

Pursuant to NRS an emergency meeting of the Nye County Board of Commissioners was held at 12:00 p.m. in the Commissioners' Chambers, 101 Radar Road, Tonopah, Nevada 89049.

Frank Carbone, Chair
Leo Blundo, Vice Chair
Donna Cox, Commissioner
Debra Strickland, Commissioner
Bruce Jabbour, Commissioner
Sandra L. Merlino, Ex-Officio Clerk of the Board
Chris Arabia, District Attorney
Sharon Wehrly, Sheriff
Tim Sutton, County Manager

Also Present: Kelly Sidman, Deputy Clerk; Lorina Dellinger, Assistant County Manager; Savannah Rucker, Comptroller; Samantha Tackett, Administrative Manager; Marla Zlotek, Chief Deputy District Attorney; Michelle Nelson, Deputy District Attorney

Not Present: Donna Cox, Commissioner; Chris Arabia, District Attorney; Sharon Wehrly, Sheriff

The Pledge was recited.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

1. For Possible Action – Discussion and deliberation for the Board of County Commissioners to temporarily appoint a qualified individual to fill the vacancy of the Nye County Treasurer pursuant to NRS 245.180 for a term to expire after the Canvass of the returns of the Primary Election to be held on June 14, 2022 pursuant to NRS 293.387(1) or subsequent appointment due to the resignation of John Prudhont from the following list of applicants: Timothy Bohannon, Paul M. Healey, and Mark Kampf.

Mark Kampf said he was an eight year resident of Nye and was asked this morning to submit his resume for this interim position. He understood this was a difficult position to put the County in and required someone who could step up in short notice to put in the time necessary to fulfill the function. Mr. Kampf stated he had been in situations before where someone had left the company and he was asked to come in, and he saw this as a way to give back service to the County in a difficult time. He was running for County Clerk, but he thought this was a very critical thing that needed to be taken care of. Mr. Kampf also believed the employees needed someone who would encourage them, give them support in a difficult time, and help them get through the transition. He outlined his work experience for the Board.

Commissioner Strickland said she had voiced her concerns to Mr. Kampf this morning about him running for Clerk and she hoped this would not be detrimental to that. He

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said he thought it was a great opportunity to be of service and he did not see any detriment to it at all.

Mr. Kampf explained the reason he was running for County Clerk was not just to do a job but to provide service to the voters in the County and make the office a model for professionalism in the State and County. However, just like in this situation, he was willing to step up and take that risk, although he did not see it as a big risk as he thought the citizens of the County would acknowledge his willingness to sacrifice his time and efforts to do what was right for them.

Commissioner Blundo said Mr. Kampf had a very impressive resume. He believed Mr. Kampf had the qualifications to step in and the County was thankful he put his name in the hat.

Paul Healey said up until 30 minutes ago he did not even know this position existed. He was a 15 year resident of Pahrump and had gotten very involved in the community. He had been a CPA for over 40 years and spent 12 to 13 years in private industry as a chief financial officer in a few corporations. Other than that he had formed his practice in Las Vegas and still had that practice, but he spent most of his time in Pahrump by design. As a financial officer and running a tax office Mr. Healey did not think this would be anything too particularly unusual for him.

Commissioner Strickland said she had also spoken with Mr. Healey and she was grateful to have three amazing candidates to interview this morning on short notice. She saw that he was quite busy and this job had some time constraints until the election was certified. She asked Mr. Healey how he would handle it.

Mr. Healey advised tax season was coming to an end so in the short-term there were no issues there. He worked seven days a week already and felt he could switch from A to B, but he recognized the issue. He assumed staff was more than capable and knew their jobs, but if there was a need for overview and direction that was certainly easy to do. Mr. Healey said he had run staff in multiple accounting departments so to him it was just another function and nothing to be too concerned about.

Commissioner Blundo said Mr. Healey had an impressive resume and thanked him for expressing interest on such short notice.

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Commissioner Carbone asked if in fact the folks in the Treasurer's Office were not really up to par if Mr. Healey would be able to help them.

Mr. Healey did not view that as a problem. He said in one of his jobs as a very young man everything was two years behind and within 60 days everything was up to date.

Commissioner Blundo asked Mr. Healey what he would bring to avoid Nye County returning to fiscal watch and if it was placed on fiscal watch during his tenure would he invite the State to assist the Treasurer's Office.

Mr. Healey said he was more than capable of handling things. He felt there was something on the governmental side that needed to be more fully explained to he and the staff, but bringing in the State would not be his first choice.

Tim Bohannon said he had been a CPA for over 20 years. As to the concern about bringing in the State, with his background in internal controls, risk management and financial reporting, Mr. Bohannon saw the ability of seeing what the County had, if there were gaps as far as knowledge, make sure issues were addressed that he had been aware of on the cash side of the bank reconciliations, and insure there was good continuity. He said he wanted to do this to help out his community, the County to ensure it was compliant, and that it was the best level effort to stay off of any watch.

Commissioner Blundo said Mr. Bohannon had an excellent resume and thanked him for stepping up. He asked Mr. Bohannon what he would do to avoid Nye County returning to fiscal watch and would he invite the State to assist the Treasurer's Office if that happened.

Mr. Bohannon said he tried to run resources internally and resolve the problem and make the decision to invite the State to come as the last resort. If necessary, he would bring them in and work together, but he thought that could be avoided. He also thought the scope that existed today would help the County get there.

Commissioner Strickland asked what kind of time Mr. Bohannon could dedicate to this position.

Mr. Bohannon advised he had worked on multiple projects and was also the CEO, president and treasurer of a not-for-profit entity and a for-profit entity. Fortunately he had good people around that project and would be able to delegate as needed to continue

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that while serving the public. He also had other projects he worked on professionally that were short-lived projects and he was at liberty to adjust that as needed.

Commissioner Blundo asked Mr. Kampf what he brought to avoid Nye County returning to fiscal watch and if the County was on that trajectory to go back on fiscal watch would Mr. Kampf invite the State to assist the Treasurer's Office.

Mr. Kampf stated his first goal was to ensure the County did not get in that position of needing the State. It was a matter of analyzing the situation, understanding the resources available, developing a plan, pulling together the people who would implement that plan, and then execute the plan according to the timeline. He did not understand the process fully as to what was involved in bringing the State in, but he preferred to not even get to that point.

Dwight Lilly said he found out about the meeting by chance. He did not have a position one way or the other if the Board had the legal right to appoint someone without going through the proper posting of the job openings, but he thought the Commission should take a deep breath before taking action today to be sure they were on solid legal ground going forward. He suggested contacting the Attorney General's Office for a legal opinion as well as the Department of Taxation because of the corruption and sabotage allegations Mr. Prudhont made.

Joe Burdzinski stated his support of Mr. Kampf for the appointment.

Commissioner Carbone asked if the Board was doing something illegal.

As to the properness of the emergency meeting, Marla Zlotek stated based on the circumstances it qualified as an emergency, it was posted, and the Board was following the procedure for an emergency.

Commissioner Blundo made a motion to appoint Mark Kampf as the Treasurer until June 14, 2022, pursuant to NRS 293.387; seconded by Commissioner Jabbour.

Commissioner Jabbour said he was impressed with all candidates and thanked them for coming on such short notice.

Commissioner Carbone expressed his appreciation to staff for setting this meeting up as well as to the candidates for stepping up.

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The motion to appoint Mark Kampf as the Treasurer until June 14, 2022, pursuant to NRS 293.387 passed with 4 yeas.

2. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT (up to 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.

Sam Merlino advised she would have an oath of office sent to her Pahrump office and Mr. Kampf could go in and take his oath.

3. Commissioners'/Manager's Comments (This item limited to announcements or topic/issues proposed for future workshops/agendas)

Commissioner Jabbour formally requested staff place an item on a future agenda regarding a forensic audit of the Treasurer's Office.

Commissioner Strickland said this Saturday was Arbor Day and there shredding would be available at Ian Deutch Park.

Commissioner Blundo thanked staff for their efforts today.

Commissioner Carbone wanted the cost and the benefit of the phone system looked at again.

Tim Sutton also gave a shout out to the team for the hard work and making this meeting happen in record time.

4. ADJOURN

Commissioner Carbone adjourned the meeting.

APPROVED this 17th day

ATTEST:

Of May, 2022.

for HEAR CARBONE
Chair

Healey L. Sidman
Nye County Clerk / Deputy