

**Beatty Town Advisory Board  
100 A Avenue South  
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**Minutes  
03/24/2014**

**THE BEATTY TOWN ADVISORY BOARD MET IN REGULAR SESSION AT 6:30PM IN THE BEATTY COMMUNITY CENTER.  
THE BEATTY TOWN ADVISORY BOARD HEREAFTER WILL BE REFERRED TO AS THE (BTAB)  
THE BEATTY TOWN ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERS HEREAFTER WILL BE REFERRED TO AS THEIR RESPECTIVE INITIALS.**

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**Dick Gardner (DG) – Chair  
Kelly Carroll (KC) – Vice Chair  
Erika Gerling (EG) – Treasurer  
Randy Reed (RR) – Member  
Crystal Taylor (CT) – Member**

**1 Pledge of Allegiance**

Meeting called to order at 6:30pm

**2 Approval of the Agenda for the BTAB meeting of March 24, 2014.**

*None*

**3 GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT (Three-minute time limit per person.) Action will not be taken on the matters considered during this period until specifically included on an agenda as an action item.**

*None*

**4 For Possible Action – Approval of the Meeting Minutes dated March 10, 2014.**

*RR – Motion to approve the meeting minutes dated March 10, 2014; Second EG; 4-1 abstain (CT)*

**5 For Possible Action – Emergency Items**

*None*

**6 Board Member's Comments (This item limited to announcements or topics/issues proposed for future workshops/agendas)**

*KC - None*

*EG – Stated she asked Frank Jarvis to come tonight.*

*EG – Stated she spoke with the Assistant Sheriff, Rick Marshall, today. I asked; what was the justification for cutting the hours and personnel in the Beatty Dispatchers office? Rick Marshall said that they were shocked when they discovered that six positions had been cut from their budget by the Board of County Commissioners (BoCC). The BoCC/County Management Plan that was presented to the Sheriff's Office when they met was to cut the Dispatch for Tonopah and Beatty, to absorb that short fall in their budget. Three of these positions can transfer or bump depending on seniority. We are not losing any Deputies, and they are fighting hard for those positions. Also, he said that Frank is still responsible for the scheduling and that the on duty Deputy, if there are any prisoners, the on duty Deputy will have to transport any prisoners to Tonopah or Pahrump, 911 calls will be routed through Pahrump. If anybody has any questions or concerns they should send an email to the County Manager and the BoCC. That's the information I received from the Assistant Sheriff, the Sheriff was out sick.*

*DG – Asked if Frank would like to respond, or comment.*

*Lt. Frank Jarvis; Nye County Sheriff's Department – Yes*

*CT – Asked if the on duty Deputy goes down to Pahrump or Tonopah to drop off an inmate, what do we do if we have a problem?*

*Lt. Jarvis – Responded, call.*

*CT – Asked are we still going to have the same response time? How is that going to work for us?*

*Lt. Jarvis – Responded that there are logistics that haven't been worked out yet, but if there's a problem you call just the same. Calls will be prioritized on the level of call it is, if there is barking dog you may not get a response for a while. Hopefully, if it's a life threatening emergency, hopefully you'll have somebody come.*

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### 6 Board Member's Comments Continued

Lt. Jarvis (continued) – Right now I don't know what's going to happen, I can't tell you how it's going to be.

KC – Asked 911 is routed to Pahrump?

Lt. Jarvis – Stated it will be that's the plan.

Audience – The 911 time would be from 15 minutes to an hour and a half, to a few hours? If you have one guy on duty and he is taking someone to Pahrump, depending on where they are it could take that long for them to get back.

Lt. Jarvis – Stated that if it's a life threatening emergency, we'll try to find somebody that's here. There will be an increase in overtime due to this. If we have to transport there a chance that it could take somebody out of the area. We are going to try to do our best relay the prisoner. If I'm on and I have a prisoner that I have to transport, I will try to relay them to the Amargosa guy, the Amargosa guy will try to relay them to a Pahrump guy. That way I'm only fifteen miles out of town, that's our best case scenario. The worst case scenario is that the on duty Deputy is going to be gone three hours, and I'm not a big fan of that. I haven't gotten the word on exactly how that's going to work yet. Hopefully, we'll be able to relay and it will be the shortest periods of time as possible that somebody's out of the area and tied down.

KC – Stated but your fifteen miles out now.

Lt. Jarvis – Agreed and went on to say it could be worse than that, there's a chance that we could be on some type of call and we can't leave. We face that now because there is one guy on and it may be the Amargosa guy that has to come up and take care of it, we may have to call somebody out. You can't prepare for every contingency because stuff happens. Lots of times if we have calls out in Sarcobatus Flats, we have to go out there, if we have a problem or something happens we have to come back, and that's thirty to forty minutes. It happens now, not very often, but it could. Lately we have not had a whole lot of arrests so we won't be out of the area a whole lot. But, yes it could happen, but the most important thing is; you call 911 the phone will be answered. We are still the guys here, we know where everything is. You will have to give, your full name, phone number, address and what is going on. Pretty much the same as now, they are supposed to, now confirm all of that information on the call; Discussion Followed.

CT – Stated that's part of her concern about having a Pahrump Dispatcher for us as EMT's.

Lt. Jarvis – Stated the Dispatcher doesn't have to know where it is, I understand all of that, but they don't have to know where it is. If the caller gives them directions, turn left at the blue house, they can repeat them and we will know where it is. The upside is Pahrump receives a whole lot more 911 calls, they dispatch a whole lot more ambulance calls, so it might be better, I don't know. I can't say it's going to be better I can't say it's going to be worse, but it will be different.

Audience – So we have no options? Public outcry won't make a difference?

Lt. Jarvis – Stated he does not know he is just sharing what he's been told.

DG – Asked if the Dispatchers are members of the Sheriff's Office.

Lt. Jarvis – Stated they work for the Sheriff's Office.

DG – Asked if they are under the County?

Lt. Jarvis – Stated they are under the employees union, the NCEA.

DG – Basically they are paid by the Commissioners?

Lt. Jarvis – Stated we are all paid by the County, my check says Nye County.

EG – Stated that they have the same kind of budgeting that we do. For example; the Fire Department one part is salary, same for Admin, and that's all worked out by the County.

EG – I just wanted to let the public know, and I asked Frank (Lt. Jarvis) to come if he could add anything. I think people's concern was that, I didn't know before I spoke with Rick that nothing is changing with the Deputies, except for this transport issue.

Lt. Jarvis – Stated that depending on how that work's they may be able to arrange transport out of Pahrump, I don't know.

Audience – My concern is why don't they just route Pahrump phone calls up here and leave the people here?

Lt. Jarvis – Stated they are they are routing the Administrative lines to Beatty and Tonopah, when there is someone here. There are approximately one and a half answering positions here in Beatty. Pahrump has four or five, we don't have the room to accommodate, and they have more staff down there than we have.

Audience – The economy was in the toilet five or six years ago, we are supposed to be in recovery and now they are cutting back, which should have been done five years ago.

Lt. Jarvis – Stated they are (cutting back) and even more.

Audience – What's the deal on the Jail, I know that months ago there were rumors about cutting out Dispatchers and they were also going to cut out this Jail and Tonopah? Is there anything about the Jail in the works?

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### 6 Board Member Comments Continued

Lt. Jarvis – It won't necessarily close, the building won't close, and the Jail won't per say close, but because we won't have Dispatchers there at night, we can't house inmates at night, so that's where this transport issue comes in. The way I think it's going to work is; we'll have from 6am to 6pm, so the Administrative Office will have more day time. One from 6am to 2pm and one from 10am to 6pm. The downside to that is if somebody calls in sick or somebody is on vacation, now you only have eight of those hours.

Audience – So does that mean that one of the Deputies will be at Sheriff's Office watching the Jail?

EG – Stated we are not going to house prisoners.

Lt. Jarvis – Stated that during the twelve hours that the staff is there we can house an inmate and do what we need to do, but after those hours, this is my assumption, it all hasn't been worked out yet. From six at night until six in the morning, I don't think we are going to be able to house somebody there, because there is no one to physically watch the cameras. That's where the transport issue is going to come in; we are going to have get them out.

Audience – So they will be there during the day, it's just at night; it's just being cut in half?

Audience – The Dispatchers will be there during the day?

Lt. Jarvis – Right, they won't be dispatching, they will be on the radio and answering the telephone and they will be putting calls on the system. We will be dispatched over the radio from Pahrump and Pahrump will be answering the 911 calls. Between 6am and 6pm we will get all of the, when you call 2345 it still comes here, when you call the 7000 number for Pahrump it will come here or Tonopah, when you call the number for Tonopah it will come here or Tonopah. All of the administrative phone calls with come in here or Tonopah. But the issue that the audience is bringing up is the transport time because we can't house anybody at night; we've got to move them out. If we arrest somebody in the middle of the night we don't have any way to keep them here. So we will have to haul them I guess.

Audience – Sounds like a lot of overtime.

Lt. Jarvis – Stated that's what he is thinking.

EG – Stated that defeats the purpose.

Audience – Stated this does not sound like it will be beneficial to us.

Lt. Jarvis – Stated, again not his idea, if they are eliminating three positions, how much is that, and how much over time. If we figure out how many arrests and how many trips we are going to take to Pahrump, there will be an increase in that line item, and in the fuel line item, there will be payroll expenses, there will be an increase in those, but it is expensive to have full time people and benefits. I guess that's what they are looking at; Discussion Followed.

Audience – Stated they just hate to see it go away because I know a lot of times when stuff like that goes away it takes forever to get it back.

Lt. Jarvis – Stated the good thing is I doubt it will help, but we will be a backup. We will still have the capability for the 911 phones in Beatty. They will keep us as a backup so the equipment will still be there if something goes wrong with this or it doesn't work well, we will still have the capability to have it back. They are not taking the equipment out; we can still be used as a backup, if we need redundancy. If something happens and Pahrump goes down for whatever reason, we can carry the load out of here.

EG – Asked if we want to send correspondence to the Sheriff, Commissioners, and County Manger stating our concerns? I know there have been rumors and all this stuff going around but, nobody; the County Manger didn't talk to us, the Sheriff didn't talk to us, and the Commissioners didn't talk to us.

CT – Stated we specifically asked a Commissioner about this at a meeting (BTAB), and she said it wasn't going to happen.

EG – Stated she really has an issue with that.

Audience – Asked if the Sheriff is the one who puts together the new budget?

EG – Stated the Commissioners say, here is what your budget is; this much is wages and benefits this much is services and supplies, and six positions were cut from their wages and benefits.

Audience – Maybe if we had the Commissioners phone number we could call them with a 911 at three o'clock in the morning.

EG – Stated she would like to send something just saying we're not happy.

DG – Asked that the letter be put on the agenda and that there be a spot on the letter for all Board Members to sign.

Audience – This is like someone in Pahrump calling 911 and getting routed to Las Vegas, they don't know anything about Pahrump; Discussion Followed.

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### 6 Board Member Comments Continued

EG – Stated she spoke with the Treasurer and she was kind enough to send Carrie (office staff) and email with the license for the Atomic/Phoenix. She said that if we would like she will send a letter from her office saying; you are delinquent, your license could be revoked, suspended, you may be required to a show cause hearing, I would like to have her do that. They have paid May, skipped June and July, paid August. Their license was issued on July 17, 2013.

DG – I would be in favor of having the Treasure send that letter, place an item on the agenda.

RR – None; CT -None

DG – Stated that there was great food at the BVFD Installation Dinner and that Kelly Carroll did a great job as Master of Ceremonies.

### 7 Consent Agenda Items

#### a. Action – Discussion of any item from the Consent Agenda Items that needs review before a decision is made.

DG – While we look at the bills, take a five minute recess at 6:53.

DG – Called the meeting back to order at 6:56

#### b. Approval of Town Vouchers

RR – Motion to approve the town vouchers in the amount of \$2029.07; Second CT; 5-0.

### 8 Reports

#### a. Secretary

Carrie Radomski; Town Secretary – Stated Shirley sent an email with her apologies for not being able to be here, but she wanted to get the word out about the opening of the water flow in the area behind the Stage Coach where the Nature Conservancy just completed their restoration project. It will take place on Wednesday March 26<sup>th</sup>; they will meet the Stage Coach parking lot at 10am. There will be a tour of the area to follow.

### 9 General Business

#### a. For Possible Action – Discussion, deliberation and decision to ratify a letter of support of the Nye County Commissioner's pursuit of an allocation of Hoover Power under the Hoover Power Allocation Act of 2011.-Beatty Town Office; Carrie Radomski

Carrie Radomski; Town Secretary – Stated this item was placed on the agenda for ratification; on March 4, 2014 the Nye County Hoover Power Working Group held a teleconference to discuss submitting an application expressing interest in an allocation of Hoover Power under the Hoover Power Allocation Act of 2011. It was decided that Nye County would submit the application, which is not binding, to express interest in a possible allocation of low cost power for its communities and entities. On March 13, 2014 a letter of support from the BTAB was requested. The letter was created with the assistance of the District Attorney's Office, and signed by the Chair of the BTAB. The letter was included as part of the backup for the March 18<sup>th</sup> Board of County Commissioner's application item. The purpose of this item is to publicly announce that this has been sent, that the Community is in support of the Commissioners pursuit of a power allocation, and it does give you a chance to discuss this as well.

DG – Asked for a brief description of how this came about.

Ms. Radomski – Stated that BEC Environmental, which is a company that the County contracts with to look for grants and money saving opportunities, identified this Hoover Power Allocation Act of 2011, which set aside monies for small rural communities to get an allocation of power at a much lower cost. They (BEC) requested copies of all of the power bills that the town pays to see if there would be any saving for us. They ran some calculations and determined that yes there could be a savings, but Beatty, Amargosa, Gabbs the communities in Nye County don't draw enough power to qualify for it independently, so the whole County has to go for it. There was a decision made on the conference call that the County will move forward with this, and that takes us with them. At this point the thought process is if it's not lower cost we won't do it and if it is we will probably take advantage of it.

EG – Asked if that would be through our entity Valley Electric?

Ms. Radomski – Stated what will happen is that Valley Electric will have to agree to transmit that power to us, so Valley will be involved in this and we would need a cooperative agreement from them.

RR – Motion to ratify a letter of support of the Nye County Commissioner's pursuit of an allocation of Hoover Power under the Hoover Power Allocation Act of 2011; Second CT; 5-0

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Audience – Stated that they had a question going back to the Dispatch item and the letter that will be sent to the BoCC.

DG – Stated it will be an agenda item on the next agenda.

Audience – Confirmed that the next meeting is in two weeks, and asked when this letter needs to get to them to change their minds on the budget.

EG – Stated April 15<sup>th</sup> should be public hearing for the County budget, and then the final approval should be May 19<sup>th</sup>. There is time to comment on their budget, but everybody should call and email their Commissioner, Sheriff, and County Manger.

Audience – I think it would be great if the BTAB could get a letter to them before the budget, to let them know of our concerns.

EG – Stated this won't be an agenda item, they will just get the letter.

Carrie Radomski; Town Secretary – Stated our timing should be okay, the letter will be on the April 14<sup>th</sup> agenda and if the BTAB approves it the letter will be sent the next day to all parties the BTAB directed it to.

Ms. Radomski – Restated what Frank Jarvis, said from the audience; these budget cuts were part of last fiscal year's budget, these staff eliminations were part of last fiscal year's budget. They just did not get around to it. We don't know when it's actually going to be implemented but I think the letters that were sent said right around the 1<sup>st</sup> of May. So it's this current year's budget that started on July 1, 2013.

DG – Reiterated this will be an agenda item at the next meeting, it can be discussed then.

Audience – Apologized for taking the BTAB back to that topic.

**b. For Possible Action – Discussion, deliberation and decision to 1) approve the selection of a quote for insulation installation for both Fire Department buildings and 2) set a budget. – Beatty Volunteer Fire Department; Chief Harmon**

KC – Stated that the County requires two bids there is a bid from Aspen Insulation for \$21,800.00 to insulate both buildings. The other bid is from Central Valley to Aspen Insulation which makes them a subcontractor and their bid is \$28,180.00. He recommends going with the lowest bid from Aspen Insulation.

EG – Asked if we still get the reduction with the tax id?

Carrie Radomski; Town Secretary – Stated her recommendation was to approve the full amount in the event the discount does not apply.

*KC- Motion to approve the selection of a quote for insulation installation for both Fire Department buildings and set a budget at \$21,800.00 from Fire Department Capital; Second CT; Discussion Followed.*

Audience – Stated it seems like you would want to install electrical for heat/ac before insulation installation.

KC – Stated you would not this is the first step it would make it more difficult if you did the heat/ac first; Discussion Followed.

*DG – Called for the vote; 5-0*

**c. For Possible Action – Discussion, deliberation and decision to resubmit the higher bid from Tytre Lighting with backup and justification for the mural lighting project in an amount not to exceed \$6,500.00 and all matters pertaining thereto. – Erika Gerling**

EG – Stated we have been trying to do our project to light the mural. We got the required two bids, the second bid that came through the County's RFP program was much lower than the bid that we had gotten, but the system that was offered will not do what we want it to do. According to the company's own statement their system is more of an accent light, not an illumination. Staff got an updated bid from Tytre, in the amount \$5442.00 the bid from Solar Illumination (the second bid company) is \$2927.29. Staff had investigated places that had this lower cost system, and got a picture from Minden Public Works Department. They (Minden) have a sign which is much smaller than the Mural. The Public Works contact said it doesn't really light the sign. I don't want to spend \$3000.00 on a lighting system that will not do the job that we want it to. I would rather spend the higher amount and get the system that will properly light the Mural. I would like approval to resubmit this to the County Commissioners with these justifications and our reasoning for wanting to accept the higher bid. The systems are completely different; the ones we want are heavy duty the lower bid one is a long thin bar. There are a lot of differences.

DG – KC-CT - Stated they agree with EG

*RR – Motion to resubmit the higher bid from Tytre Lighting with backup and justification for the mural lighting project in an amount not to exceed \$6500.00; Second CT; 5-0*

**d. For Possible Action – Discussion, deliberation and decision to create an outline of the work to be done on the kitchen. – Randy Reed**

RR – Stated we were approved by the County for the \$30,000.00 for the kitchen remodel so I figured this would be the next step and gave an example of an outline.

DG – Stated he looked at it and would say that lighting would go in the same time as the outlets if you're going to put new lightning in and you put cabinets in before you put appliances in.

DG – Asked if we have to put any water in?

RR – Stated we do not.

KC – Stated he agreed with DG.

EG – Clarified that new lighting would go with power, install outlets, and new cabinets would go before appliances?

DG – Said yes.

RR – Stated next meeting he will have examples of flooring for the board to look at, and maybe appliances.

*RR – Motion to create an outline of the work to be done on the kitchen upgrade; Second CT; 5-0*

**10 General Public Comment**

Dr. McGinnis – Stated that sometime next week we may have to abruptly close the Clinic because my son is scheduled for surgery, it's scheduled for April 1<sup>st</sup> but we don't know for sure if it will happen on that day. We are a man down, Robin is out right now, and she won't be back this week and possibly part of next week.

DG – Asked if she has a PA student?

Dr. McGinnis – Stated they do not but they are working on it.

CT – Stated that the video for the "On the Trail with John and Ted" came out briefly. It's a great video and shows a lot about the Happy Burro. He did have it up on YouTube, but pulled because he is looking for sponsors to fulfill that part of what he said he was going to do. It was a really neat video.

Audience – Stated they did see the video and one of the things they are concerned about is that nowhere on it does it say or emphasize that Beatty is the Gateway to Death Valley.

CT – Stated that may be one of the reasons why he pulled it, to update what he didn't have on there. I think more than anything it was a rough draft.

EG – Stated we were very clear and Kelly (KC) was very specific that we wanted at the beginning and the end; visit Beatty; Nevada's Gateway to Death Valley. We were very clear on that, there should not be any confusion when the final product comes out.

KC – The specifics were not determined, just that Beatty was to be advertised on each end; Discussion Followed.

**11 Adjournment**

*KC– Motion to adjourn 7:25pm; Second RR; 5-0*