



## Board of Mineral County Commissioners

Hawthorne, Nevada

January 22, 2018

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The Honorable Board of Mineral County Commissioners met this day in a regular session with the following people present:

Honorable Jerrie Tipton	Chairman
Honorable Chris Hegg	Vice-Chairman
Honorable Garth Price	Member
Honorable Christopher Nepper	Clerk-Treasurer

**Absent:** Honorable Sean Rowe District Attorney

**1. Pledge of Allegiance**

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Hegg

No Safety Message

**2. Public Comment - None**

**3. Approval of Agenda/necessary changes**

Public Comment: None

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY** Commissioner Price, seconded by Commissioner Hegg and unanimously carried by the Board to approve agenda as presented.

**4. Honorable Board of County Commissioners –** For consideration and possible action relative to acceptance of resignation letter from Mineral County Assessor, Dorothy Fowler.

Commissioner Hegg read the letter of resignation from Mineral County Assessor, Dorothy Fowler.

Commissioner Price thanked Ms. Fowler for her time at the County.

Public Comment: None

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY** Commissioner Price, seconded by Commissioner Hegg and unanimously carried by the Board to accept the resignation of Mineral County Assessor, Dorothy Fowler.

**5. For consideration and possible action relative to the appointment of a temporary/Assessor pursuant to NRS245.180.**

Commissioner Tipton advised this position was temporary until further addressed by the Board or until a new Assessor takes office.

Spencer Zielinski provided the Board with his qualifications as a real property appraiser from Humboldt County.

Heather Drake advised the Board of her degrees and accomplishments. She stated she had about seventeen years in real property assessment and was certified for Real and Personal Property and she had worked in the Clark County Assessor's office.

Kevin Chisum advised he was going to run in the election for the Assessor position; he was not going to throw his name in the hat right now; there was two qualified candidates interested and he felt that bringing the office up to speed was more important right now.

Cherrie George Senior Services Director asked if District Attorney, Sean Rowe had said anything about NRS 245.170 regarding the appointment needing to be a qualified elector of Mineral County.

Chris Nepper Clerk-Treasurer stated it had been listed as a temporary position, and the person did not need to be a resident of Mineral County to apply.

Christine Hoferer Recorder-Auditor advised there were two statues that the county had to abide by and the Assessor statue NRS 245.170 says the Board would appointment someone within 45 days.

Commissioner Tipton stated she was advised they could make a temporary appoint pursuant to 245.180.

The Board recessed to seek advice from District Attorney, Sean Rowe.

Commissioner Tipton stated that after talking to Mr. Rowe they could do a temporary appoint but within 45 days

they would need to do a permanent appoint of someone until the next election; they can only offer the base salary of \$62,102; also whoever was appointed would have to find an individual to do the personal property assessment.

Ms. Hoferer asked about the difference in the statutes for the Assessor. She asked the applicants if they were familiar with the segregation report.

Ms. Drake asked if after the 45 days they could make another temporary appointment for another 45 days.

Ms. George stated since she knows the elections laws she was questioning the appointment in 45 days because it sounded like the Board was just trying to by-pass the Assessor statute.

Public Comment: None

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY** Commissioner Price, seconded by Commissioner Hegg and unanimously carried by the Board to offer Heather Drake the temporary position at \$62,102 as the Mineral County Assessor until further addressed by the Board.

The Board amended the motion.

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY** Commissioner Price, seconded by Commissioner Hegg and unanimously carried by the Board to offer Heather Drake the temporary position at \$62,102 as the Mineral County Assessor until further addressed by the Board to be effective January 29, 2018.

**Board of Highway Commissioners** – Not Necessary

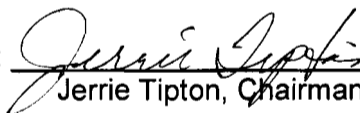
**Public Comment** – None

**Commissioner Recognition** – There will be a luncheon for Dorothy Fowler on Thursday January 25, 2018.

There being no further business to come before this Board, the meeting of the Board adjourned until February 7, 2018 at 9:00 AM.

A verbatim recording of this meeting has been prepared and by reference becomes a part thereof.

**Approved:** Board of County Commissioners

By:   
Jerrie Tipton, Chairman

Date: 2.7.18

**Attest:**

  
Christopher Nepper, Clerk of the Board

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