

TO: Nye County Board of Commissioners
CC: R. Osborne, County Manager
FROM: Lucy A. Ivins
Executive Director

September 23, 2008

This letter is to provide feedback on the Board meeting conducted on 9/16/08. It also serves as a plea regarding the Development Agreement currently in negotiation with CCA for the proposed Detention Facility.

First, we encourage you to take steps to more specifically describe the items listed on your Agenda. Using recorded numbers related to the Item, apparently has caused many citizens to not recognize the Item to the fullest extent. Second, we encourage compliance on parameters/rules set at the beginning of Public Comment. For example, on 9/16, parameters were described as: "comment could last up to two minutes AND had to be related to the Development Agreement." In most cases, comment lasted over the time limit and most comments were about the Detention Facility's location, safety, detriment to the town, CCA, etc. Perhaps, a timer with a bell sound, might resolve the time limit issue.

As an advocate for business and industry, as well as, the voice of over 650 local business members, the Pahrump Valley Chamber of Commerce respectfully requests that the result of the Board meeting scheduled for 10/21/08 favors the approval of the Development Agreement.

As you know, there is a timeline dictated by the U.S. Government. Because of the delaying action taken on 9/16, CCA is behind schedule to meet that timeline. In any business operation, productivity is measured by time and money. The delaying action causes us concern about not only CCA's negative impact, but for those future projects that come before the Board, as well.

Economic development attraction efforts are costly...to us, to you, to the Developer/Business Owner. We believe it is incumbent upon us to not be the cause of additional costs affecting any organization's bottom line. In fact, we are actively seeking solutions to advance the development process for incoming organizations that engender Nye County as a business-friendly environment.

Lastly, please know that many Chamber members submitted letters in favor of the Detention Facility. Please be aware that those members were not present on 9/16 because they were engaged in conducting their business activities.

Thank you for your consideration. We look forward to continue working with you on this effort, as well as, any and all efforts that benefit the Town of Pahrump and Nye County.