



STOREY COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 19TH 2013 8:00 A.M.

DISTRICT COURTROOM

26 SOUTH B STREET, VIRGINIA CITY, NEVADA

MINUTES

BILL SJOVANGEN
CHAIRMAN

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DISTRICT ATTORNEY

MARSHALL MCBRIDE
VICE-CHAIRMAN

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COMMISSIONER

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Roll Call: Chairman Sjovangen, Vice-Chairman McBride, Commissioner Lance Gilman, District Attorney Bill Maddox, Clerk & Treasurer Vanessa Stephens, County Manager Pat Whitten, Community Services Director Deny Dotson, Emergency Management/Grants Cherie Nevin, Sheriff Gerald Antinoro, Comptroller Hugh Gallagher, Senior Planner/Administrative Officer Austin Osborne and Deputy District Attorney Bob Morris, Toby Whitten, Deputy Assessor

1. **CALL TO ORDER AT 8:00 A.M.**

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

10. **DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION:** Approval of Resolution 13-385 Honoring Gerrie Honea
Comptroller Hugh Gallagher presented Gerrie Honea with a plaque honoring her service.

Motion: Approval of Resolution 13-385 Honoring Gerrie Honea **Action:** Approve **Moved by** Vice-Chairman McBride **Seconded by** Commissioner Gilman

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous vote (**summary:** Yes=3)

3. **DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION:** Approval of Agenda for November 19, 2013

Dale Beach, Storey County Resident is upset that he did not hear back on his agenda request.

Mark Joseph Phillips, Storey County Resident asked the commissioners to amend agenda item #12 should read possible of approval of the independent auditor's report.

Toby Whitten, Deputy Assessor asked that item #6 resolution number be corrected from 13-362 to 13-386

Motion: Approve the agenda for October 15, 2013, **Action:** Approve **Moved by** Vice-Chairman McBride **Seconded by** Commissioner Gilman

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous vote (**summary:** Yes=3)

4. **DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION:** Approval of Minutes for August 6, 2013

- Mark Joseph Phillips, Storey County Resident - Page 1 under his public comments where he addressed item #10; "remaining" balance.
- On page number 3 top of page VCCTC is new and it should be agenda item number 5. The next item is not numbered and it has VCTC. The name needs to be straightened out.

Pat Whitten suggested that the first item does need correction but the second item should remain.

Motion: Approval of the Minutes for August 6, 2013 with the mentioned correction, **Action:** Approve **Moved by** Vice-Chairman McBride **Seconded by** Commissioner Gilman

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous vote (**summary:** Yes=3)

CONSENT AGENDA

5. For possible approval the Treasurer Report for October 2013
6. For possible approval of Resolution 13-386, A resolution to direct the County Assessor to prepare a list of all the taxpayers on the secured roll in the county pursuant to NRS 361.300 section 3
7. Claims - For possible action approval of Payroll Check date 10/11/13 for \$473,169.67, 10/24/13 for \$370,568.67 and 11/08/13 for \$460,198.84 and Accounts Payable date 10/18/13 for \$1,188,068.16 and \$4,833.37 and 11/01/13 for \$308,281.46 and \$3,964.58
8. For possible action approval of Licensing Board First Reading:
 - a. MATRIX LEADERSHIP, LLC - General/322 Bayhill Circle, Dayton (Consultant)
 - b. NEOPOST USA, INC - General/478 Wheelers Farms Rd, Milford, CT (postage machine rental)
 - c. BIGGE CRANE & RIGGING - Contractor/10700 Bigge St, San Leandro, CA (crane cont.)
 - d. HIGHLANDS HOME REPAIR - Contractor/14500 Geronimo Trail, Reno (contractor)
 - e. SIERRA CONVEYOR COMPANY - Contractor/1225 Nichols Dr, Roseville, CA (conveyor cont.)
 - f. CANLINE USA - Contractor/6525 Commonwealth, Roanoke, VA (contractor)
 - g. KAREN A COSTA - General/60 Horseshoe Circle, Reno (auctioneer)
 - h. NPB AUTOMATION AB - Contractor/53302 Jonkoping, Sweden (contractor - Ardagh)
 - i. INTERNATIONAL LIVING TECH - Contractor/850 Maestro, Reno (contractor)
 - j. CISCO AIR SYSTEMS, INC - General/214-27th, Sacramento (air compressor sales)

- k. BUILDERS ROOFING, INC. - Contractor/PO Box 8046, Reno (contractor)
- l. GRADEX CONSTRUCTION - Contractor/800 Bennie Ln, Reno (contractor)
- m. LEVIATHAN MEDIA GROUP - Home Business/1911 Main Street, Gold Hill (publisher)
- n. OHIO BLOW PIPE CO., INC. - Contractor/446 East 1st, Cleveland (install scrap removal system)

Motion: Approval of consent agenda with noted corrections, **Action:** Approve **Moved by** Vice-Chairman McBride **Seconded by** Commissioner Gilman

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous vote (**summary:** Yes=3)

(Item #11 moved up)DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION: Robert Sader, Legal Counsel for the Tahoe-Reno Industrial Center requesting Commission consideration of implementation of SB 272 of the 2013 Legislative Session. For further clarification, this request pertains only to Section 1.5 of SB 272 which is for property now in Washoe County north of the Centerline of the Truckee River and South of Interstate 80. This request does not pertain to Section 1 of SB 272 which involves an area of land currently situated in Storey County and more commonly known as "Sunny Hills".

Commissioner Gilman removed himself from voting and joined the audience. Bob Sader, Legal Counsel for the Tahoe-Reno Industrial Center, LLC, requests that the commission consider action to approve the boundary adjustment of land that requires approval of both Washoe and Storey Counties before it is enacted. TRI believes it is in their best interest to make the change, but the request is that Storey County District Attorney and staff enter into discussions with Washoe County to determine if it is in the best interest to both counties. County Manager Pat Whitten clarified that section 1.5 is the area of concern and no other parcels. District Attorney, Bill Maddox emphasized that the land that is subject to a potential boundary change in the Highlands is in no way linked to the boundary change by the river. There is much more to consider concerning the boundary change in the highlands and that process has hardly even begun. Pat Whitten clarified as well that there is no action requested on Section 1.0, the "Sunny Hills" piece. Bob Sader clarified that TRI has no interest in that Section 1.0 either.

Nicole Barde, Virginia City Highlands Resident would like to see any documented or interlocal agreement before it is signed. District Attorney, Bill Maddox assured her that any interlocal agreement would be brought before the commission publically before it was signed.

Motion: To request the District Attorney and staff to contact and discuss with their counterparts in Washoe County the advisability and feasibility of implementing the boundary line change of Section 1.5 of Senate Bill 272 of the 2013 Session of the Nevada State Legislature with the intent that Storey County representatives report back to the Commission with a recommendation on approval or disapproval and any terms, conditions or agreements advisable or necessary, **Action:** Approve **Moved by** Vice-Chairman McBride **Seconded by** Chairman Sjovangen

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous vote (**summary:** Yes=2) Commissioner Gilman abstained

9. **DISCUSSION (No Action - No Public Comment):** Committee/Staff Reports

Community Chest Director, Shaun Griffin

- Reported that \$10k was raised at their fundraiser for the Library a week ago Friday bringing them to about \$45k with the Community Foundation of Western Nevada matching grant. They had over \$15k before the event which was the required match. He wants to thank the community and come back before the commissioners before the December 31st deadline to talk about getting more to hire a librarian and part time staff member to enable them to open the adult section. If they need to rent space to do that they will do so. In the interim, if they continue to keep the Children's Nook upstairs at the community center they will need to do more work on the building to accommodate it and meet code requirements, so there is a sense of urgency and they're trying to avoid excessive cost. He also thanked Bill Maddox for the shelves he supplied for the law library. It's completed and it's beautiful. The sooner we can get the first phase finished, the sooner we can have the second phase completed and avoid additional costs.

Community Services Director, Deny Dotson

- Presented a plaque to the commissioners for the Nevada Day Parade award for the Storey County float.
- Christmas on the Comstock - We would like to jazz up the parade. This should be the best parade in a long time. It will be tied in with breakfast with Father Christmas, kids' movies playing at Piper's, Christmas in the Sierra concert, the Candy-Cane Trains and all will all be coordinated on a master schedule so folks can come up and spend the whole day with us. We are calling out for entries from all businesses and department heads to bring vehicles and floats to show our Christmas spirit. We will have the parade coordinated with lighting up the town as it goes along and end up at the head frame where there will be a special treat for everybody.
- We have a sign to up at Mark Twain community center.

Lance Gilman donated a tow truck a driver and a 40' float trailer to the parade efforts.

Emergency Management Director, Joe Curtis

- Just a reminder that we are continuing to make plans and pursue the functional evacuation exercise project in May of next year for the Highlands. We have Red Cross, Washoe County, Nevada Highway Patrol, and all of our local services involved.

Fire Chief, Gary Hames

- We've begun working with the USDA looking at paperwork for financing the replacement of our structure engines which we discussed last fiscal year. We are having significant problems primarily with the engine out in the Highlands, and I wanted to publically thank Central Lyon County who has been nice enough to loan us their reserve engine. Ours seems to break down with overheating problems every other week or so.
- We are also having significant breakdowns with our ambulances. I'm in communication with the county manager and the comptroller. We are currently wrapping up an *Assistance to Firefighter* grant through FEMA. 25% of their millions of dollars in grants is earmarked for equipment replacement. We are asking to re-chassie three of our ambulances. We purchased them out of plan-review fees in 2006 and they are all the exact same model year with the exact

same engines and therefor issues such as turbos, E.G.R.'s, ignition controls, etc. We are averaging at least one engine broken down in the shop every week. About two and a half weeks ago we did have an ambulance actually break down and coast into a hospital with a very sick patient in the back, so this is becoming critically important to us. There are some national class-action lawsuits with that 6.0 engine. Unfortunately, none of them include ambulances, only private citizens. When we contacted them years ago concerning the lawsuits, they did extend our warrantee by a year but that has since expired.

- At the first meeting in January we will be bringing forward an updated agreement for an MOU with the Virginia City Highlands Property Owners Association. We have a fuels grant to work in their right-of-ways and easements and new board has been extremely cooperative and easy to work with.

Senior Planner/Administrative Officer Austin Osborne

- Reminder that this Thursday the 21st the Planning Commission will hold another workshop for the master plan at the Virginia City Fire Station 1 training center on C Street. The public is encouraged to come. We will discuss what the people want for the county as far as population, transportation, economic development, business on C Street, redevelopment of Virginia City and Gold Hill, and any other county-wide items of interest.
- This Friday at 6pm at the Highlands Fire Station there will be a workshop regarding the "Sunny Hills" project. This meeting is not sponsored by the county, but by a private entity. There is a possibility for a quorum of the county commission to be present just for listening and learning.
- The Planning Commission is having an informal Christmas Holiday party on December 19 at 6pm in the first floor hallway of the Courthouse. The public is invited to come and meet with our planning commissioners and discuss concerns and/or just get to know who they are.

Planner Dessie Redmond

- Regarding sign code enforcement, Austin and I have completed two complete sweeps through C Street. Some of the situations are not cut and dry, but we are doing our best.
- Bob and I have been working on the lot consolidation ordinance and we hope to bring that to you in January.
- The planning team has been trying to abate some of the nuisances and bring code violations into compliance.

Public Works Director Mike Nevin

- The application that we submitted for streetlights in the Lockwood area has been approved and executed by the county and NV Energy. They estimate cost of about \$4500 for four lights. After receiving the signed agreement last week, I asked what the timeframe may be for the installation and they said it could happen as early as this week.
- The air release valve (ARV) project on the water line and the siphon from Lakeview to Virginia City is about 90% complete. The weather has been cooperating. There were some delays on the siphon side in obtaining the equipment and materials. I was out there yesterday when the contractor installed the final ARV and it's progressing nicely. I did want to mention that the siphon was shut down for six days. We don't recall a shutdown lasting that long in recent history even when they had the leak on the freeway. With everyone's cooperation in conservation we made it through even though we did drop the level of water

in the 5-mile tank to about a foot. It is interesting to note something regarding the assemblies that were installed from the 5-mile reservoir to Virginia City. We were shut down for a couple of days and when we fired that line back up we had water flowing back into the bullion tank in town within an hour. In the past, without them, when we've had problems and shutdowns, we've waited sometimes a day or more to see water return to town. So they do make a huge difference and are worth the expense. Hopefully by the next meeting the contract will be 100% complete.

Lance Gilman made mention of some flood drainage pipes in TRI that are filled with debris and need some attention. Also there is visible erosion on USA Parkway due to truck traffic and general use and we may want to start some discussion on resurfacing some areas. Mike Nevin said that he did meet with some people over a month ago regarding the culvert. Vince Griffith was going to make contact with a couple of contractors to examine solutions.

District Attorney, Bill Maddox excused himself for a few minutes to attend to a case.

Sheriff Gerald Antinoro

- Last Friday we graduated two reserves from the State Police Academy.
- Shaun Griffin, Tony Dosen, Melanie Keener and I recently attended some exceptional training on mental health issues and crisis intervention that we hope to get more of our staff trained in. We have a great relationship with Community Chest and this moves us to the next level of providing for the needs of our community.

County Manager Pat Whitten

- Regarding the "Sunny Hills" workshop Austin mentioned; we will be posting a quorum in the event two or more of you would like to attend and staff will be attending. We should talk to our folks after the meeting but we are not sanctioning or participating in this in any way.
- I want to clarify something Nicole Bard said. She mentioned approval of an interlocal agreement with the rail commission. While the rail commission did approve it on May 20th, and we in June, we did follow normal protocol. Often when there are multiple local governments involved each entity will meet and approve it, but that agreement is not binding or legal until all parties have approved it.
- Reminder to everyone that December 6th is the annual County Christmas party at Piper's Opera House and it's an open house so no invitation is required.

10. **DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION:** Approval of Resolution 13-385 Honoring Gerrie Honea
(Moved item to beginning of meeting between items 2 and 3)

11. (Moved item to discussion between item #8 and item #9)

12. **DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION:** Approval of the Storey County Audited Financial Statements for the year beginning July 1, 2012 and ending June 30, 2013

Comptroller Hugh Gallagher - I received a phone call yesterday from a Department of Taxation analyst Susan Lewis concerning comments that were made before the local government finance

committee on November 15th by three of our residents where they accused me of hoarding the statements since September 7th or 6th of this year making me out of compliance with Nevada Revised Statutes. I'm here to tell you that I am not and will so demonstrate.

On page one of the financial statement under "Opinions" David Pringle, CPA states, "In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, the aggregate discretely presented component units, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Storey County, Nevada, as of June 30, 2013, and the respective changes in financial position, and where applicable, cash flows thereof for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America."

On page two you will notice that David Pringle, CPA, LTD signed this document on September 6, 2013. There seems to be some confusion between this date and the confirmation from the commissioners here today. The September date represents the date that Mr. Pringle completed the field work pertaining to the financial statements. It also represents the last date that employees of Mr. Pringle were on site performing audits. The significance is that if anything occurred after this date to materially affect the current financial statement presentation, and Pringle, CPA had knowledge of it they would have to investigate the material of difference and therefor change the date to the second departure.

So, they've done their fieldwork as of September 6th. They then go back and do all they need to create the presentation of the financial statements. We were given the financial statements about two weeks ago and in accordance with all the NRSs we are in compliance. Hugh Gallagher referred to NRS354-624 and NRS 354-624.5.

Mr. Gallagher went on to go over some details of the audit report and mentioned that Pringle CPA is present to address any concerns or specific questions.

Pat Whitten requested Hugh Gallagher's comment on #7 on page 85 concerning adjustments on the fire and jail funds. Mr. Gallagher explained that these two funds are in a negative cash balance position. He recommends that during the next meeting they approve a loan for that amount having it payable at the end of the fiscal year and to be more diligent to know what is going on with them and keep a close eye on them. Pat Whitten complimented the departments on reducing these negative balances. There is a lot of work that must be done that does not have offsetting revenue and they are looking at that.

Marshall McBride asked if these accounts are anticipated to be balanced by the end of the fiscal year. Pat Whitten explained that they would still be in deficit, but that the goal would be to shrink the deficit or temporarily loan money to those two funds. Lance Gilman said he will present a motion that they review line items by department where they are at least quarterly in regard to the budget. Hugh Gallagher said that that would not happen due to unanticipated expenses that come up. Lance Gilman would still like to see the commission more involved earlier.

The commission complimented and thanked David Pringle, CPA, LTD.

Ric Archie, Senior Accountant and Auditor for David Pringle, CPA, LTD wanted to point out that in the budget there is a line item called "contingencies" which had in excess of \$200k in it last year. Whenever anything happens that is out of the ordinary, you may take money from this line item in order to keep your budget in line. It's a substantial amount of money, but you can increase it or decrease it on an annual basis when you file your budget.

Nicole Barde, Virginia City Highlands Resident appreciates Commissioner Gilman's suggestion of reviewing it on a quarterly basis.

- On page 7 it indicates that on August 3, 2011 Storey County issued \$2,000,000 worth of General Obligation Bonds for rail. It says we received the funds on December 28, 2011. She thought this was 2010 and would like to verify that.
- She also questions the full amount received. The two bonds together add up to less than \$2,000,000 and questions what happened to the balance.
- In the bond interest schedule that there is "debt service" and "retired" and she wants to know what "retired" means. Why are we retiring the funds we need to complete the project?
- Where does the interest come from? It appears to come from the rail fund, but if that fund is a restricted fund to be used for construction only and not salaries or anything else, why are we reducing the principal and wonders if that is proper.

Hugh Gallagher - regarding the V&T bond, the money will still be in the account once this is all over. We still have to pay for the bond, which is the principal and interest. So if you're looking at the income statement it will reflect that. If you're looking at the balance sheet statement it will reflect what we have. The retirement of the debt is really the principal and the interest we have to pay within the income statement. We still have the bond available on the balance sheet for when everything is to be paid. When the bids come in we'll be able to pay them without obligation.

- Ms. Barde also asked what other railroad funds are available in that account, and suggested an audit of that fund.

Hugh Gallagher explained that this was a specific fund set up for the bond issue and subsequently is audited. Pat Whitten clarified that historic references from 2010 or 2011 that referenced either the Capitol Projects Account which is a component of the General Fund, or the Infrastructure Account which is a separate statutory fund were more globally positioned to ask if we should do the tunnel which we were projecting at that time. The bond itself was not enough to cover projected expenses, so there were references to these other accounts. However, I might add that here we are going into 2014 and we've not done the tunnel. I think a lot of that may be discussed in more detail pertinent to item 14 on today's agenda. The Infrastructure account requires certain statutory planning. We are working with Mr. Morris and Mr. Gallagher and the departments in terms of what they may consider applicable needs in terms of utilizing that fund. Lance Gilman requested an historical recap on the tunnel issue.

Janet Houts, Storey County Resident

Concerning quarterly reports for budget and expenses, R05-12 was approved by the legislature in December 2012. I have asked the Department of Taxation why it was not implemented and have not heard back from them.

- Janet submitted her questions to the clerk and Chairman Sjovangen suggest that Janet meet with them outside the meeting she is entitled to do that, but her questions are too detailed for this meeting.

Mark Joseph Phillips, Storey County Resident

- The auditor was not told that Story County's Debt Management committee failed to meet as required by statute in February.
- Referring to p.29 paragraph 4, there is nothing on record to support it and there is still conflict with the VCCTA name.

Kris Thompson, member of the public, feels the audit is superbly done.

Dale Beach, Storey County Resident feels it's the sorriest budget he's ever seen.

Motion: To approve the audit as presented adding the following conditions:

1. That the staff fully complies with recommendations 2, 3, 4, and 5 from the auditor's report on prior year's recommendations as listed on page 79 of the report.
2. That the staff fully complies with the recommendations made in the report for the current year as listed on page 80 of the report.
3. That the county manager and/or comptroller provide a report to the commission at our next regularly scheduled meeting on specifically how staff will implement these recommendations.
4. That at the conclusion of each quarter of the fiscal year, the comptroller will issue a summary report to the commissioners to be presented at the second commission meeting following the end of the fiscal quarter, providing a summary by department and by fund, all specific accounts where actual expenditures have exceeded approved appropriations and an explanation from the department or fund manager as to the corrective actions being taken,

Action: Approve **Moved by** Lance Gilman, **Seconded by** Vice-Chairman McBride

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous vote (**summary:** Yes=3)

13. **DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION:** Selection and prioritization of two applications for the 2014 Community Development Block Grant Program. Possible projects include: Canyon General Improvement District Project, Storey County Senior Center Project and the sponsorship of the Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) Respite Care project.

Grants and Emergency Management Coordinator, Cherie Nevin presented recommendations for the 2014 Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG).

Motion: Approval of the CDBG as presented by Ms. Nevin, **Action:** Approve **Moved by** Vice-Chairman McBride **Seconded by** Commissioner Gilman

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous vote (**summary:** Yes=3)

14. **DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION:** Nicole Barde request as to status of the one-quarter cent sales tax to fund the Nevada Commission for the Reconstruction of the V&T Railroad.

Nicole Barde, Virginia City Highlands Resident requested explanation of the quarter cent sales tax status, and also to asked find out why the conditions of the interlocal and the financial impact were not included on the ballot. Chairman Sjovangen agreed with her concerns and recommends that they put it back on the agenda when they have more information. Pat Whitten clarified that the interlocal agreement and the status of the quarter cent was crafted in order to address rail issues. It is his intent

to put the rail commission on notice that they require a draw of a certain amount once the projects are identified. Mr. Sjovangen would like to continue to a future date. Lance Gilman would like staff to come up with an executive summary. Nicole Barde stated that no effort was made to make the interlocal agreement public. She is concerned about seeing the money in Storey County due to the interlocal, and Marshall McBride assured her that they would. She still has concern that the agreement was not published and the promise that it would remain in Storey County was not supported. Pat Whitten asked her how she would like to see it "published" and she responded that she would like to see it as an attachment to the agenda. Hugh Gallagher went to the auditor for the VCRC and asked for their statement of June 30, 2013 and they have filed for an extension. I gave her the excerpt for the option tax plus the \$250k stipend they were going to give us and the interlocal agreement, and she did not have that information. So when they start sending out their confirmations for what is owed for the various facilities such as Storey County then the detail will be there including their opinion on what is owed on this.

Dale Beach, Storey County Resident liked Mr. Gilman's input but wants to know if they will find out if what they voted on will actually happen. The commission assured him it would.

Motion: To take no action on item #14. **Action:** Approve **Moved by** Vice-Chairman McBride **Seconded by** Commissioner Gilman

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous vote (summary: Yes=3)

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING

15. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION, LICENSING BOARD SECOND READINGS:

- a. FLEETWOODGOLDCOWYARD, INC. - Contractor/8020 Forsyth Blvd, St. Louis, MO (machine manufacturer and installer for Ardagh)
- b. PACIFIC MAT'L HANDLING SOLUTIONS - Contractor/30361 Whipple Road, Union City, CA (service, sales and rental of lift trucks)
- c. ALFONS HAAR - Contractor/150 Advanced Drive, Springboro, OH (machine manufacturer and installer for Ardagh)
- d. MARIO FLORES GONZALEZ - Home Business/3200 Cartwright, VC Highlands (Attorney)
- e. SOLAR SYSTEMS MECH, LLC - Contractor/670 Professional Ave, Henderson (HVAC Cont.)
- f. SAFETY-KLEEN SYSTEMS, INC - Contractor/2600 N Central Expwy, Richardson, TX (environmental services)
- g. POSDCORB, LC - General/108 Garden Gate Way, Carson City (consultant)
- h. WIDE OPEN - General/1777 Per Drive, TRI (off-road tours and racing)

County Manager Pat Whitten spoke for Dean Haymore. Community Development recommends continuation of item h and approval of items a-g.

Motion: Continue h. Wide Open **Action:** Approve **Moved by** Vice-Chairman McBride **Seconded by** Commissioner Gilman

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous vote (summary: Yes=3)

Motion: Approval of items a-g, **Action:** Approve **Moved by** Vice-Chairman McBride **Seconded** by Commissioner Gilman

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous vote (**summary:** Yes=3)

16. PUBLIC COMMENT (No Action)

Juanita Cox, River District Resident

She is concerned with shooting in the River District area and would like signage to post it as congested. She also feels that getting land in the area back to Storey County that could clarify McCarran Ranch as Storey County would help when reporting shooters. Commissioner Gilman suggested Storey and Washoe Counties as well as Nature Conservancy and Public lands to look to for permitting issues. Pat Whitten added Nevada Department of Wildlife to that list.

Mark Joseph Phillips, Storey County Resident

- Would like the Storey County Clerk and District Attorney, Bill Maddox to sponsor an agenda item for the next meeting for a resolution to put five commissioners on the next ballot.
- Chairman Sjovangen has been charged by the VCTC to address the public restrooms at the north end of town that has been closed for weeks now. He would like to see it opened.
- The motion on the audit is appreciated. The conditions were a real step in the right direction and a great way to address the concerns of the general public.

Dale Beach, Storey County Resident feels he is being singled out because his correspondence is not on the agenda. He's also upset that the Storey County employees get a better rate on propane than the public does.

Nicole Barde, Virginia City Highlands Resident

- The Highlands also gets a rate for the propane and suggested that the commission present a tool to the other communities to help them bargain with the propane providers.

Kris Thompson wanted to follow up on Mr. Beach's comments. He sees them as insulting and smearing without any offer of suggestions to help.

Janet Houts, Storey County Resident

- A cost benefit analysis should be done on tourism spending.
- Community Services should come to Mark Twain to see how bad it is as she has not seen any improvements.
- She's upset that rejected to use the community center facilities.
- The audit report has many mistakes.

17. BOARD COMMENT (No Action - No Public Comment)

Marshall McBride would like to see in writing the rejection Ms. Houts' claims to have received for use of the community center. Lance Gilman said that she was invited to join the board or become involved in community and volunteer services and the response that he got back in writing was that as long as we were to pay her the generous salaries and benefits that we give others, she would be willing to work in the Mark Twain area, but only on payroll. There are a

lot of generous people in Mark Twain who are donating their time as volunteers and are on a positive basis looking to reward and work within their community.

18. CORRESPONDENCE (No Action - No Public Comment)

Pat Whitten stated that these are presented for informational purposes. If they are approved they appear within the agenda and if not it has been requested that they appear so the commission and the public are made aware of them. These individuals have been denied under policy either because the items have been addressed previously or do not merit placement on the agenda under the policy or are not appropriate for placement. Those people that are denied still have the recourse to request a single commissioner to place the item on the agenda or discuss it during public comment.

- a. Agenda request from Dale Beach
- b. Agenda request from Janet Houts

19. ADJOURNMENT

Adjourned by the call of the Chair at 10:30 am

Respectfully submitted,

By Vanessa Stephens
Vanessa Stephens, Clerk-Treasurer