



STOREY COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 15TH 2013 10:00 A.M.

DISTRICT COURTROOM

26 SOUTH B STREET, VIRGINIA CITY, NEVADA

MINUTES

BILL SJOVANGEN
CHAIRMAN

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DISTRICT ATTORNEY

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CLERK-TREASURER

Roll Call: Chairman Sjovangen, Vice-Chairman McBride, Commissioner Gilman, District Attorney Bill Maddox, Clerk & Treasurer Vanessa DuFresne, 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.

1. **CALL TO ORDER AT 10:00 A.M.**

The meeting was called to order by the Chair at 10:01 am

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Chair led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance

3. **DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION:** Approval of Agenda for October 15, 2013

Mark Joseph Phillips addressed his concerns regarding the failure to publish the quarterly financial statement and statement of amount of bills allowed. He provided a letter to the Clerk listing the NRS's and issues.

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 July 16, 2013

Motion: Approve the minutes for July 16, 2013, **Action:** Approve **Moved by** Vice-Chairman McBride **Seconded by** Commissioner Gilman

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

5. **DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION:** Approval of Minutes for September 17, 2013

Motion: Approve the minutes for September 17, 2013, **Action:** Approve **Moved by** Vice-Chairman McBride **Seconded by** Commissioner Gilman

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

6. **DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION:** Approval of Minutes for September 27, 2013

Motion: Approve the minutes for September 27, 2013, **Action:** Approve **Moved by** Vice-Chairman McBride **Seconded by** Commissioner Gilman

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

CONSENT AGENDA

7. For possible action approval and acceptance of the 2014 Nevada Aging and Disability Services Nutrition Grant award in the amount of \$32,698.00 for nutrition services at the Storey Count Senior Center and authorization for Cherie Nevin to sign all associated grant documentation.

8. For possible approval cancelation of the November 5, 2013 Board of County Commissioners meeting.

9. For possible approval the Treasurer Report for September 2013

10. For possible action approval of Licensing Board First Reading:

- 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 Rd, 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)

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

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

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

11. DISCUSSION (No Action – No Public Comment): Committee/Staff Reports

Sheriff Gerald Antinoro:

Reported on the number of vehicles that passed thru town during Street Vibrations, Sheriff Antinoro explained that 25,000 vehicles were counted with 12,000 of those being on Saturday. The State is looking at replacing the equipment that counts the vehicles, he will see if there is a possibility of purchasing the old equipment.

Community Chest Director Shaun Griffin:

Mr. Griffin reported that they are at about \$12k of the \$15k goal for matching amount. There will be a fundraising event on November 8th. As of Wednesday law books will be on display and work stations will be up.

Senior Planner/Administrative Officer Austin Osborne:

Austin Osborne reported that there will be a celebration of the “Fourth best street in America” award on November 1st at the tourism office from 5:30-7:30pm. Members of the public are welcome to attend. Planner Dessie Redmond and he will begin working on the C Street illegal signs sweep to help business learn the sign ordinances. He added there has been increased interest in our Van pools at TRI. In Reno we will be working with gourmet food wagons to go to TRI as well. County Manager Pat Whitten and Commissioner Gilman complimented both programs, and discussed possible implementation in local counties in the future.

Community Services Director Deny Dotson:

Deny Dotson reported that with the exception of Christmas on the Comstock, events are completed for the season. Zombie event was very successful. A survey went out on Sunday to local merchants and residents to get some feedback. In a week there will be a workshop at Piper’s Opera House at 5:30pm to review results of the survey and provide a social media workshop to businesses and non-profits. Virginia City mobile application was put out in March. There have been 54,000 downloads and 30,000 people that are using it. There will be opportunities for advertising, and an audio walking tour will be implemented this winter. Nevada Day Parade – Storey County plans on winning the award for best float.

Commissioner Gilman complimented the Zombie Run event and feedback he received was positive. Deny Dotson noted that the history and scenery was also well promoted.

Emergency Management/Grants Cherie Nevin:

She informed the Board that her office will be moving to the former Historic Commission office building at 372 South C Street. She thanked everyone for their help with the move. The Emergency Management conference held at Piper’s last week saw a record number of attendees and was a big success. Ms. Nevin is currently in the process of preparing a couple of grant applications. The Commission on Cultural Affairs Grant is being considered to replace/repair the Courthouse roof. The Historic Preservation Grant Fund is being considered to update the structural study for earthquake retrofitting. She will also be meeting with the people from the

Gold Hill Depot on Thursday to look at how we can help them with that building as well. On May 17, 2014 we are hosting a full scale evacuation drill in the Virginia City Highlands. The Food Bank Storey County Day will be on November 13th from 1pm-5pm and November 15th from 8am-12pm and is open to all county staff.

Commissioner Gilman asked about focusing grant efforts in the Mark Twain, Lockwood, and Highlands communities. Ms. Nevin has several Lockwood residents interested in applying for the community development block grants. Currently, Lockwood is the only community eligible based on their income. She has also been exploring different opportunities with small grants. Lance Gilman asked if the studies in the Mark Twain area were completed. Ms. Nevin explained that they have not launched it yet as it is time consuming and there are no utility parties that can complete the survey for them, so there will be a lot of door to door. Lance Gilman suggested the community center to help and stressing the importance of completing it and sending it in. Pat Whitten said that even though the Virginia City/Gold Hill/Silver City was promoted very well, there is still a natural aversion to providing income information. Lance Gilman asked how often the surveys may be done. Ms. Nevin replied that they are supposed to be good for five years.

County Manager Pat Whitten:

Gerrie Honea will be retiring next month; Jennifer McCain will be stepping in to fill the position. Mrs. McCain's position will be filled by Susan Breylinger from the Commissioner's Office. She will continue to run the Health and Human Services program. Ms. Breylinger will not be replaced resulting in a cost savings. We are very close on starting the work on the pressure relief valves along the water main, so there will be some down times. The work on the courthouse will be in phases due to structural issues. IT informed him that email will be down from 6am to approximately 2pm on Friday the 18th as we switch to a larger server. Also, we are making progress on the public documents section of the website. Mr. Whitten provided a reminder that there will not be a November 5th and the next meeting will be November 19th, which will be scheduled at 8:30am due to an open house at Nature's Way in TRI at 11am. On December 6th at 6pm the County Christmas party will be held at Piper's Opera House and is open to the public.

12. **DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION:** Resolution No. 13-384, a Resolution to consolidate the provisions of Resolutions 12-340, 12-343, and 13-381 in a single resolution and to amend provisions to clarify the funding of the Storey County fair and recreation board now known as the Virginia City Tourism Commission.

Deputy District Attorney, Robert Morris provided an overview of the proposed changes. District Attorney, Bill Maddox added that it was paramount to retain enough autonomy with the VCTC to continue to call it a fair and recreation board so that we can continue to levy the ¼ cent sales tax override that is a major contributor to tourism.

Mr. Phillips thanked Mr. Morris for his good work and acknowledged the people that got this item on the agenda today. It has been a battle to get this done. He would like Mr. Dotson to work on his exemption status with the Secretary of State, especially with regard to state liquor licensing as a governmental agency, and is looking forward to the resolution clarifying the Jail Fund. This is real progress.

Motion: Approve Resolution No. 13-384, **Action:** Approve **Moved by** Vice-Chairman McBride **Seconded by** Commissioner Gilman

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

13. **DISCUSSION (No Action):** Overview and discussion of possible applications for the 2014 Community Development Block Grant Application.

Grants and Emergency Management Coordinator, Cherie Nevin provided an overview of the requirements that must be met in order to apply for the CDBG program; she gave a history of the grant and goals. She further addressed the timeline of the applications and prior projects the grant funds have been utilized for. Ms. Nevin stated she has four interested parties that are present today to provide the Board an overview of their request.

- Susan Hoss, Executive Director for rural RSVP (Retired Senior Volunteer Program) is asking for funds of \$64,800 to sponsor a respite care program.
- Mitch Andrini, Manager of the Canyon General Improvement District, explained they are applying for funds to construct a small lab with a garage to perform testing and store equipment. The total request is for \$150,000 with funds available to match. Pat Whitten asked if they would consider becoming the Virginia City/Gold Hill/Silver City water testing facility to reduce costs. Mr. Andrini agreed to any capacity they are qualified to do.
- Edna Cudworth on behalf Lockwood Community Corporation Mobile Home Park stated they have a severe erosion problem. She has provided several photographs of the erosion and proposed solution. They are requesting \$200,000 for the project. Lance Gilman asked if this project was going to be looked at in the next budget cycle. Pat Whitten explained that right now they are looking to see if it's suitable for the CDBG program, but that if it is not they could certainly look at including it in the budget discussion. Cherie Nevin also explained that they will sometimes fund a portion of the amount requested depending on what's available and if the project can be completed for a reduced amount. Applications are due on January 7th and it helps to have matching funds though that is not required. Ms. Cudworth said that Far West Engineering is assisting on this project and will become the project manager should they go ahead with it.
- Shaun Griffin on behalf of the Storey County Senior Center is requesting \$25,000 to expand their Senior Food Commodities and Distribution (in conjunction with the Food Bank) to Mark Twain and Lockwood, and also repair/maintenance to the Senior Center's kitchen and vehicles. In the past they have deferred (4 times) to allow the funds to go to a project with a greater priority.

Pat Whitten asked Susan if she is pursuing any other local government jurisdictions for assistance. She answered that she is. Cherie Nevin noted that she will be back on November 19th for recommendations on number one and two projects. Applications will be due to her on December 3rd with final submittal to the state on January 7th.

The Chair called for a recess at 11:23am; the meeting was called to order at 11:36am

14. **DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION:** Approval of funding for Land Task Force Study update, not to exceed \$4,000.00

Chairman Sjovangen stated that he has provided the background information in the meeting packet. Each of the counties has been asked to contribute \$3,900 to update the study that was done by Eureka County in 1994 and 1996. The ultimate goal is to develop a recommendation for the legislature to smooth out public land acquisitions across the 11 mountain states. Lance Gilman asked if it would impact Mark Amodei's bill. Bill Sjovangen said it would not impact the bill in any way. Pat Whitten added that actually compliments HR1167 by adding small pieces of land that would complicate and kill the bill.

Motion: Approve funding for Land Task Force Study not to exceed \$4,000.00, **Action:** Approve
Moved by Vice-Chairman McBride **Seconded by** Commissioner Gilman

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

15. **DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION:** Claims - approval of Payroll Check date 9/27/13 for \$373,070.43, 10/04/13 for \$14,433.84 and Accounts Payable date 9/26/13 for \$55,922.00, 10/04/13 for \$214,534.52 and 10/04/13 for \$2815.86

Mr. Whitten opted to remove this item from the normal consent agenda because it includes the quarterly payment to the Bucket of Blood for the Courthouse parking lot lease. He ran this issue past Karen Jenkins of the Nevada Ethics Commission and it is her verbal opinion that this is not a conflict as it was approved prior to Vice-Chairman McBride taking a seat on the Board.

Dale Beach stated that he does not like the county leasing or renting anything. He suggests that we should find a way to own the property. Pat Whitten responded that is a prior contractual obligation and regular practice for the County.

Motion: Approve claims as submitted **Action:** Approve **Moved by** Commissioner Gilman,
Seconded by Chairman Sjovangen

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous vote (**summary:** Yes=2) Vice-Chairman McBride abstained.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING

16. **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION, LICENSING BOARD SECOND READINGS:**

- h. CINTAS CORPORATION #3 - General/250 Vista Blvd., Sparks (Uniform Services)
- i. B&G BEAUTY SUPPLY - Home Business/2440 Enterprise Rd. (Consultant) VCH
- j. THOMPSON GARAGE DOORS - Contractor/171 S 18th, Sparks (Overhead Door Install)
- k. TANN CORPORATION - Contractor/2300 Northridge, Kaukauna, WI (Pollution Equipment)
- l. LES SCHWAB TIRE CENTER OF NV - Contractor/4175 South Virginia, Reno (Tire Dist.)
- m. WIDE OPEN - General/1777 Peru Drive (off-road tours and racing) TRI

Senior Planner/Administrative Officer Austin Osborne asked that all items except Wide Open be approved with Wide Open being continued.

Motion: Approve all items except Wide Open, **Action:** Approve **Moved by** Vice-Chairman McBride **Seconded by** Commissioner Gilman

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

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

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

17. PUBLIC COMMENT (No Action)

Nicole Barde, Storey County resident –

- Wants to understand how and when it was approved in the interlocal agreement that the railroad, if unable to meet its overhead would be allowed to divert the ¼ cent sales tax to their operational costs, when the ballot specifically states that any money raised in Storey County would stay in Storey County, and why it was not mentioned in the ballot for voters to consider. She voiced concern that we don't know how well the business is run and so raises concern.
- Last meeting, Mr. Quigley asked about County policy on personal use of County property. There is one. Administrative Policy 006. Commissioner may make exceptions to it, but too many may make it void. Policy 020 around IT resources allows incremental personal use, but not for personal gain. There is also a policy around ethical issues. Wanted the public to be aware that all these policies are in place and just need to be consistently administered.

Mr. Whitten thanked her for the best public comment he has heard in a long time.

Mark Joseph Phillips, Storey County Resident –

- It was announced today that Ms. Nevin's office is moving. There is a big parking lot there and he would like to see marked as public parking as it will be a public building.
- At the last meeting, Comptroller Hugh Gallagher mentioned the audit. If it has been submitted to the county it should be made public record 30 days from receipt.
- Researching non-profit/exempt liquor licenses statuses with Secretary of State.
- 270 E. Washington Street, (Rick Hoover). The county has owned the property for a number of years and there is a pile of junk that he would be willing to help fill a dumpster with.

Dale Beach, Storey County Resident –

- Surveys in Mark Twain – Power Company and School are the ways to get to residents. Short sales are making it very transient so voter registration records don't work for getting the community coagulated.
- Community chest has been great bringing the kids up for school
- Still need to address the weeds in front of the community building and the hydrant has been broken near the park which also needs water and a community bulletin board.
- Needs a chair at the community center he can sit on due to his disability.

Kris Thompson, a veteran of the US Army and Army National Guard, provided a few observations that he has. He's new to the county and has worked at TRI for two years. He spoke against a small group of critics of the county commission and expressed that he believes they are not ethical or truthful. He complimented the local government and the success progress that has been made in the County, especially in TRI and on volunteer and charitable efforts. He pleaded with those who would tear down the county to put some of their efforts into helping to build it up.

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

Vice-Chairman McBride reported on his trip with Mr. Whitten to Washington DC to testify before a congressional sub-committee on the Restore Storey County Act HR1167. We lost one witness seat to Las Vegas, so Pat Whitten testified.

Flu Shot Clinic scheduled November 4th 8:30-9:30 at the Fire Training Center.

19. CORRESPONDENCE (No Action - No Public Comment)

- a. Agenda request from Nicole Barde

20. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at the call of the Chair at 12:25pm

Respectfully submitted,

By _____
Vanessa Stephens, Clerk-Treasurer