



STOREY COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING

MONDAY, MAY 20TH, 2013 2:00 P.M.

DISTRICT COURTROOM

26 SOUTH B STREET, VIRGINIA CITY, NEVADA

MINUTES

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Roll Call: Chairman Sjovangen, Vice-Chairman McBride, Commissioner Gilman, District Attorney Maddox, Clerk-Treasurer Vanessa DuFresne, County Manager Pat Whitten, Comptroller Hugh Gallagher, Sheriff Gerald Antinoro, Fire Chief Gary Hames, Public Works Director Mike Nevin, Community Development Director Dean Haymore, Communications Director Dave Ballard, Administrative Office/Senior Planner Austin Osborne, Emergency Management Cherie Nevin and Government Affairs Director Greg "Bum" Hess.

1. **CALL TO ORDER AT 2:00 P.M.**

The meeting was called to order by the Chair at 2:00 p.m.

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Chair led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. **DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION:** Approval of Agenda for May 20th, 2013

Chairman Sjovangen requested that "tentative" be changed to "final" throughout the agenda.

Mark Joseph Phillips, Storey County resident, requested that the Treasurer Report, item 6, be removed from the consent agenda. He became aware today of a Notice of Non-Compliance was sent to the County for the budget today which is required to be read into the record. The notice will need to be read at some point during the meeting today.

Motion: Approve the agenda for May 20, 2013 with the requested corrections, **Action:** Approve
Moved by Commissioner Gilman **Seconded by** Vice-Chairman McBride

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

4. PUBLIC COMMENT (No Action)

Dale Beach asked that the Commissioners do something to require honesty in office; to where everybody we do business with in the County isn't giving us a scam. He cited an instant in which Pat Whitten at the first of the year said the County was paying \$36,000 for lobbying fees and the School District was paying the same, he was going to cut that back to \$3,000 each, saving \$12,000. Mr. Beach stated that in the shuffle our county commissioner that left took those jobs over. Instead of losing \$6,000 it cost us more money going from \$72,000 to \$80,000. He would like to see some sort of penalty for everyone; adding you have got to be honest with us. Mr. Beach continued that he tries to run his life as a decent human being and tells the truth to the best that he knows it. He added that with Lance and his group the lobbying costs were \$220,000, that was "pie in the sky" and no one knew anything about it. These are things that we the people have the right to know. Mr. Beach stated that we do not need any more management. The Sheriff is a pretty popular guy, he is proud to call the Sheriff his friend. Community Chest is across the street and they could do something that would take the county to do for a dollar and do it for thirty cents. He asked why aren't we utilizing them and putting our money through them. He is proud of them and they do a great job.

Patrick Flanagan, VC Highlands resident, followed up on a request from August 7, 2012. He read the following statement into the record; I realize that the agenda is going to be heavy and long. I will make this brief. I am attaching two documents, one a paper on response to recession and the other requesting the Commission act on 7 areas, both presented to the Commission August 7, 2012. To date, I have seen little change from the condition of Storey County since then. Our unemployment rate is still high and probably higher due to dropouts. Our foreclosure rate is also still high though the real estate market shows some signs of stabilization. Compensation for private enterprise has been slashed and continues to hit our taxpayers. What I am asking for is that the Commission gives us, the public, a report on what they have done since August in regard to my requests and any other actions that they've taken to alleviate these problems or address my concerns. As you know, I am always available to help. I particularly wish to note the need to stop budget cuts on key departments. You have cut too much all ready. I do not want to mention County employees or departments, but I do know that it is a fact that some are so understaffed that they cannot perform their work in a timely and responsible manner. You should know about what I am talking about. I am talking about a very simple task which has not been done for many, many months. It has not because more serious matters have had to be attended to. As a result, this delay is costing the County each month in unnecessary costs and it is also costing the taxpayers needlessly. One might say that this is perhaps negligent but it is not. It is because the County budget has been slashed too much and instead of improving, it is worsening from my August report. These are hidden costs and are expensive. Now you wish to continue cutting. Particularly the Sheriff's Dept. This is very foolish. We are now experiencing more crime due to the conditions of our economy and the only reason why it stays low is that we have a vigilant law enforcement. To cut departments like this is just insane as it will end up costing the County even more. The recent proposal to create a new department for social services still is in question. In that proposal, I only see costs increasing, not decreasing. We need a professional study on this and also in how to cut unnecessary costs. We must get our government staff back up to the point where they can accomplish their duties and not increase the cost of government by being under-staffed. A good start would be to eliminate all payments

for lobbying activities. We are our own best lobbyists and we don't need to be paid for this. I would hope that the Commission will report back on these matters in the next 30 days.

Chairman Sjovangen responded that Mr. Osborne has addressed these issues in prior meetings. He suggested that Mr. Flanagan contact Mr. Osborne for more information. Mr. Flanagan responded that the unemployment rate is close to what it was a year ago. There are a lot of people in the Highlands that need to get jobs.

Mr. Phillips stated that Chairman Sjovangen and Vice-Chairman McBride were present at the tentative budget hearing for the VCTC last Thursday. He has a couple of major concerns, he found that the tentative budget posted online, the budget given at the meeting and the tentative budget filed on April 15, 2013 do not match. The final budget was approved and what was posted online was not accurate. Chairman Sjovangen told him to check with Deny when he gets back.

CONSENT AGENDA

(All matters listed under the consent agenda are considered routine, and may be acted upon by the Board of County Commissioners with one action, and without an extensive hearing. Any member of the Board or any citizen may request that an item be taken from the consent agenda, discussed, and acted upon separately during this meeting. The Commission Chair reserves the right to limit the time allotted for each individual to speak.)

5. Claims - For possible action approval of Payroll Check date 05/10/13 for \$452,556.12, date 5/13/13 for \$1,646.80 and Accounts Payable date 05/03/13 for \$184,785.41 and date 5/10/13 for \$9,893.47
6. For possible approval April 2013 Treasurer Report - **Acted on under the regular agenda.**
7. For possible approval Treasurer's affidavit of mailing of past due notice for all delinquent parcels per NRS 361.5648
8. For possible action approval of Licensing Board First Reading:
 - a. Angel Engineering - Contractor/1575 Bethal Court, Reno
 - b. Nevada Distribution Services, LLC - General/625 Waltham Way #103/104, TRI
 - c. Schwabe North America, Inc. - General/2777 USA Pkwy #106
 - d. Montane Building Group - Contractor/5310 Kietzke Lane, Reno
 - e. Rhyno Built Welding- General/1293 Chichester Drive, Gardnerville
 - f. Mars Petcare US - General/725 Waltham Way
 - g. Dan Cin Crystals Mining., LLC - General/65 North C Street, Virginia City

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

Motion: Approve consent agenda, **Action:** Approve **Moved by** Commissioner Gilman **Seconded by** Vice-Chairman McBride

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

For possible approval April 2013 Treasurer Report - Removed from the Consent Agenda at the request of Mark Joseph Phillips.

Mr. Phillips asked that we have a close look at the report prior to approval. He asked if any indication of Community Service department 116 can be found on the report, he stated that it appears it has been deleted. He went down the report reading the fund numbers. Mr. Whitten clarified which report he was referring to. He explained that Community Services is a department within the general fund not an individual fund. The Treasurer Report is a fund balance report, not a department balance report. Mr. Phillips stated it would be nice to know how much was in the Community Services fund at the end of April. Mr. Whitten responded that they do not have their own fund. Mr. Phillips stated the fund has always been on the report. Mr. Whitten stated that is incorrect. Chairman Sjovangen added that once Mr. Phillips becomes a county commissioner he can take care of all of this for them.

Motion: Approve item 6, April 2013 Treasurer Report, **Action:** Approve **Moved by** Vice-Chairman McBride **Seconded by** Commissioner Gilman

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

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

Government Affairs Director Bum Hess:

1. Provided an update on the current legislative session. We have been able to kill 35-40 bills so far that would have done some harm to Storey County and a lot of the "rurals". One of the bills that will do some damage to us is the Portal Bill. It is estimated that the bill will cost the county \$250,000. Mr. Hess explained what the Portal Bill is and potential impacts on Storey County. It is an unfunded mandate that he predicts will pass. Commissioner Gilman asked if it is all of our licenses including TRI licenses. Mr. Hess said he understands that it is all licenses.
2. The Public Works bill has been amended to allow counties with populations under 50,000 with projects under \$250,000 to avoid the bidding process.
3. SB 272 passed on Saturday; it is sitting on Governor's desk for final signature. This is the land swap bill between Washoe County and Storey County. He will be coming back before the board at a later date to work something out.
4. The Entertainment Tax is the main topic currently. Mr. Hess doesn't think it is going to go very far. The proposal is to put an 8% tax on everything. An amendment has been added to the bill putting a minimum of 200 person's occupancy prior to the tax being applicable. Commissioner Gilman clarified that it affects all of our events. Mr. Hess said there may be an amendment that would exempt some of our events. Charging an admission will put the tax into effect.
5. Mr. Hess stated that the Mining Bill is by far the worst bill he has even seen come before the legislature. They are trying to get as much money from the mines as possible. Someone added a bill that states you will be taxed on not only on what is on the surface but what's underneath it. The only way to figure out what is underneath is to drill every

square foot of the property. The Governor has said he will veto the bill should it make it to his desk. There is no base line for the assessment process.

6. He has been in touch with the school district; there are talks of consolidation again.

Commissioner Gilman commented that if we are not aware of what is happening in Carson City we could be damage beyond belief. He knows that from the bottom of his heart Bum Hess is tremendously respected in Carson City. It is that effort that keeps our fat out of the fire. There are bills there today that would break our little county. Mr. Whitten added that it doesn't stop at Carson City it goes back to Washington D.C. Mr. Hess has the ability to directly contact our Congressmen and Senators. Chairman Sjovangen stated there have been times when there are so many committee hearings going on that you have to flood the place with lobbyist and staff to cover everything. Mr. Hess commented that they expect to see Storey County down there now. It is now crunch time and this is when the rural counties start to get hit.

Mr. Flanagan commented that he came from San Francisco and we did not have paid lobbyist. People took it upon themselves to go to Sacramento; it was affective and did not cost the county any money.

Public Works Director Mike Nevin:

1. Continuing to work at the Louise Peri Park at the ball field. Taken out all of the weeds and old material.
2. Now has contact with NV Energy on street lights. He and Commissioner Gilman will be working to get some lights at the Louise Peri Park. Mr. Nevin will also be requesting her assistance with an audit of all of the street lights in town.
3. Working with BLM to acquire 15 acres west of the plant for the new plant. Looks like they are willing to sell us the ground at \$1 per an acre. Hopefully wrap the process up in the next few months.

Vice-Chairman McBride added that at the Planning Commission meeting last Thursday there were a lot of positive comments on the work done at the park.

Administrative Officer Austin Osborne:

1. Announced that Diane Stewart will be retiring. He is working on organizing a going away event for her. Mr. Osborne will be posting a position for a junior level planner.

Community Development Director Dean Haymore:

1. Informed the Board that as of last week Mars has been moved into their new facility. He has meet with several other companies regarding moving their business into the park or relocating within the park. Things are starting to pick up with expansions, new constructions and the creation of new jobs.
2. This Wednesday there will be a tour of the north county with 20 people participating.

Ms. Houts asked if there have been any proposals for quick access from Virginia City to TRI. Mr. Haymore responded that the only way is to use Pole Line Road, which would only get you to Lockwood. Additionally if we open that road it opens up possible development in the

Highlands area, which the residents are not in favor of. He explained that they continue to work on the completion of USA Parkway; the road is projected to be completed around 2019. We have looked and done studies, continues to be an ongoing topic. Commissioner Gilman added that one challenge is the cost to put in new roads. Mr. Haymore added that Stagecoach has asked for a connection to the USA Parkway expansion. He has been approached by a veteran to clarify which roads are passable in Story County for mileage reimbursement.

Sheriff Gerald Antinoro:

1. Reported that 60 students graduated from the D.A.R.E. program this morning, from the elementary and middle school. He added they were a great group of kids.

County Manager Pat Whitten:

1. Granted there are not a lot of people that actually work in the Industrial Park, but we also recognize that when someone in Reno, Sparks or Lockwood gets a job at TRI it potentially opens a position up for a Highlands or Virginia City resident.

The Chair called for a 10 minute recess at 2:48p.m.

The meeting was called to order at 2:57p.m.

Chairman Sjovangen explained that the smaller governments will be heard first and the remainder of the budget will be heard at the end of the agenda under item 20, hearing the entire County budget at once.

10. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION: Final Budget Hearings for FYE 2013/14

No action taken.

11. RECESS TO CONVENE AS STOREY COUNTY WATER AND SEWER BOARD

The Chair called the Storey County Water and Sewer Board to order at 2:58p.m.

12. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION: Final Budget Hearings for FYE 2013/14 for the Water and Sewer services in Virginia City, Gold Hill and Silver City.

Mr. Gallagher stated that from the tentative to the final he will provide any changes to the revenues or the expenditures. For the water system there was no change to the revenues, expenses have decreased by a little over \$6,000 due to overtime exclusion and a benefit adjustment. He continued with the sewer system, no change in revenues and an increase in expenses of \$400 resulting from a salary and benefit adjustment, for a final figure of \$349,776.

Motion: Approve the final budget for the Water and Sewer Services, **Action:** Approve **Moved by** Vice-Chairman McBride **Seconded by** Commissioner Gilman

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

13. ADJOURN TO RECONVENE AS THE STOREY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

No action taken.

14. **DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION:** Final Budget Hearings for FYE 2013/14

No action taken.

15. **RECESS TO CONVENE AS THE NRS 473 STOREY COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT BOARD**

The Chair called the NRS 473 Storey County Fire Protection District Board to order at 3:00p.m.

16. **DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION:** Final Budget Hearings for FYE 2013/14 for the NRS 473 Fire Protection District.

Mr. Whitten explained that he and Chief Hames are confident this Board will be dissolved through the Nevada Legislature and it is staff's recommendation that no action be taken. The budget for wild land fire protection will be under the Storey County budget.

No action taken.

17. **ADJOURN TO CONVENE AS THE 474 FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT BOARD**

The Chair called the 474 Fire Protection District Board to order at 3:01p.m.

18. **DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION:** Final Budget Hearings for FYE 2013/14 for the NRS 474 Fire Protection District.

Mr. Gallagher explained that the revenues remain unchanged. The expenses have been decreased by \$147,551 for a salary adjustment, \$3,935 for a benefit adjustment and \$104,000 for a TRI payback adjustment resulting in a final expense total of \$3,236,911.

Ms. Houts stated she received the budget yesterday and has not been able to review. She will be submitting questions at a later date to the Commissioner and Fire Chief.

Motion: Approve the final budget for 474 Fire Protection District Board, **Action:** Approve **Moved by** Vice-Chairman McBride **Seconded by** Commissioner Gilman

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

19. **ADJOURN TO RECONVENE AS STOREY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

The Chair called the Storey County Board of Commissioners to order at 3:04p.m.

Chairman Sjovangen explained that items 10, 14, 16 and 20 would be heard all together.

20. **DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION:** Final Budget Hearings for FYE 2013/14

Mr. Gallagher addressed the individual departments listing any changes in revenues or expenditures from the tentative budget.

Commissioner Gilman stated that he has some research done on the NRS that directs the Board's responsibilities. He read the following statement into the record; Key Highlights of County Budget Laws, Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) 1. Basic Legal Obligation not to overspend amount

appropriated. "NRS 354.626 Unlawful expenditure of money in excess of amount appropriated; penalties; exceptions. 1. No governing body or member thereof, officer, office, department or agency may, during any fiscal year, expend or contract to expend any money or incur any liability, or enter into any contract which by its terms involves the expenditure of money, in excess of the amounts appropriated for that function, other than bond repayments, medium-term obligation repayments and any other long-term contract expressly authorized by law. Any officer or employee of a local government who willfully violates NRS 354.470 to 354.626, inclusive, is guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof ceases to hold his or her office or employment. Prosecution for any violation of this section may be conducted by the Attorney General or, in the case of incorporated cities, school districts or special districts, by the district attorney." 2. County Commissioners have power to audit and examine all county accounts. (NRS 244.200.) 3. The County Auditor is required each quarter to submit a statement to the County Commissioners showing the "amount of expenditures of the various departments and the object of the expenditures." (NRS 354.290.) 4. Amounts are appropriated only if stated as a proposed expenditure in a budget and is adopted by the County Commission. (NRS 354.598.) 5. Budgets must include "detailed estimates of expenditures and other uses of money for the budget year..." (NRS 354.600.) 6. No construction on any capital improvement may begin unless funding is "in an approved budget." (NRS 354.601.) 7. The annual audit must include "a comparison of the operations of the local government with the approved budget..." (NRS 354.624.) 8. "Neither the fund balance of a governmental fund nor the equity balance in any proprietary fund may be used unless appropriated in a manner provided by law." (NRS 354.626.)

Mr. Gallagher addressed the revenue for the general fund, there has been a negative adjustment for liquor, gaming, prostitution and cabaret licenses, sheriff fees and dog control which will now go to the jail fund, and additionally the town of Gold Hill and Virginia City have been moved for a total in the amount of \$110,398. Import tonnage fees, building permits, gaming license state and assessor fees have been increased, for a final revenue budget of \$10,193,092. Mr. Gallagher informed the Board there has been no change in the submitted budgets for the Clerk-Treasurer, District Court, Genetic Marker, Drug Court and Recorder. The Assessor expenses have been increased by \$250, final expense budget \$344,490. There is no change for the Technology Fund or Buildings and Grounds. The Swimming Pool and Parks have increased expenses by \$7,191 for an additional part time employee in Lockwood, total expenses \$127,727. Due to overtime exclusion and a benefit and insurance adjustment to expenses for the Service Department the final budget is \$257,145. Mr. Gallagher continued with the Road Department, revenues remain unchanged; expenses have decreased resulting in a final budget of \$1,083,473. Community Development had tentative expenditures of \$406,593; there was a decrease of \$11,170 for salary adjustments and \$1,033 for a benefit adjustment. Due to Ross Miller's portal there is a \$200,000 increase, for a final budget of \$594,390. This is a conservative figure based on the need for a new platform for the portal.

Mr. Whitten clarified that the funds added to the budget for this portal will not be used for anything else should the bill not go through. They have appropriated for this bill only.

Mr. Gallagher stated that the District Attorney, Justice Court and Justice Court Fund all have no change from tentative to final approval. Communication's tentative budget was \$796,736, this has been decreased for overtime exclusion and benefit adjustment, final budget is \$768,184. IT

Department originally had expenditures for \$369,292, the budget has been increased for communications \$1,500, gas \$1,000, software \$200 and computer equipment \$2,200, final budget \$374,192. No change for the Comptroller's budget. Emergency Management has decreased office supplies by \$800 for a final budget of \$138,282. There is no change for the Emergency Mitigation budget. Community Service was originally \$488,394 we are going to increase that by \$7,500 for a library infusion, final budget is \$495,894.

Commissioner Gilman commented on the reorganization of the Community Services Department. It has been suggested throughout the community via phone calls, emails and many discussions that the Board was creating a new department. He explained that nothing could be further from the truth. There has been a Community Services Department for the last several years, today it is represented and administered with the VCTC. The VCTC has done a wonderful job developing websites, advertising and focusing on tourism here in our community. Community Services on the other hand has not had a particularly strong focus. He suggests that we have communities and programs that can benefit from some oversight and direction. Community Services has nothing to do with the Sheriff's Office, it is a separate existing department that has been in place for years. It also has nothing to do with the Sheriff's budget. Commissioner Gilman would like to lie to rest today that we are focusing on a growth potential and quality potential. Please join us all in doing a great job with our community outreach and community services.

Mr. Comptroller continued with the individual funds. There is no change in the Park Fund. The Sheriff had an original tentative budget of \$2,196,136, this has been increased for a salary adjustment \$34,605, benefit adjustment \$95,712 and the potential Ross Miller portal \$75,000. The final Sheriff budget is \$2,401,453. The \$75,000 can only be used for the portal. Revenue for the Jail Fund has increased to \$586,300 and expenses have been decreased to \$565,533. There is no change in Mutual Aid and on the revenue side of Equipment Acquisition. The expenses for Equipment Acquisition have decreased from \$263,225 to \$251,225. Commissioner's budget has no change. Administrative tentative budget was \$2,010,295; this has been increased by \$5,600 for benefit adjustment, \$1,000 membership increase and a \$56,000 transfer to the Jail Fund. The budget was decreased by \$405,702 for a TRI payback adjustment, final budget \$1,667,193. Health Services had no change. Planning was originally \$257,393 it has been decreased to \$237,896 due to a salary and benefit adjustment. Indigent Medical, Indigent Accident, Capital Projects, Infrastructure, Stabilization, Town of Gold Hill and Town of Virginia all had no change. The TRI Payback fund has been decreased by \$565,702 for a final budget of \$568,000. The reason being that up until this year we have been several audits behind, we could not figure out what the final figure was going to be. The audits are now current and he feels much more comfortable being able to decide what is needed to fund this fund. The VC Railroad Project has no change and Federal/State Grants has increased in revenue by \$33,000 for a final budget of \$3,096,243. Contingency is the rainy day fund with a current balance of \$276,336 it has been increase by \$10,723 and an additional \$375,132 for an overtime deposit. The final budget for the Contingency Fund is \$662,191.

Mr. Whitten added that our obligations under the TRI payback are subject to the developer agreement. They are also subject to double audit and it is his advice to Commissioner Gilman that he should feel free to vote.

Juanita Cox, from the River, she is here in support of keeping as large as possible of a budget for the Sheriff's Office. She feels they are doing a fabulous job and it is a huge area they are trying to cover. She also appreciates that the Board is doing a difficult job and there are benefits, but she is without benefits from the County. All she has is the Fire Department and the Sheriff's Office and wanted to give them her kudos for the job they are doing.

Nicole Barde, resident, stated she agrees with everything said about community services. She has been doing community services for most of her life. In the budget of April 2nd there was a document that essentially read "combing Deny Dotson and Sheriff Antinoro's programs" if there was a misconception that document may have had something to do with it. She would like to understand what the Community Services department is going to have oversight of. By looking at the document she sees non-profit organizations and programs ran by the Sheriff, she doesn't see what needs any oversight. Ms. Barde asked for clarification of the Jeep Posse, is it a 501.c3 or county organization. She has asked to be a member several times over the years, she has been told "no, someone has to die." Perhaps if they are a 501.c3 group they can be exclusive. She has also observed that it is exclusive to men only. The county is funding an organization that doesn't accept new members and doesn't accept women. She explained that her original question is what the department will have oversight off.

Mr. Whitten responded to Ms. Barde's questions. Some of the items are not intended to be oversight, for example the Fourth Ward. There is no intent to oversee; it is more of a liaison function. The RSVP is a state appointed board that we would never intend to oversee. He addressed her questions regarding the Jeep Posse. They are no longer associated with the County. He suggested she talk to the president of the organization for questions regarding their non-profit status. The funding that the Jeep Posse receives from the County is based on an old agreement that leased the Ice House to the group for 99 years. Subsequently he and Mr. Haymore convinced Nextel and now Verizon to locate a cell tower on county owned land, which generates 3 leases currently. We have historically given half of the revenue from those leases to the Jeep Posse to support their scholarship program.

Ms. Barde inquired that if the document that was originally handed out is not accurate and this is more of a liaison position then what is the \$498,000 that has been budgeted being spent on. She can see by line item which programs that it is going to and understands that there are two part time positions for the Lockwood Senior Center. However there is a lot of other money and she is unclear as to what it is for. Mr. Whitten explained that we do not know until the study is complete. Ms. Barde asked if by passing the budget as that a defacto approval of the proposal made by Commissioner Gilman on the additional position. She is still asking the cost benefit question before the approval. Mr. Whitten stated they are working with the VCTC on Deny's salary and a change in the interlocal agreement would be needed prior to any funding changes. Ms. Barde added there are some moving parts that people may not know about. She would like to understand how it is going to be run.

Vice-Chairman McBride stated that at this point nothing has changed from this point forward, other than the funding for a library. The county does not intend to oversee Community Chest.

Sheriff Antinoro commented to Commissioner Gilman that it may have been the way that it was proposed and the wording that came out that gave people the misconception regarding the Community Services position. He believes that people now understand that his programs will stay with his office. He added that he does have a little hesitation about how the overtime is being handled; we will see how that works. Sheriff Antinoro stated that the bigger problem is the jail fund; something needs to be formalized on the source and use of the funding.

Mr. Gallagher commented that he agrees with the Sheriff on the jail fund. Taking it into the general would not do what was intended. We do need to put our heads together and find a continuous source of income for the Sheriff to operate the jail.

Gunther Prosser echoed what Ms. Barde and the Sheriff stated. He appreciates all the work that is being done and we need to stay focused on the Community Services topic and keep moving forward.

Mr. Phillips stated that the Notice of Compliance has been taking care of today. He believes that the issues have been addressed. His first concern is Fund 200 the Virginia City Rail Project; he doesn't see anything going on with the Tunnel Project. He asked where the additional \$90,000 for the Jail Fund is coming from; it has never been budgeted for in the past. Mr. Phillips stated neither of the budgets, Community Services or the VCTC, addresses the salaries of the VCTC employees. Chairman Sjovangen stated we are not here to discuss the budget of the VCTC. Mr. Phillips explained that the Community Services budget was supposed to pick up the salaries of the VCTC employees, it does not; the VCTC budget doesn't have it either. We are looking at 5 or 6 employees whose positions are not being funded.

Mr. Whitten responded by stating that it is not factual that the county ever agreed to pick up the salaries of the VCTC other than a percentage of Mr. Dotson's salary.

Ms. Houts stated that she submitted her questions regarding the tentative budget to Mr. Gallagher. Her questions today are regarding the final budget. Ms. Houts asked why we need so much in the contingency fund and what the reason is for the increase in the Community Development budget. Ms. Houts inquired as to what type of lines is the county using for internet service. Regarding Community Services she sincerely believes it was a miscommunication. She agrees that Community Services is a very important service. Her question is, in September 2012 she approached Mr. Whitten and Mr. Gallagher to talk about Mr. Dotson's job and why are the two positions combined. She understood Mr. Whitten to say that if Mr. Dotson is not providing good services than he would either have to reduce his salaries or completely leave the Community Services position. If that's the case then he should go and we should get someone to help with Community Services. Ms. Houts stated that it was her understanding, from the sheet presented by Commissioner Gilman that it was going to be a new department. She appreciated the clarification and she looks forward to see how it will work.

Mr. Whitten stated that the contingency increase is due to two reasons; the Department of Taxation requires a 3% of the general fund contingency fund and the second reason is that overtime will be handled through this fund to allow the county to get a better overall handle on the expense. He addressed her comments regarding internet service; our IT Director has

explored all option. Mr. Whitten added that the potential work in progress study for Community Services has nothing to do with the job performance of Mr. Dotson; he has never stated that he was dissatisfied with him. Originally Mr. Dotson was to be a liaison with the VCTC, with the departure of Susan Sutton we all collaboratively offered to ramp up Deny's services. We do not control the VCTC and this is not a matter of being dissatisfied with any employee. The development of any community services change is truly a work in progress.

Ms. Houts stated she recently attended the VCTC meeting and she knows what is going on. Her concern is with Community Services section not about VCTC. Her residents are not getting anything from Community Services. If he is very good with the VCTC move him all the way over there and get someone else to do community services.

Motion: Approve the final budget for FYE 2013/14, items 10, 14, 16 and 20 **Action:** Approve
Moved by Vice-Chairman McBride **Seconded by** Commissioner Gilman

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

Mr. Whitten stated that the fire emergency fund was not approved during the 474 Fire District Board, the Board will need to be reconvened.

ADJOURN TO CONVENE AS THE 474 FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT BOARD

The Chair called the 474 Fire Protection District Board to order at 4:03p.m.

DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION: Final Budget Hearings for FYE 2013/14 for the NRS 474 Fire Protection District.

Mr. Gallagher stated there were no changes on the revenue side of the Fire Emergency Fund. Expenses have no change as well from the tentative to the final.

Motion: Approve the final budget for 474 Fire Protection District Board, **Action:** Approve **Moved by** Vice-Chairman McBride **Seconded by** Commissioner Gilman

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

ADJOURN TO RECONVENE AS STOREY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

The Chair called the Board of County Commissioner to order at 4:04p.m.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING

21. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION, LICENSING BOARD SECOND READINGS:

- a. Capital City Well Drilling – Contractor/20 Kit Kat Drive, Carson City
- b. Sword, International – General/420 USA Parkway, Suite #105, RI
- c. Virginia City Kettle Corn Depot – General/188 South C Street, Virginia City
- d. Hot Pot, LLC – General/420 USA Parkway, Suite #101 TRI
- e. American Arms Delta – General/224 East Sydney Drive, Suite B, TRI
- f. Air Guys, Inc. – General/9732 Pyramid Way, Sparks
- g. Battle Born Munitions, Inc. – General/625 Waltham Way, TRI

- h. Stem, LLC – General/420 South B Street, TRI
- i. PM Services – Contractor/3980 VZ CR 1712, Grand Saline, TX
- j. EB Homes- Contractor/687 Lucas Drive, Carson City

Mr. Haymore asked that items c, d, e and g be continued and items a, b, f, h, i and j be approved.

Motion: Continue second readings for items c, d, e and g, **Action:** Approve **Moved by** Vice-Chairman McBride **Seconded by** Commissioner Gilman

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

Motion: Approve second readings for items a, b, f, h, i and j, **Action:** Approve **Moved by** Vice-Chairman McBride **Seconded by** Commissioner Gilman

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

Mr. Gallagher commented on the tremendous effort from Jessie Fain on the budget process. In his forty plus years of service he has never seen a worker of her caliber. It was not an easy process and he thanks her for all of her hard work. Chairman Sjovangen seconded his comments and thanked Vanessa for coming in on Sunday as well to deal with the packet and the website.

BOARD COMMENT

None

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at the call of the Chair at 4:07p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

By _____
Vanessa DuFresne, Clerk-Treasurer