

**Beatty Town Advisory Board  
100 A Avenue South  
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**Minutes  
10/26/2015**

**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 – Absent  
Erika Gerling (EG) – Treasurer  
Randy Reed (RR) - Member  
Crystal Taylor (CT) – Member**

**1 Pledge of Allegiance**

Meeting called to order at 6:30pm

DG – Stated KC will be late.

**2 Approval of the Agenda for the BTAB meeting of October 26, 2015.**

*Staff - Pulled item 5 Emergency Items*

**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 September 28, 2015**

*RR – Motion to approve the meeting minutes dated September 28, 2015; Second CT; 4-0*

**5 For Possible Action – Emergency Items**

*Item pulled*

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

EG – Stated the Amargosa Toad Working Group is meeting this Thursday. A year ago when they did their revision we (BTAB) are a partner to the conservation agreement. I will do my very best to attend the meeting. I am working on something for the parade but I'm not sure.

RR – None; CT – None

DG – Stated I have several; Always Lost display is at the VFW post. It is a pretty sobering display. The poker run was a success. When we looked around town we saw those ATV's all over the place. The Boy Scouts made a lot of money washing cars, the Track Team made money serving and we held a 50/50 drawing to help them. Don't forget Beatty Days, the VFW took over the Lions Club we will be serving Breakfast and Burgers. Watch the parade because I will be doing the announcing.

DG – Read a letter of appreciation from the BTAB to the Beatty Volunteer Ambulance Service and the Beatty Volunteer Fire Department.

**7 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**

*RR – Motion to approve the town vouchers in the amount of \$1,390.23; Second CT; 4-0*

**8 Reports**

**a. Secretary**

Carrie Radomski; Town Secretary – The USDA Commodities distribution will be at the Hill Top Church basement on November 13<sup>th</sup> from 12pm to 7pm. The Beatty Library is actively doing a silent auction the bid deadline is November 1<sup>st</sup> at noon, they will have a booth at Beatty Days. Barrick contributed to Beatty Days, they agreed to sponsor the bands in the upper park for all of Beatty Days. The total contribution is \$1,900.00.

**9 General Business**

**a. For Possible Action – Discussion, deliberation, and decision to complete a road inventory in Beatty and send a letter to Nye County Public works with our suggestions for road improvements/repairs to be completed in Beatty using the five cent gas tax increase passed by the Board of county Commissioners at their meeting on October 6, 2015 with an effective date of October 26, 2015. – Erika Gerling**

EG - Stated it's been several years since we have had anything other than filling potholes done and it's been several years since we've been asked which roads are our priorities and we used to be asked all the time and we are not asked anymore. So since the gas tax has increased we may get something we may not get something but if we don't say these are our priorities and this is what we really need then we won't get anything. They don't ask us anymore. I will get somebody to drive around and do it, I'll check with Frank Raetz in Amargosa. Everybody let us know if they have any suggestions. Then we will compile a list and at another meeting we will prioritize it.

DG - Asked for comments

Audience - Sated I talked to Darrell Lacy today and I asked him if it is just for Pahrump and he said he thought what the BTAB is doing is a fantastic idea, putting together a list and being proactive and at least putting it out there to him. He (Darrell Lacy) said its going to be 1.1 Million extra in road repairs because of this five cents, which is going to bring it up to 1.9 Million for the year. We had a long conversation about it as far as is it just the worst roads or is it going to be a bunch of factors like how many vehicles will travel on this road even if it's in better shape than a back street in Beatty that maybe six or seven cars a day go on as opposed to one hundred thousand cars on in Pahrump that might dictate which road they do first but he was saying it was a fantastic idea that you guys are putting together a list and that's what we are thinking too, in Tonopah, we saw that on your agenda and I'm on my way home so I thought I'd stop in here and see what you guys are doing.

EG - Stated there was a report in the paper and there are a couple of roads that are going to have to be completely rebuilt because of this recent flooding. My feeling is a little bit of money in Beatty will go a long way to make some roads really, really good, a lot of money will go a little way to make some roads in Pahrump okay. That was my thought.

Audience - Stated the squeaky wheel gets the grease.

EG - Stated we try. Sometimes the results are favorable sometimes they're not but we comment on pretty much everything.

DG - Suggested tabling the item until we get a list.

Audience - Stated I suggest Cottonwood.

EG - Stated we did receive a letter from the Library Board of Trustees and the area between the streets and the Library property line, they would like something done about that.

DG - Stated we will table 9A until the next meeting.

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**b. For Possible Action – Discussion, deliberation, and decision to contact 10 people to assist with the Balloting and Counting should the Beatty Town Advisory Board Election scheduled for November 9, 2015 take place and all matters pertaining thereto. – Beatty Town Office; Carrie Radomski**

Carrie Radomski; Town Secretary – Stated this is a housekeeping item, we will be holding an election this year. We have two seats open and we have three letters of interest. I wanted the public to know that I will be contacting ten members of the public to assist with the balloting.

CT – Stated yes do it; Second RR; 4-0

DG – Stated at the next meeting Item number 4 will be the election and each candidate will have the opportunity to make a three minute speech. Voting will start following the speech.

### 10 General Public Comment

Audience (Teresa Sullivan) – Stated I'm not sure where to start with this other than I guess maybe the informational meeting that Sheriff Wehrly and Vance Payne, the comment that Sheriff Wehrly said, is that she promised us four deputies. I think we need to hold her to that promise. I'm very concerned and you guys are all well aware of the issue we had this weekend, the issue previous with the road closure. I feel like increased patrols, increased number of deputies in the area would prevent a lot of issues that we are having.

DG – Stated I think so too, Teresa, and if I'm not mistaken we had three up here and then one of them quit.

Teresa – Replied we had four at one point; we had a deputy in Amargosa. The deputy in Amargosa was trained on motorbikes and moved to Pahrump, and then we had Paul resign and so now we are down to two.

DG – Stated that's right and they are trying to do the auxiliary, I'm for it too but I also think she might have her hands tied and what she's trying to do or trying to get them out here.

Audience – Stated she really shouldn't have said what she said.

EG – Asked did she say that at the meeting?

Audience – Stated she said that and I asked the Under Sherriff about it today and he said I don't know where she's going to find them and I said exactly.

Teresa – Stated but here's the thing, the positions are here. We need to hold her to filling them and you know she said she hasn't had the chance just yet, she's been here nearly two years. We need to do something to encourage her to do that because it's not getting better it's getting worse.

EG – Stated FYI several months ago we asked to have a meeting with her about this very issue, I believe it was May.

DG – Stated we had that discussion and I immediately got on the phone and called her.

EG – Went on and we have reached out three or four times since May to have this meeting and it has not happened. So it's not that we haven't been trying.

DG – Stated it's not that we haven't tried, Teresa, we've really reached out and tried every time we get a chance to talk to her.

Teresa – Stated the other thing is and you are going to see this too with emergency services. All of this stuff snowballs, the more issues there are, the less law enforcement, the more other issues there are because everything else falls and these volunteers are just overly taxed. We are going to end up losing them too because they are exhausted. Whatever we as a community can do to, I feel like we have to step up and not just you guys but all of us but we have to. We have to talk to her, we have to get her here, we have to as a group step up. I don't expect you to do all of it, maybe lead the charge and help get (inaudible).

CT – Stated, Teresa, I think the start with the community is getting them to get in touch with the Commissioners. They are the ones to start demanding. Because Sheriff Wehrly has gone to them many times and said.... The tax increase that we had we were going to pool with Amargosa, put our money together so that we can get a deputy with the tax money that we had coming in; not enough money, no it can't be used like this. They've been trying and I know that there's been a couple of times where she has tried. Now it's time to bypass us by all means go right to the County Commissioners, yell at them, get their attention, let them know what's really going on.

EG – Stated but don't bypass the Sheriff either because it's not right when you reach out that she doesn't return that, and also deputies are being hired in Pahrump that are not part of that tax revenue. She's requesting them and the Commissioners are approving them. So let's call everybody.

Teresa – Stated we have those two positions, and I don't know if she moved that one Amargosa position to Pahrump or not but that goes completely against what she had said.

CT – Stated you saw Bergstrom at the meeting last week. He is covering Amargosa here and there.

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Teresa – Stated sure that's temporary, but it needs to be a permanent filled position. See that's what I'm saying, that position there I don't know if it's gone and moved so that we only have three positions in Beatty. I don't know but I think we need to hold her to saying that she said it publicly, there were a lot of people there including the media and I think we need to hold her to that and somehow we need to make this happen.

EG – Stated we will definitely keep on it, like I said squeaky wheel.

CT – Stated and contact the County Commissioners they are the ones that hold the budget.

Teresa – Stated and their response is contact the Sherriff that's her department.

EG – Stated and it's her budget that's what they say. Maybe we will have something to report between now and the next meeting.

DG – Stated I can try to call the Sheriff again.

Teresa – Stated there have been three events since that meeting and she hasn't showed, and unfortunately that sends a message. That sends a message to the community and I think we all need to know that.

Audience – Stated your representative is your County Commissioner.

DG – Stated they have both been here, Judge, at the same time and spoke at the same podium.

Teresa – Stated but it's not scheduled, it's never on the agenda when they come.

DG – Stated it's on the reports meeting and there is a spot there for the County Commissioner and she's here. Lots of times she can't make it or whatever but that's her opportunity and one particular time the Sheriff showed up and they were talking, we don't get any advance notice either, Teresa.

Teresa – Stated and I'm saying we all should including you, I'm not faulting you.

DG – Stated we don't get a weeks notice, because I don't think they can plan their schedule a week ahead because of things that happen now and then but we've tried and I think on two different occasions both the Sheriff and the Commissioner have been here but it's always been on the, very seldom does the Commissioner show up on a day other than the report meetings, the first meeting of the month. She makes more than she misses, maybe not but she's made quite a few.

Happy Burro; Crystal Taylor – Stated the Happy Burro is going to do their annual spaghetti sauce cook off. The money that we make from that helps us buy the toys for our Santa's Workshop that we do, we supply all the toys for all the kids in town and let them come over and see Santa, sit on Santa's lap and talk to him. We are doing the cook off on December 5<sup>th</sup> but I don't have a time yet.

### **11 Adjournment**

*RR– Motion to adjourn 6:54pm; 4-0*