9:30 a.m.
NACO Office
304 S. Minnesota Street
Carson City, NV 89703

UNADOPTED MINUTES

Attendance: President Weekly, President Elect Waits, Vice President French, Elko County Commissioner Dahl, Douglas County Commissioner Thaler, Lincoln County Commissioner Higbee, Esmeralda County Commissioner Bates, Elko County Commissioner Steninger, Storey County Commissioner McGuffey, Lyon County Commissioner Hunewill, Washoe County Commissioner Hartung, Churchill County Commissioner Olsen, Carson City Mayor Crowell, NACO Fiscal Officer Kalt & NACO Staff (Dagny Stapleton, Vinson Guthreau, Tori Sundheim & Amanda Evans)

Remote Attendance: Pershing County Commissioner Shank & Nancy Parent, Nevada of Clerks and Election Officials

Other Attendance: Murph Glover, NDOT; Steven Meglio & Marshall Smith, POOL/PACT; Dane Windsor, NACo & Dean Bill Payne, UNR

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m.

1. Public Comment. Commissioner Olsen addressed the Board regarding the sale of UNR Agricultural Experiment Station property and shared a resolution encouraging the Board of Regents to ensure that the proceeds of any land sale be placed in a trust fund to benefit the College of Agriculture, Biotechnology and Natural Resources per the policy set forth in their existing resolution.

2. Approval of Agenda. The agenda was approved on a motion by Commissioner Dahl with second by Commissioner Thaler.

3. NACO President’s Report. President Weekly thanked the Board for making the trip to Clark County the previous month, and recognized President Elect Waits’ birthday.

4. NACO Executive Director’s Report. Dagny announced that the TIGER program had been replaced by the BUILD program for federal transportation grants and the application deadline is July 18. She informed the Board that the bids received for replacing the video conference system are not currently within the Association budget, but work had been completed with the system support staff and some of the issues previously experienced have been rectified. Commissioner Hartung inquired as to the potential for refurbished equipment and Amanda informed the Board that she hadn’t previously looked into that option but was willing to do so. She did add that she would be cautious regarding obtaining support on refurbished or used equipment. President Weekly noted that video conferencing is a powerful tool and discussed the potential for possibly obtaining some type of grant funding to assist in replacing the components of the system that are no longer able to be serviced. Dagny addressed questions from previous meetings regarding the usage of the distribution of marijuana funds to the counties and reminded the Board that the funds can be placed in the general fund, however it is advised that counties use the funds for items clearly connected to impacts from legalization of marijuana such as law enforcement, human services, code enforcement, etc. She noted that PILT will be addressed in item 11. Commissioner Steninger inquired whether any Commissioners had heard about a possible bill to remove the guaranteed funding from counties that had zoned out marijuana establishments. None of the members had heard of such a bill. Dagny concluded her remarks by addressing Tori’s departure and recognizing the many things Tori accomplished over the course of her employment with NACO. Dagny also outlined the recruitment process for filling Tori’s position.
5. **Approval of Minutes of the April 20, 2018 NACO Board of Directors Meeting.** The minutes were approved on a motion by Mayor Crowell with second by Commissioner McGuffey. President Elect Waits requested that the location of the Board meeting be included in the minutes going forward.

6. **Approval of NACO’s March 2018 Financial Statements and March 29, 2018 Investment Reports.** Dagny informed the Board that the Association’s Fiscal Officer, Alan Kalt, was in attendance to help answer any questions and that she is working with him on a new format for the statements that will be instituted in the next quarter. The financial statements and investment reports were approved on a motion by Commissioner Hartung with second by WIR member Dahl.

7. **Presentation and Discussion Regarding Security and Public Access in County Buildings, Marshall Smith POOL/PACT.** Mr. Smith informed the Board that he is the Risk Manager for POOL/PACT and began his presentation discussing “1st Amendment audits”. In general, a 1st Amendment audit is a test of whether protected activity is properly tolerated by governmental entities and employees, for example, a member of the public videotaping in a public building. Documents outlining details of the audits were distributed to the Board and Mr. Smith noted that the location of where an audit is being attempted matters. In general, 1st Amendment audits can only be conducted in locations identified as public, streets, sidewalks, meeting rooms, social media etc. They cannot be attempted or conducted in areas where public access is denied. Commissioner Hartung inquired about safety concerns, specifically a person attempting to survey a location for nefarious purposes. Mr. Smith noted that it is a very grey area and that Homeland Security is developing guidelines that will allow for removal of a person given certain circumstances and that regardless of a person’s right to be in the location they do not have the right to interfere with legitimate business activity. Vice President French inquired as to the issue of a person photographing a private residence from a public location. Mr. Smith informed the Commissioner that the best course of action is to contact law enforcement to determine the legalities of the current situation. President Elect Waits inquired as to employees feeling threatened by a person’s actions. Mr. Smith noted that counties are able to restrict public access to locations within public buildings. Steven Meglio addressed physical security. He noted that it is important for counties to develop a security plan. He addressed single point entry locations, landscape design to funnel public access to an entry location and the use of CCT systems. President Elect Waits inquired about weapon restrictions and Mr. Smith recommended directing questions regarding exemptions to restrictions to the District Attorney. The discussion also addressed metal detector usage and the employment of security officers.

8. **Presentation and Discussion Regarding the U.S. Communities Program and County Purchasing Efficiencies, Dane Windsor, National Association of Counties (NACo).** Mr. Windsor gave the Board an overview of the program’s goal to encourage the responsible use of public funds. He noted that the program is a purchasing cooperative and that it allows smaller entities to leverage the discounts of larger entities’ contracts for goods and services. The Cooperative adopts the contracts of large governmental entities after they have gone through the public bidding process thereby allowing smaller entities to purchase goods and services directly under previously vetted contracts without having to go through a lengthy and labor intensive bidding process. He informed the Board that there is no cost to participate in the program and that average savings are typically 10-20% and can go up to 40%. Each agency is able to determine their own terms when purchasing. He also informed the Board that NACO, as a sponsor of the program, does receive non-dues revenue based on quarterly usage of the program. Mr. Windsor then gave a brief overview of the program’s website and national usage of the program which is roughly 2/3 of the counties in the country. Mr. Windsor concluded his remarks by informing the Board that he is willing to work with the Association to conduct trainings for county purchasing personnel on the program, and that there is an easy, streamlined online process through which purchasing can be conducted.

9. **Update on Interim Legislative Committees and Studies and Preliminary Discussion on NACO Legislative Priorities for the 2019 Legislative Session.** Dagny informed the Board that the Right to Counsel Commission has held three meetings to discuss indigent defense reform. She reminded the Board that counties have six representatives on the Commission and that at the last meeting several counties gave presentations to the Commission. The next steps for the Commission include the acceptance of a report on rural county public defense systems by the 6th Amendment Center and the development of a recommendation to the Legislature. She discussed the Interim Public Lands Board's new format for the statements.
Committee and informed the Board that the focus of the committee is currently on how public lands impact communities and economic development and that Commissioners Wichman and Tipton were presenting to the Committee that day. Vinson discussed the Committee on Affordable Housing, chaired by Senator Ratti and informed the Board that the Committee’s goal is to identify potential solutions to funding and providing additional affordable housing units. Potential solutions being discussed are enabling local governments to lower fees associated with building affordable housing units. Commissioner Thaler asked about a definition of affordable and Vinson said that the Committee is looking at that definition and will most likely propose changes to comport with federal definitions. President Weekly noted the importance of the issue and varied populations it affects and how the needs vary by those populations. Commissioner McGuffey inquired about funding and Vinson said that the current discussed solutions that may affect counties are only enabling legislation. The Board also discussed issues with market driven price increases and the potential to work with employers and the banking industry to help find solutions as well. Dagny discussed the Energy Choice Initiative that would change the Nevada Constitution to deregulate energy and if it passes in November the Legislature will be required to develop the regulations and deregulation process. The Board directed staff to bring a presentation on the issue to a future meeting, to determine if they will take an official position. Vince informed the Board that July 1 is the date that Legislative BDR summaries will be released and that NACO’s BDR’s are due September 1st. Vince also let the Board know that the Legislative Committee is working on recommendations to bring to them. Staff will continue to watch all legislative items closely and bring anything of concern to the Board.

10. Discussion and Approval of an Update to NACO’s Natural Resources and Public Lands Action Plan. Tori referenced the draft distributed to the Board. She also reviewed the items from the previous plan that had been completed. Items on the Plan include ongoing efforts regarding wild horses & burro’s, full funding for PILT, wildfire - including efforts to stop fire borrowing - and issues with invasive species and weed management. The Public Lands and Natural Resources Committee approved the Plan when they met the previous day. The Plan was adopted by the Board on a motion by Commissioner Dahl with second by Commissioner McGuffey.

11. Update and Possible Action Regarding Public Lands and Natural Resources Issues Affecting Counties Including:

   a. **NACO Public Lands and Natural Resources Committee Update.** Vice President French noted the upcoming workshop by the Emeritus Committee on Public Lands and Natural Resources plans and the importance to ensure they have consistency with BLM travel management plans and expressed concern with recognized and closeable roads. He also stressed the need for the plans to be consistent with county master plans and ensure they are relevant. Having some consistency within the format of the plan was also noted as being important to ensure that the agencies could develop some comfort with their reviews. Commissioner Olsen reminded the Board that Commissioner Wichman had all the roads in Nye County catalogued and that Churchill County is doing the same to combat issues with agency travel management plans.

   b. **Update on the Greater Sage Grouse Resource Management Plan Amendments.** Tori informed the Board that the DEIS was released to the public and that comments are due August 2nd. She informed the Board that staff is working with all the Association’s partners to have a plan in place. She noted that Jeremy Drew from RCI is at the Sagebrush Ecosystem Council to share the county objectives with the State. She also informed the Board that information was provided to the BLM to help them understand the needs of the counties including the need for exceptions for services and ground truthing. Dagny informed the Board that a meeting will be held in mid-July amongst counties to finalize strategy and county inputs.

   c. **Discussion of Substitution of New Counsel to Represent NACO as Defendant-Intervenor on behalf of the Service in Lawsuit against the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Seeking to Vacate their Decision not to List the Bi-State Sage Grouse as an Endangered Species.** This item was heard in closed session. Following the closed session the Board discussed the substitution of counsel required by Tori’s departure. Mayor Crowell informed the Board that Carson City was willing to have a member of their District Attorney’s office act
as counsel for the next steps in the suit. The Board approved the substitution on a motion by Commissioner Dahl with second by Vice President French.

12. **NACO Committee of the Emeritus Update.** Vinson informed the Board that the Committee is working on the County Natural Resources and Public Lands Plan Workshop to be held on July 20th and the new commissioner training which will be held at the NACO Annual Conference in November.

13. **National Association of Counties and Western Interstate Region Board Member Updates.** Commissioner Dahl and Vice President French informed the Board that the WIR meeting was the following week in Idaho and items to be discussed include PILT and possible change in the disbursement formula, specifically in the population cap. Vice President French also informed the Board that a county in Utah had filed suit due to the removal of the automatic reauthorization language for PILT in the omnibus. It was also noted that WIR is recruiting for leadership positions on the Board.

14. **NACO Board Member Updates.** Updates were given by members of the Board highlighting various activities within their counties.

15. **Public Comment.** None was given.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:59 p.m.
The following links and/or pages are support for agenda Item 8

http://www.livingwithfire.info/it-takes-a-community
The Nevada State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) is making changes to a program that may be of interest to counties. SHPO is seeking input from local government officials and related organizations concerning some revisions they are making to the Certified Local Government (CLG) program. Proposed revisions to this program are being made in an effort to make it accessible to more of Nevada's counties and cities. The public comment period runs through June 29th. The proposed new materials are online at [http://shpo.nv.gov/clg](http://shpo.nv.gov/clg).

If you're not familiar with the CLG program, it is a partnership program between a local government, SHPO, and the National Park Service for local governments that demonstrate a commitment to historic preservation. Within the proposed revisions, SHPO is hoping to redefine that commitment as the establishment of a citizen commission for historic preservation, and the passing of an ordinance that, at minimum, acknowledges the importance of preserving historic places to a community's long-term identity and economic development.

Chief among the benefits of becoming a CLG is access to special grants from our SHPO. Those grants can fund a great number of projects, including county-wide preservation plans, surveys of historic places within a county, and education programs to help owners of historic property learn current best practices. SHPO also provides training, education, and other support to CLGs as funding and travel allows.
Summary: Sage-Grouse Bulletin #5 provides an update on the development of plan amendments in advance of a June 21, 2018 NOI. It also includes information on planning timelines and the decision framework.

Potential Plan Amendments – Development of Proposed Action
On May 22 and 23, 2018 the Forest Service’s core Interdisciplinary Team and technical specialists met to develop proposed changes to Greater Sage-Grouse (GRSG) plan amendments in response to comments received as a result of the 2017 Notice of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (NOI), internal scoping, and through coordination with the Sage Grouse Task Force. The purpose of proposed changes are to improve the clarity, efficiency, and implementation of greater sage-grouse plans, including better alignment with Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and state plans, in order to benefit greater sage-grouse conservation on the landscape scale.

There are several categories of proposed changes, which vary by state, and include:
- Streamlining plans in accordance with BLM plans and Forest Service (FS) policy
- Eliminating subset of priority habitat management areas (PHMA) known as sagebrush focal areas
- Editing to correct minor clerical errors, for clarity, and to reduce redundancy
- Creating clarifying stipulations for when habitat disturbing activities are allowed
- Clarifying the current process of making the exceptions for minerals development
- Modifying mapped habitat management areas, and clarifying their purpose and use
- Modifying livestock management guidelines by replacing specific grass-height requirements with standardized use of the habitat assessment framework
- Stressing treatment of invasive plants in PHMAs
- Modifying the adaptive management framework to align the FS framework with BLM and state-based adaptive management systems
- Focusing protections for greater sage-grouse in order to better incentivize habitat disturbance to areas outside of PHMAs
- Modifying the compensatory mitigation framework, including the use of no net loss or net conservation gain elements, in order to promote landscape-scale effectiveness by aligning the FS framework with BLM and state-based compensatory mitigation systems

Cooperating agency meetings. Preliminary meetings are ongoing in several states to provide an opportunity to discuss specific proposed actions and to make adjustments prior to the release of the NOI. There will be additional opportunities to provide input on proposed plan changes for cooperating agencies, the public, and other partners during the NOI and draft EIS comment periods.

Plan Amendments –NEPA Timelines
The Forest Service plans to complete one multi-region EIS. At this time, it is likely that the Records of Decision will occur on a state by state basis. The timeline to complete the proposed GRSG plan amendments includes the publication of a NOI on or about June 21 (30 day comment period), a draft EIS for public comment in late August (90 day comment period), a final EIS and draft RODS in January, 2019 (60 day objection period), and then signing of the RODs approving the plan amendments as early as the end of March 2019 to mid-June 2019 at the latest, depending on the complexity of objections received.

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