

NEVADA ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES (NACO)

Annual Business Meeting
September 26, 2023, 3:00p.m.
Elko County Convention Center
Ruby Room
700 Moren Way
Elko, NV 89801

ADOPTED MINUTES

Attendance: President Higbee, President Elect Giomi, Vice President Hall, Past President Kirkpatrick, Churchill County Commissioner Scharmann, Douglas County Commissioner Gardner, Douglas County Commissioner Rice, Elko County Commissioner Andreozzi, Esmeralda County Commissioner Holt, Humboldt County Commissioner Tipton, Lincoln County Commissioner Reese, Lyon County Commissioner Henderson, Lyon County Commissioner Keller, Pershing County Commissioner Crim, Storey County Commissioner Carmona, Washoe County Commissioner Herman, Washoe County Commissioner Hall, White Pine County Commissioner Carson, White Pine County Commissioner Van Camp, and NACO Staff (Vinson Guthreau, Jennifer Berthiaume, Jacob Brinkerhoff and Amy Hyne Sutherland)

The meeting was called to order by President Higbee

1. **Public Comment.** Commissioner Carson introduced White Pine County Commissioner Van Camp.
2. **Approval of Agenda.** The agenda was approved on a motion by Vice President Hall with second by Commissioner Carson.
3. **Approval of Minutes of the September 28, 2022, NACO Annual Business Meeting.** The minutes were approved as presented on a motion by President Elect Giomi with second by Past President Kirkpatrick.
4. **NACO President's Report.** President Higbee informed the Board that he had attended the National Association of Counties Annual Conference (NACo), where JD Clark from Wise County Texas was elected 2nd Vice President. President Higbee discussed federal policy changes adopted at the conference which included the treatment of Opioid Use Disorders as mental health issues and the changing of funding of Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILT) from the Discretionary Committee to the Mandatory Committee during the federal budget process. President Higbee then concluded his remarks by informing the Board that the NACo proposed Federal Center for Public Lands will be going forward. He reminded the Board that the initial by-in from public lands counties of \$15 Million would provide an endowment that will allow the Center to be self-funding in perpetuity. President Higbee encouraged the Members to work with staff on preparing information such as road miles, population counts etc. as NACo would be requesting the information to being the Center's work on behalf of counties. He concluded his remarks by requesting that any Commissioners who wish to serve on a National Policy Committee to contact staff to be enrolled on the committee or committees of their choice.
5. **NACO Executive Director's Report.** Vinson thanked the group for the opportunity to serve as the NACO Executive Director and for their support and engagement throughout the year. Vinson then gave a summary of the activities and support provided to counties by the association throughout the year. He highlighted the reading of 1,000 bills, and tracking of

over 400 bills during the first fully in-person Session of the Nevada Legislature since 2019. He discussed the submission of 5 Bill Draft Requests by the Association and noted that the majority of the Bills sponsored by NACO had passed and were signed by the Governor. Vinson then discussed the importance of visitation to all the counties and noted that those that he had yet to make presentations to would be done during the remaining months of the year. He informed the group that the Association remains in a strong financial position and that budget discussions for the coming year would occur at the Board level during November and December. Vinson acknowledged the upcoming 100th Anniversary of the Association and discussed the work being done on the new Board approved Corporate Sponsorship Program and his desire to continue to strengthen non-dues revenue going forward as was identified in the annual audit. Vinson concluded his remarks by thanking the NACO staff for their hard work and dedication to the Association. Commissioner Gardner thanked Vinson for participating as a guest speaker at the County Fiscal Officers Association conference, that the Douglas County Clerk Treasurer had recently attended.

6. **Election of NACO Officers for 2023.** Vice President Hall, Chair of the Nominating Committee informed the Board that the Committee had met the previous Friday and recommends the election of Elko County Commissioner Andreozzi as the 2024 NACO Vice President. President Higbee requested nominations from the floor and with none, Commissioner Andreozzi was elected as the 2024 Vice President on a motion by Commissioner Gardner with second by Commissioner Carson. Commissioner Andreozzi will ascend to the office of NACO President in 2026.
7. **Public Comment.** None was given.

The meeting was adjourned by President Higbee.