

LWV AC Observer Corps Reporting Form

Meeting Attended: _____ BOCC AC _____

Date of meeting: ___2-4-14_____

Observer_ Bev Warburton_____

Attach agenda			
Feature Evaluated	Yes	No	Comments
Type of meeting --circle			Regular Special Public Hearing Exec Session Work Session
Did meeting start on time?	x		Precisely. It was only ½ hour total.
Were all members present?	x		
Were members attentive?	x		
Media coverage?	x		Sun + Bill Hudson & friend
Staff present?	x		Kenneth Feyen—Public Works and Matthew Dodson—Human Services for their items. Peter Gonzalez, Sheriff, for Jim Huffman’s donation of training ammunition. Larry Walton for the Asbestos-lead etc remodel of bldg
Administrator Finance Legal Council Others The real one, the new one, his 1 st meeting.	x		1 st meeting of Bentley Henderson. Annette + her assistant were there. No legal, no finance.
Audience #? Special interests?	x		About 12 people total. –the contractor Desert Mountain for the mag chloride item
Did the members appear to have done their homework?	x		
Were members courteous to each other and the public?	x		
Were the Sunshine Law requirements followed?	x		
--agenda sent/posted 24 hours before?	x		Navajo Lake item came late yesterday, but was continued anyway.
--agenda items clearly described what was to be discussed?	x		All very well documented with the pdf inclusions.
-adequate opportunity for public input?	x		But there was little—Bill Hudson commented on the 1% Sales Tax for Rec Center presentation last evening by Mark Weiler
-was there the appearance that some action items were discussed in closed rather than in open session?		x	
Was background information available to public?	x		

Facilities: big enough? Well lit? Could see officials? Could hear?	x		They're all waiting for the new building remodel! It should be ready end of March.
Decisions: "cut & dried"?	x		We were out in ½ hour—the needed decisions took as much time as necessary.
Other observations:			
Any LWV positions relevant to issues discussed?		x	

Agenda items:

1. All motions passed unanimously. Some comments from Commissioners, no others.
2. Re New Business A—donation for ammunition purchase: Everyone thanked him. Jim Huffman added that he hopes it is a model for other citizens to pick their items of passion and put up some funding.
3. New Business, Item B—Navajo Lake Right of Way: continued to 2-18. My question to Mr. Feyen was re the easement width: Just 60 ft. None available for the trails planned- wanted around the lake. None will be available on the private Southern. Ute land either.
4. Item F was also continued to 2-18.
5. Item C—Mag Chloride: The renewal contractor requested an increase in price (see agenda and docs). The BOCC accepted the changes since the only other original bidder was higher.

Note for public: Residents can buy mag chloride through the Department—the announcement will be publicized beginning in late March and product available by May.

Re Forest Service matches: No money at the FS for match, eg Piedra Rd. Commissioners will see how much they can cover of that historic match since the FS traditionally gives extra help to the County when fires, etc occur.

6. Item D—Human Services/Sheriff Fraud Investigator: Com. Wadley commented on assuring the funds available go to proper persons. The county has responsibility to investigate fraud since it siphons money off to the wrong people.
7. Re Item E: Asbestos/Lead/Interior of Ed Center—BOCC comments: "Time is of the Essence" even with the bidding process and award to completion. Please note: the \$\$\$ are set aside in escrow from the seller for this contract.