

## What does the Board do?

The County is governed by the Board elected by the district's registered voters. The Board is authorized to:

- Establish policies that direct the County;
- Employ and evaluate the County Manager;
- Negotiate with employee groups to determine salaries and benefits;
- Approve the annual budget;
- Determine the long-range direction of the County; and
- Communicate with the community.

## Other ways to participate in your County

As a Member of a Special Committee

The Board appoints special advisory committees to investigate areas of concern. If you would like to serve on a special board, please contact the Nye County Clerk's office for information.



Board of County Commissioners

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# Welcome To A Meeting Of



## Your Board of County Commissioners

### Nye County Mission Statement

“NYE COUNTY IS COMMITTED TO PUBLIC POLICIES THAT RESULT FROM BOTH LOCAL COOPERATION AND RESPONSIBLE LEADERSHIP. BY FINDING INNOVATIVE SOLUTIONS, PROVIDING EFFECTIVE AND EFFICIENT SERVICES, AND MAINTAINING ACCOUNTABILITY FOR DECISIONS, NYE COUNTY WILL OPTIMIZE HUMAN, FINANCIAL, AND NATURAL RESOURCES TO DEVELOP LONG-TERM, SUSTAINABLE OPPORTUNITIES THAT BENEFIT ITS CITIZENS AND MAINTAIN PUBLIC TRUST IN COUNTY GOVERNMENT.”

We are pleased you took the time to join us! As elected Board members, we are interested in your concerns and opinions.

Our hope is that this meeting will give you a better understanding of just how the County operates. We encourage public participation in our meetings and welcome your comments. If you are interested in addressing the Board, please review the procedure for public comment in this pamphlet. If you are here just to listen and learn, that's great! Just sit back and get a feel for "democracy in action."

## Board meetings

The Board meets bi-monthly and those meetings are open to the public. The Board's meetings are generally every 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month.

Special meetings, also open to the public, are scheduled when needed. These sessions provide an opportunity for the Board to examine specific issues more thoroughly.

Closed sessions, in accordance with Nevada law, are not open to the public. Items the Board may discuss in closed session include: personnel matters, collective bargaining strategies and discussions with legal counsel.

## What's on the agenda?

The Board agenda and background information on agenda items is available before each Board meeting and can be obtained from the administration office or by accessing our website at [www.nyecounty.net](http://www.nyecounty.net). The agenda is divided into two major categories:

**CONSENT AGENDA** consists of routine items such as, routine personnel actions and routine financial transactions. Normally, there is little or no discussion on these items.

**ACTION ITEMS** are addressed individually by the Board and may include reports from elected officials or department heads.

## How to be heard

The Board encourages your comments! By hearing from the public, the Board is able to make better-informed decisions. If you want to speak during the meeting, please fill out a Citizen Inquiry form for a general public comment or a Citizen Input form to comment on a specific agenda item located on the public information table. Completed forms can be placed in the input box on the public information table or given to the Vice Chairman.



Comments on items not on the agenda may be presented during "General Public Comment". If you wish to comment on an agenda item, the Board chair will call on you at the appropriate time.

When speaking to the Board remember to:

1. State your name and identify the organization, if any, that you represent.
2. Keep your remarks brief. A good rule of thumb is to try to keep your testimony under three minutes.

When placing an item on the Board agenda check with the County Manager's office to find out the procedure you need to follow.

## Board Response

Audience time is not intended as a forum for public debate. Questions raised may require further investigation. Normally, the Board will wait until its next meeting before responding to concerns raised.