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STAFF REPORT

BOARD MEETING DATE: September 8, 2020

DATE: September 1, 2020

TO: Board of County Commissioners

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SUBJECT: Recommendation and possible action pursuant to NRS 295.121 to appoint Michael Evans, Tom Prentice, and Kenji Otto to serve on the committee advocating in support of passage of ballot question WC-1 (petition No. 1), and John Glatthar and Greg Dennis to serve on the committee in opposition to the passage of ballot question WC - 1 (petition No.1);

and to appoint Hugh Ezzell, Kevin Cook and Heather Cook to serve on the committee advocating in support of passage of ballot question WC - 2 (petition No. 2), and Sharon Gustavson and Greg Dennis to serve on the committee in opposition of passage of ballot question WC - 2 (petition No. 2);

both ballot questions have been approved for placement on the General Election ballot by Board of County Commissioners for creation of the unincorporated town (UT) of Warm Springs Valley petitions No. 1 & No.2 (WC-1 and WC-2 respectively). (All Commission Districts). FOR POSSIBLE ACTION.

SUMMARY

Recommendation to appoint up to 3 individuals to serve on the committees to prepare arguments advocating or opposing the ballot questions approved for placement on the General Election ballot by Board of County Commissioners for creation of the unincorporated town (UT) of Warm Springs Valley No. 1 & No.2 (WC-1 and WC-2 respectively), pursuant to NRS 295.121. (All Commission Districts)

County Priority/Goal supported by this item: Regional and Community Leadership

PREVIOUS ACTION

The Registrar of Voters submitted to the Board the first petition to Establish the Unincorporated Town of Warm Springs Valley (hereafter referred to as Petition No. 1) at the July 21, 2020 Board of County Commissioners meeting. The Board accepted the submission of the petition and allowed for future action on this item.

AGENDA ITEM # _____

On August 18, 2020 the Board of County Commissioners accepted the submission of the second Petition to Establish the Unincorporated Town of Warm Springs Valley (hereafter referred to as Petition No. 2). At this meeting the Board voted to place both Petition No. 1 and Petition No. 2 on the ballot for the upcoming General Election.

BACKGROUND

In accordance with NRS 295, the board shall, in consultation with the county clerk (these duties fall with the office of the Registrar of Voters in Washoe and Clark Counties), appoint two committees; one committee in favor of approval and the other against approval of the ballot question(s).

It is recommended that the following persons be appointed to serve as arguments committee members for ballot question WC – 1 (petition No.1). Members in support of passage include Michael Evans, Tom Prentice, and Kenji Otto. Members opposed to passage include John Glatthar and Greg Dennis.

It is recommended that the following persons be appointed to serve as arguments committee members for ballot question WC – 2 (petition No. 2). Members in support of passage include Hugh Ezzell, Kevin Cook and Heather Cook. Members opposed to passage include Sharon Gustavson and Greg Dennis.

Retroactive approval is requested to conform to the Registrar of Voters Arguments Committee Guidelines and deadlines for arguments and rebuttal submission necessary in order to provide information to the voters regarding these two ballot questions. Submission for Board approval for the appointment of the committee members is at the first available Board of County Commissioners meeting upon formation of these committees.

FISCAL IMPACT

None

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board of County Commissioners appoint Michael Evans, Tom Prentice, and Kenji Otto to serve on the committee in support of passage and John Glatthar and Greg Dennis to serve on the committee in opposition to the passage of ballot question WC – 1 (petition No.1) and Hugh Ezzell, Kevin Cook and Heather Cook to serve on the committee in support of passage and Sharon Gustavson and Greg Dennis to serve on the committee in opposition of passage of ballot question WC – 2 (petition No. 2).

POSSIBLE MOTION

Should the Board agree with staff's recommendation, a possible motion would be: "move to approve the appoint Michael Evans, Tom Prentice, and Kenji Otto to serve on the committee in support of passage and John Glatthar and Greg Dennis to serve on the committee in opposition to the passage of ballot question WC – 1 (petition No.1) and Hugh Ezzell, Kevin Cook and Heather Cook to serve on the committee in support of passage and Sharon Gustavson and Greg Dennis to serve on the committee in opposition of passage of ballot question WC – 2 (petition No. 2)."

