

## Donald Clark spoke his mind when in office as County Commissioner

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With arms outstretched to the side, Donald Clark leaned forward and stared across the table at an angry Las Vegas Councilman Al Levy.

"Anybody scared of him?" asked Clark. "Boo! I ain't scared of you, so sit down."

The scene, from a recent meeting of several city councilmen and county commissioners, was representative of Clark's style during his five-month

tenure as an appointed member of the county's governing board.

Relatively unknown to county officials at the time of his appointment, Clark soon became an even greater mystery to administrators and fellow board members, some of whom described him as "crazy" while others considered him unique — someone who was finally going to rock the boat.

"He said some things that needed to be said and asked some ques-

tions that needed to be asked," recalled one county administrator.

Within days of taking office, Clark distinguished himself as outspoken. Heated discussions in his office sometimes ended with high-



Donald Clark

ranking county administrators, including the county manager, being thrown out.

"I found myself being given directions rather than giving directions," said Clark, a former Baptist minister who operates a consulting firm whose clients have included the National Aeronautics and Space Administration and the Environmental Protection Agency.

"My concept was that the board develops the positions, the goals and objectives and the staff

implements them," he said. "Once we got that defined, things ran smoothly."

Clark was appointed by Gov. Richard Bryan to replace Woodrow Wilson who resigned in June after pleading guilty to accepting a \$5,000 bribe from an undercover FBI agent.

Clark, who did not seek election to the board last year and has been replaced by William Pearson, said county administrators in the past have had too much say in formulating policy.

He attributes that predicament to the designation of the office of county commissioner as a part-time position by Nevada law. As a result, many commissioners hold down other jobs in the private sector.

"You just can't do an adequate job of covering the hospital board, the sanitation board, the Water District board and the Health District board on a part-time basis," said Clark.

"Each one of those boards has a contribution to the overall growth of Nevada and the population is up to an extent that you just can't deal with those

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## Moses, wife at his side, refutes soliciting charge

Edwin Moses, a two-time Olympic gold medalist arrested Sunday for soliciting a prostitute and cited for possession of a small amount of marijuana, insisted Tuesday he had done nothing wrong and

arrest and noted that although the charges are "very minor," the allegations have "caused me a great deal of distress."

"I worked very hard all my life to build a very positive image and re-



Edwin Moses and his wife Myrella

vowed to fight the charges against him.

Moses, chosen by his fellow athletes to recite their oath at the Opening Ceremonies of the Summer Games, read a short statement at an afternoon news conference with his West German wife, Myrella, standing at his side.

"I'm truly mortified by the events of the last few days and I'm fully confident that a full investigation by the responsible authorities will see the allegations made against me are mistaken," Moses said.

He said he did not blame anyone for his

putation," he said, "and I'm grateful that my family, friends and admirers are behind me."

"You can be sure I will fight these charges of any misconduct and I know that I have done nothing wrong."

"It had been my intent to discuss the matter fully at this press conference. However, due to the advice of my attorneys, at this time I cannot answer any questions."

Attorney Harold Lipton, who also appeared at the news conference, said Monday the track star was entrapped by

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