

The Honorable Board of Lander County Commissioners met in special session in the Commission Chambers of the Lander County Courthouse in Battle Mountain, Nevada, on May 21, 2015 at 10:00 A.M.

**PRESENT:** PATSY WAITS, COMMISSIONER  
SEAN BAKKER, COMMISSIONER  
ART CLARK III, COMMISSIONER  
DOUG MILLS, COMMISSIONER  
SADIE SULLIVAN, COUNTY CLERK  
THEODORE HERRERA, DISTRICT ATTORNEY  
KEITH WESTENGARD, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR  
NAN ANCHO, FINANCE DIRECTOR

**ABSENT:** STEVEN STEINMETZ, COMMISSIONER  
BECKY JOHNSON, HUMAN RESOURCES DIRECTOR

**10:00 A.M.**

Vice Chairwoman Patsy Waits called the meeting to order.

Let the record reflect the presence of a quorum of four commissioners.

Let the record reflect the presence of Austin via telephone conference.

Commissioner Art Clark III led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Vice Chairwoman Patsy Waits called to have a moment of silence.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA NOTICE**

The Notice of posting was reviewed and found to be in order, Commissioner Bakker moved to approve the agenda Notice, as posted. Seconded by Commissioner Mills, the motion was voted and carried. **APPROVED**

**STAFF REPORTS**

Keith Westengard, Executive Director, reminded the Board that after today's meeting he will be out on leave for the next few weeks. Mr. Westengard informed the Board to contact Nan Ancho, Finance Director, with anything they may need.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment.

- 1) **Discussion for possible action to appoint a replacement to fill vacancy for Lander County Hospital Board of Trustee member at large seat C; to consider the formal recommendation of the Lander County Hospital District Board of Trustees and all other applicants to include:**

- a) **Earl Cassorla;**
  - b) **Michelle Nevarez;**
  - c) **Peggy Lindsey – formally recommended by Hospital Board;**
  - d) **John Smith – formally recommended by Hospital Board;**
- and all other matters properly related thereto.**

Peggy Lindsey, applicant, addressed the Board regarding her qualifications and interest in serving on the Hospital Board. Ms. Lindsey stated that she would like to give back to the Community. Phil Hanna, Battle Mountain General Hospital Administrator stated that all the applicants were informed of today's meeting, however, Peggy Lindsey was the only applicant present. Commissioner Bakker made a motion to appoint Peggy Lindsey to the Lander County Hospital District Board Seat C, seconded by Commissioner Clark. The motion was voted and carried. **APPROVED**

- 2) **Discussion for possible action to appoint a replacement to fill vacancy for Lander County Hospital Board of Trustee member at large seat D; to consider the formal recommendation of the Lander County Hospital District Board of Trustees and all other applicants to include:**

- e) **Earl Cassorla;**
  - f) **Michelle Nevarez;**
  - g) **Peggy Lindsey – formally recommended by Hospital Board;**
  - h) **John Smith – formally recommended by Hospital Board;**
- and all other matters properly related thereto.**

Earl Cassorla, applicant, addressed the Board regarding his qualifications and interest in serving on the Hospital Board. Mr. Cassorla voiced his concerns on what prompted him to apply for the Hospital Board. Commissioner Bakker questioned Mr. Cassorla on

his flexibility to serve on the Board. Mr. Cassorla stated that he runs the Firework Shop along with his brother and his brother will cover for him to allow the flexibility he needs to serve on the Board. Commissioner Waits encouraged Mr. Cassorla to take any concerns he has directly to the Hospital Board regardless of the outcome of today's appointment. Commissioner Mills noted that Mr. Cassorla was the only applicant present. Commissioner Waits noted that Mr. Cassorla stated he received notification of today's meeting this morning. Commissioner Waits addressed Phil Hanna on the process he used to notify the applicants that they needed to be present for the meeting today. Mr. Hanna stated that he notified the applicants this morning of today's meeting. Marla Sam, Hospital Board Member, questioned the Board on the process of the Commissioners interviewing the applicants for the Hospital District Board of Trustees. Ms. Sam questioned why the Commissioners were interviewing the applicants after the Hospital District Board of Trustees have already made their recommendation. Theodore Herrera, District Attorney, informed the Board the Nevada Revised Statute gives the Board of Commissioners the duty to appoint an applicant to the vacancy. Commissioner Mills made a motion to appoint Earl Cassorla to the Lander County Hospital District Board Seat D, seconded by Commissioner Clark. The Motion was voted and carried. **APPROVED**

3) **Discussion for possible action regarding approval of the resignation of Lander County Commissioner Steve Steinmentz from his appointment as a full voting member of the Lander County Hospital District Board of Trustees, and other matters properly related thereto.**

Commissioner Clark made a motion to accept the resignation of Steve Steinmentz from his appointment as a full voting member of the Lander County Hospital District Board of Trustees, seconded by Commissioner Bakker. The motion was voted and carried. **APPROVED**

4) **Discussion for possible action to appoint a Commissioner to serve on the Hospital District Board of Trustees for the remainder of his/her term of office with full voting power and authority and to appoint an alternate Commissioner, and all other matters properly related thereto.**

Commissioner Clark made a motion to appoint Doug Mills as a replacement for Steve Steinmentz as Commissioner on the Hospital District Board of Trustees, seconded by Commissioner Bakker. The Motion was voted and carried with Commissioner Mills abstaining from the vote. **APPROVED**

Commissioner Clark made a motion to appoint Sean Bakker to serve as an alternate Commissioner on the Hospital District Board of Trustees, seconded by Commissioner Mills. The motion was voted and carried with Commissioner Bakker abstaining from the vote. **APPROVED**

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Max Bunch presented the Board with sample flags for the new Lander County flag. Judge Bunch stated he would have them available to look at after the meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business before the Board at this time, Commissioner Clark moved to adjourn the meeting of May 21, 2015. Seconded by Commissioner Bakker the motion was voted and carried. **ADJOURN**



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

**ATTEST:**



**LANDER COUNTY CLERK**

**NOTE:** *The Board of Lander County Commissioners serves as the Town Board for the unincorporated towns of Battle Mountain and Austin, Nevada.*