

## NEVADA ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES

Annual Business Meeting  
November 19, 2020, 9:30 a.m.  
*Virtual Attendance Only*

### ADOPTED MINUTES

**ATTENDANCE:** President French, President Elect Kirkpatrick, Vice President Lucey, Past President Waits, Carson City Supervisor Giomi, Churchill County Commissioner Olsen, Clark County Commissioner Weekly, Elko County Commissioner Dahl, Elko County Commissioner Steninger, Esmeralda County Commissioner Keyes, Humboldt County Commissioner Cerri, Humboldt County Commissioner Tipton, Lincoln County Commissioner Lister, Lyon County Commissioner Keller, Mineral County Commissioner Price, Nye County Commissioner Wichman, Pershing County Commissioner Rackley, Pershing County Commissioner Shank, Storey County Commissioner Gillman, White Pine County Commissioner Carson, NACO Fiscal Officer Kalt and NACO Staff (Dagny Stapleton, Vinson Guthreau, Colby Prout and Amanda Evans)

The meeting was called to order at 9:32 a.m.

1. **Public Comment.** None was given
2. **Approval of Agenda.** The agenda was approved on a motion by Commissioner Wichman with second by Commissioner Carson.
3. **Approval of the Minutes of the September 26, 2019 NACO Annual Business Meeting.** The minutes were approved on a motion by Vice President Lucey with second by Past President Waits.
4. **President's Report.** President French referred to remarks made the previous day and discussed the challenges of the year given the pandemic situation. He discussed the honor of serving in the office and thanked everyone for the hard work done remotely to ensure that counties stay relevant in the challenging times. He remarked on the work of NACO staff and thanked them for all they have done to support the Board and Nevada's counties. President French remarked on the counties hard work to maintain services and the challenges presented to budgets due to the pandemic. He thanked Clark County for their leadership in navigating the pandemic and for the teamwork of the counties and NACO. He discussed the challenges expected in the coming year and noted that with the leadership of President Elect Kirkpatrick and the collaboration of the Board and staff that he is confident in the future of counties and the Association. He concluded his remarks with the wish to be able to meet in person soon.
5. **National Anthem Performed by Members of the Peavine Pickers.** Commissioner Wichman gave an overview of the Peavine Pickers and vocalist Dani Carter. An audio recording of the Anthem was played.
6. **Recognition of Those We Lost in 2020.** A moment of silence was held for the passing of former Clark County Commissioner Lou Laporta, former Esmeralda County Commissioner RJ Gillum, Nye County Commissioner-Elect Richard Gardner and Carson City Mayor Crowell.

7. **Honoring of NACO's 2020 President, Commissioner Jim French.** President French was honored by President Elect Kirkpatrick who thanked him for his support and friendship. President French was also honored by Humboldt County Commissioner Tipton with an overview of all of his service and accomplishments.
8. **Executive Director's Report.** Dagny gave a summary of the Association's activities over the past year. She highlighted the Association's financial position and discussed the change of investment managers and cost savings realized over the year. She discussed the years audit, noting there were no findings. She thanked the counties for their support and membership. Dagny discussed the change to the Indigent Accident Fund to ensure that counties realize assistance with their assessments for Medicaid for long term care. She discussed the work done during COVID including the support of counties on their public health responses. She informed the Board that she is honored and proud to work for the Board and counties and support their efforts. Dagny thanked the Public Lands Committee for the work done on federal land management issues. She discussed the work being done in advance of the legislative session and informed the Board that staff is working hard with the Legislative Committee. She concluded her remarks with noting that counties have raised their profile over the year and that staff will continue to work hard to support the Board, counties and their needs and thanked the conference sponsors for their support.
9. **Election of NACO Officers for 2021.** President French informed the group that the only office up for election is that of Vice President. He informed the group that pursuant to the Association By-laws Vice President Lucey chaired the Nominating Committee, having only Commissioner Higbee express interest in the position the Nominating Committee put forth his name. President French requested nominations from the floor, hearing none Past President Waits moved nominations be closed. Nominations were closed on a second by President Elect Kirkpatrick. Commissioner Higbee was elected unanimously.
10. **Public Comment.** None was given.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:28 a.m.