



STOREY COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18TH, 2014 10:00 A.M.

DISTRICT COURTROOM
26 SOUTH B STREET, VIRGINIA CITY, NEVADA

MINUTES

MARSHALL MCBRIDE
CHAIRMAN

BILL MADDOX
DISTRICT ATTORNEY

LANCE GILMAN
VICE-CHAIRMAN

BILL SJOVANGEN
COMMISSIONER

VANESSA STEPHENS
CLERK-TREASURER

Roll Call: Chairman Marshall McBride, Commissioner Bill Sjovangen, Clerk & Treasurer Vanessa Stephens, Sheriff Gerald Antinoro, Community Development Director Dean Haymore, Senior Planner/Administrative Officer Austin Osborne, Planner Dessie Redmond, District Attorney Bill Maddox, Fire Chief Gary Hames, Comptroller Hugh Gallagher, Community Services Cherie Nevin, and Deputy District Attorney Anne Langer

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

The meeting was called to order by the Chair at 10:05am

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Chair led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman McBride stated that Vice-Chairman Gilman will be absent from the meeting, he is recovering from a recent back surgery.

3. **DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION:** Approval of Agenda for February 18, 2014

Dean Haymore asked that items 11 and 12 be continued due to Ardagh requesting changes to the original proposal.

Mark Joseph Phillips, Virginia City resident, asked that items 6 and 7 of the consent agenda be discussed separately. He addressed item 13, he believes that a dollar amount should be reflected in the agenda language or packet.

Motion: Approve the agenda with requested changes for February 18, 2014, **Action:** Approve **Moved by** Commissioner Sjovangen **Seconded by** Chairman McBride **Vote:** Motion carried by unanimous vote (**summary:** Yes=2)

4. **DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION:** Approval of Minutes for January 21, 2014

Mr. Phillips complimented the County Clerk and Deputies for a great job on the minutes. He does try to get his concerns in early due to yesterday being a holiday that made it difficult. In regards to the minutes his biggest concern is with item 13 on page 7, as there is no information regarding assessor parcel numbers. The street addresses are arbitrary. Mr. Phillips explained that the lot numbers do not offer much to go by. He would be a lot more comfortable if the minutes reflected the parcel numbers involved. The parcel numbers were listed in the supporting information and should be included in the minutes.

Janet Houts said that under public comments in the minutes she was referring to Pat Whitten not a Commissioner. She strongly believes that she did not mention a Commissioner but rather the retirement of Pat Whitten. She clarified her comments under the sale of property. Ms. Houts explained that she did ask if the tenants had been informed of the sale, she did not ask if they had been offered help in moving.

Motion: Approve the minutes for January 21, 2014, **Action:** Approve **Moved by** Commissioner Sjovangen **Seconded by** Chairman McBride **Vote:** Motion carried by unanimous vote (**summary:** Yes=2)

5. **DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION:** Approval of Minutes for February 4, 2014

Chairman McBride asked that the minutes be continued until the next meeting. There are some corrections that need to be done and instead of going through them one line item at a time he would rather have them continued.

Motion: Continue the minutes of February 4, 2014 to the March 18, 2014 meeting, **Action:** Approve **Moved by** Commissioner Sjovangen **Seconded by** Chairman McBride **Vote:** Motion carried by unanimous vote (**summary:** Yes=2)

Gunther Prosser, River District resident, commented that the minutes are being continued due some errors. He said there was a statement made by Pat Whitten, Mr. Prosser was not present at the time of the statement, that reads "Pat Whitten said that Dave is correct on much of what he is saying, but when fees were collected and interest is a bit more complex than going back just to 1992. When he brought it to us in 2010, we dedicated the Park Fund and had four line items so we are compliant except for perhaps the interest." Mr. Prosser said his question is, knowing that the four line items had been put into place, but he has been here year after year trying to get the totals. This sounds like nobody has ever tried to follow up on what money is allocated to each park. Mr. Prosser wants to ensure that the Board is aware of that.

Chairman McBride responded "point taken and it is being worked on as we speak. It has not been swept underneath the rug."

For possible action approval of Payroll Check date 01/31/14 for \$372,584.94 and Accounts Payable date for 2/07/14 for \$634,465.94 and \$9,281.86. **(Item #6 inally listed under the Consent Agenda.)**

Mr. Phillips explained that while he was going through the claims to be approved today he got to the very last page and came across something interesting. He wrote up an email yesterday and got it filed in the Clerk's Office today in regards to the restoration of the official map of Gold Hill in transaction 681, check 77991 for \$2,500. He has requested from the Clerk's Office within 5 working days a date and time that he may observe and copy this public record. He understands that a copy of a map this size is a large digital file and he would be required to provide the USB device at his expense. He expects that this map would have been digitally scanned/photographed as part of the restoration process. Mr. Phillips is interested in the map and is unclear as to who will have the legal and physical custody of it.

Austin Osborne stated he will respond at a better part of the agenda if the Board would like.

Mr. Phillips added that his other concern is there is once again a claim for Liquid Blue. Public record does not show that the contract was ever approved. There is a claim by somebody that has no authority on record.

Chairman McBride explained to Mr. Phillips that we are approving the claim we do not approve the contracts. We only approve the payments that are directed to us from the Tourism Commission. Mr. Phillips responded "have a talk with your Comptroller, why would he give you claim for your approval with no authority to make that claim?"

Ms. Houts stated she would like to know the procedures of the payment approval, from the invoices that are submitted to Board approval. Chairman McBride recommended Ms. Houts contact the Comptroller's office. She stated she has done that and has not received any response on that item.

Motion: Approval of Payroll Check date 01/31/14 for \$372,584.94 and Accounts Payable date for 2/07/14 for \$634,465.94 and \$9,281.86, **Action:** Approve **Moved by** Commissioner Sjovangen **Seconded by** Chairman McBride **Vote:** Motion carried by unanimous vote (**summary:** Yes=2)

For possible action approval of Treasurer Report for January 2014 **(Item #7 listed under the Consent Agenda.)**

Mr. Phillips said that one thing caught his eye on the Treasurer Report; there has been a lot of talk about the Sheriff's Jail Fund. Looking at the report we now have Sheriff's Building Fund. He asked if this is an attempt to clarify what the fund really is and how can this fund have a new name all of a sudden.

Dale Beach stated that the Jail Fund started out being a building fund and the money was just supposed to stack up so they could build that jail higher and wider. The new Sheriff came online and didn't think he needed all that room. Mr. Beach has been fighting this for over two years; the sooner the jail fund is abolished the happier he will be.

Motion: Approval of Treasurer Report for January 2014 **Action:** Approve **Moved by** Commissioner Sjovangen **Seconded by** Chairman McBride **Vote:** Motion carried by unanimous vote (**summary:** Yes=2)

CONSENT AGENDA

6. For possible action approval of Payroll Check date 01/31/14 for \$372,584.94 and Accounts Payable date for 2/07/14 for \$634,465.94 and \$9,281.86. (**Acted on during the regular agenda.**)
7. For possible action approval of Treasurer Report for January 2014 (**Acted on during the regular agenda.**)
8. For possible action approval of Licensing Board First Reading:
 - a. Aero Automatic Sprinkler Co. - Contractor/21605 N Central, Phoenix, AZ (fire protection contractor)

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

Motion: Approve the consent agenda, **Action:** Approve **Moved by** Commissioner Sjovangen **Seconded by** Chairman McBride **Vote:** Motion carried by unanimous vote (**summary:** Yes=2)

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

Planner Dessie Redmond:

- Attended the Pictometry conference last week and was able to attend one on one training with a pictometry expert which was very helpful. She also attended several lectures that were informative. She added that it was a good team building exercise.
- Staff visited the property owner regarding the nuisance complaint on Prospector Road in Mark Twain. They specifically asked if he was buying or selling anything and he stated that he was not and had just finished moving his possessions from his former property to this one. The property owner explained that he had everything laid out and he was getting ready to get rid of some of those things, build a garage and get the area cleaned up. Staff will follow up next month and monitor his progress.
- Dump Day is coming up; they are working to secure dates. One aspect of the event will be working to help the elderly or disabled utilize the program.
- She asked that everyone please help to continue to spread the word about the community Survey.

Community Chest Pam Abercrombie:

- Announced the hiring of a Library Director, Ms. Chris Klug. Ms. Abercrombie provided a brief overview of her qualifications. The library hours will be expanded by March 1st. Ms. Klug has been hired for thirty hours a week; she anticipates the library being open at least 20 hours per week.
- The annual "Night to Imagine" fundraiser will be coming up on March 21st at Piper's Opera House featuring Rambling Jack Elliot.

Community Services Cherie Nevin:

- Mark Twain has scheduled a Health Fair on March 22nd from 9:00am to 3:00pm at the Community Center. They are working with various community groups, specifically Carson

City Health and Human Services, Carson Tahoe Hospital, local fire department and various other groups to bring some much needed services to that community.

- She is also working to secure an automated external defibrillator (AED) for the Mark Twain Community Center.
- Planning continues for the Highlands evacuation drill on May 17th. The evacuation will now be held at the Virginia City Middle School due to a scheduling conflict with the High School. There will be a preparedness session for the residents on March 20th at the Highlands Fire Station at 6:00pm. They are also looking to schedule a BBQ and training on the first Saturday in April.
- We have been very quiet on the earthquake front for the last couple of weeks. She is working with a graduate student from the UNR Seismology Lab to bring a brief training on preparedness to both elementary schools in Storey County.
- Talking with Carson City Health and Human Services to provide health inspections for Storey County. She spoke with them this morning and they are very eager for the meeting.
- She is working with the Communications Department on a couple of different grants to upgrade the phone system is dispatch. It is aging and in desperate need of replacement.
- She continues to do outreach with the various community groups and will be meeting with them in the next couple of weeks to talk about budgets.

Community Development Dean Haymore:

- Informed the Board that we started another major project, 703,000 square foot facility in TRI. We have six months to get the building up and the company in it. It will be ready to start pouring footings next Monday.
- On March 10th he will be having surgery and will be out two weeks for recovery before going to Washington DC. He will be representing the nine counties as President of the Western Nevada Development District and requesting funding for USA Parkway. His office will be lean for three to four weeks. Shannon will be very busy down at TRI, due to fast track projects that are going on.
- Mr. Haymore excused himself and left business license readings to Austin Osborne.

Chairman McBride asked who the company is that is building the 703,000 square foot building. Mr. Haymore stated that the project is called Neptune and is actually Zulilly's. They are expanding from an existing building to this new facility and 1,000 employees. We are under some work with some more buildings and will continue to let you know about those.

Sheriff Gerald Antinoro:

- Addressed Mr. Phillip's questions regarding the new title of the Fund 210 Jail Fund, he explained that it is still the same fund with a revised title.
- In response to Mr. Beach's question he believes that in conversations with the Comptroller and County Manager the Jail Fund will be dissolved through the budget process for the 2014/15 fiscal year.

Comptroller Hugh Gallagher:

- Provided information regarding the Jail Fund and its purpose. Because we thought it was separate from the Sheriff we believed it should be its own fund. We just don't have the ability to have a Jail Fund that is self-sustainable, so we will probably do away with it.

- Budgets are underway. All of the information has disseminated to the entire group of department heads and they are going to have their budgets in by March 1st. Following submission of the budgets he will meet with each department head for review. We will not have a concert figure with ad valorem until a later date. April 1st the budget will presented to the Commission for approval.
- Following the last Commission meeting he has had some conversations and discovery regarding the Park Fund. In the years 1985-1990 it has been his discovery that there probably was no automated system at that time. Each fund had a ledger. When he became Comptroller in 2008 he did not receive any of those ledgers and they could not be found. The only place he has to extract information is through the computer system which was put into place in 1996. Mr. Gallagher had a meeting with Mr. Haymore on Friday and learned that he has kept all of the building receipt books and possibly copies of the original building permits. Hopefully this will help with recreating the records because it is important to the entire county, not just the Highlands. He will be meeting with Mr. Haymore and take a look at the information. He added that he did have a conversation with Mr. Thomas yesterday and they agreed on the process to be used. He now has some place to start.

Clerk & Treasurer Vanessa Stephens:

- Candidate filing will be March 3-14, with the Primary Election in June.
- The office, with the assistance of Mr. Morris has been working to get a tax sale together. Looking to have an agenda item before the Board shortly to order a tax sale.

Senior Planner & Administrative Officer Austin Osborne:

- Pat Whitten will be out of the office until the 10th of March, part of that time he will be in Washington DC with at least one of our Commissioners doing our annual work out that way.
- Deny Dotson asked that he remind everyone that tonight at the Red Dog Saloon there will be a business mixer at 5:30pm.
- No Commission meeting on March 4, 2014.
- He has begun the bargaining process with OE3 Sheriff's Union and the Fire Employee's Association. We have engaged in two meetings at this point and will be calling for a closed session before the Commission at a later date.
- We are in the process of insurance open enrollment for our employees, elected officials and retirees. At this point our new insurance broker, LP Insurance, has been absolutely amazing. They will be going out to bid not only for the best price but the best insurance coverage and premiums. Has been an exciting process, very competent agency. Our internal insurance committee continues to meet and will be passing information on to LP Insurance regarding the needs and wants of the County. So between April 1st and May 1st we will be holding open enrollment.
- This Thursday at 6:00pm there will be a town hall with the Planning Commission. This is for a proposal in Gold Hill to reopen the Crown Point Mill, restore the building, and use it as a cyanide vat leach processing facility as it was originally constructed in the 1930's. At this point Staff is taking a publicly neutral stance as this is not an application only a pre-application. The town hall will allow for the potential applicant to make a presentation and field questions from the public prior to submitting an application. If he choose to file an application for special use that will be the time that Staff takes an official position and the regular process will be followed. That meeting will take place in this room next Thursday.

- Mr. Osborne explained that Mr. Phillips touched on a conversation that he had with Recorder Jen Chapman regarding obtaining a copy of this particular map. Ms. Chapman is spending grant funds on restoration of an official map. This is a very delicate and fragile map that will be restored by a qualified firm. At this point even touching the map causes damage. Once the restoration is complete it may become available for copy or inspection. At this point Ms. Chapman cannot provide a copy due to its fragility. She is aware of Mr. Phillip's request and will be able to fulfill it when the time comes.

Chairman McBride added that the mixer tonight at the Red Dog, is a joint mixer with the Reno/Sparks Chamber of Commerce.

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

Commissioner Sjovangen stated he has been working on the Park Fund for awhile as well and we are starting to see some progress and real numbers.

11. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION: Approval of Allocation of Catalyst Funds between the State of Nevada Governor's Office of Economic Development and Storey County with respect to a \$630,000 grant to Ardagh Metal Packaging USA Inc. **CONTINUED**

12. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION: Approval of Catalyst Fund Reimbursement Agreement between Ardagh Metal Packaging USA Inc; the Economic Development Authority of Western Nevada and Storey County. **CONTINUED**

13. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION: Selection of David A. Pringle, CPA, LTD as Storey County auditor for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2014.

Mr. Gallagher stated under NRS 354.624 section 3, the governing body may without requiring competitive bids designate the auditor or firm annually. The auditor or firm must be designated and notification of the auditor or firm designated must be sent to the Department of taxation not later than three months before the close of the fiscal year for which the audit was made. Mr. Gallagher explained that the current auditor David A. Pringle, CPA, LTD has done an excellent job of providing audit compliance, accounting and audit advice and financial statement presentation to Storey County. Their work is professionally done and their rate is more than reasonable. In addition, anything additional that needs to be accomplished are usually done at no additional cost. To select a different auditor just for change is not in the best interest of Storey County. Auditor changes are usually done due to significant adjustments to the auditor's business model or in the case of Arthur Anderson a felony conviction for the obstruction of a federal investigation. It has been is experience that anytime you change auditors in any public or private entity you are going to have time that those people are going to have to look and review at not only your business practice, business model but also all of your files. It is an additional 100-120 hours per week that is added on to that cycle. General partners are probably quoting \$100-\$125 per an hour. Mr. Gallagher believes that our records show that since 2010 David Pringle, CPA has been more than adequate in managing our audits. He reviewed and complimented the previous audit submission timelines, amounts, and compliance to contractual obligations. He recommends selecting David A. Pringle, CPA, LTD as auditor for the 2014 financial statements.

Nicole Barde, Highlands Resident, stated that last year she as well as others last year questioned why the County was not looking at other auditors. She feels a fresh pair of eyes may be beneficial.

Mr. Beach stated he has a daughter that is a certified public accountant; her advice is to get a new auditor every three years.

Vice-Chairman Gilman arrived at 10:58am.

Mr. Phillips submitted an email to the commissioners on February 17th in an effort to voice his concerns before the meeting and address a communication from Janet Houts asking for information on the procedure on selection of the auditor, a list of auditor submitted to the county for consideration and scope of work, length of audit and fees from potential auditors. He appreciated Mr. Hugh Gallagher addressing the fees. It appears that the selection of David A. Pringle CPA, LTD has already been decided with no other options on the table and no public comment.

Janet Houts requested a copy of the draft of the letter of engagement from the auditor.

Kay Dean stated that as a former employee of Arthur Anderson, having the same accounting firm year after year, as a staff person feels that things are missed and you don't get a fresh look at things. She said that as Hugh Gallagher mentioned that the rates were "more than reasonable" that must mean that other bids were obtained to which to compare and make that assertion. She referred to the National Association of Counties code of ethics which indicate that "An ethical county official shall evaluate all decisions so that the best service or product is obtained at minimal cost without sacrificing quality and fiscal responsibility."

Mr. Hugh Gallagher remarked on statements made by Nicole Barde and Kay Dean. As you know with Arthur Anderson, they were both the external and internal auditors and got greedy and many people suffered. The idea of the "fresh look" may be taken either way. He would prefer to go with those people who know what they're doing and come in here and get the standard done. As far as Mr. Beach's daughter's suggestion, she is wrong and this does not happen. As far as Ms. Dean's concern, he is aware of what the surrounding counties pay and receive and none of them have put themselves out to bid in 20 years. He does not agree with the "fresh look" and feels Pringle CPA has done an excellent job representing this county. There has been nothing from the audience regarding misrepresentations of the financial statements, financial position, or financial health of this county and to say that they have done a good job and we are just going to get rid of them in order to get a fresh look is not a professional way of doing things.

Vice-Chairman Gilman appreciates the work that Pringle has done and their recommendations which he's watched implemented. He feels they have their hands around the financial position and responsibility of the county and personally feels it would be a mistake to change. They have done an excellent job and made excellent recommendations and he is prepared to support Mr. Pringle.

Commissioner Sjovangen has been working with Mr. Pringle for approximately fifteen years and always found him to be very knowledgeable about our county. If I have historical questions, he is familiar with the operation. A new person would not have that perspective. He appreciates the idea of a fresh look, but in this case familiarity with the product is of paramount importance.

Chairman McBride has no personal relationship with Pringle auditors, but knows they have been doing business with the county for a long time. He feels the first line of defense are the department heads as they are the ones spending the money, then the internal auditors, then the external auditors. When you talk about bringing in a new auditor and how many additional hours that will cost to bring them up to speed, with no problems or specific concerns he doesn't understand why they would make a change.

Motion: Approve selection of David A. Pringle, CPA, LTD as Storey County auditor for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2014, **Action:** Approve **Moved by** Commissioner Sjovangen **Seconded by** Vice-Chairman Gilman **Vote:** Motion carried by unanimous vote (**summary:** Yes=3)

14. **DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION:** Approval of Resolution 14-390 creating a special revenue fund for the purpose of recording bond and loan funds and recording expenditures for the construction of the new waste water treatment plant.

Mr. Gallagher explained this is an accounting process that is used to designate revenue and expenditures related to the construction of waste water treatment plant.

Mr. Phillips said he does not see a name of the fund and wonders what this has to do with a bond. He also sees no reference to the loan payment or the Virginia City Divide Sewer enterprise fund.

Mr. Beach stated this looks like a little slide of hand getting the people in Mark Twain to pay for the sewer plant and he does not like it.

Mr. Gallagher addressed Mr. Phillips' concerns. The name of the fund will be the USDA Special Revenue Fund. We have an interim debenture and a bond which was previously approved. If they were eliminated, he will take the blame for that. It is for the payment of all those monies received by Wells Fargo and USDA and expenditures there forth for the construction of the new waste water treatment plant.

Motion: Approve Resolution 14-390 creating a special revenue fund for the purpose of recording bond and loan funds and recording expenditures for the construction of the new waste water treatment plant, **Action:** Approve **Moved by** Commissioner Sjovangen **Seconded by** Vice-Chairman Gilman **Vote:** Motion carried by unanimous vote (**summary:** Yes=3)

15. **DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION:** Selection of the United State Department of Agriculture Rural Development Community Facilities program to purchase three (3) Type 1 Structure Engines and three (3) Transport Ambulances in an amount not to exceed two million dollars (\$2,000,000.).

Mr. Gallagher stated in that speaking with the Fire Chief, the structure engines and transport

ambulances that we currently have are probably in the maintenance shop once a week and we are not going to get much more out of them. We have an opportunity with USDA to go out to bid to select three type one structure engines and three ambulances with a turnaround of about nine months for the engines and a year for the ambulances.

Fire Chief Gary Hames interjected that it is not three complete ambulances, but new cabin chassis for the ambulances they currently have.

Mr. Gallagher explained that this is just an initial step in the process.

Motion: Approve selection of the United State Department of Agriculture Rural Development Community Facilities program to purchase three (3) Type 1 Structure Engines and three (3) Transport Ambulances in an amount not to exceed two million dollars (\$2,000,000.), **Action:** Approve **Moved by** Commissioner Sjovangen **Seconded by** Vice-Chairman Gilman **Vote:** Motion carried by unanimous vote (**summary:** Yes=3)

16. **DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION:** Storey County Special Purpose Grant Program for the 2014-15 Fiscal Year. The goal of the Storey County Special Purpose Grant Program is to assist organizations whose purpose is to help the residents of Storey County.

Ms. Nevin explained she has been working with Commissioner Sjovangen over the last couple of months to develop this special purpose grant program for Storey County. The purpose is to fund small projects that would aid these entities in better serving their target populations. This program should support agencies that are making an effort to develop and implement innovative projects that would address a common goal. Grant funds may only be provided to a private organization, non-profit, or governmental entity for charitable or educational purposes and must provide a substantial benefit to the inhabitants of the county.

Under NRS 244.1505, the board of commissioners may expend money for any purpose which will provide a substantial benefit to the inhabitants of the county. The board may grant money to a nonprofit organization created for religious, charitable or educational purposes or governmental entity to be expended for the selected purpose.

It is looking like the program may be funded with up to \$40,000 the first year depending on how things go with \$10,000 allocated for each community.

Vice-Chairman Gilman verified that in order for the community centers to receive funding, they need to acquire their 501C3 status which is in the process of being implemented.

District Attorney Bill Maddox explained that this is an approval of concept which would be followed by policy.

Commissioner Sjovangen mentioned that the Park Fund issue is partially responsible for bringing this to fruition. This is a good way to put something out there for communities other than just the parks.

Vice-Chairman Gilman pointed out that this is another way to address the needs of the

community in addition to things like the ¼ cent sales tax fund.

Mr. Prosser thinks this is fantastic and appreciates Commissioner Sjovangen taking this forward.

Ms. Barde stated she thinks this a great idea and she likes how Washoe County's information has been attached. She wanted to clarify that this is not a replacement for the Park Funds. She also clarified that for-profit organizations are excluded and Cherie Nevin clarified that language will be clarified "private organizations not for profit - should be non-profit organizations." She likes the application form and suggests that on it is a non-discrimination disclaimer. She also suggested a standard be followed that a large percentage of the money being granted makes it to the intended recipient. She feels this provides a great format which may be applied to other county distributions. The board requested that she submit her comments to District Attorney, Bill Maddox to help with the drafting of the details in the policy. Nicole was concerned that it may be approved without more comment, but Mr. Maddox explained that this is policy, not an ordinance that goes through a first and second reading. It could be approved if there are no objections, but there would be room for more comment when it is presented.

Mr. Beach said he hates to see more work be piled on the District Attorney.

Ms. Houts thanked Ms. Nevin for doing Community Services. There is a group of volunteers in Mark Twain that works on small projects and she wonders if they will be able to apply for funds with a different non-profit organization since MTCC doesn't have their 501C3 yet. She wants to know where the \$40,000 funding for the program is coming from. She wants to know how the funds will be reported once they are granted. Will it be annual, or based on the single grant amount provided? Will the public have access to review the grant expenditures?

Ms. Nevin explained that Ms. Houts' questions will be addressed as the policy is developed and refined.

Mr. Maddox will draft the policy and bring it back.

Motion: Approve Storey County Special Purpose Grant Program for the 2014-15 Fiscal Year,
Action: Approve **Moved by** Commissioner Sjovangen **Seconded by** Vice-Chairman Gilman **Vote:**
Motion carried by unanimous vote (**summary:** Yes=3)

17. **DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION:** Nicole Barde request accurate for accounting of the Nevada Commission for the Reconstruction of the V&T Railway funds due Storey County.

Ms. Barde explained this was requested by herself at the November 19th 2013 Commission meeting as well as by Vice-Chairman Gilman. I am attaching the timeline of the Commission meetings where these funds were discussed. The claim that we already had funds designated for the VC project was part of the argument to pass the resolution for the ¼ cent tax extension ballot measure/question. In 2011 there were specific amounts listed as part of the budget. Bottom-line question is where these funds are now (not inclusive of bond monies).

Dale Beach supported Nicole's request.

Mark Phillips also supported Nicole's request.

Comptroller Hugh Gallagher agreed to present the information and mentioned that it is also part of the financial statements.

Motion: Direct staff to present the accounting prior to 2010 of the V&T Railway funds, **Action:** Approve **Moved by** Vice-Chairman Gilman **Seconded by** Commissioner Sjovangen **Vote:** Motion carried by unanimous vote (**summary:** Yes=3)

18. **DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION:** Approval of Resolution 14-391 to continue the Contract with the Department of Taxation to administer the infrastructure tax.

Robert Morris presented the final piece for the infrastructure tax. When it was originally passed in 2000, there was a requirement that the county contract with the Department of Taxation to administer the tax. Since the county has amended that ordinance, we just want to make sure that the Department of Taxation is clear that we want them to continue the administration of the infrastructure tax and to continue collecting it and dispersing it to the county.

Mr. Phillips noted that resolution 00-88 became effective October 14, 2000. Per NRS 377B.100 our sales and use tax in Storey County 1/4% is specifically to fund water facilities and school renovations. Ordinance No. 169 became effective the end of January 2001 and expired the first of January 2011, so the authority to collect this tax expired three years ago. Ordinance 169 was specific in its list at that time for water facilities, and school renovations. He listed the amounts for the three projects completed years ago. The current balance of the infrastructure fund is \$2,018,000. Vice-Chairman Gilman confirmed Mark's question that statute does allow a wider range of projects to be funded now than before.

Kay Dean feels the county has not complied with NRS which indicates that such a plan must include without limitation the date on which the plan expires, a description of each proposed project, the method of financing each project and the cost related to each project. Although you have a list, I did not see any date on which the plan expired on any plan that I've seen. I think you need to go back and check for completeness, accuracy, and compliance to the NRS.

Motion: Approve Resolution 14-391 to continue the Contract with the Department of Taxation to administer the infrastructure tax, **Action:** Approve **Moved by** Commissioner Sjovangen **Seconded by** Vice-Chairman Gilman **Vote:** Motion carried by unanimous vote (**summary:** Yes=3)

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

- a. Stolle Machinery - Contractor/6949 S. Potomoc, Centennial, CO (Ardagh Supplier)
- b. Clean Harbors Env Svcs - Contractor/1200 Marietta Way, Sparks (Contractor)
- c. Videojet Technologies, Inc - Contractor/1500 Mittle Blvd., Wood Dale, IL (Contractor)
- d. WTR Electric, Inc. - Contractor/6005 Hockberry Road, Reno (Contractor)
- e. Arrow Construction - Contractor/100 Ave of the Couleurs, Rainbow Bend
- f. Mustang Ranch Emporium, LLC - General/5 N C Street (Restaurant & Retail) VC
- g. Mustang Ranch Mercantile - General/62 N C Street (Retail) VC

Senior Planner/Administrative Officer Austin Osborne presented second readings with recommendations to approve items A,B,C, and D.

Motion: Approve items A, B, C and D, **Action:** Approve **Moved by** Commissioner Sjovangen **Seconded by** Vice-Chairman Gilman **Vote:** Motion carried by unanimous vote (**summary:** Yes=3)

Senior Planner/Administrative Officer Austin Osborne presented second readings with recommendations to continue E,F, and G.

Motion: Continue items E, F and G, **Action:** Approve **Moved by** Commissioner Sjovangen **Seconded by** Vice-Chairman Gilman **Vote:** Motion carried by unanimous vote (**summary:** Yes=3)

20. PUBLIC COMMENT (No Action)

Marilee Miller, River District commended the Hillside School Archery program for winning the State Championship and gave some details on the program and the tournament. The Fire Department is installing smoke detectors and thanked them for that program as well.

Ms. Barde asked when access would be granted to go through the records at the Building Department to research the Park Fund permit fees. Austin Osborne explained that the Building Department is minimally staffed at the moment, and asked that they call to schedule a time to be there as a member of the staff would need to be present. Comptroller Hugh Gallagher recommended that it should be done in his presence and guidance as these are original records that need to be protected and wants to follow a structured audit process. Ms. Barde does not want Mr. Gallagher to go through the records before they are able to.

Ms. Barde recommended that a search for county manager should begin to fill County Manager Pat Whitten's position to bring in an external person rather than appoint from within. Lance Gilman answered her that they cannot begin a search until they receive notice that a position is going to be vacated.

Ms. Barde objects to the Jeep Posse receiving any money from the county.

Mrs. Dean, reiterated Ms. Barde's concerns about a professional search for an outside person to fill the position of county manager. She also agrees that the Jeep Posse should not be receiving money based on disturbing documentation shortfalls. Mrs. Dean also feels that multiple people should be able to present while the records at the Building Department are reviewed.

Mr. Prosser volunteers to be the contact person for when the boxes are gone through. He also suggested that a sheriff or deputy be present to alleviate the problem of distrust.

Mr. Phillips - TRI is now licensed to do business in Storey County. He complimented Cherie Nevin in her position as Community Service Officer. It is the Attorney General's opinion that allows for outside legal counsel with the approval and consent of the District Attorney. He also suggested that the best way to request public records would be with USB thumb drives which might be made available for purchase.

Mr. Beach is impressed with Gerald Antinoro. He feels the position of county manager could be eliminated. He feels the committee that Vice-Chairman Gilman put together is not working out and is not getting along with the people. He doesn't know how to get on the local committees or to get in front of committees to make comments. He has requested public records to see the phone bills.

21. CORRESPONDENCE - None

22. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at the call of the Chair at 12:27pm

Respectfully Submitted,

By _____
Vanessa Stephens, Clerk-Treasurer