

**Beatty Town Advisory Board
100 A Avenue South
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**Workshop Minutes
05/25/2011**

**THE BEATTY TOWN ADVISORY BOARD MET IN REGULAR SESSION AT 6:0PM 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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**Teresa Sullivan (TS) – Chair
Justin LaPorte (JL) – Vice Chair - Absent
Erika Gerling (EG) – Treasurer
Kelly Carroll (KC) – Member
Dick Gardner (DG) – Member**

1 Pledge of Allegiance

Meeting called to order at 6:55pm

2 Approval of the Agenda for the Beatty Town Advisory Board's Workshop of May 25, 2011.

DG – Motion to approve the Workshop agenda for May 25th meeting; Second KC; 4-0

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

Shirley Harlan – Gave an update on her progress with possible grant assistance from BEC, she spoke with a representative from BEC who said they will be willing to help the Town, Beatty Library, Beatty Habitat Committee, and BGID with finding grant sources. Each agency will need to contact BEC independently if they would like assistance.

4 Action – Board Member's Comments

None

5 Discussion – Beatty Ordinance Chapter 19.04 Volunteer Fire Department, and all matters pertaining thereto.

- TS – Stated the goal is to mesh the Ordinance and the Nye County Directive, because they are in conflict.
EG – Stated she reviewed the Ordinance change requests that were submitted to the District Attorney several years ago.
TS – Stated than no changes have been made to the Ordinance to this point; Discussion followed.
Carrie Radomski – Stated that District Attorney’s office has requested a new revision request; they will not be taking action on the revisions submitted in 2005/2006; Discussion followed.
EG – Read the Nye County Directive; Discussion followed.
Mike Harmon – Stated the Logistics Officer mentioned in the Directive, is Kevin Kliensworth, and he has been doing a great job.
EG – Stated that item eleven (11) of the Directive is a potential issue and referred back to the statement in the Directive: “The next twelve (12) items are significant, the Nye County Emergency Service Director under supervision of the County Manger Shall...”, because this gives the authority to the Nye County Emergency Services Director to take action independent of the local fire department authority; Discussion followed.
Jim Benshoof – Stated this is where discussion would take place between the Chief and the Director, with the Ordinance in place as it is written there is little concern, however if the Ordinance was not in place the authority given to the Director in the Directive would make him uncomfortable; Discussion followed.
EG – Suggested wording modification of the Directive to include something like; under direction by or consultation with the Chief; Discussion followed.
TS – Suggested wording that states the Nye County Emergency Services Director will work through the Local Chief in the administration of all of duties listed in the Directive; Discussion followed.
TS- Stated the Ordinance is law and the goal is to bring the Directive and Ordinance together; which will mean making modifications to both the Ordinance and the Directive; Discussion followed.
KC – Stated that the Directive does not support local control of the organization; Discussion followed.
Mr. Benshoof – Stated that fortunately the County has been good about giving the Department local control, however if there is someone else as the Director, in Brent Jones place, and they look at this Directive that could change too, and we want to protect the local control; Discussion followed.
TS – Suggested wording modification to the introductory paragraph for the twelve items that states; the Nye County Emergency Services Director will work through the local Fire Chief to implement all twelve (12) items listed in the Directive; Discussion followed.
Richard Stephens – Stated that both the Ordinance and Directive are lacking a method of appeal.
Mr. Benshoof – Stated that the Departments By-Laws do have a method of appeal; Discussion followed.
TS – Asked if the Fire Department would like to add something in the Ordinance that refers to the By-Laws; Discussion followed.
TS – Stated that there is value in having the County assume some responsibility and liability, we just want to do it in a way that will support the Fire Department.
EG – Stated that she is in agreement with a lot of things in the Directive but item eleven (11) is in conflict with the Ordinance; Discussion followed.
EG – Stated there are three things so far; Discussion followed.
Introductory sentence- Nye County Emergency Services Director shall work through and or in coordination with the Local Fire Department Chief
Item 11- Attempt to get the person to work within the system; with consultation and approval of the Local Department Chief and in accordance with Local By-Laws.
19.04.06a. Duties of the Chief – add; in compliance with local state and federal requirements.
19.04.06b All other Department officers accountable to the Chief only – shall to accountable to the Board, removing both “only” statements.
TS – Asked the Fire Department to take the work done here tonight and work on it as a department, make the changes that the Department knows it wants done, after that is complete another workshop can be scheduled; Discussion followed.

6 Adjournment

7:56 pm DG- Motion to adjourn; Second KC; 4-0