



STOREY COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING

TUESDAY, JANUARY 7TH, 2014 10:00 A.M.

DISTRICT COURTROOM

26 SOUTH B STREET, VIRGINIA CITY, NEVADA

MINUTES

BILL SJOVANGEN
CHAIRMAN

BILL MADDOX
DISTRICT ATTORNEY

MARSHALL MCBRIDE
VICE-CHAIRMAN

LANCE GILMAN
COMMISSIONER

VANESSA STEPHENS
CLERK-TREASURER

Roll Call: Chairman Sjovangen, Vice-Chairman Marshall McBride, Commissioner Gilman, District Attorney Bill Maddox, Clerk & Treasurer Vanessa Stephens, Comptroller Hugh Gallagher, Community Development Director Dean Haymore, Public Works Director Mike Nevin, Fire Chief Gary Hames, Emergency Management/Grants Cherie Nevin, Community Services/Tourism Deny Dotson, Sheriff Gerald Antinoro and Government Affairs Director Greg "Bum" Hess

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

The meeting was called to order by the Chair at 10:03am

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Chair led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance

3. **DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION:** Approval of Agenda for January 7, 2014

Chairman Sjovangen asked that item "M" under the first reading of Business Licenses read "Mustang Ranch Mercantile."

Mark Joseph Phillips, Storey County Resident -Agenda item 15, board comments, is placed in the middle of the meeting. I refer to the minutes of the meeting of September 3, 2013. Item number 8 was approval of placement of general public comment to immediately precede board comment.

Motion: Approve the agenda for January 7, 2014, **Action:** Approve **Moved by** Vice-Chairman McBride **Seconded by** Commissioner Gilman

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

4. **ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN AND VICE CHAIRMAN TO THE STOREY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR THE TERM OF ONE YEAR** Pursuant to Storey County Code 2.04.008

Chairman Sjovangen nominated Vice-Chairman McBride to serve as Chairman.

Motion: Elect Marshal McBride as Chairman of the Commission, **Action:** Approve **Moved by** Commissioner Sjovangen **Seconded by** Commissioner Gilman

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

Chairman Sjovangen nominated Commissioner Gilman to serve as Vice-Chairman

Motion: Elect Lance Gilman as Vice-Chairman of the Commission, **Action:** Approve **Moved by** Commissioner Sjovangen **Seconded by** Commissioner McBride

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

5. APPOINTMENTS TO SERVE ON STATE, COUNTY AND REGIONAL BOARDS

1. Safety Committee - To be determined by Safety Committee (was Shannon Gardner) - Chair; Vanessa Stephens - Vice Chair (Remains the same)
2. Legislative Representative - Bill Sjovangen with all others, including staff as needed
3. Historic Fourth Ward School and Museum Board - Bill Sjovangen (Remains the same)
4. NACO - Bill Sjovangen with Austin Osborne as secondary (Remains the same)
5. Nevada Works - Lance Gilman with Austin Osborne as secondary (Remains the same)
6. Virginia City Senior Center - Cherie Nevin (was Maggie Lowther)
7. Lockwood Senior Center - Lance Gilman, Cherie Nevin and Maggie Lowther (adding Cherie Nevin)
8. St. Mary's Art Center - Bill Sjovangen (Remains the same)
9. Western Nevada Development District - Dean Haymore (Remains the same)
10. Carson Water Sub conservancy District - Austin Osborne (Remains the same)
11. State Land Use Planning Advisory Council - Austin Osborne with Dean Haymore as secondary (Remains the same)
12. Natural Resources Conservation District (USDA) - Dean Haymore (Remains the same)
13. Truckee River Flood Management Authority (Technical Advisory Committee) - Lance Gilman with Austin Osborne and Dessie Redmond as alternates (Adding Dessie)
14. Comstock Historic District - Marshall McBride (Remains the same)
15. Nevada Commission for the Reconstruction of the V& T Railway - Bill Sjovangen (Remains the same)
16. Virginia City Tourism Commission - Bill Sjovangen (Remains the same)
17. Oversight of Fire and Public Works - Marshall McBride (Remains the same)
18. Economic Development - Lance Gilman (Remains the same)
 - a. EDAWN - Lance Gilman
 - b. NNDA - Lance Gilman

Dale Beach addressed his concerns regarding appointment 6 and 7 in that there were three people doing the same job as one. With number 17 he suggested a meeting for the public to address concerns over what they feel they are not getting out of these two agencies. He also suggested removing some director positions in order to put money into the community. Vice-Chairman Gilman stated he is appointed to the Lockwood Senior Center due to it being within his district. Pat

Whitten explained that Marshall McBride does not “supervise” these agencies, but serves as a point of contact for him with these agencies.

Jennifer Millsap Barnes – The third Wednesday of every month at 6:30pm there is a meeting in Mark Twain community center to allow the public to bring their concerns to the board. This may be a better option than ranting and raving at the commission meeting.

Motion: Approve appointments to serve on state, county and regional board’s **Action:** Approve **Moved by** Vice-Chairman Gilman **Seconded by** Commissioner Sjovangen

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

Pat Whitten stated for public record Mike Nevin serves on the Carson Truckee Conservancy, which is an appointment by Governor Sandoval.

Chairman McBride also clarified that although he is appointed by this board to the Comstock Historic District, that that is also a gubernatorial appointment.

6. **DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION:** Approval of Minutes for August 20, 2013

Motion: Approve minutes of August 20, 2013, **Action:** Approve **Moved by** Commissioner Sjovangen **Seconded by** Vice-Chairman Gilman

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

7. **DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION:** Approval of Minutes for September 3, 2013

Motion: Approve minutes of September 3, 2013, **Action:** Approve **Moved by** Commissioner Sjovangen **Seconded by** Vice-Chairman Gilman

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

8. **DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION:** Approval of Minutes for October 1, 2013

Motion: Approve minutes of October 1, 2013, **Action:** Approve **Moved by** Commissioner Sjovangen **Seconded by** Vice-Chairman Gilman

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

9. **DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION:** Approval of Minutes for October 15, 2013

Motion: Approve minutes of October 15, 2013, **Action:** Approve **Moved by** Commissioner Sjovangen **Seconded by** Vice-Chairman Gilman

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

CONSENT AGENDA

10. Claims - For possible action approval of Payroll Check date 12/06/13 for \$461,149.80, 12/12/13 for \$10,549.23, 12/20/13 for \$338,046.18 and Accounts Payable date 11/27/13 for \$175,763.02, 12/05/13 for \$625.71, 12/13/13 for \$402,380.48 and \$3,086.00 and 12/17/13 for \$186,496.84 and \$8,033.39
11. For possible action approval of updated MOU between the Storey County Fire Protection District and the Virginia City Highlands Property Owners Association.
12. For possible action approval of Administrative Policies and Procedures - Travel Policy Mileage Rate
13. For possible action approval of Licensing Board First Reading:
 - a. AUSENCO PSI, LLC - Contractor/1320 willow Pass Road, Concord, CA (Engineer)
 - b. PROTECH COATINGS - Contractor/9911 South 500 west, Sandy, UT (Contractor)
 - c. NEVADA TRAVEL CONNECTION - Home Business/399 Wild Horse Canyon, Sparks (Travel Agent)
 - d. FRONTIER CRANE - Contractor/3445 Golden Valley, Reno (Crane Rental Service)
 - e. DESERT AIR, LLC - Contractor/1995 Boise Drive, Sparks (HVAC Contractor)
 - f. R.F. MACDONALD CO - Contractor/8565 White Fir St., Reno (Boiler Sales & Service)
 - g. CROWN BEVERAGES, INC. - General/600 Spice Island Dr., Sparks (Beverage Distributor)
 - h. TAHOE RENO INDUSTRIAL CENTER, LLC - Developer/420 USA Pkwy, TRI
 - i. SOUDRONIC, LIMITED - Contractor/465 North State Rd, Manor, NY (Can Manufacturer Machinery)
 - j. ARROW CONSTRUCTION - Contractor/100 Ave of the Couleurs, Rainbow Bend
 - k. PORT OF SUBS (WALMART) - General/2155 USA Parkway, TRI
 - l. MUSTANG RANCH EMPORIUM, LLC - General/5 N C Street (Restaurant & Retail) VC
 - m. MUSTANG RANCH MERCANTILE, LLC - General/ 62 N C Street (Retail) VC
 - n. EUCLID CHEMICAL COMPANY - Contractor/3735 Green Rd., Beachwood, OH (Concrete Supplier)
 - o. COMSTOCK VISIONS, INC. - Nonprofit/150 North Summit (Event Promotion) VC
 - p. HEATTEK, INC. - Contractor/PO Box 347, Ixonia, WI (Can Equipment Installation)
 - q. TRINITY ALARMS, INC. - Contractor/660 Buckskin Drive, Fernley (Alarm Installer)
 - r. MOUNTAIN FOAM & COATING - Contractor/305 Highway 395, Washoe Valley (Contractor)
 - s. MINDEN HEATING & AIR - Contractor/2701 Gordon Avenue, Minden (HVAC Contractor)
 - t. STERLING PRODUCTS, INC. - Contractor/1100 East Woodfield, Schaumburg, IL (Equipment Installation)
 - u. AEC, INC - Contractor/1100 East Woodfield, Schaumburg, IL (Equipment Installation)
 - v. RAPID CONSTRUCTION - Contractor/3072 Research Way, Carson City (Contractor)
 - w. AFFORDABLE FILTRATION - Contractor/999 Ridgeview Drive, Reno (Water Filtration)

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

Vice-Chairman Gilman abstained from the vote due to having interest in two of the licenses.

Motion: Approve consent agenda for January 7, 2014 with correction item M to read Mustang Ranch Mercantile, **Action:** Approve **Moved by** Commissioner Sjovangen **Seconded by** Chairman McBride

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

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

Fire Chief Gary Hames

- We have a *Safer* grant that established some recruitment funds and is going very well. We have between 9 and 11 new volunteers in the pipeline.
- On February 6th, contingent on State approval, we will be starting an EMT basic course for our Volunteer Fire Department.
- We have exhausted the hiring list through the consortium. With that, we are advertising for reserve firefighters in the newspapers currently.
- We are working with the Division of Forestry on fuel reduction projects. We've had our own internal grant for this and will be doing some work on the corridors of the One Acre Association. We are also working with NDF to do some reductions of dead and dying fuels in Six-Mile Canyon and along Lousetown Road.
- We are working with the comptroller to apply for the USDA Engine Replacement which will hopefully be on the next meeting's agenda.

Community Services/Tourism Deny Dotson

- Looking at the quarter cent tax that the VCTC is partially funded by, for the first four months of August through October we are over \$12k up compared to a year ago. Last year we came in for the year at about \$170k and budgeted for \$150, so it is a good start to the fiscal year.
- As we plan the 2014 special event calendar, we just finished the draft of the rack card showing our list of events in Virginia City. (He handed a copy to the commissioners).
- We are also working in small meetings and groups to help fill the void between Monday and Thursday throughout the year. Staff is putting together a presentation for the VCTC board on this coming Thursday that will unveil our plans for that.
- We are also putting together our budget for 2014-15.
- We will be hosting a Merchants' Mixer at the Crystal Bar on January 16th at 5:30pm.

Community Chest Pam Abercrombie

- We had a very successful fundraising event for the library and would like to thank the commissioners and staff for helping us to double our match to the grant. Since that, we have increased the budget by about \$2600, bringing our total budget to \$49,693. We do have the position for the librarian posted at 30hrs per week, and have had three applications and are looking for more in order to get someone qualified with library experience. We've received a grant from the Leonette Foundation. We asked for \$20k and received \$2k, but it still helped our budget. Pam then presented some stats on the library and its usage that she hopes will improve with the hiring of a librarian.
- "A Treasure Chest for Community Chest" fundraiser was held and pulled in quite a few donations for our youth program. The library received an E-Reader and a color printer (saving us trips to Kinko's). The children's' counseling program received quite a few

counseling tools. The food program as well as the pre-school program also received quite a bit.

Public Works Director Mike Nevin

- The ARV (air release valve) project on the water line from Lakeview to Virginia City is 100% complete. The final inspection was conducted by representatives of Farr West Engineering, Coon's Construction and I on December 18, 2013. There were a few very minor items that needed to be addressed resulting from the final inspection. A couple of bolts and a plumbing fitting needed tightening. These were corrected the same afternoon. The final hold out payment of 10% has been approved and paid to Coon's Construction. We noticed that the pressure has remained constant, and it is working as designed.
- You will notice that new or replacement "NO PARKING ANYTIME" signs have been installed at B Street intersections. These include the intersections of B and Taylor, B and Union and B and Sutton streets. Some are additional and some replaced with what the no parking zone actually means. It was necessary to install these as our snowplows were having difficulties maneuvering these intersections during winter storms.
- During the couple of early storms that we did see in early December we experienced a couple of significant equipment breakdowns. Our main Virginia City snowplow lost a power steering unit and our main brine truck for TRI had to have the front end replaced. These two repairs affected our equipment maintenance budget by about \$5,000.00.
- As indicated by representatives of the BLM during a planning commission meeting back in November, we expect the BLM to be issuing final approval for the land transfer of the property occupied by the wastewater treatment plant by the end of this week. The final phases of the environmental sensitivity analysis are being completed and it is our hopes that the project for the new wastewater plant may finally be getting close to going to bid.
- While the weather cannot decide if it is winter or spring it gives us an opportunity to commence some spring type work in the Industrial Park. Crews will be out there all this week cleaning and eliminating built up tumble weed deposits along the guardrails, culverts and drainages. We have also replaced over 30 damaged road guide posts and markers and if the weather holds next week we will be doing some additional crack sealing along portions of USA Parkway from Waltham Way to Denmark Drive.
- As a result in the recent changes with board of directors seats on the VCHPOA positive working relationships are beginning to immerge. The new VCHPOA president, Jay Carmona and I meet to go over operations of mutual interests to both organizations. He was appreciative of the insight I provided on what we do and how we function. Hopefully with a somewhat new board out there we are off on the right foot in the hopes of building a productive working relationship.

Adam Robello Chairman of the Mark Twain Community Center

- We are hoping to get a Facebook page going for the center this month.
- Last month we had a Christmas dinner that went well with about 50 in attendance.
- We will discuss other things coming up in our meeting on the third Wednesday of the month.

Emergency Management/Grants Cherie Nevin

- The Six Mile Canyon FEMA mitigation grant for storm drainage improvements that was started back in 2009 is finally moving forward. We are waiting for funds to be available,

which will be after February when Congress approves a budget. We are working with Chief Hames to combine efforts of our two grant programs.

- The CDBG grant applications for Canyon GID and the VC Senior Center will be hand delivered this afternoon.
- Access to Healthcare Network, a non-profit organization connecting Nevadans who need affordable healthcare with providers and services, has been making visits to both Senior Centers both in Virginia City and Lockwood. I have contact information for them for anyone who needs it. We are also working on getting them to the Mark Twain area as well as the Highlands.

County Manager Pat Whitten believes this is also a great opportunity to re-introduce the NACO prescription and dental programs. Chairman McBride said that they have not yet received the literature on the dental program yet, but there is another program for professional services they can look into as well. This should be very informative and helpful not only for the public and the commissioners, but also for the department heads.

Comptroller Hugh Gallagher

- At the next meeting we will embark on a project that has never been done before. In the spirit of disclosing as much as we can to the public, we are going to go over the unaudited financial statements and related budget for the first 6 months of the fiscal year ending December 30, 2013.
- Would like to remind our elected and appointed officials that there is a financial disclosure statement due January 15, 2014. If anyone needs assistance with it they can go to the website or come to us.
- This Friday we will be meeting with the Department of Taxation regarding the proper collection and distribution of sales tax for the industrial park, Lockwood, Mark Twain, and the Highlands. We need to work with them to get our proper portion of collected taxes. Internet sales are now charging sales tax. It's important for the Highlands especially; to be sure they are being charged the Storey County rate and not the Washoe County rate.

Marshall McBride also noted that there is Federal Legislation pending on gross sales of over a million dollars that will be significant as more and more internet business is being done as opposed to bricks and mortar that is short-changing local governments from collecting sales-tax.

Administrative Officer/Senior Planner Austin Osborne

- This is the year we will be opening collective bargaining for two of our unions, and a portion of AFSME's union. The Fire union discussion has started. He has completed an analysis of all the county benefits compared regionally (Washoe, Lyon, Douglas, Carson City).
- It is also time for healthcare bidding which is non-union based. We are going through the process of determining what providers and benefits will be available and at what costs. We should know what we are looking at in about a month. There is an insurance benefits committee that has already met once that is for employees to come up with ideas to make benefits better and keep costs under control. RFP has been posted for an insurance brokerage firm as well.
- Comstock Mining requested a zone and master plan change from suburban residential to low density rural residential on 80 acres immediately south of Silver City in Lyon County

which was unanimously approved by their board. This will allow Comstock to do exploration in that area and apply for a special use permit in the future for mining operations.

- The Planning Commission meeting is scheduled for January 16th at 6pm. There will be a presentation by Dessie Redmond on *form-based* planning which instead of segregating uses, looks at the types of uses and how they work together and which can be integrated with our current zoning ordinance. Also, there will be discussion with no action on the potential for developing a county wide residential growth limitation ordinance.
- I will be coordinating with Gary Hames' fuels reduction program on noxious weed treatment in Six and Seven Mile Canyons as well as Virginia City and Gold Hill to be sure that we are not spraying weeds designated for fuels reduction.

Community Development Dean Haymore

- He recognized Shannon Gardner and Stacey Bucchianeri. Every five years we are audited by FEMA and ISO. FEMA audited us on the CRS flood reduction program which was completely revamped this year. We were the only county in the state to continue our rating of seven without losing points. What that means to the Rainbow Bend residents is a 15% rate reduction in their flood insurance. We also just completed an ISO five year rating which rates the fire department and the building department. The building department received a rating of 2 out of 10 with 1 being the best and 10 being the worst which is the highest of any small county in the state of Nevada.
- As of yesterday another new company started moving into a 525k sq. ft. facility that started construction June 30th of this year. So in less than six months, we have another company that will create 240 new jobs.
- A major can manufacturing plant is under construction. I will begin meetings with contractors from all over the world tonight that will be coming in to install 62 million dollars' worth of equipment. This is one of the reason you are seeing so many business licenses issued to companies from all over the world and the US. So we are pleasantly busy and expecting to do another couple million sq. ft. of businesses starting right off in this New Year.

Sheriff Gerald Antinoro

- Holidays were uneventful from the Public Safety perspective.
- Last meeting he mentioned the coroner's budget. Unfortunately we continue have residents pass away under questionable circumstances. The expenses are now at 200% of budget.
- The aging fleet is starting to have problems. A couple vehicles need front-ends rebuilt, and suspensions and four-wheel drives are not cheap. Also, there are a couple of transmission problems.
- The jail fund needs to be resolved before budget is discussed. I've read the supporting document on item 20 of today's agenda and still don't know where that is going, so we need clarification.
- On the 28th the Highlands HOA did their annual road closure to maintain their private road status. Commissioner Sjovangen asked if all of Lousetown was closed from the intersection of SR341. Sheriff Antinoro was not sure of the details on it, but there have been no specific questions and they did meet the spirit of the law.

District Attorney Bill Maddox

Mr. Maddox introduced Anne Langer as the new Deputy District Attorney. Ms. Langer provided a history of her experience from the gallery. District Attorney Maddox explained she will be doing the criminal cases for the next couple of months allowing him to focus on the civil matters.

County Manager Pat Whitten

Mr. Whitten expanded on the subject of internet tax, and reminded appointed and elected officials that ethics filings are due along with financial filings on January 15th. There may not be a March 4th meeting as the Board and Manager will be in Washington DC. He thanked Deny Dotson and a small committee for their work on the Gold Hill Train Depot. He also thanked Commissioner Sjovangen for his service as Chairman.

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

Commissioner Sjovangen

- NACO (Nevada Assoc. of Counties) has filed a Federal Lawsuit against BLM for non-enforcement of the Wild Horse and Borrow Act of 1971. They are asking that the BLM lives up to what was originally written with regard to proper management of the horses, recognition of farmers' and ranchers' water rights, conducting proper herd counts and other things. The Nevada Cattlemen's Association and some of the wild horse activists groups are supporting and working with us.
- He has attended two or three meetings concerning sage grouse and their potential of being listed as a federally threatened or endangered species, or if it will be up to the states to manage. There is a potential issue if they are listed that might require additional work be done before building. Senators Heller and Reed are opposed to the listing and have introduced a bill draft that asks that about 1.5 million acres be set aside as a wilderness area for sage grouse.
- Community Grant program proposal has been sent to Cherie Nevin and Pat Whitten. He has asked for \$40,000 in next year's budget that could accumulate. Projects would have to be allowed by NRS and benefit the community at large.

Chairman McBride

- Bob DuFresne passed away last week. He played High School basketball in Virginia City and worked for and retired from NDOT. He was a member of the Jeep Pose and active in community service. He is preceded in death by his wife, Lorraine, who was a very good friend of mine and worked for the County for many years. They had three children, two of which currently work for the County. Rob is a fireman, Johnny works for the water department, and Kelli also lives locally.

Vice-Chairman Gilman

- He and Mr. Hess went back to Washington DC to work on funding for the USA Parkway project to move the roadway and connect to HWY. 50. For the last two years there has been an environmental study underway which will be completed around the first of February and has resulted in a positive report. The next step is to have FHWA (Federal Highway Assoc.) review and validate that report. With that in hand we may go on the state STIP (State Transportation Improvement Projects) for construction and move to the next phase, design, which could take six months to two years. FHWA decided they would

not review the report until all the funding for the roadway was identified. Well the folks in Washington can't identify funding until you are on the state STIP. Mark Amodei stood very tall for us and immediately made meetings with FHWA and NDOT during the holidays and made progress. I also expect good word from Mr. Reed's office this week.

Chairman McBride called a recess at 11:14am; the meeting was called to order at 11:40am

16. DISCUSSION (No Action): Update from Executive Director Gary Longaker on Nevada Rural Housing Authority and the Home at Last programs.

Gary Longaker provided the annual report to the Board for review. He discussed the Nevada Rural Housing Authority and its functions and projects as well as the housing study and brochure included the packet.

Commissioner Gilman asked how this program fits in with the Disabled Veterans and Native American housing loan programs. Mr. Longaker explained there is currently planning with Douglas County for building a Veteran's facility. Pat Whitten expressed how satisfying it is to have these programs to help our citizens. www.nvrural.org is a great resource.

17. DISCUSSION (No Action): Workshop on whether to extend the Storey County Infrastructure Tax and the plan of projects to be funded by the tax.

Mr. Gallagher thanked the Board for holding the workshop. He has been through the history of the expenditures since 2002, which have been basically water tanks and school projects. He reviewed the history of the NRS that applies to this infrastructure tax and governs the allowable projects. He reviewed the list of proposed infrastructure expenditures and recommended that staff come back with comments regarding priorities. Some of these projects can be done in other venues, such as the budget process and capital projects, but with the industrial park, he believes it must be done because it is a lifeline and the infrastructure process may be too slow.

County Manager Pat Whitten wanted everyone to keep in mind that with the potential to purchase and restore the Train Depot in Virginia City and Gold Hill, there is a pending dispute on the money owed us by the rail commission. These are things to consider, but they are just options for this list and we need to consider priority of each of these projects as they come in and out of this list. He whole-heartedly agrees that the roads in TRI need to be fixed.

Nicole Barde, Highlands resident, wants to know what process will be used to prioritize these projects as some are county and some are community based. Pat Whitten explained that the annual budgeting process (tentative and final) would be used by staff to determine priorities. Lance Gilman noted that it will be an ongoing process as things change to re-prioritize as grant funds become available, or emergencies happen. Commissioner Sjovangen agreed that public input is important. Lance Gilman said he sees these items as place-holders and collecting revenue is also part of it. Pat Whitten re-iterated that the budgeting process works with the staff meeting twice a month to discuss all these things.

Dale Beach, Storey County Resident likes the list, but wants to see someone come to Mark Twain to research the drainage problem and present a plan. He complained that he is still waiting for

action on a \$100 water stand in the park. He wants to see a workshop in Mark Twain. Lance Gilman asked Dale if he had an infrastructure suggestion. He said he has problems with the ditches that flood and it is being ignored. He also has problems with some of the signage. Mr. Gilman referred to the last meeting where it was suggested he call Richard Bacus to help him. Mr. Beach felt a week wasn't enough to do all the research on it. Mr. Gilman again asked him to compose a list of his concerns for them to review. Mr. Beach is concerned that he doesn't have the expertise to provide the detail needed, but the commission again explained that this is a workshop and that they are only looking for his list of concerns in writing. Mr. Beach would rather the workshop was held in Mark Twain.

Jennifer Millsap-Barnes stated that a drinking fountain Mr. Beach is asking for does not cost \$100, but \$2450. This is why we need you (Mr. Beach) to submit a list so we know what is being requested in each community.

Mark Joseph Phillips, Storey County Resident thought that the DA/Sheriff Building purchase was already paid off. This is the first he's heard of the Justice Court Building purchase for \$450,000. He feels this building is working fine for the purchase. County Manager Pat Whitten was glad to have the opportunity to explain that they have been looking into the problem of running two courts out of a very small office for over a year. He reiterated that this is a placeholder for an item to be discussed, and there may be solutions that come up for a lesser cost.

Pat Whitten mentioned that missing on the list is \$25,000 for Painted Rock for necessary maintenance and safety issues with the bridge.

District Attorney, Bill Maddox added that this list is a necessary part of the ordinance and must be there to pass it. It is not set in stone, but it must exist.

18. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION: Inter-local agreement between Storey County and the VCTC for County Services, resolution 13-384

Deputy District Attorney, Robert Morris: This matter was continued by the Board to this date to allow the VCTC board to review the interlocal agreement. The VCTC has approved the agreement with a minor change to include the word "may". The Nevada Department of Taxation has expressed concerns with the process used by Storey County to rename its fair and recreation board from the VCCTA to the VCTC and how the fair and recreation board's funding and budget would work. After meeting with the department and discussing their concerns, the department requested that the county enter into an agreement with the VCTC about payment for county services for human resources, fiscal reporting and any other services.

Mr. Phillips objects to "shall" being changed to "may." At the last meeting he informed the VCTC that he couldn't find anything in NRS that requires the District Attorney to act as legal counsel for the board.

Nicole Barde, Virginia City Highlands Resident asked if VCTC is a stand-alone organization such as the fire department. She wants to examine other interlocal agreements to check for consistency and doesn't understand the need for such a detailed interlocal if they are part of the county. Deputy District Attorney, Robert Morris explained that the State sees it as a separate

local government entity, but under the section that allows the county to create a fair and recreation board it is part of the county. We are doing this interlocal agreement at the request of the Department of Taxation. Nicole Barde still wondered about the organizational operation piece in the agreement as the VCTC operates under a board of directors. Mr. Morris explained that if we were to provide that service, the agreement allows us to bill for it. Pat Whitten explained that “operational oversight” means payroll, vouchers, budget items, phone systems and any number of things.

Comptroller Hugh Gallagher clarified that as a separate government entity they are a major financial component part and therefore may be combined in the county financial statements. This is a generally accepted accounting and governmental standard. This saves us a tremendous amount of money in the long run and gives us a good view of what the county position is.

Motion: Approve resolution 13-384 an inter-local agreement between Storey County and the VCTC for County Services, **Action:** Approve **Moved by** Commissioner Sjovangen **Seconded by** Vice-Chairman Gilman

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

REF. ITEM 14 STAFF COMMENTS

District Attorney, Bill Maddox interjected to staff comments:

Mr. Maddox explained that he does not typically do legal work outside his responsibilities as D.A., and is supposed to get commission approval to do so, but recently Saint Mary’s Retreat and Art Center had a legal problem arise. They are not technically a subdivision of the county, but he brought it to the County Manager’s attention and went ahead and represented them. Maybe a discussion may be agendized, but we have several local entities that we have associations with that are not technically political subdivisions of the County. In some cases we own the land and building such as Fourth Ward and the Senior Center and are run by 501C3s. In the future he will always bring it to the attention of the County Manager, and perhaps they can discuss the process further and formulate a more formal policy. County Manager Pat Whitten and Vice-Chairman Gilman both agreed that it is in the County’s best interest to resolve legal issues quickly and efficiently for these entities especially when they operate on County owned property and perform services that directly benefit it.

19. **DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION:** Approval Resolution 14-388 to approve Wells Fargo as the lender for a \$3,002,000 Interim Debenture for the purpose of building a new Wastewater Treatment Facility.

Mr. Gallagher stated this is a housekeeping item that has already been approved. Wells Fargo and the USDA have requested a resolution approving the loan.

WHEREAS, the current Wastewater Treatment Plant is obsolete and not in compliance with current standards and

WHEREAS, Storey County has contracted with the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) to finance the cost of a new Wastewater Treatment plant that is estimated at \$5,314,794 of

which \$3,002,000 will come in the form of a USDA Rural Development Loan and

WHEREAS, Wells Fargo has been selected as the lender for the \$3,002,000 Interim Debenture

THEREFORE BE IT KNOWN to all present that the Board of County Commissioners of Storey County hereby selected Wells Fargo Bank as lender for \$3,002,000 Interim Loan

Motion: Approve resolution 14-388 to approve Wells Fargo as the lender for a \$3,002,000 Interim Debenture for the purpose of building a new Wastewater Treatment Facility, **Action:** Approve **Moved by** Commissioner Sjovangen **Seconded by** Vice-Chairman Gilman

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

20. **DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION:** Approval of Comptroller's recommendations for corrective action regarding Certified Audit for the year ended June 30, 2013

Mr. Gallagher asked the board to approve the recommendations that will then go to the Department of Taxation. He has run it by them and they are in concurrence with the procedures proposed to solve the problems. Vice-Chairman Gilman requested that the accounting department develop procedures to handle areas where it indicates that they will "pay closer attention." He also wants to know plan and the source of repayment on item number 7. Hugh Gallagher explained that that would be one of the items that will be discussed in the next meeting when they go through the budgetary process. Pat Whitten clarified that discussions are in process for clarifying or eliminating the jail fund before the budgetary process is complete.

Motion: Approve Comptroller's recommendations for corrective action regarding Certified Audit for the year ended June 30, 2013 and that the Comptroller addresses the recommendation creating verifiable procedures that will be followed in implementing the actions, **Action:** Approve **Moved by** Vice-Chairman Gilman **Seconded by** Commissioner Sjovangen

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

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING

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

- a. MATRIX LEADERSHIP, LLC - General/322 Bayhill Circle, Dayton (Consultant)
- b. NEOPOST USA, INC - General/478 Wheelers Farms Rd, Milford, CT (postage machine rental)
- c. BIGGE CRANE & RIGGING - Contractor/10700 Bigge St, San Leandro, CA (crane cont.)
- d. HIGHLANDS HOME REPAIR - Contractor/14500 Geronimo Trail, Reno (contractor)
- e. SIERRA CONVEYOR COMPANY - Contractor/1225 Nichols Dr, Roseville, CA (conveyor cont.)
- f. CANLINE USA - Contractor/6525 Commonwealth, Roanoke, VA (contractor)
- g. KAREN A COSTA - General/60 Horseshoe Circle, Reno (auctioneer)
- h. NPB AUTOMATION AB - Contractor/53302 Jonkoping, Sweden (contractor - Ardagh)
- i. INTERNATIONAL LIVING TECH - Contractor/850 Maestro, Reno (contractor)
- j. CISCO AIR SYSTEMS, INC - General/214-27th, Sacramento (air compressor sales)

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

Motion: Approve all second readings, **Action:** Approve **Moved by** Commissioner Sjovangen **Seconded by** Vice-Chairman Gilman

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

22. CORRESPONDENCE:

- Email from Bill and Linda Parson regarding their opposition of ceding 1,200 acres of Storey County to Washoe County:

My wife and I own 10 acres adjacent to Lousetown road we purchased to build a retirement home on. This land was purchased specifically for its rural lifestyle and low density zoning. We see the proposed ceding of 1200 acres north of our property as detrimental to the lifestyle we desire and destructive to the environment a large development brings. We strongly oppose this action initiated by out of state developers who have no long term interest in our State and its residents.

Pat Whitten stressed that this does not have to do with the boundary adjustments that staff is now working on with Washoe County, but with the “Sunny Hills” which has not yet come before this board other than verbally. There has been one developer-sponsored event that did not go very well.

23. PUBLIC COMMENT (No Action)

Mark Joseph Phillips, Storey County Resident, addressed the subject of financial disclosure statements and recommended that attorneys be consulted when completing them. He mentioned that Chairman McBride should disclose the “McBride Family Trust Properties” in his statement. He has still found no record that the \$282k check to pay off Piper’s Opera House was ever used to do so.

Dale Beach, Storey County Resident, would like to see the jail fund abolished. Lot #17 Prospector Road is collecting things on his lot and it should be addressed. 446 feet of Roan Gulch is still unpaved and needs to be addressed. He wants access to have a shooting range. Mike Nevin has a plan for the drainage in Mark Twain.

24. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by the call of the Chair at 1:04pm

Respectfully Submitted,

By _____
Vanessa Stephens, Clerk-Treasurer