

**Genoa Town Advisory Board  
Regular Meeting Minutes of November 2, 2010 - Addendum**

**Administrative Agenda**

**9. Discussion and possible action regarding research and information on possible expansion of the Town's boundaries.**

Under public comment, resident Bill Brooks stated:

Mr. Chairman, Bill Brooks, 2266 Main Street. I'd like to just do this one time, so I'm gonna ask that my remarks be included in the minutes, un-edited. The reason that I came down tonight is ah because we have gone over this before and the Town, as we discussed, is losing revenue and costs are going up. We all ah reconcile our bankbooks personally - at some point, when those two cross you have insolvency.

Number one, everybody claims to be a Genoan. As we speak, they're voting next door in the Genoa precinct. That's 2,000 people around us ...(unintelligible, papers rattling).

Number two, discussed with the postmaster people from Alpine View, Sheridan Acres and possibly beyond get their mail here.

Three, most importantly, if I ask anybody in this room or around this town or living outside, where do you live, I live in Genoa.

Number two, if you want a viable governmental entity, which you discussed, you have to do like Minden and Gardnerville, we have to have a good, solid tax base. Your festivals and everything else can be the cherry on top of the sundae. We have it reversed here. Okay. If, and if, you're gonna, we presently have 255 person enclave surrounded by 2,000. I'm basing that on the 1990 census, 2000 er the 2010 census hasn't been completed yet and that's census figures not the State, ah... Okay.

Three, we need three town board members, as the counsel to the town has explained, to, with some backbone, send a resolution to the Board of County Commissioners and then it's up to them. They ultimately make the decision. As you've said you're an advisory body to them. And I refer you to your report here from the town staff on page 9, ah.. dash 6, it's item C - 4 & 5. And as your counsel has pointed out to you that's what you do. And, ah, let me catch up with you here. Okay, it says, this is ah...Douglas County Code 18.01.010 Annexation for...(papers rattling) unincorporated towns. As the town manager has pointed out to you under C, Proceedings to Initiate Annexation, sub-item 4, resolution of the town board recommending that the Board of County Commissioners adopt a resolution for annexation, or Item 5, any combination of these...

If you do not want to, as, ah...your member has pointed out to you, if you don't wish to initiate annexation, drop it and we can wait until the town hits insolvency. If you do want to pursue it, it's time, And, if... you're not going to be embraced, and this is going to be one of your tougher decisions and that will be your legacy, that is if you pass it. Now you guys are going to hit term limits, three of you are automatic as of tonight, two more of you in two years. But you run into term limits and you got six years. And if you want that as your legacy, fine.

Okay, now this is what you're gonna like. This is my tax bill, Douglas County, my property tax bill. You've discussed some of these items on it. The cost to me for my Douglas County tax bill is \$1200. Of that, I'm assessed \$117.78 for the Town of Genoa – pretty small. And, so let's say \$118 round figure. And of that, ah...\$1200 figure, \$529.13 go into redevelopment for the County. You people haven't tapped this very much. They put a quarter of a million dollars roof on the Jack's Valley school and Douglas County has, the school district has two items in my tax bill and those are some of the biggest, and then they came back and tapped the redevelopment. And why, because they were smart enough to ask. The Town Board wasn't. I'm not saying it was you 'cause it was probably before your terms. Okay, 44% of my \$1200 is going into that redevelopment fund. So, if Douglas County and...run into this town in insolvency, we will get those services. I don't care if it comes from Mr. Brown or through your town manager. But we will get... those are mandated by the legislature and if they need judicial guidance to see that we get those services that can be arranged. And you can send that message to the County Commissioners...because they think that we'll say... we'll rattle your tin cup say we can't provide you services. Alright, now let's go into the services, you have a whole list of 'em, that unincorporated towns can provide. What as you say amongst yourselves here, you are taking the responsibility off the shoulders of the County Commissioners, otherwise they have to provide them to us here in Genoa. There's really four services that you provide - streets, street lights, drainage, town buildings, town park and some recreation. All those other things, there in that silly ordinance, are police, fire protection, Douglas County – water, Douglas County – sewer, Douglas County. On the back streets here, I'm surprised that your staff doesn't know it, but you're on the CIP ah... improvement plan for County for next year. And you're up for it, next year and the year after. I think it was to the tune of – I forgot, it was over, well over \$100,000, probably \$200,000 – I don't have the figure in front of me right now. So, the County takes care of everything except those four or five services that you're providing to me. And you're not going to have great of demand for them in the outlying areas either. Those are dirt roads on Pioneer Trail, they're dirt roads on Centennial Drive, and that's basically it. The rest of its Jacks Valley Road and State Route 206.

(Chair Williams – I'm going to have to wind this down).

Mr. Brooks continues: Okay, now, I won't be back for another year Mr. Chairman and I'm gonna appeal to the Board to let me say my piece, and I'll shut up and go home, and you won't see me for another year. Now this is the time when I petition my government, and I'd like to have...listen and be heard (Chair Williams –I think your ideas are very worth listening to). Thank you, sir.

Okay, we discussed the water loop, and now as to the festivals, I'm gonna tell you, there's no more golden goose, it's like gambling in this whole state of Nevada, that goose ain't laying golden eggs no more. So, you're going to have to find another source. It's either going to be grants or it's going to be annexation. Okay, the study. It took a party 3 hours to compile that list and you guys want to spend 7 to 10 thousand bucks. Took that map, that I show you right there, that has all the APN numbers in this area and the access to the County Assessor's website and you are being asked to spend 7 to 10 grand. Minden and Gardnerville, you discussed – what do they do. They regularly annex, they're constantly sending resolutions to the Board of County Commissioners – it's done, probably in a consent item.

Okay, as to the Centennial folks, for the record, 10 years ago this Town Board and the Town staff when that homeowner's street, Centennial Drive, got wiped out and those people couldn't get in and they couldn't get out – it was one way in and one way out – the Town Board of Genoa and the Town staff, on their own volition, went out here and got FEMA to go up there, walked them up there, and they got \$8,000 bucks to re-build that homeowner's association road, out of FEMA monies. So, either these folks are recent migrants, they've got a short memory, or they're hypocrites – one or the other.

So, if you want to be part of Genoa, be part of it. Is there any questions that I can answer for you and I thank you for your indulgence, Mr. Chairman.