

FEBRUARY 1, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m. by Carol Shank, Chairwoman. Those present were Robert McDougal and Larry Rackley, Commissioners; Bryce Shields, District Attorney; Karen Wesner, Administrative Assistant; and Lacey Donaldson, Clerk.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Mr. McDougal made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 21, 2016 and January 3, 2017 meetings as submitted. Motion seconded by Mr. Rackley and passed.

PUBLIC INPUT: There was no public comment at this time.

REVIEW OF ALL AGENDA ITEMS TO DETERMINE IF ANY DO OR DO NOT IMPOSE A DIRECT AND SIGNIFICANT ECONOMIC BURDEN ON A BUSINESS OR DIRECTLY RESTRICT THE FORMATION, OPERATION, OR EXPANSION OF A BUSINESS: Mr. Rackley made a motion that no agenda items impose a direct and significant economic burden on a business or directly restrict the formation, operation, or expansion of a business. Motion seconded by Mr. McDougal and passed.

UNCLASSIFIED DEPARTMENTS:

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS – John Handka was present.

Mr. Handka reported that since the last meeting he has been working on his budget request for next year. Mr. Handka sat down with Mr. Rackley and went over some wish list items and needs of the department. The Commission meeting room has been painted and mostly put back together. The carpet replacement has not been scheduled yet. Mr. Handka had an NDF (Nevada Division of Forestry) prison crew move things from the annex storage to the new archival storage. Once those rooms were empty, they moved District Court's storage items into the vacated rooms and a storage space was also created for the Public Defender's office.

Mr. Handka also reported that he is having Alpine Roofing come give an estimate for the Administration Building's roof as they are seeing some leaks.

Mr. Rackley mentioned that there is paint flaking off the ceiling upstairs. Mr. Handka stated that it is on his list to fix. Mrs. Shank asked if the skylights could be cleaned. Mr. Handka stated that he has looked at them, but is not sure the best way to do it.

Mr. Rackley spoke about the rural fire department buildings and necessary maintenance. There was an issue in the Rye Patch building. Mr. Handka stated that in the past those types of things were taken care of by the fire department members. When he was made aware of the issue, they went and looked at it and told them to contact the contractor that put the equipment in as it was outside his scope of knowledge.

Review of quotes and approval to purchase storage building/concrete for Unionville Park: Mr. Handka spoke with Out West Buildings, LLC. A 12x16 building costs \$5,100.00, which includes delivery, set-up, and a five year warranty. Mr. Handka is estimating \$1,000 for a concrete pad.

Mr. McDougal made a motion to approve the purchase of a storage building and concrete pad for the Unionville Park, contingent on the money being available in the Capital Improvement Fund. Motion seconded by Mr. Rackley and passed.

SENIOR CENTER/VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR – Jordan McKinney was present.

Mrs. McKinney stated that they are doing "Friend February" and anyone who brings a "new" member to the Center will get a raffle ticket for them and their friend to win a gift basket at the end of the month. They will be having their annual Valentine's Day Cookie Bake-Off on February 14th. Mrs.

McKinney also reported that they are looking for two members who live outside of the City of Lovelock to serve on the Advisory Board. Breakfast will be held on February 24th this month.

Removal of inventory items, ice machine #05042999 and garbage disposal #0808906743: Mrs. McKinney stated that the ice machine was supposed to go to the Fire Department, but they decided that they don't want it. Mr. Rackley stated that the Lion's Club is looking for some place for it to go. Mrs. McKinney also stated that the garbage disposal was replaced as it was no longer functional.

Mr. McDougal made a motion to remove the ice machine and the garbage disposal from the Senior Center's Inventory. Motion seconded by Mr. Rackley and passed.

PERSHING COUNTY FIRE/AMBULANCE DEPARTMENTS –

LOVELOCK FIRE DEPARTMENT: Chief Nathan Carmichael was present.

Chief Carmichael reported that all the fire chiefs got together and met with Commissioner Rackley. He will give a report at the February 15th meeting. Chief Carmichael also reported that Trina Allen will be the new EMS Coordinator starting February 14th. He and Dan Murphy will be meeting with her tonight to start the transition. Their first objective is to get the reporting in compliance.

Chief Carmichael stated that they are using an online program for Firefighter I training and they had one member pass the written portion of the test. She will have to take her practical, but then will be the first one to complete the course in the last several years.

RYE PATCH FIRE DEPARTMENT: Tom Helms was present.

Approval to accept two tenders from Yerington Fire Department: Mr. Helms has spoken with Rodney Wilcox and hopefully they can go look at one of them on Friday. Mr. Helms stated that he has also decided that Imlay needs this tender more than Rye Patch does. Chief Carmichael stated that if Mr. Wilcox is not available he will go with Mr. Helms.

Mr. Rackley made a motion to accept the donation of a pumper truck from the Yerington Fire Department, contingent on the inspection being acceptable, and add it to the Imlay Fire Department's Inventory. Motion seconded by Mr. McDougal and passed.

LIBRARY – Mrs. Shank stated that she met with Ms. Brinkerhoff. She received the renewal on the AT&T Nortel System and it more than doubled. Mrs. Shank and Ms. Brinkerhoff spoke with Mr. Nugent of CC Communications. He will send a technician out to evaluate the system and felt a monthly service contract was unnecessary. They charge between \$80 and \$45 an hour for service work. If we find we need to enter into a service agreement it can be done at a later date.

LEPC – Mr. Rackley stated that he attended a meeting and everything seems to be on track.

ELECTED DEPARTMENTS:

LACEY DONALDSON, CLERK-TREASURER – Mrs. Donaldson stated that she is still participating in phone conferences regarding the ADS system replacement and the replacement of the voting equipment. Mrs. Donaldson did receive a soft quote from Dominion, our current voting equipment vendor, and she will distribute it to the Board. During the last meeting with Secretary of State Cegavske she indicated that she wouldn't be moving forward unless the counties had some commitment from their local boards in regards to funding. The group is meeting with various senators and has requested a meeting with the Governor as well.

Approval of corrections/changes to the Tax Roll: There were no corrections or changes submitted.

Removal of inventory items CT0905-CT0921, CT0926, CT0927, CT0929, and CT0930 (21 Voting Booths): Mrs. Donaldson stated that these are the old punch card booths. Buildings and Grounds has taken them to the Landfill.

Mr. Rackley made a motion to remove inventory items CT0905 through CT0921, CT0927, CT0929 and CT0930 – 21 voting booths, from the Clerk-Treasurer's inventory. Motion seconded by Mr. McDougal and passed.

Approval of credit card for Fire Chief Nathan Carmichael: Mr. Rackley made a motion to approve issuing a county credit card to the Lovelock Fire Chief, Nathan Carmichael, with a \$1,000 limit. Motion seconded by Mr. McDougal and passed.

RENE CHILDS, RECORDER-AUDITOR – Mrs. Childs stated that the Comptrollers are having a software demonstration on Tuesday, March 21st, which is the same day we have budget hearings scheduled. Mrs. Childs asked if the dates could be changed. The Board agreed on a ½ day on Monday the 20th starting at 1:00 p.m. and then full days on Wednesday the 22nd and Thursday the 23rd.

Mrs. Childs also stated that the County's Verizon rep is still out of the office and she hopes to have some information to give to the Board for the February 15th meeting.

Approval of Pershing County Capital Improvement Projects in the Building Fund and FY2018 Budget Request: Mrs. Childs reported that the Capital Improvement Committee met on January 23rd. She gave the Board their recommendations. Mrs. Childs also reported that she included an estimate in the next two year's budgets for the replacement of the ADS system, but some of that expense may fall in this current year.

Mr. Rackley made a motion to approve the Capital Improvement Projects in the Building Fund, including the budget request for FY2018, as presented. Motion seconded by Mr. McDougal and passed.

LAURI CERINI-JONES, ASSESSOR – Mrs. Cerini-Jones stated that it is County Board of Equalization time. There were originally four appeals filed, but one has withdrawn and she has reached a stipulated agreement with another. The County Board will meet on February 16th.

BRYCE SHIELDS, DISTRICT ATTORNEY – *Approval of higher room rate for Todd Banks to take the 2017 Nevada Bar Exam in Las Vegas, NV:* Mr. McDougal made a motion to approve the higher room rate for Todd Banks to take the 2017 Nevada Bar Exam in Las Vegas, NV as presented. Motion seconded by Mr. Rackley and passed.

PROCLAMATIONS AND AWARDS: There were no Proclamations or Awards discussed.

ADS (ADVANCED DATA SYSTEMS) CONVERSION UPDATE: Mrs. Shank stated that she participated in the phone conference with ADS and various elected officials affected by this. All of the groups are looking at vendors and trying to come up with a solution that will work best. Mrs. Shank stated that the conversion will be costly, but exact costs won't be known until vendors are picked. Mr. Rackley asked why it was going to cost so much. Mrs. Shank stated that besides the replacement of the software, the hardware will also need to be replaced. Our current platform is on an IBM AS400, which is secure and meets our needs, but is antiquated. The conversion of our data will also be an expense. Mrs. Shank stated that Clark and Washoe counties both use Thomsen Rueters. They were approached to see if they would be interested in taking on the fifteen additional counties, but they are currently working on a conversion in Riverside County, CA and didn't even have the time to speak with us.

Mr. McDougal asked what functions ADS covers. Mrs. Donaldson stated that her office uses it for tax collection, voter registration, marriage licenses, cash receivables, and fictitious firm name filings. Mrs. Childs stated that her office uses it for recordings, fixed assets, payroll, accounts payable, business licenses - everything. Mrs. Donaldson stated that they are used to having one system for everything that is needed and she doesn't think that will be possible with a new vendor. They are hoping that one vendor will work for the financial aspects, but the election management software will definitely be a separate vendor.

Mrs. Cerini-Jones added that her office uses ADS for all the property appraisal data that is needed to generate the tax bills. Mrs. Donaldson stated that the District Court also uses ADS.

Mr. Rackley asked if there would be anyone interested in taking over ADS. Mrs. Shank stated that the programing is old and antiquated and it wouldn't behoove anyone to take it over.

Mrs. Shank stated that everyone is working very well together trying to come up with the best and most cost effective solution.

BRENT FARR, FARR WEST ENGINEERING: PERSHING COUNTY WATER RESOURCE PLAN, DISCUSSION OF OBJECTIVES AND HAVING FARR WEST ENGINEERING TAKE OVER AND COMPLETE THE PROJECT – Mrs. Shank gave some history regarding Pershing County’s Water Resource Plan. The County has been working with Chris Mahannah for about five years, but the plan still isn’t complete. Mr. Mahannah has been in an accident and is not able to finish the project. Mrs. Shank stated that Farr West has completed plans for other counties.

Mr. Rackley asked why the plan is needed. Mrs. Shank stated that several years ago there was a speculator that petitioned to move water out of the county to benefit Clark County. The County successfully opposed the petition, but having a Water Resource Plan would provide further protection.

Mrs. Childs stated that there is \$20,000 budgeted for the project.

Mr. McDougal asked if this would be codified in some way. Mr. Shields stated that it would become a part of our County Code.

Mr. McDougal made a motion to have Farr West Engineering take over and complete Pershing County’s Water Resource Plan with a cost not to exceed the \$20,000 budgeted. Motion seconded by Mr. Rackley and passed.

UPDATE ON THE IMLAY SEWER SYSTEM, CDBG (COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT) PROJECT COMPLETION, FUTURE OF THE SYSTEM AND POSSIBLE FINANCIAL/FUNDING OPTIONS – Mr. Farr spoke about the project that Farr West has been working on for the Imlay Sewer System. Through the help of grants they were able to get the water system in good shape. The sewer system is operated by a co-op and has several issues. Farr West developed the engineering plan and they did receive a CDBG grant to complete Phase I. There were some issues getting the permit from the Railroad to dig under the tracks, but they are working on it now. The next phase would replace the system and leach field to get it functioning properly. CDBG has redirected their funding toward economic development and aren’t really an avenue for this project any longer. About the only hope to obtain public grant funding at this point is if it was publicly owned. If the County took over the system they would be eligible for State Revolving Funds as well as Disadvantaged Community Funds.

Mrs. Shank asked what the County’s liability would be if they took over the system. Mr. Farr stated that there are only 23 or so customers on the system, so not a lot of available revenue. If we didn’t obtain grant funds and something went wrong the County would have to come up with the funds to fix it.

Mr. Rackley asked what the cost would be to re-do the system. Mr. Farr stated that it would be several hundred, thousand dollars.

FARR WEST ENGINEERING: APPROVAL OF AGREEMENTS FOR THE PERSHING COUNTY ASSESSOR’S OFFICE, 2017 GIS SERVICES AND MAPOPTIX – Mrs. Cerini-Jones stated that the District Attorney has reviewed the agreements.

Mrs. Cerini-Jones stated that the previous Assessor had an intern build our GIS system and no one else in the office had any training. They are currently working with a company on the east coast and they are not very accessible. Mr. Farr stated that it is not a lump sum contract, they would bill as necessary. Mrs. Cerini-Jones stated that it would be paid for out of her tech funds and she has spoken with Mrs. Childs regarding the budget.

Mr. McDougal made a motion to approve the agreements with Farr West Engineering to provide 2017 GIS Services and MapOptix to the Pershing County Assessor’s office. Motion seconded by Mr. Rackley and passed.

CORRESPONDENCE: There was no additional correspondence discussed.

APPROVAL TO CONTACT COMMERCIAL APPRAISER TO APPRAISE PROPERTY OWNED BY LOVELOCK ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT GROUP, LLC, APN #001-162-02 AND APN #001-162-03: Mr. McDougal stated that after the last meeting he spoke with Randy Pontius about some ideas he had regarding his property next to the Sheriff's office. Mr. Pontius was not opposed to the idea of a property swap. He does have one person who has expressed some interest in the business.

Mr. Rackley asked if the property the County already owns was considered. Mrs. Shank stated that we did consider property in the Industrial Park, but Mr. Rackley would have to talk to Sheriff Allen about the pros and cons. Mr. Rackley also stated that he would like to see a presentation from Core Construction.

Mrs. Shank asked Mr. Shields if the Commission moved forward with the appraisal now, but did not make a decision on purchasing the property for six months or so, would another appraisal be needed. Mr. Shields thought appraisals were good for 12 months.

Mr. Rackley made a motion to move forward with ordering a commercial appraisal for the property owned by Lovelock Economic Development Group, LLC, APN #001-162-02 and APN #001-162-03. Motion seconded by Mr. McDougal and passed.

MARNEE BENSON AND ROGER VIND, BLACK ROCK CITY, LLC: REPORT ON 2016 BURNING MAN EVENT – Ms. Benson gave the Board a copy of a letter addressed to Chairwoman Shank responding to Sheriff Allen's 2016 Post Mission Synopsis. Ms. Benson thanked Mrs. Shank for her continued support and leadership and welcomed Mr. McDougal and Mr. Rackley to the Board. She stated that the entire Burning Man organization extends appreciation for the work the Board does and the opportunity to work together to produce a safe and enjoyable event.

Ms. Benson stated that the 2016 event ran for 8 days starting at 6:00 p.m. on Sunday, August 28th and ending at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, September 5th. The full closure order issued by the BLM (Bureau of Land Management) was in effect from August 1st through September 21st. The population peaked at 67,290 paid participants on Friday, September 2nd.

This year's theme was da Vinci's Workshop. They had over 300 art pieces this year, which included 36 international pieces and 26 projects from Nevada.

Ms. Benson stated that in 2016, as in 2015, the Pershing County Sheriff's office implemented an integrated law enforcement command structure with BLM. Burning Man paid for PCSO's personnel, meals, radios, pagers, computers, printers, fuel, infrastructure, power, light towers, dispatch, computer-aided design (CAD) data entry, internet, telephones, housing space and trailers, sanitation, waste management, jail, decontamination station, medical care, offices, report writing center, evidence trailer, unified command post, dust abatement, fencing and the shared Emergency Operations Center.

Burning Man is concerned with Sheriff Allen's statement that his officers did not receive the training intended in advance of working the event. Ms. Benson stated that they would like to work with the Sheriff's office to provide information and material for officer training and orientation.

Ms. Benson wanted the record to reflect that there has never been upward of 80,000 people at Burning Man. Even when all staff, volunteers, public health and safety employees, and government officials are included with the count of paid participants the total number of people on site has never approached, let alone exceeded, 80,000. She stated that they provided detailed, day-by-day population accounts to Sheriff Allen and the population is strictly monitored by the BLM. She also challenged Sheriff Allen's statement that several thousand people are on site for approximately two months. Ms. Benson stated that fewer than 25 people surveyed the city at the start of the closure order prior to any infrastructure being in place. On August 5th approximately 35 people started working on site. The number of workers slowly ramped up in the following weeks.

Ms. Benson also addressed Sheriff Allen's statement that based on the population, 200 deputies are needed. Black Rock City's crime rate does not warrant one deputy per 400 people. Ms. Benson read

statistics from Nevada's Uniform Crime Report and compared those to crime at Burning Man. Ms. Benson stated that 40.7% of the citations issued by the PCSO were for possession of less than one ounce of marijuana, which is now legal in Nevada. This new law will free up a significant amount of time and budget for PCSO in 2017.

Ms. Benson stated that in Sheriff Allen's synopsis he spoke about an issue involving the ability to obtain radios. Ms. Benson stated that it is not Burning Man's responsibility to provide basic equipment for PCSO that officers use year round. BRC has offered to sell PCSO 60 radios, batteries, chargers, surveillance kits and cases that were bought in 2015 for over \$80,000 for \$10,000.

Lastly, Ms. Benson addressed an invoice that Pershing County sent to BRC for \$39,959.20 for services rendered outside of the 2013 Settlement Agreement. BRC's legal department is in receipt of the invoice and will be responding soon.

Mr. Vind spoke about the crime statistics that Ms. Benson gave. Mr. Vind stated that calls for service are the number 1 factor in determining staffing levels.

PUBLIC HEARING: REVOKE, MODIFY, OR ALLOW A KENNEL PERMIT ISSUED TO ALLOW JOANNE MAE RICHARDSON TO KEEP MORE THAN FOUR (4) DOGS OVER THE AGE OF FOUR (4) MONTHS AT 200 YOUNGBERG ROAD, GRASS VALLEY, NEVADA (UNINCORPORATED PERSHING COUNTY) – Randall Miller, attorney representing the Richardsons, was present.

A letter from Brenda Negri dated January 31, 2017 was received and entered into the record as Exhibit #7. Mr. Shields directed the Board to the paragraph starting on the bottom of page 1, which refers to a conversation Ms. Negri had with Mr. Shields. Mr. Shields stated that it is an inaccurate betrayal of the conversation. Mr. Shields stated that he encouraged Ms. Negri to appear today so that the Commission could evaluate the credibility of her testimony in person.

Mr. McDougal stated that he would have liked to hear from both parties in person, so that he could fairly judge the testimony given. He stated that a written statement gives some background information, but doesn't allow for additional questions to be answered.

Mr. Rackley and Mrs. Shank both brought up the issues that have appeared before the Justice Court. Mr. Miller stated that even if the kennel permit is revoked the dogs that are getting out won't necessarily be the dogs the Richardsons get rid of. He also stated that because the Richardsons raise goats, they qualify for a livestock exemption. Mr. McDougal asked if the goats are raised for commercial purposes. Mr. Miller stated that they do sell them.

Mr. Rackley asked Sgt. Nathan Carmichael if he would give some background information in the matter. Sgt. Carmichael was sworn in by the Clerk. Sgt. Carmichael feels this came about as a neighborly dispute. Mrs. Negri had to apply for a kennel permit as she runs an actual kennel and breeds and sells dogs. Sgt. Carmichael doesn't feel the intent of the kennel permit regulations was to allow people to have more dogs. Sgt. Carmichael also stated that he is not aware that the Richardsons have a business license to sell animals.

Mrs. Shank stated that it sounds like the Richardsons should have never been issued a kennel permit and if they have an active livestock business, proof of that needs to be shown.

Mr. Shields stated that you don't necessarily have to have a business to obtain a kennel permit. If you want to have more than four dogs you can apply for the permit and the issuance is up to the discretion of the Sheriff. Mr. Shields also explained the grounds for revocation, which is any violation of the County Code.

Mr. McDougal made a motion to revoke the Richardson's kennel permit based on violations of County Code pertaining to animals as evidenced by citations and convictions from the Justice Court. Motion seconded by Mr. Rackley and passed.

PERSHING COUNTY SHERIFF: Sgt. Carmichael reported that the Sheriff was called out of town. The office is at full-staff and everything is going well.

BOARD APPOINTMENTS: PERSHING GENERAL HOSPITAL BOARD OF TRUSTEES – Letters of interest were received from Ted Bendure and Pat Irwin. Mr. Irwin was present and stated that he served on the Hospital Board as the County Commission Liaison for six years. He is very familiar with the problems they have worked through and where they are now. Mr. Irwin feels his experience would be a good addition to the Board.

Mrs. Shank stated that this appointment would be filling a vacant elected position with a term expiring December 31, 2018. Mrs. Shank also stated that one concern that was brought to her attention was Mr. Irwin's lack of attendance while he was the liaison. Mr. Irwin stated that in the past he was a non-voting member and there would be no issues with him attending meetings in the future.

Mrs. Shank stated that she had heard from the public that Mr. Irwin's experience would be beneficial, but she had also heard that Mr. Bendure would bring a fresh perspective. Mr. Rackley stated that Mr. Bendure has a lot of experience as well and would bring new ideas. He also stated that Mr. Bendure was involved in the selection of the first trauma hospitals in Nevada and has worked for the State of Nevada in many different capacities.

Mr. McDougal asked Hospital Board Trustee Carolyn Hultgren to give an update on the status of the Hospital. Mrs. Hultgren stated that the Hospital's financial health has gotten much better in the time that she has been on the Board. Todd Plimpton, Hospital Legal Counsel, also spoke. Mr. Plimpton stated he has been the attorney for the Hospital for about 18 years. About 9 years ago the Hospital was 11 months behind on their PERS (Public Employees Retirement System) payments and 1.6 million behind in accounts payable with no cash. He is proud to report that they now have 2.8 million in the bank, with \$0 in accounts payable. They have been able to refinance some of their debt and make needed improvements to the facility.

Mr. Rackley made a motion to appoint Ted Bendure to the Pershing General Hospital Board of Trustees with a term expiring December 31, 2018. Mr. McDougal seconded the motion, stating that both candidates are extremely qualified and worthy of the position. Motion carried.

PLANNING COMMISSION, GRASS VALLEY/IMLAY AREA REPRESENTATIVE – A letter was received from Kim Klemish, who resides in Grass Valley.

Mr. McDougal made a motion to appoint Kim Klemish to the Planning Commission, representing the Grass Valley/Imlay area, with a term expiring July 1, 2018. Motion seconded by Mr. Rackley and passed.

SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT & RECYCLING ADVISORY BOARD – A letter of interest was received from Susie Bendure.

Mr. Rackley made a motion to appoint Susie Bendure to the Solid Waste Management and Recycling Board with a term expiring June 30, 2020. Motion seconded by Mr. McDougal and passed.

MUSEUM BOARD – A letter was received from Doris Bridges asking to be reappointed to the Museum Board.

Mr. Rackley made a motion to reappoint Doris Bridges to the Museum Board with a term expiring January 5, 2019. Motion seconded by Mr. McDougal and passed.

The meeting recessed at 11:26 a.m. for a Litigation meeting and reconvened at 11:35 a.m.

REPORT FROM LEGAL COUNSEL: Mr. Shields attended a DA's Association meeting yesterday in Carson. There are a couple BDRs that they are watching, including the Indigent Defense Bill.

Mr. Shields also stated that Pershing County has a moratorium on medical marijuana facilities. With the passage of Question 2, the law states that in order to sell recreational marijuana you have to already have your medical marijuana licensure. It also states that if there are no facilities an adult is

allowed to have six marijuana plants for recreational purposes. Mr. Shields stated that the Commission needs to start thinking about whether or not they want to maintain the status quo or open up the licensure process. Based on population, Pershing County would be limited to two facilities. Mr. Shields also stated that the Tax Commission is responsible for creating the regulations for those facilities, so Carson City has passed a moratorium on facilities until those regulations have been adopted.

REPORT FROM ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT: APPROVAL TO PURCHASE 3 IPADS AND 3 CELL PHONES – This item will be put back on the next agenda.

UPDATE ON THE PERSHING COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND CONSERVATION ACT; APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE PERSHING COUNTY ECONOMIC AND CONSERVATION ACT: Mr. McDougall made a motion to adopt Resolution #17-0201 in support of the Pershing County Economic Development and Conservation Act. Motion seconded by Commissioner Rackley and passed unanimously.

Carl Clinger stated that he is concerned about the comments he is hearing about “tweaking” the Wilderness areas. Robert Walker spoke about the Wilderness Study Act and stated he thought this was just trying to be pushed through by Harry Reid and the Wilderness groups as none of the areas meet the wilderness criteria.

Mrs. Shank stated that there were numerous public meetings and the Commission tried to address as many constituents concerns as possible.

ROAD DEPARTMENT UPDATE: Dan Hill was present.

Mr. Hill reported that almost all of the roads have been re-opened. Jersey Valley Road is 4-wheel drive only, but is open.

Mrs. Shank stated that she attended the Grass Valley Advisory Board meeting on Monday and Muddy Road is in pretty bad shape. Mr. Hill stated that it does have some issues right now due to the weather, but is in better shape than it has been in the past. They also reported that there are a few signs down. Mrs. Shank will email the list to Chastity.

Gerry Monroe has been selected to be the new Road Supervisor. They have one vacant position, but Mr. Hill would like to wait to fill it until he has better budget numbers.

Mrs. Shank stated that the Planning Office checks the chlorine in the Imlay tanks twice a week, and asked if there was someone at the Road Department that could do it.

VOUCHERS: Mr. McDougal made a motion to approve the vouchers as submitted. Motion seconded by Mr. Rackley and passed.

MATTERS OF THE BOARD FOR DISCUSSION, BOARD MEMBER REPORTS, BOARD LIAISON REPORTS: Mr. McDougal reported that the Humboldt River working group met with the State Water Engineer yesterday. Mr. McDougal stated that he came out of the meeting a little more optimistic than he had been in regards to the State Engineer realizing the need to manage the over pumped basins.

Mr. Rackley met with all the fire chiefs in Winnemucca. They will continue to meet quarterly. Mr. Rackley also stated that he thought there was going to be an agenda item to discuss obtaining a forklift for the Recycling Center. Mrs. Shank stated that she thought they were going to discuss that during budget workshops. Mr. Rackley would like to discuss it sooner as there may be surplus equipment available.

Mr. Rackley brought up the discussion this morning about the Rye Patch Firehouse. He stated that when he asked Mr. Handka about it he was told that they don't do any maintenance on any of the

firehouses. Mr. Rackley was concerned as those are County owned buildings, with the exception of the Lovelock Firehouse.

Mrs. Shank spoke about the joint City-County meeting last night and felt it was a good meeting. There were no changes to either agreement. Mrs. Shank also reported that she attended the NACO meeting. The Cemetery Board has not had a meeting, but Mrs. Shank did complete a survey. She attended the Grass Valley Advisory Board meeting. Mrs. Shank stated that the 911 Surcharge Committee needs to meet, but doesn't have a quorum. She spoke with Bill Gorsline and he would be willing to serve on that board with the permission of his employer.

PUBLIC INPUT: Carolyn Hultgren stated she will be going to Carson City for a Rural Hospital Association function next Friday. She will be meeting with Assemblyman Ira Hansen and State Senator Don Gustavson, so if there are any issues the Board would like brought up, please let her know.

As there was nothing further to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 12:47 p.m.

Approved 3/15/17: _____/s/_____
Carol Shank, Chairwoman

Attest: _____/s/_____
Lacey Donaldson, Clerk