

**AUGUST 2, 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 June 21, 2017 regular meeting and the June 28, 2017 special meeting as presented. Motion seconded by Mr. Rackley and passed.

**PUBLIC INPUT:** Carolyn Hultgren wanted to remind everyone that the Pershing Healthcare Foundation's Annual fundraising dinner is next Saturday. They will have a booth at Frontier Days and will be selling tickets to the dinner.

Kent Mowry of A & H Insurance gave an update on the Derby Field mobile home damage. A roofing company was out last week to provide a quote. They were told to cover the building, which ended up causing more damage. Mr. Mowry will be going out there later this morning with Mr. Handka to take some more pictures.

**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:**

**ROAD DEPARTMENT** – Dan Hill was present.

Mr. Hill reported that the Department has been busy. They completed the chip seal of Old Victory Highway, Rye Patch Reservoir Road, and a small piece of Limerick Canyon Road. Mr. Hill stated that he still needs to stripe Old Victory, but he is waiting on the State. Mr. Hill also reported that while doing the chip seal he looked at a portion of Old Victory Highway, North of Rye Patch Reservoir. It has been neglected and is within the Devco boundaries, so he has decided to chip seal a mile & a half of it with those funds. The crew also started patching Limerick Canyon Road. It was hit pretty hard this winter in addition to the heavy traffic during the fire. He would like to chip seal it as well, so he spoke with Coeur Rochester and they have agreed to pay for the material. Mr. Hill stated that Idaho Asphalt has agreed to honor the price from their previous bid. Mr. Hill noted that the amount will be under the minimum required to go to bid. The crew will be working in Unionville next week. Mr. Hill reported that the new employee obtained his CDL permit yesterday and is working out well.

Mr. Rackley asked Mr. Hill to look at the tank at the Law Enforcement Center to see if they could move it to Rye Patch for the Fire Department to use. Mr. Hill stated that he already has it loaded and ready to move. He is just waiting to hear from Mr. Evans whether or not anything else is needed besides the cement pad.

**LANDFILL** – Dan Hill was present.

Mr. Hill stated that they just completed some very expensive, but planned repairs on the dozer. It now has another issue so they will have to take it back in. The Metal Scrapers are still working on the metal pile.

Mrs. Shank asked about the Grass Valley transfer station. Mr. Hill stated that it is looking good lately. He mentioned that the regular Hoss Disposal driver was on vacation.

**SENIOR CENTER/VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR** – Jordan McKinney was present.

Mrs. McKinney stated that she purchased a new electric can opener and she is looking into purchasing a new standing mixer as well. The mixer costs approximately \$10,000 and the Advisory Board has discussed using Gift Fund money for this purchase.

They are taking a trip to Virginia City on August 17<sup>th</sup>. They will be going to Burning Man on August 29<sup>th</sup> for a sunset tour. They will be having an AARP Driver Safety Course on August 31<sup>st</sup> and Mrs. McKinney will be teaching it. Breakfast this month will be on the 25<sup>th</sup>.

*Discussion regarding HVAC issues and possible remediation:* Mrs. McKinney stated that the kitchen is unbearable. It has been very warm outside as well, but the AC isn't cooling down the kitchen at all. Oasis came and looked at the system. The unit wasn't lined up with the duct work to the kitchen, so they made some adjustments, which have helped, but not enough. They are going to come back and do an assessment and make a recommendation.

Mr. McDougal noticed on the Senior Center Newsletter that August 21<sup>st</sup> is Senior Citizens Day. He stated that is also the solar eclipse and asked if she was incorporating that into her celebration. She stated that she was unaware of that, but will look into doing something.

**BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS** – John Handka was present.

Mr. Handka stated that the gazebo has been built and stained. They have also installed new trash receptacles, benches and pet stations. Mr. Handka spoke about the bathrooms in the Park. They were being locked when Buildings and Grounds left for the day. There were several complaints. He has made arrangements for them to stay open until 6:00 p.m. during the week, but they will remain locked on the weekends. Mr. Rackley feels they should be kept open, but doesn't know how to deter vandalism. Mr. Rackley will speak with the Swimming Pool staff to see if they would open and close them on Saturdays.

Mr. Handka also stated that they are preparing for Frontier Days. The lawn has been mowed. They will water tonight and then it will be turned off until Sunday evening.

Mr. McDougal stated that he had spoken to Mr. Handka about any adjustments that could be made at McDougal Field for the Youth Football Jamboree on August 19<sup>th</sup>. Jon Wright will flag the sprinklers that he feels needs adjustments. Mr. Handka will make the adjustments that can be made.

Mr. McDougal stated that Myron McKinney's rental agreement has been changed to a month-to-month agreement, but it cannot go longer than December 1<sup>st</sup>.

**U.S. CONGRESSMAN MARK AMODEI: RURAL COUNTY TOUR, UPDATE ON MATTERS RELATING TO PERSHING COUNTY AND THE STATE OF NEVADA** – Congressman Amodei spoke about the Pershing County Lands Bill. It has gone through the Natural Resources Committee and is waiting to be scheduled on the floor. Congressman Amodei stated that he expects the bill to be out of the House mid-September and then it will move to the Senate.

Congressman Amodei also stated that his staff continually monitors the Burning Man Event preparation and everything seems to be moving along for this year. He also stated that he has been watching the water litigation. He also spoke about PILT (Payment in lieu of Taxes) funding for 2018. He mentioned the wild horse issue. Chris Stewart from Utah proposed an amendment to allow BLM to utilize euthanasia to manage horse numbers. Congressman Amodei spoke about the Fallon Naval Air Base expansion. There is a conflict with some mining properties. Congressman Amodei stated that he would rather keep the mining jobs.

Mr. Shields asked about the timeframe for Stewart's amendment regarding euthanasia. Congressman Amodei stated that it will be part of the Appropriations Bill. Mr. Shields stated that we have a settlement agreement with the BLM which requires them to do an EA for gathers and removal on the east and west side of I-80. The settlement agreement had definite deadlines for conducting the EA, but that date keeps getting pushed back. Congressman Amodei stated that he has a meeting with the Winnemucca District Office this week and will ask for an update on our EA.

Someone in the audience asked about the “dirt” tax proposed by the Federal Government. Congressman Amodei stated that several congressmen got together and sent a letter of opposition. Congressman Amodei stated that if a Federal Tax is implemented it will have a major impact on Nevada. He also suggested that they work with the mining industry.

Congressman Amodei also spoke about healthcare.

**PROCLAMATIONS AND AWARDS: YEARS OF SERVICE AWARDS** – The Commission presented Years of Service Awards as follows:

Jerry Allen, 15 year pin  
Kristie Boyd (not present), 10 year pin  
Heidi Lusby-Angvick, 10 year pin  
Rachel Craspay, 5 year pin  
Celeste “Abi” Generoso, 5 year pin

**UNCLASSIFIED DEPARTMENTS, CONT.D:**

**COMMUNITY CENTER/ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** – Heidi Lusby-Angvick was present.

Mrs. Lusby-Angvick reported that the sound system is in the process of being installed. She stated that Economic Development is still working on implementing their strategic plan. Mrs. Lusby-Angvick will be hosting a small business development center workshop on September 21<sup>st</sup>. Every Thursday for nine weeks she will be holding money management classes as well. At the Museum, they are preparing for the mineral display, which will be set up on Monday.

Mrs. Lusby-Angvick spoke about the advertising Economic Development has done with Madden Media. She wrote an insert that was translated to Mandarin. She has received contact information for at least 40 individuals that have viewed our information.

Mrs. Shank asked how managing the Community Center from the new office at City Hall been working. Mrs. Lusby-Angvick stated that it may put a strain on Mrs. McKay, but they will work it out.

**PERSONNEL SESSION: DISCUSSION TO CONSIDER THE CHARACTER, ALLEGED MISCONDUCT, PROFESSIONAL COMPETENCE, AND PHYSICAL OR MENTAL HEALTH OF STEVE COCHRAN; THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MAY TAKE ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION AGAINST MR. COCHRAN WHICH MAY INCLUDE, BUT IS NOT LIMITED TO VERBAL OR WRITTEN REPRIMAND, SUSPENSION, OR TERMINATION** – Mrs. Shank stated that we have received a request from Mr. Cochran and his legal counsel, Todd Plimpton, asking to reschedule. Mr. Shields has asked Mr. Plimpton to call his office this afternoon to reschedule for some time this month. The Board all felt the sooner the better.

Mr. Rackley made a motion to reschedule the Personnel Session for Steve Cochran. Motion seconded by Mr. McDougal and passed.

**PERSHING COUNTY FIRE AND AMBULANCE DEPARTMENTS:**

**AMBULANCE REPORT** – Chief Carmichael reported that the billing has been caught up. They have come up with a temporary solution to get the reports to REMSA until they can get the two systems to talk to each other.

**LOVELOCK FIRE DEPARTMENT** – Chief Carmichael stated that they are currently at 19 members. They did lose one member due to a family emergency. They have started to get applications in for membership. Chief Carmichael spoke about the fireworks being cancelled on the Fourth of July. They are planning on lighting them off for Lovelock’s 100 Year Celebration on September 30<sup>th</sup>.

Chief Carmichael stated that the Lovelock Paiute Tribe has fired all of their law enforcement. He is concerned about safety and would like to have a meeting with the Tribe.

Chief Carmichael also stated that the County Code requires the Fire Chief to do fire inspections of buildings. He does not have the proper training or any guidance for what he is supposed to look for. Mr. Shields will look into this.

**IMLAY FIRE DEPARTMENT – Approval to increase the cost for the new tank on water tender:** The Board previously approved up to \$15,000, but the bill came in \$5,263.72 higher. Mrs. Childs stated that she will have to check the Option Tax Resolution to see if an amount was specified. If it is, we will have to amend the Resolution.

Mr. McDougal made a motion to approve the increase of \$5,263.72 to replace the tank on the Imlay Fire Department water tender. Motion seconded by Mr. Rackley and passed.

**ELECTED DEPARTMENTS:**

**LACEY DONALDSON, CLERK-TREASURER –** Mrs. Donaldson stated that she attended a two day workshop last week with Devnet, the vendor chosen to replace the tax software. Mrs. Donaldson stated that she is confident that the right vendor was chosen and can't wait to work with them. Mrs. Donaldson also reported that the office is busy collecting tax payments.

*Approval of corrections/changes to the Tax Roll:* The following corrections were presented to the Board:

APN #007-321-32	Jaeger Family CR Unitrust	Removal of MH273
APN #007-421-08	Kennerson, Robert	Correcting land value
APN #007-421-09	Kennerson, Robert	Correcting land value
APN #007-421-10	Kennerson, Robert	Correcting land value
APN #007-421-11	Kennerson, Robert	Correcting land value
APN #007-141-23	Gibson Ranch, Inc.	Correcting Landfill Assessment
APN #009-250-20	Pierce, Marton & Mae	Adding Veteran's Exemption
APN #001-064-04	Lusardi, Lynn & Lois	Adding Veteran's Exemption
APN #007-101-22	Patterson Family Trust	Adding Veteran's Exemption
APN #009-020-33	Bibbins, Kevin & Edstrom	Adding Veteran's Exemption
APN #012-020-15	Brady, David	Adding Veteran's Exemption

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

**LAURI CERINI-JONES, ASSESSOR –** Mrs. Cerini-Jones also spoke about the Devnet Workshop. The Appraisal Cycle is in full swing. Mrs. Cerini-Jones informed the Board that currently the Archival Building sits on a separate parcel from the Administrative Building. The parking lot is also a separate parcel. She spoke to one of her mentors about it and he stated that he would just consolidate all three parcels. Mrs. Cerini-Jones would like the Board's opinion before she moves forward. Mr. Shields suggested putting this on the next agenda for possible approval.

**PLANNING & BUILDING DEPARTMENT & IMLAY WATER:** James Evans was present.

**UPDATE –** Mr. Evans gave the Board the monthly permits issued and fees collected report. He also gave them a copy of Senate Bill No. 462 which would allow county commissioners to create a committee to review existing general improvement districts.

**REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF QUOTE FROM SIERRA CONTROLS, LLC IN THE AMOUNT OF \$8,250.00 FOR THE PURCHASE OF REMOTE MONITORING EQUIPMENT FOR THE IMLAY WATER SYSTEM AND REQUEST TO PAY FOR SAID EQUIPMENT FROM FUNDS PAID BY Q & D CONSTRUCTION FOR THE USE OF WATER PROVIDED BY THE IMLAY WATER SYSTEM –** Mr. Evans stated that he spoke with Mrs. Childs and she did not have a problem with those funds being used.

Mr. McDougal made a motion to approve the purchase of remote monitoring equipment for the Imlay Water System from Sierra Controls, LLC in the amount of \$8,250.00, to be paid for with the Q & D Construction revenue. Motion seconded by Mr. Rackley and passed.

**ELECTED DEPARTMENTS, CONT.D:**

**BRYCE SHIELDS, DISTRICT ATTORNEY** – *Approval to advertise/hire Administrative Clerk I/II position in Child Support Office to fill upcoming vacancy:* Mr. Rackley made a motion to approve the advertising and hiring of an Administrative Clerk I/II position for Child Support. Motion seconded by Mr. McDougal and passed.

**JERRY ALLEN, SHERIFF** – Sheriff Allen reported that they currently have 20 inmates housed at the Jail. Sheriff Allen also spoke about the Lovelock Paiute Tribe not having any law enforcement personnel. He did speak with the BIA (Bureau of Indian Affairs) on Monday. They will be responding if necessary, but from quite a distance. They are working on an MOU that would allow the Sheriff's Office to respond. Sheriff Allen stated that he is still working on filling the vacant positions and now has an additional vacancy as Deputy Flanagan has submitted his resignation. Sheriff Allen hopes to have at least one position filled prior to Burning Man. There will be an item on the next agenda to approve filling Flanagan's position.

Sheriff Allen also commented in regards to the statement made by Congressman Amodei referring to Burning Man. Sheriff Allen does not feel that the planning process has gone smoothly.

Sheriff Allen also informed the Board that he will not be pursuing the Cops Grant as he was only allowed to apply for one position.

*Update on the 2017 Burning Man Event & approval of 2017 budget for Burning Man:* It was noted that this item was not on the agenda that the Sheriff received, nor the one in the Board's packet. It was included on the agenda that is posted and was emailed out. Sheriff Allen did not have anything prepared in regards to this item. This will be put on the next agenda.

**UPDATE ON PROGRESS OF SITE LOCATION, DESIGN, FUNDING, AMENITIES AND CONSTRUCTION OF POTENTIAL NEW LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER; AMENDED DESIGN; POSSIBLE BONDING OF PROJECT:** Mr. Rackley and Sheriff Allen are still tweaking the plans. Mr. Rackley spoke with Mayor Giles about abandoning 9<sup>th</sup> Street. He didn't see any real issues, but it will have to go before the City Council.

**ELECTED DEPARTMENTS, CONT.D:**

**RENE CHILDS, RECORDER-AUDITOR** – Mrs. Childs gave the Board the month end reports. She also gave the Board copies of the corrected Budget Augmentation Resolutions. The Eide-Bailly Auditors will be here this week to start working on the FY17 audit and then will be back at the end of September to finish up. Mrs. Childs stated that she just received copies of the Public Defender's 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> quarter billings for Humboldt County Conflict Counsel. She also informed the Board that Mike Ferrell is also in the office today working on the scanning conversion.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** There was no additional correspondence discussed.

**BOARD APPOINTMENTS / RESIGNATIONS / VACANCIES: SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT & RECYCLING** – A letter was received from Vivian Renfroe.

Mr. McDougal made a motion to reappoint Vivian Renfroe to the Solid Waste Management & Recycling Board with a term expiring June 30, 2021. Motion seconded by Mr. Rackley and passed.

**RECREATION** – A letter was received from Maurice Nelsen.

Mr. McDougal made a motion to reappoint Maurice Nelsen to the Recreation Board with a term expiring June 30, 2019. Motion seconded by Mr. Rackley and passed.

GRASS VALLEY ADVISORY BOARD – An email was received from Linda Workman.

Mr. Rackley made a motion to reappoint Linda Workman to the Grass Valley Advisory Board representing Farming and Ranching with a term expiring June 30, 2019. Motion seconded by Mr. McDougal and passed.

**RESOLUTION FOR DESIGNATING THE PERSHING COUNTY COURTHOUSE AND PERSHING COUNTY COMMUNITY CENTER AS PRIMARY AND ALTERNATIVE LOCATIONS, RESPECTIVELY, FOR PUBLIC AUCTIONS OF REAL PROPERTY IN ACCORDANCE WITH NRS 107.080:**

Mr. McDougal made a motion to adopt Resolution #17-0811 designating the Pershing County Courthouse and the Pershing County Community Center as the primary and alternative locations, respectively, for public auctions of real property in accordance with NRS 107.080. Motion seconded by Mr. Rackley and passed unanimously.

**RESOLUTION TO INCREASE THE FEE AMOUNT TO RESERVE A BURIAL PLOT IN COUNTY CEMETERIES FROM \$75.00 TO \$250.00; PROVIDE FOR A PAYMENT PLAN FOR THE RESERVATION OF BURIAL PLOTS; AND ESTABLISH A REGISTRATION AND MAPPING FEE IN ACCORDANCE WITH PERSHING COUNTY CODE 13.40.070:**

Mrs. Shank stated that the Cemetery Board met and would not like an additional fee for mapping.

Mrs. Childs personally feels \$250 is too high of a jump and that this will hurt some of the elderly.

Mr. Rackley made a motion to adopt Resolution 17-0812 effective October 1, 2017. Motion seconded by Mr. McDougal and passed.

**TV BOARD: SECURITY SYSTEM, DOOR ENTRY AND CAMERAS, AND OTHER MATTERS RELATING TO THE TV BOARD** – Mr. Rackley stated that the TV Board has recommended approval of up to \$5,000.

Mr. McDougal made a motion to secure bids for a security system not to exceed \$5,000. Motion seconded by Mr. Rackley and passed.

**FIRST READING OF AN AMENDMENT TO CHAPTER 2.56 OF THE PERSHING COUNTY CODE ENTITLED RECREATION BOARD, PERTAINING TO THE BOARD'S RESPONSIBILITIES, POWERS, AND JURISDICTION AS AN ADVISORY BOARD:**

Mr. McDougal would like the Board to be called the Pershing County Recreation and Tourism Board.

Bill No. 330 was introduced by Mr. McDougal and read by title as follows:

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE TWO, CHAPTER 2.56 OF THE PERSHING COUNTY CODE BY CLARIFYING THE BOARD'S DUTIES, POWERS AND JURISDICTION.**

**DISCUSSION REGARDING INCREASING THE COUNTY PER DIEM AND MILEAGE FOR TRAVEL:** Mr. Rackley stated that the County's rates haven't changed for several years. It is currently \$5.50 for breakfast, \$6.50 for lunch and \$15 for dinner. Mileage is reimbursed at 48.5 cents per mile.

Mrs. Childs asked if this could be looked at during budgets as this big of an increase is not currently budgeted.

The Board would like this to be put on the next agenda to discuss adopting the GSA rates.

**PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION REGARDING A PROPOSED FIELD TURF RENOVATION PROJECT AT MCDOUGAL SPORTS COMPLEX WHICH INVOLVES REPLACEMENT OF GRASS WITH FIELD TURF ENGINEERED PLAYING SURFACE, PERIMETER CONCRETE CURBS AND ATTACHMENTS, ADAPTION OF IRRIGATION**

**(FOR SURFACE COOLING) AND OTHER FIXTURES OF THE SPORTS COMPLEX:** Mr. McDougal showed the Board a drawing of the proposed upgrades.

Mr. Rackley made a motion to allow the Recreation Board to proceed with planning and design of a turf renovation project at McDougal Sports Complex. Motion seconded by Mr. McDougal and passed.

**REPORT FROM ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT:** Mrs. Wesner stated that she didn't have anything to report.

**REPORT FROM LEGAL COUNSEL:** Mr. Shields reported that Tori Sundheim from NACO (Nevada Association of County Officials) contacted him regarding the NAS Expansion. He would like to talk to the Airport Advisory Board in regards to any concerns.

**2017 LEGISLATIVE MATTERS:** UPDATE, REVIEW AND DISCUSSION CONCERNING THE POTENTIAL IMPACT OF ANY BILLS, ANY PROPOSED AMENDMENTS THERETO, THE DETERMINATION OF ANY POSITION ON THE BILLS AND DIRECTION TO STAFF OR REPRESENTATIVE ON BEHALF OF THE COUNTY REGARDING THE BILLS – There was no discussion.

**UPDATE ON MATTERS RELATING TO THE PERSHING COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND CONSERVATION ACT; APPROVAL OF COMMUNITY SUPPORT LETTER ADDRESSED TO SENATOR CORTEZ MASTO:** Mr. McDougal made a motion to approve signing and sending the Community Support Letter addressed to Senator Cortez Masto. Motion seconded by Mr. Rackley and passed.

**ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS:** There was nothing additional discussed.

**MATTERS OF THE BOARD FOR DISCUSSION, BOARD MEMBER REPORTS, BOARD LIAISON REPORTS:** The Board did not have anything further to discuss.

**PUBLIC INPUT:** Paul Kersnowski, a resident in the area of the Limerick Canyon Fire, wanted to give accolades to the Rye Patch Fire Department.

**VOUCHERS:** Mr. Rackley made a motion to approve the vouchers with the exception of a voucher for Vendor #556, Larry Rackley. Motion seconded by Mr. McDougal and passed.

Mr. McDougal made a motion to approve the voucher for Vendor #556. Motion seconded by Mrs. Shank and passed. Mr. Rackley abstained as it is a reimbursement to him.

As there was nothing further to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 11:38 a.m.

Approved 9/06/17: \_\_\_\_\_/s/\_\_\_\_\_  
Carol Shank, Chairwoman

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_/s/\_\_\_\_\_  
Lacey Donaldson, Clerk