

**Beatty Town Advisory Board
100 A Avenue South
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**Minutes
11/30/2011**

**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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**Teresa Sullivan (TS) – Chair
Dick Gardner (DG) – Vice Chair
Erika Gerling (EG) – Treasurer
Kelly Carroll (KC) – Member
Crystal Taylor (CT) – Member**

1 Pledge of Allegiance

Meeting called to order at 6:30pm

2 For Possible Action -Approval of the Agenda for the BTAB meeting of November 30, 2011.

DG – Motion to approve the agenda for November 30th with the necessary corrections in item 10b; negations to negotiations and with the exception of number 5 emergency items; Second CT; 5-0

3 For Possible Action – Approval Meeting Minutes dated; November 9, 2011.

DG – Motion to approve the minutes of November 9, 2011; Second KC; 5-0

4 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.

Brad Hunt on behalf of The Nevada Division of Wildlife– Stated the pond is now stocked with approximately 1,000 Trout, a fishing license is required, and there is a catch limit of three fish per day. The pond will be stocked on an annual basis.

Fred Sommers – Stated that on December 11th Santa will be at the Happy Burro Old Hotel at 2pm distributing gifts to the kids, he invited everyone to attend. Gifts will be distributed for children ages; new born to age 18.

Kay Handy – Stated that there is a Toys for Tots box located in the lobby of the Bank of America, all the toys donated will be given to children in the community.

5 For Possible Action – Emergency Items

6 Presentation – Presentation and information by Nye Regional Medical Center(NRMC) pertaining to the Beatty Outreach Program

Doctor Vincent Scoccia of Nye Regional Medical Center –In existence under the auspices of Prime Care Nevada for 12 years, and is in its 13th year of independent operation. The center in Tonopah was scheduled to be closed in 1999 due to consistent revenue losses, it was taken over and privatized, and is expanding its service areas today, providing health care for approximately 15,000 people. NRMC is a team, outreach program for disadvantaged, outreach vans were purchased by the center to bring people that need treatment and had no other transportation means to the center. Several years ago air support was added in central NV by basing Lifeguard in Tonopah, prior to this there was no real air support causing a 4 to 6 hours delay in getting a critical patient to a higher level of care. NRMC help Lifeguard build a hanger at the Tonopah Airport, which is the 1st major project in the last 60 years; the county donated the land to the foundation. The hanger will allow the plane to ready and available in inclement weather. This project is a prime example of government and private enterprise working together for the betterment of the community.

Dr. Scoccia – Showed a slide depicting the Round Mountain Diagnostic Center, which NRMC is parting with Round Mountain Gold to build, will be a part mine part private enterprise.

Dr. Scoccia – Noted that on the slide it was titled Beatty Outreach Clinic; because there is no reason Beatty cannot have a facility like it.

Dr. Scoccia – Went on to say partnering and avoiding duplication of services is key to providing care to the rural service area. Not only will it serve the population with the clinic, it will also have physical therapy, x-ray, lab, and a new concept called an RRU or Rural Resuscitation Unit. This unit is it is like a mini emergency room, this would allow for the stabilization of patients prior to transport via air or ambulance to a higher level of care. The community of Beatty would really benefit from this service; travel huge distance to get care is a thing of the past. We have to look to the future, supporting our local economy, providing jobs for people locally, and working together to get the best possible care.

Dr. Scoccia – Spoke about out their global health care outreach program.

Dr. Scoccia – Thanked the community for the support and the opportunity to speak tonight

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TS – Asked what the immediate, midrange and long term plans are for Beatty.

Dr. Scoccia – Spoke about the summit held by NRMC earlier this year, they contacted the parties they felt were responsible for input into Beatty health. The summit was to showcase the infrastructure put in place over the last 12 years and the diagnostic capabilities; it is a state of the art facility. The equipment is the same equipment in use in Las Vegas or Reno, and the reason? Why reproducibility of data, if a test is performed in rural NV and the results are not acceptable in Las Vegas or Reno and another test has to be performed, we have invested in equipment so that does not happen.

Dr. Scoccia – Stated they brought the people together and asked what do the people of Beatty need, they told us and the existing people that were in Beatty at the time did not want to partner with us and work with us toward the common good of Beatty.

TS – Asked that Dr. Scoccia clarify who he was speaking about.

Dr. Scoccia – It was a private entity providing health care in Beatty, the Town Board and local businesses were very supportive.

Dr. Scoccia – Went on to say that this effort went nowhere, but the grassroots support was demanding NRMC provide something and that was when they launched the Outreach Van to come to Beatty and transport people to the clinic and to bring their needed prescriptions to them. They have engaged some land in Beatty to put up a Mobile Medical Clinic temporarily to provide health care in Beatty in the next month; Discussion followed.

TS – Asked how often will you be here and what services will be provided.

Dr. Scoccia – Stated we are a very small organization, we are a 501c3 non-profit organization; the Mobile Medical Clinic will have to support its self, NRMC does not get any grants or subsidies. At first the plan is to be open one day a week, as demand increases the hours of operation will increase to meet it.

DG – Asked if Dr. Scoccia could say where the property is located.

Dr. Scoccia – Stated that at this time he could not, the lease contract has not been finalized.

TS – Stated that the Town does have property that may be available, this Board has been historically supportive of maintaining medical care in this community.

TS – Stated she understood that NRMC is interested in potentially contracting with the County.

Dr. Scoccia – Stated that they have submitted a proposal for County consideration; ending subsidies to Beatty and Amargosa, and form a permanent solution. You would be able to see where the money spent went because there would be a building with state of the art equipment; after three years the subsidies are over and there is a permanent solution for Beatty.

TS – Asked about a long range plan for Beatty.

Dr. Scoccia – Stated the proposal put into the County, asks that the subsidies to these areas is cut off and that they are give 2 to 3 years of subsidy. It will not be used for operation it will be used for infrastructure and to create jobs.

TS – Stated she loved the theory, her concern is in the interim what does Beatty's medical care look like, and in the future; five, ten, thirty, years will Beatty have medical care. We want to be assured that in the next five to ten years that there will be access to medical care in Beatty.

Dr. Scoccia – Stated that he can assure the community, because NRMC has been in operation for twelve years going into thirteen years, and in 2013 starts their surgery program, they are growing and expanding. They are putting up a diagnostic center in Round Mountain and are willing to put one here in Beatty. The area is growing with the price of precious metals, and the solar fields that are coming; there are jobs and there are people. There is no reason people in the area should have substandard medical care. NRMC is in it for the long run with or without the Government, we see a market and a need, we are coming with or without you.

EG – State there is an item on the agenda that if the board so wishes to send comments to the Board of County Commissioners regarding the contract that is coming up and any issues or wishes the Town may have. The concern about short term care could be addressed, we don't want to have health care one day a week, and it could be worked out to keep the current provider for a term while NRMC is working on their local program. More than one option could be good for the community.

TS – Stated she agreed and was glad NRMC made this presentation and shared this information, in the past this community has not had any information on what NRMC's plans are and what NRMC wants to do here and how the Town and Board can support that; Discussion followed.

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Dr Scoccia – Stated this is your community and we have to work together to identify what is needed here, when that is identified how are we going to work together to achieve that and have a win-win situation. Subsidies don't work because it forces you to become complacent and lazy there is nothing wrong working and earning what you get. The level of care is higher when you have buy-in, even at NRMC he has seen temporary doctors, they come in and punch the clock and don't care, and they get paid whether they see one patient or one hundred patients. We need buy-in, like the people present tonight, interested citizens, asking intelligent questions.

TS – Reiterated her question, what does NRMC need from the Town and the Board.

Dr. Scoccia – Stated interest, questions, guidance.

TS – Stated that by coming here and letting the community know what is happening it can provide lots of support in many different ways.

David Jones; Director of IT for NRMC - Stated that if they come in to Beatty, the citizens will be able to see all of their records, tests, and payments. You will also be able to e-mail the doctor questions; the doctor will be on line to answer questions two hours per week. There will be a news letter that is coming out this month about what is happening at Nye Regional Medical. Dr. Scoccia has located a pediatrics physician to work at NRMC.

Kay Handy – Stated that we have a struggle here at our clinic keeping doctors or even a PA, so if this building is here in Beatty, how are you going to provide us a doctor.

Dr. Scoccia – Stated it is very difficult in rural medicine you are never staffed and administration knows that, even when we have one hundred percent occupancy, so to speak, we continue to recruit. The key is that we have people that buy into the system, meaning that they care, they are paid well. It is a capitalistic type wage system, if zero patients come in that day they get paid zero, if a lot of patients come in that day they make more. You have to have people that want to be there and care; Discussion followed.

TS – Asked if the County were to agree and give NRMC the money needed over the three year period to help the project move forward what would medical care in Beatty look like in 2012.

Dr. Scoccia – Stated it would look like the building design presented earlier.

TS – Clarified if the agreement happens in January, what level of care would we have; weekly doctors, two to three times per week.

Dr. Scoccia – Stated, yes if built up to that magnitude you would six maybe seven days of coverage, because that concept involves the Rural Recitation Unit and transporting critically ill people to a higher level of care. This would be a quantum leap from the Mobil Medical Unit being brought down here.

TS – Clarified if you were given the contract, within a couple of months we would be looking at that kind of care, what kind of transition are we looking at?

Dr. Scoccia – Stated it would take several years to get to the state where this could be built in Beatty.

TS – Stated so in 2012 what would our medical care look like? How often would we have a physician here in the community, what would be available, would we be able to fill prescriptions here in the community? What will be available in 2012?

Dr. Scoccia – Stated the facility presented would have a pharmacy, if the County says okay we will devote funds to build a building such as this the facility could be up and built by the end of summer. If done independently by NRMC it could take several years to build this facility.

EG – Clarified if Beatty has a short term agreement with Nevada Health Centers, but Beatty's long term care in 2012/2013 is in the hands NRMC, are we going to have a doctor here every day that we can see.

Dr. Scoccia – Stated yes because that is what every community needs and is what NRMC works towards.

EG – Stated on the most basic level that is what people here want, consistency; Discussion followed.

TS – Asked what do you want or need from this community and this Board at this time to move this project forward.

Dr. Scoccia – Stated your love, interest and asking questions.

EG – Encourage the citizens to send letters to the Commissioners voicing their wants and opinions, and to attend the Commissioners meeting when the contract with Nevada Health Centers is up for discussion.

Dr. Scoccia – Thanked the Board and the community for the opportunity to speak to them tonight.

7 Presentation – Presentation and information by Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Wild Horse and Burro Program pertaining to the upcoming Bullfrog Herd Management Area gather; Dustin Hollowell and Tom J. Seley

Tom Seley; BLM Tonopah Field Office Manger- State he was here about two months ago and spoke about development of a gather plan for the Bullfrog Herd Management Area, there is a large map of the area here for people to look at. A preliminary environmental analyses which was issued today, is available on line and a few copies are here on the table for anyone to take. There is a thirty day public review period. There are three proposed actions plus a no action alternative. The proposal goal is to reduce the burro population down to the appropriate national level.

Dustin Hollowell; BLM Tonopah Field Office Wild Horse and Burro Specialist – Presented the proposed actions; the proposed action is to gather and remove approximately eighty six burros from not only inside the herd management area but also the burros that are outside of the designated herd management area. Another alternative is to just gather the burros outside of the herd management area (HMA) those south and north of the HMA. The other alternative is to gather twelve burros just from the town of Beatty a one mile radius, and on the highway 95 corridor to reduce the human/burro conflicts and hazards they may present there.

Mr. Hollowell – Stated the reason for the gather; we are above the appropriate management level, and there are burros residing outside of the HMA boundaries. Protection of the range lands and helping the burros and other wild life is the reason.

Mr. Hollowell – State that if there is enough interest in the Town of Beatty the BLM would hold a trap site adoption, the burros would be given to any qualified adopters there. Fill out the appropriate paperwork and leave with a burro.

EG – Asked what qualified adopter is.

Mr. Hollowell – Stated he was not familiar with the details but there is paperwork that must be completed. The Adopter must fill out the application; it is one hundred twenty five dollars (\$125.00) to adopt a burro. In the application you have to show that you have the right facilities and enough space and financial means to care for the burro before you leave with it; Discussion followed.

Fred Summers – Asked how many burros are put down.

Tom Seley – Stated the only animals put down are animals that are in ill health, when it is the humanely correct thing to do; Discussion followed.

Wendy Wilson – Asked if the requirements to take a burro home, if there is a trap site adoption, have changed in the past few years.

Mr. Seley – Stated that they are the same; Discussion followed

TS – Asked when the 30 day comment period began and when does it end.

Mr. Seley – Stated it opened today.

Mr. Hollowell – Added the 30 day comment period should close December 30th, you can comment via regular mail to the Tonopah BLM office; also there is a specific e-mail address for comments for this gather; bullfroghma@blm.gov; Discussion followed.

Mr. Seley – Clarified, that when there is a preliminary document out for thirty day review, it is not a voting document. It is for the public to view the document and see if they have substitutive comments on why you would prefer one plan over the other, what you're rational is for that preference, you may have thought of things that we did not consider.

TS – Commented that this an issue on which we all are never to agree, and just asked every to remain safe and civil and to treat each other with respect as well as the animals, regardless of what happens. The last round up some people were hurt, we have to treat each other with respect whether we agree with what is going on or not.

8 For Possible Action – Board Member’s Comments (This item limited to announcements or topics/issues proposed for future workshops/agendas)

DG – Thanked C&S Disposal for helping the Beatty Student Counsel achieve its goal of bringing the Rachel’s Challenge program to Beatty. The Student Counsel approached the BTAB for funding, which was granted in the amount of Fifteen Hundred Dollars, but that was two hundred dollars short of the Seventeen Hundred needed to bring the program to Beatty. C&S Disposal donated the two hundred dollars needed.

CT – Stated she attended the Neighborhood Watch meeting; it was very informative and seems like a good program to have in the community. She urged anyone with questions to contact Debbie Wilkinson.

EG – Stated that there was a report in the paper about the Nevada Health Centers contract item, in it comments she sent via email to Commissioner Eastley about the contract negotiations, she wanted to clarify that the letter was sent as a citizen not as a Board member.

EG – Reported state route 160 assessment by NDOT is complete and is moving along. The Skate Park, the Fire Department new building bathroom renovations, and the Ambulance Barn projects will be going out to bid in the next week or so.

KC – None

TS – Stated that thanks to many donators the Student Counsel was able to get all the funds needed to bring Rachel’s Challenge to Beatty High School, Beatty Middle School, and Amargosa Middle School. A two hundred dollar (\$200.00) donation was received by a local girls club as well, which helped finalize everything, and made it so the Student Counsel or Gear Up did not have to come up with more money.

TS – Invited everyone to attend the Community Event on December 12th at 7pm at the Beatty High School gymnasium.

9 Consent Agenda Items

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

b. Approval of Town Vouchers

No Vouchers presented – No action taken

10 General Business

a. For Possible Action – Discussion, deliberation and possible decision to approve the changes to the Beatty Room Tax Ordinance 19.12 made by the District Attorney’s Office, as a result of workshops held by the Beatty Town Advisory Board, and to request the District Attorney’s Office move forward with the ratification process, and all matters pertaining thereto. – Beatty Town Office; Carrie Radomski

DG – Motion to accept supplemental information; Second KC; 5-0

Carrie Radomski – Presented the final draft of the Beatty Room Tax Ordinance 19.12, submitted by the District Attorney’s Office and reviewed the document; Discussion Followed.

DG – Move to approve the Room Tax Ordinance number 10a and send it to the District Attorney’s Office to forward to the Board of County Commissioners; Second CT; 5-0

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- b. For Possible Action – Discussion, deliberation and possible decision to send comments to the Board of County Commissioners regarding the Beatty Medical Clinic and the contract negotiations with Nevada Health Centers and any other interested parties, and all matters pertaining thereto. – Erika Gerling**

KC – Motioned to accept supplemental information; Second EG; 5-0

Carrie Radomski – Stated the supplemental information submitted is a copy of the proposal sent to Nye County by Nye Regional Medical Center.

EG – Stated that she thought the BTAB may want to send comments to the Board of County Commissioners regarding the Clinic contract negotiations, and health care and health care providers in Beatty; Discussion followed

TS – Stated that uninterrupted medical service is her biggest concern; Discussion Followed.

EG – Recapped the items brought up in discussion; Discussion Followed

Short term contract – month to month or quarterly

Monthly cost for the Beatty Clinic only

Nevada Health Centers long and short term goals for Beatty

Beatty Clinic should be a preferred provider for Nye County employees

Nye Regional Medical Center to submit a more detailed proposal including minimum service level commitments for 2012, 2013, and 2014

60 Day cancelation notice for no cause cancelation of the contract

EG – Motion to send a letter to the Board of County Commissioners with the comments discussed; Second KC; 5-0

- c. For Possible Action – Discussion, deliberation and possible decision to submit a request to the Board of County Commissioners to increase the spending limitation on Town Advisory Boards (TAB), and revise the TAB Operating Guidelines to reflect the new increased spending limit and all matters pertaining thereto. – Dick Gardner**

DG – Stated that last month when the Beatty Student Council came before the Board they had a funding request in the amount of \$1,700.00 and the Board could only contribute \$1,500.00 without going to the Board of Commissioners, they couldn't wait to see if the BTAB could go \$1700.00. As he understood at one time the limit was \$5,000.00, on April 6 of 2010 it was reduced to \$1500.00, which is inadequate; Discussion followed.

EG – Suggested a spending limit of \$5,000.00, at one point that was the TAB spending limit; Discussion followed.

EG – Motion to submit a request to the Board of County Commissioners to increase the spending limitation on Town Advisory Boards to Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) and revise the TAB Operating Guidelines to reflect the new increased spending limit; Second CT; 5-0

- d. For Possible Action – Discussion, deliberation and possible decision to contribute up to Three Hundred Dollars (\$300.00) for plaques and prize money for a Christmas Lighting contest sponsored by the Beatty Town Advisory Board and the Beatty Chamber of Commerce and all matters pertaining thereto. – Beatty Chamber of Commerce; Ann Marchand**

Ann Marchand - Stated the Christmas Lighting Contest has been held for years in Beatty. The judging is scheduled for December 13th; Discussion followed.

DG – Motion to approve up to Three Hundred Dollars (\$300.00) for the Beatty Christmas Lighting Contest; Second CT; 5-0

- e. Action – Discussion, deliberation and possible decision to notify the County Commissioners of interest if any, in the properties listed on the delinquent properties scheduled for April 16, 2012 and April 18, 2012 unless property is re-conveyed by March 14, 2012. – Beatty Town Office; Carrie Radomski**

TS – Asked if there was any interest in the Beatty properties listed; Discussion followed.

Item dies due to lack of motion

11 General Public Comment
None

12 Adjournment

DG – motion to adjourn 9:20pm; Second KC; 4-0