

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

AGENDA

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Call to Order, Roll Call, Pledge of Allegiance

1. Public Comment. Please Limit Comments to 3 Minutes
2. Approval of Agenda. **For Possible Action**
3. Approval of the Minutes of the November 19, 2014 NACO Membership Meeting. **For Possible Action**
4. President's Report
5. Executive Director's Report
6. Election of NACO Officers for 2016. **For Possible Action.**
7. Public Comment. Please Limit Comments to 3 Minutes

Adjourn

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NEVADA ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES (NACO)

Annual Business Meeting
November 19, 2014 at 8:00 a.m.
Bristlecone Convention Center
150, 6th St.
Ely, NV 89301

UNADOPTED MINUTES

Attendance (NACO Staff Jeff Fontaine and Dagny Stapleton): President Pat Irwin, President Elect Lorinda Wichman, Vice President Vida Keller, Clark County Commissioner Tom Collins, Churchill County Commissioner Pete Olsen, Douglas County Commissioner Doug Johnson, Elko County Commissioner Demar Dahl, Eureka County Commissioner Jim Ithurrealde, Humboldt County Commissioner Jim French, Lander County Commissioner Patsy Waits, Lincoln County commissioner Ed Higbee, Mineral County Commissioner Jerry Tipton, Nye County Commissioner Dan Schinhofen, Storey County Commissioner Bill Sjovangen, Fiscal Officer Mike Rebaleati.

A quorum was present.

Other Attendees: Bob Roshak-Sheriff's & Chief's Association, Al Kramer-Nevada Treasurer's Association, Larry Burtness-County Fiscal Officers Association and Katrinka Russell, Nevada Assessors Association

President Irwin gave special recognition and appreciation to Vice President Keller, Commissioner Weber, Commissioner Sjovangen, Commissioner Humke, Commissioner Ithurrealde and Mr. Rebaleati who were attending their last Association meeting.

- 1. Public Comment.** No comment was given.
- 2. Approval of Agenda.** The agenda was approved on a motion from Commissioner Johnson with second by Commissioner Tipton.
- 3. Approval of the Minutes of the September 11, 2013 NACO Membership Meeting.** The minutes were approved on a motion by Commissioner Ithurrealde and second by Commissioner Tipton.
- 4. President's Report.** President Irwin read a letter from Senator Harry Reid in support of the Conference as well as outlining accomplishments NACO has made over the years. President Irwin gave thanks to Joni Eastley for her hard work on the commissioner training and the development of the materials associated.
- 5. Executive Director's Report.** Jeff thanked the Officers and Board members for a productive year and all their work and support. He acknowledged Dagny and her work and results.
- 6. Election of NACO Officers for 2015.** Vice President Keller led the discussion on the nominations and announced Commissioner Laurie Carson as the nominee to succeed her as Vice President. No nominations were given from the floor and Commissioner Waits moved to close the nominations with a second by Commissioner Dahl. Commissioner Carson was unanimously elected to office on a nomination by Commissioner Tipton and second by Commissioner Higbee.
- 7. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding a Local Government Summit with the Nevada League of Cities and Municipalities on January 23, 2015 in Henderson Nevada.** Jeff discussed the history and success of a prior event. He also discussed the issues identified that affect the counties as well as cities and municipalities and the agreement to develop joint statements to the benefit of both. The event will be held in the Henderson Convention Center and will conclude in time to avoid Friday traffic hassles and will focus on unity on local government issues going into the 2015 Legislative Session. Jeff asked that if any counties have specific issues they would like to see on the agenda to please contact him as soon as possible. President Irwin encouraged as many people to attend as possible and stressed the importance of the upcoming legislative session.
- 8. Public Comment.** None was given

Adjourn

NEVADA ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES (NACO)
Board of Director's Meeting
September 30, 2015
Immediately upon adjournment of the NACO Membership Meeting,
but no earlier than 8:15 a.m.
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Call to Order and Roll Call

1. Public Comment. Please Limit Comments to 3 Minutes
2. Approval of Agenda. **For Possible Action.**
3. Approval of Minutes of the August 28, 2015 NACO Board of Directors Meeting. **For Possible Action.**
3. Approval to Retain an At-Large Member from Clark County on NACO's Executive Committee. **For Possible Action.**
4. Approval of the 2015 NACO Honor Roll, NACO 2015 Participatory Democracy Award and NACO Legislator of the Year Award. **For Possible Action.**
5. Approval of NACO Resolution 15- 02 Honoring Carole Vilardo, President Nevada Taxpayers Association. **For Possible Action.**
6. Update and Possible Action regarding a Proposal to Consolidate the University of Nevada, Reno College of Agriculture, Biotechnology and Natural Resources (CABNR), Cooperative Extension, and the Nevada Agriculture Experiment Station (NAES). **For Possible Action.**
7. Update on Efforts by NACO, Individual Counties and Others to Seek an Immediate Injunction to Bar the Federal Agencies from Implementing the Northeastern California – Nevada Greater Sage-Grouse Land Use Plan Amendment (LUPA). **For Possible Action.**
8. Briefing and Discussion regarding the Governor's Drought Summit 2015 September 21-23 and September 28 Drought Forum Meeting.
9. County Updates.
10. Public Comment. Please Limit Comments to 3 Minutes

Adjourn

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Board of Directors' Meeting

August 28, 2015, 9:30 a.m.

NACO Office

304 S. Minnesota Street

Carson City, NV 89703

UNAPPROVED MINUTES

Attendance: (Staff Jeff Fontaine, Dagny Stapleton, Amanda Evans & Tori Sundheim), President Wichman, President Elect Carson, Vice President Phillips, Past President Irwin, Elko County Commissioner Dahl, Mineral County Commissioner Tipton, Esmeralda County Commissioner Bates, Carson City Mayor Crowell, Humboldt County Commissioner French, Lyon County Commissioner Hastings, Lander County Commissioner Waits, Eureka County Commissioner Goicoechea, Churchill County Commissioner Olson, Storey County Commissioner McGuffey, Tami Davis Nevada Treasurers Association.

Other Attendee's: Douglas County Commissioner Thaler, Lyon County Commissioner Alt, Carson City Assessor Dawley, Linda Bissett NV Energy

1. **Public Comment.** None was given.
2. **Approval of Agenda.** The agenda was approved on a motion by Commissioner Tipton with second by Commissioner French.
3. **NACO Executive Director's Report.** Jeff began his report by introducing Tori Sundheim, NACO's new Public Lands and Natural Resources Coordinator. He updated the Board on the status of planning for the Annual Conference in late September. He spoke to the sessions and speakers as well as the tours. Amanda noted that the room block was extended and that registrations were strong. Jeff also spoke to the Public Lands Summit being held on Tuesday the 29th with the Lieutenant Governor and the topics that will be discussed. Jeff also mentioned that the BLM is soliciting interest for positions on the Wild Horse and Burro Committee in several key professions and that should anyone be interested in serving on the committee to contact Jeff. His report concluded with SLUPAC's desire to hold their October meeting in the conference room and join the Board for Lunch.
4. **Approval of Minutes of the June 26, 2015 NACO Board of Directors Meeting.** The minutes were approved on a motion by Commissioner Tipton with second by President Elect Carson.
5. **Acceptance of NACO's Financial Audit for the Year Ending December 31, 2014.** The audit was approved on a motion by Commissioner Tipton with second by President Elect Carson.
6. **Presentation on the Nevada Veteran's Memorial.** The presentation was given by Kristopher Dahir and Sparks City Councilwoman Charlene Bybee. Their presentation outlined the plans for the proposed memorial in Sparks to honor the 838 fallen soldiers from Nevada, and the upcoming fundraising dinner for the memorial.
7. **Update on the Implementation of AB163 Enacted in the 2015 Legislative Session which Provides for the Creation of Rangeland Fire Protection Associations.** State Forester, Bob Roper updated the Board on his background and the fact that he began his tenure in February. He spoke to the history of the need to create the associations in rural areas and that Federal agencies would not allow the associations to work on federal lands. The permanent regulations on the bill signed by the Governor during the 2015 Session would be approved the following Friday. He noted that the regulations included the requirement for training and the personal protection equipment and some other equipment would be provided. Mr. Roper told the Board that Tom Turk from Elko County is his Project Coordinator and would be available to come to the counties to discuss the formation of RFPAs and assist in developing wildfire prevention plans. He

explained that if an association wanted to form in a county that doesn't have a 474 district that covers the county they would request permission from the commission and that if there is a 474 district permission would be obtained from them. For counties without 474 districts the commission could administer the regulations or could ask NDF to administer the regulations.. Commissioner Dahl inquired as to the ability of an association to fight a fire on federal land. Mr. Roper stated that a formed RFPA can perform suppression efforts on federal lands. Commissioner French asked if red card certifications are required and they are but only to the designation of Wild Land Fire Fighter 2, it will be up to the county or the individual associations to require pack tests. He also inquired as to the support of the Federal agencies and Mr. Roper stated that both the BLM and the Forest Service are supporting the legislation at the direction of the Secretary of the Department of the Interior due to the situation with the Sage Grouse. Commissioner Goicoechea asked if an association was formed by a county and wanted the NDF to administer the regulations if they would require pack tests and the answer is no.

8. **Briefing and Possible Action on AB191 Enacted in the 2015 Legislative Session which Authorizes a County to Place on the Ballot at the General Election on November 8, 2016 a Question which Asks the Voters in the County whether to Authorize the Board of County Commissioners to Impose, for the Period beginning on January 1, 2017, Annual Increases to Taxes on Certain Motor Vehicle Fuels.** Sandra Rosenberg of NDOT outlined the purpose of their attendance is to start a conversation on the bill and its implementation. She noted that the bill is a fuel indexing bill to allow for all portions of the fuel tax. She noted all revenue generated within the county would stay within the county, including the state portion which would be earmarked for highway projects within the counties. They are still working on language and revenue projection estimates and are starting to look at their requests from the counties and if the measure passes within the counties which projects they would prioritize. She noted NDOT wants to work with the counties and assist where possible. Commissioner French inquired as to how funding disparity works, if there are more funds in other counties than others how will NDOT address multi county road maintenance. Carson City Transportation Manager, Patrick Pittenger noted that Washoe and Clark Counties were excluded from the bill and that it is currently "everyman for themselves" and it was noted by NDOT that each county would determine what the funds were used for. President Wichman inquired as to the need for every county to write their own question and it was noted that there should be coordination within the counties and the Secretary of State's office for language consistency. Commissioner Dahl inquired as to how that works for counties that haven't reached their gas tax cap. Jeff stated that the indexing percent would be based on the maximum allowed. Mr. Pittenger noted that this is the only hope on the horizon for increased funding for local road maintenance. White Pine County inquired what would happen to the 1/3rd of the funds going to the state. NDOT noted that the new funds would be in addition to the funds already allocated to the counties. The calculations are still being done and what the funds can be used for is governed by the associated Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS). NDOT will come back monthly with updates on the implementation of the bill and how the research and calculations are being developed, as well as how the funds can be utilized.
9. **Update on the Interstate-11 and the Intermountain West Corridor.** Ms. Rosenberg also updated the Board on this item. The first phase the Boulder City Bi-pass is under construction and the proposed Drive Act, (federal surface transportation authorization bill) is working its way through congress. NDOT is starting to work on reports and studies on the 95 corridor and are continuing to watch the proposed Act to see if the designation is extended. Questions were raised as to where the route would go after its tie-in to Interstate 80, she noted that discussions have occurred but the focus is on the connection to I-80, effectively connecting all areas of the state.
10. **Update and Possible Action regarding a Proposal to Consolidate the University of Nevada, Reno College of Agriculture, Biotechnology and Natural Resources (CABNR), Cooperative Extension, and the Nevada Agriculture Experiment Station (NAES).** Kevin Carman, Executive Vice President and Provost of UNR was joined by Mark Walker, Interim Dean of Cooperative Extension and Bill Payne, Dean of the College of Agriculture, Biotechnology and Natural Resources (CABNR). Provost Carman gave a brief outline of the history of the proposal which was originally brought forth several years prior and was tabled after conversations with the NACO Board and the search for the Dean of CABNR. He outlined concerns voiced over the proposal in its current form and stated that the budget of Cooperative Extension had been

improved and that there had been several positions added. He also noted that the proposal is not an effort to acquire new students or absorb funds into the general college. He stated that the consolidation would result in a still fully funded extension program and that Dean Payne would be the dean of all three of the colleges and would have an Associate Dean. Provost Carman stated there were two main reasons he believes consolidation is the right way to go. The first being the ability to enhance synergisms between the university and the counties and the resources the counties need and the second being central administrative support. Dean Payne reiterated that the Acts associated with a land grant college and the evolution of the needs of the college. He noted that CABNR, Cooperative Extension and NAES are part of the legacy of a land grant university and are meant to work together to improve lives. He noted that after a year and a half his assessment was that they could improve working together. He stated that the proposal is to improve impact throughout the state in deliverables. He stated that he added 16 positions to fill gaps in subject matter to move services to stakeholders. He also noted the addition of nine additional positions to be added in the future to form clusters to focus on certain issues and integrate statewide projects. He also spoke to his desire to add expertise to CABNR in several areas including substance abuse, nutrition etc. Commissioner French expressed concerns with the gutting of the budget for Cooperative Extension disproportionately over other budgets and the fact that it 'speaks volumes' to the priorities of the University. He noted that he was alarmed at the FTE #'s vs. other land grant universities. Because of the fact that the majority of funding for Cooperative Extension is provided by the counties he questioned the merger being a mechanism to pull funding into other areas of the campus and that the monies paid by the counties are by law supposed to stay within the counties. He questioned the actuality of that when the Extension Educators are performing tasks in other areas. He specifically asked why the counties would be interested in the consolidation and how the consolidation would be beneficial. Dean Payne stated that he feels it will deliver more efficient impact through new technologies and sciences, his rational is mission driven on economic impact throughout the state. He stated that it is not a sinister plot to bring Extension Agents on campus or to funnel county funds to campus. Commissioner French noted that he hadn't seen an implementation plan and that it would have been of benefit if stakeholders had been invited to the table to discuss the nuances of the proposal and that through conversations with county Extension Agents, he was surprised that they hadn't been engaged at all. He further stated that the proposal came to be with no knowledge or discussion within the counties on the decision, with no guarantees on how it will play out. Dean Payne stated that his view was that it has been on the plate for some time and that he is now trying to instigate the process and they feel it is in the best interest of all parties involved but the details need to be worked out and that all the stakeholders will be involved. Provost Carman noted that nothing will change within the counties or leadership and that the intent is to bring more resources to the counties not remove them and that he doesn't feel there will be a difference in the day to day operations in the short term and that there would be more benefit in the long term. President Wichman noted that the only exposure to the proposal she has had has been via NACO and that was only twice. She said Nye County had a very vibrant extension & 4-H program and that when budget concerns came to light, the same amount of money has been provided each year that there has been a decimation of the programs in her county and that the value of what is being received is far less than what they are paying for. Interim Dean Walker spoke to budget problems and they don't have the capacity to support two educators in Nye County. Commissioner Goicoechea agreed with both President Wichman and Commissioner French, he stated that Eureka County currently has no educator that things need to change. Commissioner French agreed but wants to know what the plan is to maintain and restore county resources. He noted the current budget included increases in all areas but Cooperative Extension which was flat. He reiterated that shows Extension is not a priority within the University and that there does need to be a change that includes a commitment to the counties and Extension services. Commissioner Dahl noted that he has the exact same concerns as Commissioner French. President Elect Carson spoke to Provost Carmen's statement that this is "much ado about nothing" and that they should recognize the comments by the 17 county representatives.. Provost Carmen agreed there needs to be communication and that there needs to be more resources not only within the land grant programs but that there are additional resource needs within the university as a whole. He stated that there is not intent to pull resources from the counties, but to increase them. He stated that he knows there is not trust from the counties but that their intention is to help the counties. Commissioner French stated that the plan shows clearly in the 2016/17 budget their intention with the 50% funding provided by the

counties for Cooperative Extension. He also stated that their charge is to inform the stakeholders what they intend to do with those funds prior to implementation because counties will follow Nye's lead and defund the program for other budgetary concerns.

11. **Briefing regarding Proposed Changes to the State's Community Development Block Grant Advisory Board.** Peter Wallish from the Governor's Office of Economic Development (GOED) reviewed the changes which include removal of set-asides which they felt caused confusion, removal of caps, the return to only two applications per community and changes to the committee structure. Previously the committee structure was peer-to-peer and consisted of the grant writers who wrote the applications for funding. They looked at the CDBG programs of 11 western states and that their programs did not contain peer-to-peer review. They looked at the possibility of having the Governor appoint the committee and decided they would possibly not understand the concerns of the rural communities. The 2016 committee will be made up of the Executive Directors or their appointees of the economic development authorities. President Wichman asked why the changes were made. Mr. Wallish noted that the previous year's committee asked staff to look into national best standards and President Wichman stated that Nye County has been using the program successfully for years and there was no confusion. She also noted that since the change to GOED the representatives don't even know where the communities trying to take advantage of the program are. Mr. Wallish clarified that where the confusion seemed to lie was in the definitions of economic development vs. community development. President Elect Carson inquired as to the availability of funds for housing and Mr. Wallish assured the Board there are funds available through the Small Business Development Center. Mr. Wallish clarified that the advisory board would consist of 4 RDA Executive Directors and 4 Commissioners at the discretion of the Executive Directors and GOED Executive Director Steve Hill. Lyon County Manager Jeff Page spoke to the fact that the RDA's do not necessarily know the needs of all the communities under their jurisdiction and the communities do not always have faith in the placing of funds where they need to be. Mr. Page also spoke to the possible perception of special treatment for counties that pay more dues to the regional RDA. The Board requested that Mr. Wallish come back after the funds are allocated in March.

12. **Update and Possible Action regarding NACO's Efforts Seeking to Compel the U.S. Bureau of Land Management to Comply with the Provisions of the Wild Free-Roaming Horse and Burro Act.** Jeff informed the Board that Mark Pollot is working on his briefs for the appeal which are due in mid-September.

Note: The Board was briefed on Items #13 and #14 in an attorney-client closed session and took actions on both items when they reconvened in the open meeting.

13. **Update regarding the Complaint Filed by NACO and Others on December 4, 2014 Against the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service (USFWS) Seeking Declaratory and Injunctive Relief for Violations of the Endangered Species Act, the Administrative Procedure Act, and the United States Constitution for Entering into Private Settlement Agreements with Special Interest Litigants that Established Deadlines by which USFWS Must Make Listing Determinations for Certain Candidate Species, including the Greater Sage-Grouse (GSG) and Bi-State Distinct Population of the GSG.** Commissioner Goicoechea moved for NACO to have Attorney Laura Granier prepare and file a motion upon the issuance of the ROD with the caveat that she works with other surrounding states, specifically Utah and Idaho. Commissioner Tipton seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Commissioner French moved that the Board members go back to their respective commissions to determine the level of financial support for this action and report back to NACO. Commissioner Carson seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Commissioner Dahl moved that NACO commit up to (not to exceed) \$10,000. financial support for the item and the time of Tori, duties to be coordinated and approved by Jeff. Mayor Crowell seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Commissioner Tipton moved to support the withdrawal of the case against the US Fish and Wildlife Service without prejudice. The motion passed with a second by President Elect Carson.

14. **Update and Possible Action regarding the Bureau of Land Management and U.S. Forest Service Greater Sage-Grouse Land Use Plan Amendment Administrative Draft Final Environmental Impact Statement, including the BLM's August 6, 2015 Response to Nevada**

Governor Sandoval's Consistency Review. Debbie Struhsacker of the Nevada Mineral Resources Alliance updated the Board as to where the current process stands. She noted that the Governor had submitted a letter requesting a consistency review in conjunction with many other counties, specifically to how the BLM's plan was not consistent with the State's and several of the counties plans. BLM's response stated that they did not believe their plan was inconsistent and the next recourse is for the Governor to appeal to BLM Director Kornze. She noted that after that period expires the next step is litigation. A meeting was held with the Elko County Commission regarding the LUPA not being consistent in several areas including violations of rights as well as NEPA. Ms. Struhsacker noted that litigation is almost inevitable and would need to be brought as soon as possible once the ROD is signed and that quick action would be the best way to keep the suit in Nevada. She noted the Governor's opportunity to speak to the President about the Sage-Grouse and that it would be a miracle for the BLM to adopt the Nevada State Plan and for the bird not to be listed. Commissioner French inquired as to how many people would potentially join the suit and if the State would be participating. Ms. Struhsacker stated that they are in the process of determining interest of private parties who would be severely damaged by the plan and that it would be better to have one suit and that there would be an opportunity for others to join the suit for a period of time after the filing. She also noted that they are coordinating with other states and that some of them have issues with judges within their jurisdictions, but that those suits should not influence Nevada's decision because each state has its own land use plans. She spoke to the fact that Nevada's plan has some of the best facts, objectives, economic and environmental harms/impacts. She also noted that Nevada's plan includes lands that the Federal plan does not own. Commissioner Goicoechea spoke to the Defense Authorization Act if passed would give the State 5 years to implement the State's land use plan and 10 years before the bird could be listed. He also noted that if there are 2 ROD's that there needs to be a coalition of states so that the work being done does not harm neighboring states. He also noted that the Governor must appeal the State BLM's decision in order to solidify our position and prove the process had been followed. President Wichman was authorized to sign a letter to Governor Sandoval urging him to appeal the BLM's state decision on a motion by Commissioner Tipton with second by President Elect Carson. Letters to the Governor encouraging the appeal from the counties were encouraged. Ms. Struhsacker concluded the discussion with the fact that the best strategy would be to file in a district with precedent to get injunctive relief and that Nevada has the bulk of the habitat which is a strong argument for keeping the suit in the 9th circuit. She also noted that time is of the essence and that is imperative to have something prepared for filing once the ROD is signed.

15. **Discussion and Possible Action regarding the Designation of Nevada's Basin and Range as a National Monument.** Tori explained the working draft of the OpEd she developed regarding the monument, the creation of the monument through the Antiquities Act and outlined the information included in the document based on the research she completed. She requested the Board review the document and answer the questions she has as well as provide direction. Commissioner French noted that it is important to acknowledge that Presidents dating to Kennedy have taken advantage of the Act towards the end of their term and that is not challengeable. President Wichman noted that they had to go 700,000+ acres out to find a petroglyph to make the monument viable. Mayor Crowell inquired as to the purpose of the document and Jeff said he had asked Tori to create it in response to others that have been published some of which contain miss information, and have been written by people who don't reside in the affected counties. He wanted to set the record straight, educate the public and allow the counties to go on record with their concerns. Jeff also stated that the Board had previously passed a resolution asking for Nevada to be excluded from the Antiquities Act. President Wichman said she has been asked if it was done to block an access point to Yucca Mountain and she said the same people who have all along stated that Yucca Mountain be a consent based project are the same people who took advantage of the Antiquities Act without any consent or conversation. Vice President Phillips noted that his county is the most affected and what the costs would be associated with publication in all Nevada papers. Commissioner Goicoechea noted the 'sculpture' although started in 1972 it is not completed. He also asked how much more private property is included in the Monument and noted that the acreage needs to be included and how travel management will be affected. Dagny informed the Board that the partners working group for the Southern Nevada Public Lands management Act (SNPLMA) received an emergency request for funding to carry out planning and management of the Monument, she noted that the

request stated that no funding was provided and the BLM is scrambling for funds to manage the Monument. Mayor Crowell noted that if the document is to educate he is ok with it but if it is to poke at those that utilized the Act he is not comfortable. Jeff and Tori reiterated that the intent is to educate and inform and that language in portions can be toned down. Jeff also noted that it is important to point out the repercussions of the Monument on the affected counties and most importantly that the counties affected were not consulted or involved in the conversation. Vice President Phillips noted that it was brought before two Congresses and was defeated. Commissioner French said he agreed with the Mayor but that the door was opened when NACO was taken to task in other documents and it is important to defend our stance and educate the populous to the issues. Vice President Phillips moved to refine the document for further review, the motion passed with a second by Commissioner French.

16. **Update on Interim Legislative Committees and Studies, including Possible Interest in Studying Nevada's Property Tax System.** Dagny informed the Board that the interim Public Lands & Natural Resources Committee has been appointed. She also noted the discussions had by the Board during the session regarding property tax structure and that there is interest in creating an interim study committee to include Senator Settelmeyer's SJR13. Tami Davis noted that she had conducted a poll of county Treasurer's and that they are very interested in participating in the study so future decisions are informed to ensure that all counties needs and concerns are included in the process. Carson City Assessor Dawley noted that the Assessors Association is willing to participate as well. Commissioner Tipton moved to pursue the interim committee in an attempt to avoid unforeseen consequences with second by Mayor Crowell, the motion passed unanimously.
17. **NACO Committee of the Emeritus Update.** Dagny informed the Board that the Committee had met and intends to provide quarterly trainings for commissioners and county staff through NACO and have several ideas on topics including interfacing with National, Social Media and areas of concern to counties and she asked for ideas for the sessions from the Board. Commissioner Irwin noted that the original conversation started at monthly trainings but was narrowed down to quarterly and urged the Board to remember the amount of knowledge they have gained by being on the Board and how the Emeritus members can use their wealth of knowledge to educate. Commissioner McGuffey noted that as a new commissioner he feels an orientation on NACO and what the organization does would be of great benefit and Commissioner Lucy concurred. Commissioner Tipton suggested a session on tax structures and the foundation of laws as well as assistance with navigating the National Association and the various caucus' and committees it encompasses. Commissioner Irwin inquired as to the timeframe for sessions and the Board agreed that three hours is a good time block. Commissioner French suggested a session on the intent of laws affecting public lands and their management. Commissioner Irwin noted that the sessions will build off each other and that Emeritus members will be participating in the Conference and are no longer funded to be there and that Jeff will update the Committee on the PAC.
18. **Report from NACO's Nominating Committee.** Vice President Phillips announced that Clark County Commissioner Weekly submitted a letter of interest for the position of Vice President in 2016. Jeff noted that another commissioner had expressed interest in the position but later declined at which point Washoe County Commissioner Lucey indicated that he was the commissioner.. The election for the office will take place in September. Jeff noted that the bylaws state that any commissioner can serve as an officer and that Clark and Washoe counties can have a second designated member on the Executive Board so the fact that Commissioner Kirkpatrick is the NACO designated Board member will not affect Commissioner Weekly's eligibility for the position.
19. **National Association of Counties and Western Interstate Region Board Member Updates.** Commissioner Tipton noted that she attended the National Conference in July and is preparing to attend the next WIR and National Board meeting in Boise.
20. **NACO Board Member Updates.** Updates were given by Board members on what is happening within their counties and on their Boards.

21. **Public Comment.** None was given.

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Item 5

RESOLUTION 15-02

OF THE NEVADA ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES

Resolution Honoring Carole Vilardo for her Distinguished Career and Contributions to County Government

WHEREAS, Carole Vilardo, was made Executive Director of the Nevada Taxpayer's Association in 1988, and

WHEREAS, in that capacity she became and continues to be an advocate for responsible government and sound fiscal policy, including tax policy that would guarantee local governments dependable, fair, and simple revenue sources to pay for the services provided to their citizens, and

WHEREAS, Carole was always willing to lend her time and expertise to advise local governments on the fiscal policies that would best serve their citizens, and

WHEREAS, Carole also lent her support to local governments to promote policies that represented responsible government, and

WHEREAS, Carole's hard work, dedication, and expertise benefitted both counties and our State through her willingness to always provide honest and fair testimony and counsel on fiscal and tax-related policy debates at the Nevada Legislature, and

WHEREAS, in her forthcoming retirement, her knowledge, memory, integrity, style, and dedication to good policy will be forever appreciated by Nevada's counties and the taxpayers of Nevada, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Nevada Association of Counties offers its sincere thanks and appreciation to Carole Vilardo for her more than 27 years of advocacy on behalf of sound fiscal, governmental, and tax policy in Nevada. Her contributions to local governments and the citizens of Nevada shall not be forgotten.

Passed, Approved and Adopted this 30th day of September, 2015 by the Board of Directors of the Nevada Association of Counties.

Attests:

Lorinda Wichman
President

Jeffrey Fontaine
Executive Director