

## NEVADA ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES (NACO)

Board of Directors' Meeting  
August 25, 2023, 9:30am  
**NACO Conference Room**  
**304 South Minnesota Street**  
**Carson City, NV 89703**

### ADOPTED MINUTES

**Attendance:** President Elect Giomi, Vice President Hall, Past President Kirkpatrick, Douglas County Commissioner Gardner, Esmeralda County Commissioner Keyes, Humboldt County Commissioner Tipton, Lander County Commissioner Waits, Lincoln County Commissioner Reese, Lyon County Commissioner Henderson, Nye County Commissioner Boskovich, Storey County Commissioner Carmona, Washoe County Commissioner Herman, White Pine County Commissioner Carson, NACO Fiscal Officer Kalt, Humboldt County Comptroller Rackley; Nevada Fiscal Officers Association and NACO Staff (Vinson Guthreau, Jennifer Berthiaume, Jacob Brinkerhoff, Amy Hyne-Sutherland and Amanda Berg)

The meeting was called to order at 9:31 a.m.

1. **Public Comment.** Jerry Annis, a resident of Lander County discussed the Wild Horse and Burro State of Emergency that had been passed by Lander and other counties and requested other counties to pass the same as well as requested support from the Board on the issue. He concluded his remarks by discussing an upcoming debate on the issue to be held in Elko County.
2. **Approval of Agenda.** President Elect Giomi noted the time certain items on the agenda and reminded the Board that they would not be heard prior to the time indicated and that would require hearing items out of order. The agenda was approved on a motion by Commissioner Waits with second by Commissioner Herman.
3. **NACO President's Report.** None was given as President Higbee was absent.
4. **NACO Executive Director's Report.** Vinson informed the Board of new Federal Broadband funding available to counties. He informed the Board that he (NACO staff) has been in communication with Senator Rosen's office as well as with the staff of the Governor's Office of Science, Innovation and Technology (OSIT). He noted that the Director of OSIT, Brian Mitchell, would be reaching out to counties individually regarding the funding and requested that counties reach out to him if they experienced any obstacles regarding the use of available dollars. Vinson identified some such obstacles as Federal land use issues and rights of way.
5. **Approval of Minutes of the June 30, 2023, NACO Board of Directors Meeting.** The minutes were approved on a motion by Commissioner Gardner with second by Commissioner Herman.

6. **Update on the 2023 NACO Annual Conference, Hosted by Elko County.** Amanda informed the Board that planning efforts were going well and thanked Elko County for their assistance and support. She concluded the item by informing the Board that Early Bird Registration would conclude on August 31<sup>st</sup> and links to register could be found on the website and within the newsletter.
  
7. **(TIME CERTAIN: 10:00am) \* Presentation of NACO's 2022 Financial Audit, Michael Bertrand, Bertrand and Associates, LLC.** Fiscal Officer Kalt thanked the Board for their active oversight of the Association's finances and gave them an overview of the audit process and who participates in the gathering and dissemination of the necessary components. Mr. Bertrand reminded the Board of why audits are necessary and informed the Board that the Association had received an Unqualified or 'clear' opinion for the year. He then directed their attention to the materials included in the agenda packet and discussed changes to the GASB rules regarding leases and the necessary adjustments to the accounting processes they require. He also discussed the adjustments to pension liabilities based on updates to the PERS contributions. Fiscal Officer Kalt then gave an overview of the Association's year end-financial statements and a summary of the overall strong fiscal position. Commissioner Gardner noted that while it appears that some losses were realized in the investment accounts on paper that those were likely due to differences in book and market values. Fiscal Officer Kalt concluded the item by informing the Board that he and Vinson recently met with the local banking officer to maximize the current cash on hand. The 2022 Financial Audit was approved on a motion by Commissioner Gardner with second by Vice President Hall.
  
8. **Approval of NACO's March, April and May 2023 Financial Statements.** Vinson directed the Board's attention to the materials included in the agenda packet, reminding them that the financial statements are brought to them on a quarterly basis. He noted that the Association's expenses and revenues remain on target with the approved budget and that strong Annual Conference revenues are expected. The financial statements were approved on a motion by Vice President Hall with second by Commissioner Herman.
  
9. **Approval of NACO's April, May, June and July 2023 Investment Reports.** Vinson directed the Board to the back up materials included with the agenda and reminded the Board that the Association's investments continue to be made in accordance with the approved policy. The investment reports were approved on a motion by Commissioner Waits with second by President Elect Giomi.
  
10. **(TIME CERTAIN: 10:30am) \* Discussion and Presentation Regarding Assembly Bill (AB) 391, From the 82<sup>nd</sup> Session of the Nevada Legislature, Craig Madole, CEO, Nevada Chapter Associated General Contractors.** Alexis Motarex presented the item on behalf of Mr. Madole. She gave the Board an overview of the Bill and the Chapter's concerns along with the unintended consequences of the Bill's passage. She specifically discussed the lack of Project Labor Agreements (PLA) across the state and that there are no provisions that ensure local contractors and labor resources are used on projects. She discussed alternative processes for support of Nevada's workforce and the potential for increased project costs. Past President Kirkpatrick noted Ms. Motarex's concerns and stated that the PLA process will work best in Clark County, where they have had issues with low bidders not using local labor resources. She also noted that while Clark County does find advantage with the Bill, they did work to make it permissive noting that the other counties who don't have the same issues are not subject to the requirement.

- 11. Presentation and Overview of the Child Care Services and Program at the State of Nevada, including, but not limited to, County Level Partnerships and Discussion of Local Regulation Zoning, and Business Licensing Fees, Karissa Loper Machado, Agency Manager, Child Care and Development Program, Nevada Department of Health and Human Services.** Ms. Loper Machado gave the Board an overview of the program including the administration of some funding through block grants. She discussed collaboration with other stakeholders to improve the availability of childcare in Nevada. She informed the Board that Nevada is considered a “childcare desert”, noting that there is only one licensed childcare slot for every three children statewide and that to effectively afford childcare a family of four, with two working parents, in Carson City would need to earn \$103,000 annually. She also informed the Board that the same family would stop being eligible for subsidies when their income reached \$72,000. Ms. Loper Machado gave the Board an overview of the economic impacts to not only families, but for businesses and to the greater tax base when sufficient childcare is not available. She then discussed the current statutes governing the licensing of childcare providers and challenges with supply, including capital costs and zoning restrictions. President Elect Giomi inquired as to the number of children being cared for that triggers the need for licensure and Ms. Loper Machado stated that under the family, friend, neighbor designation the number is 4. If all children are being cared for are family members, there is no license requirement. She concluded her presentation by giving examples of how local governments can help to bolster the supply of childcare providers, including adopting less restrictive zoning regulations and co-location of childcare and child development programs. Amy inquired as to if the Program had county level data and Ms. Loper Machado stated that the State does have the data and she would forward it.
- 12. Update from NACO Public Health Coordinator.** Amy encouraged the Board to request their individual County Health Officers to register for the Annual Conference and gave an overview of the panel on Community Health Collaboration that would take place on the Tuesday afternoon of the conference.
- 13. Update and Possible Action. Regarding Public Lands and Natural Resources Issues Affecting Counties Including:**

  - a. Updates from the NACO Public Lands and Natural Resources Subcommittee.** Vice President Hall noted that it was the second meeting the Subcommittee had hosted during the month due to the need to reschedule the July meeting. She informed the Board that they had discussed proposed revisions to the NEPA process and that comments had been submitted on proposed changes to the Endangered Species Act. The group also discussed wild horse and burro gathers that had been taking place and that State Senator Hansen had offered assistance with regards to those counties that were considering emergency declarations. Commissioner Waits inquired as to how many counties had passed declarations, noting that Lander County was hoping for nine to be passed before taking the issue to the Governor’s Office. The upcoming debate in Elko (County) regarding the issue was also discussed.
  - b. Discussion and Approval of NACO Staff to Support Counties During Cooperating Agency Status.** Jacob discussed the standing meetings that staff has initiated with BLM State Director Raby. He discussed some of the challenges that arise in coordination during Cooperating Agency relationships and how counties could benefit from NACO support due to required non-disclosure agreements. He suggested that the NACO Natural Resources Manager could be designated to

participate in all County-BLM Cooperating Agency agreements. He informed the Board that Director Raby is in favor of the proposal. Vinson reminded the Board that NACO has previously participated on a cases-by-case basis such as during the recent expansion of the Fallon Range Training Complex expansion. He also noted that having permanent Cooperating Agency Status is one more way for NACO to provide consistent support to counties. Vice President Hall stated that it is an excellent idea and will ensure that counties don't lose important involvement when they are subject to limited staff and availability. The participation of NACO as a Cooperating Agency with designation of the Natural Resources Manager as the representative was approved on a motion by Vice President Hall with second by Commissioner Gardner.

14. **Updates from Members of the National Association of Counties Board of Directors and Western Interstate Region (W.I.R.) Board of Directors.** Past President Kirkpatrick informed the Board that NACo had released their housing report and that she was pleased to see that Nevada had been highlighted by the National Association for the Central Nevada Health District and the camp recently opened by Lincoln and Clark Counties with support from Extension.
15. **NACO Board Member Updates.** Members of the Board gave updates on activities within their counties.
16. **Public Comment.** President Elect Giomi encouraged the Board to register for the Annual Conference and reminded them that Elko County will be hosting a golf tournament. Jerry Annas thanked the Board for their conversations regarding the wild horse and burro issues and encouraged attendance at the upcoming debate in Elko between State Senator Hansen and an animal rights proponent.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:11 a.m.