

**BEATTY TOWN ADVISORY BOARD
P.O. BOX 837
BEATTY, NV 89003**

**Minutes
1/9/08**

**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.**

**BERT BERTRAM (BB)
JOANNIE JARVIS (JJ)
KITTY SHUBERT (KS)
TERESA SULLIVAN (TS)
VACANCY**

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 6:32 pm.
Members present were Bert Bertram, Kitty Shubert, Joannie Jarvis and Teresa Sullivan.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ACTION ITEM #1 - APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA FOR THE BEATTY TOWN ADVISORY BOARDS' MEETING OF 1/9/08

KS - Motioned to approve; seconded by JJ 4-0

ACTION ITEM #2 - ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR THE BTAB

- A. CHAIRMAN**
- B. VICE-CHAIRMAN**
- C. SECRETARY/TREASURER**

JJ - Motioned to table item until next meeting; seconded by TS 4-0

ACTION ITEM #3 - APPROVAL OF BTAB MINUTES FOR 12/12/07

TS - Motioned to approve; seconded by KS 4-0

CORRESPONDENCE

None

TREASURER REPORT

JJ - We took in \$30.00 in Rentals and the balance in the Petty Cash account is \$425.48. To date the following have spent: Beatty Fire Department \$29,135.38 (26% of budget), Administration \$14,835.48 (13% of budget), Community Center \$10,813.18 (26% of budget) and the Translators \$821.67 (23% of budget). The balances in the 3% accounts are as follows: Chamber of Commerce \$1,766.00, Beatty Museum -\$3,627.67, Capital Improvements \$53,680.79 and Tourism & Promotion \$96,106.10.

TOWN SECRETARY REPORT

Janet Rogers gave her report as follows: Clock was ordered and the Company received the deposit check (expect delivery in mid June), received e-mail from electrical engineer (drawings ready for pick up on Friday), put a call in to NDOT for permitting (didn't hear back from Mr. Pratt), having problems with the heat pumps icing up (will call Buildings & Ground), spoke with Jack Lohman regarding our Open Space Plan status (Stantec had a problem with the County's liability insurance minimums - Judy Dyer is waiting for opinion from D.A.'s office). In the past we have discussed inviting the County Commissioners to hold one of their second meetings in Beatty if BTAB like to do that (BTAB agreed to do that - April's meeting). The subject of moving the NDOT sign into the Town Square (from the little piece of land by Ensenada Grill) and if the BTAB would like to pursue that it can be agendaized for next meeting; BTAB was agreeable to this.

COMMISSIONERS REPORT

Joni Eastley (new BoCC Chairman) spoke about the appropriation requests she had submitted to Congress through our lobbyists in Washington, DC and one got picked for funding; requested a half (1/2) million dollars for renewable energy feasibility studies; been feasibility studied to death was hoping funding would

be for pilot projects. Joni went on to comment about a resolution she had written that the BoCC adopted; create a fund into which money could be deposited that was derived from leases on public land (BLM) that initiated through the sale or lease of property for any kind of renewable projects. Joni went on to explain how the fund would work and the money already in it (\$560,000.00) from Smoky Valley leases; how the money (1/2 million) would have to be worked out (grant through DOE). Janet Rogers stated that she had spoken with Christy today at BEC and was told that UNLV would be here (today or tomorrow) to take the measurements from the anemometers; will send us the CD with the updated information. Joni Eastley informed those present that Janet would have a pretty comprehensive package of information regarding what's being done out here. Joni Eastley corrected a rumor going around regarding a 'wind farm' being built here (not feasible for wind as we don't get enough); will be 'solar power' built here. There are a lot of people out there looking at this area and Tonopah for projects; make sure they know that Nye County is the place to develop those projects. In her (Joni's) meeting with Nevada Power they mentioned that Nevada wasn't good for wind projects; not enough to generate electrical power. Richard Stephens asked about the map Tom Seley (BLM) had regarding a wind farm just beyond Rhyolite; if not looking what are they doing. Joni Eastley stated they were just testing right now; have testers, lookers and people who will build things. There was more discussion regarding this topic and the fact that solar had been proven and was the best bet. There was a question posed from the audience with regards to the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG). Joni Eastley stated that they are cutting the requests back from six (6) for Nye County to only one (1) request for the entire County; relied a lot on this money. Joni went on to say that with there only being one request for the whole of Nye County they would be looking for any communities that needed help with their community water systems; have to protect health, safety & welfare (her personal preference).

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS AND/OR ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

COMMITTEE REPORTS

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

ACTION ITEM #4 - APPROVAL OF TOWN VOUCHERS

All vouchers were approved.

ACTION ITEM #5 - DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE DECISION TO APPROACH COUNTY TO BEGIN THE CLOSURE PROCEDURES OF 3RD STREET FROM AMARGOSA TO HWY 95 AND ABANDONED VALLEY STREET (BETWEEN PARCELS) AND ALLEY FOR THE TOWN SQUARE - TOWN

Bert opened this discussion by explaining to those present exactly what this item entailed and how Valley Street wasn't really a road but dirt that ran between the parcels; no one used it as a road but it is on the parcel map as one. The alley will still be there but we are asking for the abandonment of it simply for park purposes. Bert went on to say the tentative plan would be to close Third Street at Amargosa with barricades; can't drive from 95 right through to Main Street. There was more clarification on the blocking off of Third Street. Bert stated that the thing that was really important was the abandonment of Valley Street (as it splits up the park) and the alley. The action for this item tonight is if the BTAB wants to begin the process; have to request it from the County. There was more discussion regarding this action item and more clarification of the parcels in question with regards to the park. There was discussion regarding the closure of Third Street and the concern of this closure in regards to its use and the annual Beatty Days Celebration. Bert asked the Board if they wanted to go forward with the proposal to vacate Valley Street and the alley; there was no problem with this request.

TS - Motioned to proceed with the process for the closure of Valley Street and the alley; seconded by JJ 4-0

ACTION ITEM #6 - DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE DECISION TO DESIGN, PURCHASE AND ERECT A MONUMENT FOR ROBERT A & FLORENCE REVERT TO BE PLACE IN THE TOWN SQUARE AS AGREED UPON IN CONDITIONS OF DONATION - TOWN

Due to the terms of the donation a 2 foot by 2 ½ foot size bronze plaque was priced; Dave Spicer will donate a large boulder to mount the plaque on.

JJ - Motioned to purchase plaque with the date of the land acquisition in a not to exceed amount of \$1,000.00; seconded by KS 4-0

ACTION ITEM #7 - DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE DECISION TO SUPPORT THE GRANT REQUEST FROM THE BEATTY MUSEUM AND HISTORICAL SOCIETY FOR PHASE 3 & 4 BUILDING PROJECT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$153,587.00 TO THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS - SUZY MCCOY AND MARY REVERT

Suzy McCoy spoke on behalf on the Museum and stated that they wanted the Town's blessing and to know that the Town was behind them. Suzy went on to say they also wanted the County Commissioners to know that they wanted the Beatty Museum to be the 'biggest little rural museum in Nevada'. This grant request is to continue the plans for the archive/research center among the other overall upgrades to the Museum. Suzy explained more about the grant information she had put together for the Museum. She also went on to ask for 'able bodied' men to volunteer their help at the Museum to help with putting up the gazebo and the memory walk; some bricks are in with names on them already. Over Easter vacation the Museum has an archeological dig going on and will need some adults for that also. Janet made the comment that Suzy did a fantastic job on her grant application (the back up & everything); don't think everyone realizes how much the ladies at the Museum do.

KS - Motioned to support the grant request; seconded by TS 4-0

SET DATE AND LOCATION OF THE NEXT TOWN ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for January 23, 2008 @ 6:30pm

ADJOURN

TS - Motioned to adjourn at 7:18 PM; seconded by KS 4-0