

COUNTY OF NEVADA

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NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Board Agenda Memo

MEETING DATE: March 28th, 2023

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Steve Rose, Human Resources Director

SUBJECT: Authorization of process to select a Treasurer-Tax Collector to fill the vacancy due to the retirement of the current Treasurer-Tax Collector Tina Vernon

RECOMMENDATION: Authorize the process to select a Treasurer-Tax Collector to fill the vacancy due to the retirement of the current Treasurer-Tax Collector Tina Vernon.

FUNDING: Provided in budget

BACKGROUND: Current Treasurer-Tax Collector Tina Vernon has announced her retirement effective April 28, 2023. The Board of Supervisors, pursuant to Government Code section 25304, shall fill by appointment the vacant Treasurer-Tax Collector position. The appointee shall hold office for the unexpired term. The remaining term ends on January 4, 2027, at noon. Government Code section 25304 also directs that when a person is appointed to fill a vacancy in an elected county office, they “shall hold office for the unexpired term”; therefore, the Board of Supervisors cannot call a special election to fill an elected position at any time.

Two options for filling the vacancy are recommended for your consideration. The Board of Supervisors may make a direct appointment to begin once the vacancy occurs on April 28, 2023. Or the Board may recruit for the position and use an Ad Hoc selection committee, appointed by the Chairperson of the Board, to help with the selection process. The appointed successor candidate will hold office until the term ends at noon on January 4, 2027. The appointee will have full rights and responsibilities of the Office of Treasurer-Tax Collector.

If no appointment is made by the time Ms. Vernon leaves office on April 28, 2023, Government Code section 24105 holds that the Assistant Treasurer-Tax Collector,

Michelle Bodley, would fulfill the role of Interim Assistant Treasurer-Tax Collector until an appointment is made by the Board of Supervisors. Ms. Bodley meets the qualifications for the position under California Government Code section 27000.7 and Nevada County Code section A-II 37.2 (a copy of Ms. Bodley's resume demonstrating her qualifications is included herein).

Item Initiated and Approved By: Steve Rose, Director of Human Resources