



Northwest Arctic Borough

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Ambler Buckland Candle Deering Kivalina Kiana
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**Northwest Arctic Borough Assembly
Budget, Audit & Finance Committee Meeting Minutes
Monday, September 21, 2015 – 1:30 P.M.
Northwest Arctic Borough Assembly Chambers – Kotzebue, AK**

CALL TO ORDER

Madam Chair Lucy Nelson called the meeting to order at 1:30 P.M.

INVOCATION

Mr. Miles Cleveland provided the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Budget, Audit and Finance Committee Members Present:

Miles Cleveland Sr. *Pete Schaeffer* Lucy Nelson

Other Members Present

Nathan Hadley Jr. Larry Westlake Sr. Walter Sampson

Introduction of Staff and Guests

Reggie Joule	Martha Henry	Rosny Rizk	Noah Naylor
Fred Smith	Matt Mead	Kathleen Lansdale	Brenden Ryan
Christine Hess	Mildred Stalker	Stella Atoruk	

A quorum was present to conduct business.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Agenda presented for September 21, 2015 for approval. Mayor Joule request to remove Resolution 15-41.

Member Miles Cleveland motioned, Member Schaeffer seconded to approve agenda as amended. Motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Minutes of July 29, 2015 Budget, Audit and Finance presented for approval.

Member Schaeffer motioned, Member Miles Cleveland seconded to approve the minutes as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

COMMUNICATIONS AND APPEARANCES

Rosny Rizk provided summary of financial and investment report ending June 30, 2015.

Member Sampson raised concern regarding Merrill Lynch investment. Also raised concern regarding the Kivalina Evacuation Road fund. Also request to check the Denali Commission Funds.

Member Westlake the Kivalina Heavy Equipment is that a new item that just got on the page?

PUBLIC HEARINGS, ENACTMENT OF ORDINANCES & EMERGENCY ORDINANCES

1. **Ordinance 15-08** *an ordinance of the Northwest Arctic Borough Assembly amending Title Seven of the Borough Code to adopt a tobacco excise tax and for related purposes.*

Presented by Matt Mead

Member Miles Cleveland recommend do pass.

Mayor Joule we got our PILT payment at the end of the Fiscal Year, beginning of June but the question was asked of me from July 1 forward, how do we operate if we do not have a PILT in place and it is a matter that should be understood by the members of the assembly so I posed the question to Rosny so this might be a good time to have that.

Member Westlake if we do get an agreement how would we go back and replace the money that were on.

Member Sampson requested an update on the PILT agreement.

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

None presented.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution 15-39 *a resolution of the Northwest Arctic Borough Assembly authorizing an agreement with NANA Regional Corporation for Title 9 monitoring services and for related*

purposes.

Presented by Fred Smith

Member Sampson if this governance is going to be contracting with Purcell Security folks to do what they do let's make sure that no other individual other than Purcell Security folks do patrolling, I understand the director of lands was not a Purcell Security employee and was doing some flying without consulting his Purcell Security Director, so from the liability standpoint there would be an issue right there in the event that something should happen, so to reinforce that to make sure that Purcell folks understand that contract is with Purcell Security.

Member Schaeffer recommends do pass.

Resolution 15-40 *a resolution of the Northwest Arctic Borough Assembly approving a professional services agreement with DOWL HKM and for related purposes.*

Presented by Fred Smith

Member Sampson one other issue you need to get clarity on is that you ask DOWL HKM, the Corp and they will tell you two different stories, yes the majority of the folks in Kivalina want to relocate that's why we're working on the access road, you ask the others and they say I don't think so, I think we got some of the other folks that don't want to relocate, I think we need to get a clarity from both of the agencies on what is really the decision of the community of Kivalina whether they are looking at relocating down the road because if were looking at supporting an educational infrastructure at the new site we need to have a good commitment to move forward with what we want to do.

Mayor Joule I think Assemblymen Sampson is right, the community when asked if they supported a site for the School and a site of a terminus of the evacuation road and a vote of 107 to 11 they voted yes, that is pretty clear but what is yet to be determined by the community is where to relocate and we have been, Fred and I and NANA and the Corp of Engineers and members of the City and IRA, the Corp of Engineers brought up the point is this going to be an evacuation road or a relocation road because we can only do so much if it's only an evacuation but we can do more, we being the Corp they can do more if its relocation, it gives them more latitude and there is some people there that really don't want to have that inclusive because they are still looking at Kititirak so I think that's a question that were going to have to settle and the Borough might have to take the reins of that one.

Member Sampson I think if we're going to move on with this the Borough certainly have to get a clear message from them in regards whether they support that or not because if we're

going to support some resources for relocation purposes then we have to have a definite answer yes otherwise the State of Alaska is still going to question are they really committed to putting up the school at the new site, then over time if they don't the potential for dropping the new infrastructure for the new school at the new site is going to be up in question.

Mayor Joule and with regards to the communities decision on the school I would go back to that vote in 2012 I believe it was where 107 to 11 said yes on that one site kisimiktu.

Member Sampson that was a survey that was done your referring to if I remember right.

Mayor Joule that was a public vote in the community and we have the records.

Member Sampson thank you very much Fred, I keep raising the issue in regards to

Member Schaeffer summarized the definition of evacuation road and relocation road.

Member Sampson thanked Fred for clarity regards to evacuation and relocation issue, if we're going to continue to talk evacuation road that fine but if we plan to continue to support an evacuation road in the event that mother nature does its work enforces the community to evacuate what do they have at the end of the road in regards to making sure that they are safe, you don't have any infrastructures and we have a problem.

Member Schaeffer recommends do pass.

Resolution 15-42 *a resolution to approve a professional services agreement amendment with Stephanie Joannides and for related purposes.*

Presented by Mayor Joule and Matt Mead

Member Sampson raised concern regarding the final report in regards to the findings and documents she's found. How am I to make a decision on this matter if it cannot be reported to the full assembly? Also requested an executive session to close out the discussion. Also raised concern regarding additional expenses.

Member Schaeffer recommends do pass.

OTHER BUSINESS

None presented.

COMMITTEE COMMENTS

None presented.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS

No audience comments presented.

ADJOURNMENT

With no other business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 2:30 P.M.

Member Schaeffer motioned to adjourn.