

1 The Honorable Board of Lander County Commissioners met in regular session in the  
2 Commission Chambers of the Lander County Courthouse and Administration Building in Battle  
3 Mountain, Nevada, 50 State Route 305, on January 4, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.

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5 **PRESENT: PATSY WAITS, COMMISSIONER**  
6 **ART CLARK III, COMMISSIONER**  
7 **KATHLEEN ANCHO, COMMISSIONER**  
8 **BRYAN SPARKS, COMMISSIONER**  
9 **WALLACE (JR) THOMAS, COMMISSIONER**  
10 **BERT RAMOS, COUNTY MANAGER**  
11 **KATHY DUVALL, COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE**  
12 **SADIE SULLIVAN, COUNTY CLERK**  
13 **THEODORE HERRERA, DISTRICT ATTORNEY (by**  
14 **teleconference)**  
15 **ELIZABETH MACDONALD, DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S**  
16 **OFFICE**

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18 (Let the record reflect the presence of a quorum of five commissioners. Let the record  
19 reflect the presence of Austin via teleconference. Let the record reflect the meeting is also an  
20 Audio Conference by Go-To-Meeting.)  
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23 **9:00 A.M.**

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25 Chair Kathy Ancho called the meeting to order.  
26 Commissioner Thomas led the Pledge of Allegiance.  
27 Chair Kathy Ancho called for a moment of silence.  
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30 **COMMISSIONER REPORTS**

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32 Commissioner Waits: Patsy had a NACO meeting on December 18<sup>th</sup> that kind of  
33 summarized things going on for the year. One was PILT, for the public lands funding. Also  
34 secured is funding for two years for rural schools. The new NACO President is Marilyn  
35 Kirkpatrick, from Clark County. She's a commissioner there. They had some informative  
36 speakers and she mentioned that in the National Defense Authorization Act they did not get any  
37 more airspace land at all. There are a lot of news BDR's and bills coming up that we need to  
38 keep up with. Also, our county manager stepped forward to be on the legislative subcommittee.  
39 He'll be on top of everything and be able to track it and keep us up-to-date.

40 Commissioner Clark: Nothing to report.

41 Chair Kathy Ancho: She didn't have any meetings but had some information. She also  
42 was requested to sit on the subcommittee, which she will be doing. She is staying in contact with  
43 people from the Nevada Mining Association on the mining bills that are coming up. She has  
44 been assured that they will fight for us, not just rollover.

45 Commissioner Sparks: Nothing to report.

46 Commissioner Thomas: This is his first meeting of his term. Nothing to report.

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48 **STAFF REPORTS**

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50 Bert Ramos (County Manager): For Lander County COVID numbers we have 397 total  
51 confirmed cases, 27 currently active, 362 recovered, and 6 deaths. We'd like to send out our  
52 condolences to the families.

53 Bert called Becky Murphy up to recognize her for her 30 years of service to Lander  
54 County, most recently in the Treasurer's office. A plaque was presented to her, with photos being  
55 taken. The county treasurer could not be present as she had a family emergency occur.

56 He will be making a presentation to Sandi Smith during the meeting at whatever time she  
57 arrives, to recognize her on her retirement from Lander County.

58 Bert spoke on the process of hiring for the Senior Center position. He did not sit in on the  
59 interviews as he had a family member who was one of the applicants. They had the Public Works  
60 Director, Finance, and an office staff member sit in on the interviews. It was a unanimous vote to  
61 hire Tonia Bakker as the new Senior Center Director.

62 He also mentioned that Justice Court hired Jenny Martin for their vacant position. There  
63 was no involvement from administration for the hiring of that position.

64 He also stated that his daughter did get hired as a lifeguard and he was not part of that  
65 process.

66 They are trying to keep as much separation and transparency as possible. He went on to  
67 point out the Senior Center bus out front that Patsy Waits and T-Rix Bike Shop donated. He  
68 drove it back from Elko and it is a beautiful running bus with low miles on it.

69 He then mentioned some extra research that Laken and Heidi did on some billing that  
70 didn't quite feel right. They found that we had been over-billed by POOL/PACT in the amount  
71 of \$59,000.

72 Sandi Smith arrived and Bert presented her with the plaque honoring her 23 years.  
73 Congratulations were made and photos were taken.

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75 **PUBLIC COMMENT**

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80 **CONSENT AGENDA**

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82 Chair Kathy Ancho read in the consent agenda items, numbered 1 through 8.

83 Commissioner Waits: Patsy made a motion to approve #1, the agenda notice, and #8,  
84 payroll change requests. This was seconded by Commissioner Sparks.

85 **Motion to approve selected items:** Commissioner Waits;

86 **Seconded by:** Commissioner Sparks;

87 **The motion was voted and carried.**

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90 **COMMISSIONERS**

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1) **COMMISSIONERS: For possible action to approve/disapprove the payment of bills.**

Chair Ancho began by pulling out check #210287 and #210353 payable to Point S, the employer of Commissioner Sparks, to be voted on separately. Commissioner Waits made the motion to pay the balance of the bills. It was seconded by Commissioner Clark. The motion was voted and carried.

**Motion to approve:** Commissioner Waits;

**Seconded by:** Commissioner Clark.

**The motion was voted and carried.**

Commissioner Waits then made the motion to approve the two checks, #210287, and #210353. It was seconded by Commissioner Clark, with Commissioner Sparks abstaining from the vote.

**Motion to approve:** Commissioner Waits;

**Seconded by:** Commissioner Clark.

**The motion was voted and carried, with Commissioner Sparks abstaining.**

2) **COMMISSIONERS: For possible action, to elect a Chairman and Vice-Chairman to the Lander County Board of Commissioners for the 2021 calendar year.**

Commissioner Sparks: Bryan made the motion to keep Kathy Ancho as the Chair and Art Clark as the Vice-Chair. It was seconded by Commissioner Thomas. The motion was voted and carried.

**Motion to approve leaving the two positions as is:** Commissioner Sparks;

**Seconded by:** Commissioner Thomas;

**The motion was voted and carried.**

3) **COMMISSIONERS: For possible action to appoint a Lander County Commissioner(s) to the following various 2021 advisory boards:**

**A) Category I: (1)**

- 1. Lander County Board of Equalization;**
- 2. Lander County Convention & Tourism Authority;**
- 3. Lander County Debt Management Commission;**
- 4. Lander County Planning Commission;**
- 5. Lander County Regional Transportation Commission;**

**B) Category II: (2)**

- 1. Lander County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife;**

**C) Category III: (3)**

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1. **Austin Airport Advisory Board;**
  2. **Battle Mountain Livestock Events Center Advisory Board;**
  3. **Local Emergency Planning Commission;**
  4. **Lander County Economic Development Authority;**
  5. **Lander County Public Lands Use Advisory Planning Commission;**

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1. **Lander County Conservation District;**
  2. **Lander County Hospital District;**
  3. **Lander County Safety Committee;**
  4. **Central Nevada Regional Water Authority;**
  5. **Department of Energy Board of Representatives;**
  6. **Humboldt River Basin Water Authority;**
  7. **State Land Use Planning Advisory Committee;**
  8. **Nevada Association of Counties;**
  9. **Nevada Works;**
  10. **POOL/PACT;**

154 Following are the Board appointments that were made:

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1. **Board of Equalization:** Comm. Sparks remains on this board;
  2. **Convention & Tourism:** Comm. Ancho remains; Comm. Sparks remains as alternate;
  3. **Debt Management:** Comm. Sparks remains on this board;
  4. **Planning Commission:** No commissioner is on this board;
  5. **Regional Transportation Commission:** Comm. Waits remains on this board; Comm. Thomas joins this board, with Comm. Sparks remaining as alternate;

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1. **Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife:** Comm. Sparks was nominated to attend as a non-voting person to report back to the Commission;

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1. **Austin Airport Advisory Board:** Comm. Waits remains on this board;
  2. **Livestock Events Center Advisory Board:** Comm. Thomas joins this board; Comm. Sparks remains as alternate;
  3. **LEPC-Local Emergency Planning Commission:** Comm. Ancho joins this board; Comm. Clark joins as alternate;
  4. **LEDA-Lander County Economic Development Authority:** Comm. Ancho remains on this board; Comm. Waits remains as alternate;
  5. **Public Lands Use Advisory Planning Commission:** Comm. Clark remains on this board; Comm. Thomas joins as alternate on this board;

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**Category IV**

1. **Conservation District:** Comm. Sparks remains on this board; Comm. Thomas joins this board as alternate;
2. **Hospital District:** Comm. Ancho remains on this board; Comm. Sparks remains as alternate on this board;
3. **Safety Committee:** Comm. Clark remains on this board;
4. **Central Nevada Regional Water Authority:** Comm. Thomas and Comm. Waits will represent Lander County at these meetings;
5. **Department of Energy Board Representatives:** Comm. Waits will continue to represent Lander County on this board; Comm. Sparks will continue to be an alternate representative on the board;
6. **Humboldt River Basin Water Authority:** Comm. Thomas will represent Lander County at these meetings;
7. **State Land Use Planning Advisory Committee:** Comm. Clark is still in his term on this board.
8. **NACo-Nevada Association of Counties:** Comm. Waits joins this board; Comm. Clark will be the alternate;
9. **Nevada Works:** Comm. Clark remains on this board;
10. **Pool/Pact:** Comm. Clark joins this board;

**Motion to approve:** Commissioner Waits;  
**Seconded by:** Commissioner Sparks;  
**The motion was voted and carried.**

4) **COMMISSIONERS: For possible action to approve/disapprove the appointment of one (1) individual to serve on the Lander County Conservation District, which currently has one (1) vacancy, new terms are three years from January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2022, and to consider all of the following applicants to include:**

**A) Jerry Annis**

Bert Ramos (County Manager): Bert wanted to clarify that the agenda had an error and that this is a two-year term, rather than three-year, and that the dates listed are correct.

Commissioner Sparks made the motion to approve this appointment. It was seconded by Commissioner Waits. The motion was voted and carried.

**Motion to approve:** Commissioner Sparks;  
**Seconded by:** Commissioner Waits;  
**The motion was voted and carried.**

5) **CORRESPONDENCE: Correspondence/reports/future agenda items.**

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There was discussion on the 2477 roads and what is going on with that process. Some wanted it on an upcoming agenda. There was mention of setting a policy to buy American and fixing up our interstate exit ramp areas to be more appealing. It was also asked if something more could be done with the Stop sign on Front Street. Patsy mentioned that we need to do a resolution for radon month, which is January. They would like to keep addressing county contracts and have reports from the various departments.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Jerry Annis: Jerry expressed his thanks for their support and appreciated that the typo was noticed. He mentioned they have a meeting coming up on February 9<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m. He also mentioned that the Conservation District is looking for a secretary if anyone knows of an interested party.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business before the Commission at this time, Commissioner Sparks moved to adjourn the regular session of January 4, 2021. Seconded by Commissioner Clark, the motion was voted and carried. **ADJOURNED.**

**Meeting was adjourned at 9:46 a.m.**



**CHAIRMAN OR VICE CHAIRMAN OF  
THE BOARD OF LANDER COUNTY  
COMMISSIONERS AND THE LANDER  
COUNTY LIQUOR BOARD**

ATTEST:   
**LANDER COUNTY CLERK**