

**Beatty Town Advisory Board
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**Minutes
10/28/19**

**THE BEATTY TOWN ADVISORY BOARD MET IN REGULAR SESSION AT 6:30 PM 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
Randy Reed (RR) – Vice Chair
Erika Gerling (EG) – Treasurer - Absent
Perry Forsyth (PF) – Member - Absent
Rob Shirley (RS) – Member**

1 Pledge of Allegiance

Meeting called to order 6:30 pm

DG – Stated for the record, Erika and Perry are not here.

2 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.

John Koenig; Nye County Commissioner District 2 – Introduced himself and stated he is the Commission Chair for the second year in a row and I am running for office again. As I said I am the Commissioner for District 2 but I will tell you the same thing I tell people in Round Mountain and the other towns I visit, I am a Nye County Commissioner, it says Nye County at the front of the title it does not say Pahrump. So, I'm here if you guys ever need anything you can call me if you can't get a hold of anyone else that cares because I do. You can't vote for me so this is not a political speech but again I try to be here, I saw Dick (DG) at the Test Site the other day and he asked me if I would come to a meeting so I'm here. I'm also here because of the Census thing but if you... anytime you want me to come to a meeting, if you have something special on the agenda call me and I'll come, it's a drive but it is what it is.

DG – Stated well, Commissioner thank you, appreciate you, trust me you're the last one I expected to see walk through the door tonight.

Commissioner Koenig – Stated like I said anything you want, I'll leave some cards up here, give me a call.

3 Approval of the Agenda for the BTAB meeting of October 28, 2019

Staff - Pulled item 5 emergency items

4 For Possible Action – Approval of the Minutes dated October 14, 2019

RS– Motion to approve the meeting minutes dated October 14, 2019; Second: RR– 3-0

5 For Possible Action – Emergency Items

Pulled

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

RR – Stated Beatty Days was over this weekend and it looked like a really good crowd of people. There were people parked all over town, good turnout.

RS - None

DG – Thanked the Beatty Chamber for allowing him to be the Grand Parade Marshal for the parade.

7 Presentation – Nye County’s 2020 Census Partnership Specialist – The upcoming 2020 Census and the importance of counting every resident. – Nye County Assistant Manager; Lorina Dillinger

Lorina Dillinger; Assistant County Manager – Thanked the BTAB for having them on the agenda and introduce Glenn Smith, our (Nye County) 2020 Census partner specialist so he is dedicated to Nye County regarding the 2020 census.

Glenn Marsh – Thanked Lorina and stated if you open up your folders we'll cover all of the topics.

Census 101; what you need to know, I'm Glenn Marsh, I'm with the Census Bureau and a Partnership Specialist. It is my job to make friends throughout Nye County and any other county adjacent. I've been helping out up in Esmeralda, trying to get into Mineral County too and get all of their residents counted for the 2020 census. It's important that we get everybody counted. By the time we're done with this I hope you'll agree and the point of making friends is so that you'll go out and connect with those folks that you know, and connect with all of the other folks in the community so that we get everybody comfortable responding to the census. We want to be sure that we count everybody once, only once, in the right place. It's very important because where people live is where they're counted and that's for purposes of redistricting and of course of seats in the Congress and so forth. It's in the Constitution; it's been done every ten years since 1790. It's about \$675 billion dollars, is the official census number, every year that's distributed based on census data across the United States. As I said it's about redistricting, we all know there's 435 seats in the Congress. Those move around every ten years, some States lose, some States gain. In the 2010 Census Nevada gained a seat in Congress and of course other States lost because they had lost population.

Your privacy is protected. Everything we collect is used for statistical purposes only. If we have information in too small of a sample it simply will not be released. There is practically no way to identify an individual from census data. In other words if your data is extracted from the sum of the statistics it's almost impossible to determine that you were a participant. Everybody is just counted as a whole and the statistics are based on age and so forth. So, we want you to share with your folks that everything is confidential. Once you've given us the information, there's two laws that cover that; 1 is Title 13 of the United States Code and that applies to the Census Bureau and the information that we collect, the other one is Title 26. What Title 26 applies to is the US IRS rules. We get information from the IRS but we don't give any back to them. So, any information that we get from the IRS is strictly used for census data and we do not give any information back to the IRS, again, individually. They have access to the same information that you would as a citizen; how many people live in this County and so forth.

So I did talk there about confidentially, pretty much covered that, big fine 5years, \$250 thousand dollars if someone is employed by the Census Bureau releases this information inappropriately.

The next document here talks a little bit about... about 95% of the people are going to be contacted by mail, they'll send out postcards and information packets, you fill it out and send it back. This is the first time you'll be able to respond online, so you can go to the internet and do it. One of the postcards they send out, and I believe it should be one of the first ones, will have a code on it similar to when you register your vehicle with DMV. You'll get this postcard but you don't need that code if you've got the code it makes it easier, just like DMV, but if you don't have the code you can still go in online to the Census Bureau, enter your name and address and go ahead and fill out your census information even without that code. So, everyone should know that shouldn't stop them if they've lost their card or didn't get a card. Then about 5% of households and I'm still not absolutely clear on this, but about 5% when you don't have an address that connects you to a geographic location such as a street number or a street name, so if you've got a post office box, you've got a cluster of mail boxes on a rural route/star route that sort of thing, if they can't identify your location they will have someone stop by your house and drop off the form and then you can mail it, go online or phone it in. So, I'm not absolutely certain that that is exclusive if you have a PO Box our guaranteed to have somebody knock on your door. I think if they are still confident that you responded in 2010 and the address is still valid to get to you I believe they'll still use that system (mail). But there are areas, that 5%, is called update and leave and as I said census worker will stop by if they aren't comfortable with your address and drop it off to be sure you get it. Then there is 1%, rural Alaska and rural Maine, it doesn't really apply to the rest of us because it's so rural there they actually update and enumerate, they knock on the door and go ahead and do the process there rather than having it mailed back.

There are some populations that are difficult to count as you might be aware. Homeless people of course, the elderly maybe not so obviously and children are three major areas. Children under five we miss about 5% of children under five and that happens for a number of reasons, young children may have young parents, maybe they're both working, maybe they're separated and they don't know who is supposed to count the child. Maybe they're living with grandma and grandpa and they're in an elderly community for over 55 and they're not allowed to have children under 13 living there. Well, the census comes by and grandma and grandpa are afraid to report them. Please ensure that everyone knows that we need to count all of the children. We aren't going to tell the home owners association, the County Commissioners, or the zoning department or anybody that you've got a child there that's not allowed in that community. Also, fairly common, I think, within Nye County is the RV's parked in the back yard, I was in LA and lots of people live in garages, we need to need to count everybody. We don't care where they live, why they live there, we just need to be sure they are counted. We count homeless people; we have a specific few days that we work on that. We identify where the homeless people live and we send out a group of specially trained people just to count those people, so we try and get everybody counted once, only once and in the right place.

Complete Count Communities is what we've been able to set up with the help of the County Board, the State has a Complete Count committee, it's chaired by the Lieutenant Governor Kate Marshall and the County has a Complete Count committee and Lorina is the chair and I really appreciate the efforts they've been doing to help me get out and get this message across to everyone. As you all know Nye County is a bit rural, I have difficulty explaining that to my supervisors but I have been able to get out and get to Round Mountain, Gabbs, here and Friday night Amargosa Valley and so forth. If you know of anybody, anywhere who wants to know more about this I'll be more than happy to go and chat with them, any group, church groups, community organizations, anything. I did some work with the Chamber and we were set up at Beatty Days, Friday afternoon I monitored the Art display.

We have a flyer about jobs, if anybody is interested in a job just go to 2020census.gov\jobs they can apply, it's about 30 questions, there are additional questions if they want to be a supervisor. If they want to do that I would recommend that they do that right away. In any case they are going to hire a half a million people, they are going to recruit 2.7 million, and out of that they are going to hire a half a million that actually work. They hire about four times the number they need because when the time comes, they've got other jobs, maybe they find that it isn't something they want to do but we are recruiting four times as many as we expect to hire and we're going to hire a half a million, so a pretty good opportunity. I will tell you Veterans get top of the list, when the lists come out we have to interview the Veterans first and language skills are important and whether you have a vehicle may or may not be important depending on the area. Out here you most likely are going to need a vehicle.

Statistics in schools, if you have anyone in the school system there's an entire program K thorough 12, multiple topics that provide really interesting stuff about the census; geography, math, history, all kinds of stuff.

Six billion dollars are allocated to Nevada each year based on census data. Now, this is not from the Census Bureau this is from the George Washington Institute of public policy. If you take this six billion dollar number each year and you take the population of Nevada which is about three million that's about \$2,000.00 per person that gets counted. So if you start thinking about the impact of missing people, that's every year, \$2,000.00 over the ten year census period that's \$20,000.00 per person, five is \$100,000.00, it can get to be some money. So, it's very important that we count everybody only once and in the right place.

I haven't talked to the Library here yet but if anyone has connections with the Library we usually set up the Library if you have computer access so people can come in and apply for jobs and fill out their census. Up in Tonopah we've done that through the Records Office. If you have another area here that you might suggest that would be a good place for computer access for the public let me know.

Mr. Marsh – Stated I'll be happy to answer any questions.

RS – Stated these numbers are important for the taxation board or the engineering reports that I work with. What I find fascinating, like for Beatty we had a population of 1010 and then it went down to 975 and then just the last one they released was like 775 but its +/- 235 in errors, but it's still showing a decrease in population. Without it being done every ten years how do they estimate the decline or growth?

Mr. Marsh – Stated what I am working for is the one that's every ten years. The census department actually does more than 120 surveys, this is just one, and this is the one that counts everybody in the United States. The most common one is the ACS, American Community Survey, and that goes on all year long, all the time. It may not be constant for that specific topic but they will do surveys and they have employees that are hired to do those and then they estimate to adjust up or down. For example they estimate that Nye County's population has gone up about two or three thousand members since the 2010 census, if I recall the last figures. This is the one that matters for the House of Representatives and what the Government uses to get the whole thing rolling and for funding decisions; discussion followed.

8 Consent Agenda Items

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

b. Approval of Town Vouchers

RS – Motion to approve the town vouchers in the amount \$135.53; Second RR; 3-0

9 Reports

a. Secretary

Carrie Radomski; Town Secretary – Reviewed information received by the Town Office;

November 1st starting an EMR Class; Death Valley is hosting a free day November 2nd; Nye County Health and Human Service and WIC will be here November 5th from 9am to 4pm; Friday November 8th Turkey Bingo; November 22nd Encroachment Permit Workshop

10 General Business

- a. **For Possible Action- Discussion, deliberation and decision to set Monday November 4th for the first BTAB meeting of the month due to Veterans Day falling on our normally scheduled meeting day. – Dick Gardner**

RS – Motion to set Monday November 4th for the first BTAB meeting of the month due to Veterans Day falling on our normally scheduled meeting day; Second RR; 3-0

11 General Public Comment

None

12 Adjournment

RR – Motion to adjourn at 6:54 pm; Second RS; 3-0