



STOREY COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING

TUESDAY, APRIL 15th, 2014 10:00 A.M.

DISTRICT COURTROOM

26 SOUTH B STREET, VIRGINIA CITY, NEVADA

MINUTES

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Roll Call: Chairman Marshall McBride, Vice-Chairman Lance Gilman, Commissioner Bill Sjovangen, District Attorney Bill Maddox, County Manager Pat Whitten, Comptroller Hugh Gallagher, Clerk & Treasurer Vanessa Stephens, Deputy District Attorney Anne Langer, Public Works Director Mike Nevin, Sheriff Gerald Antinoro, Community Development Dean Haymore, Communications Director Dave Ballard, Fire Chief Gary Hames, Community Services Cherie Nevin, Tourism Director Deny Dotson, Justice of the Peace Eileen Herrington, Recorder Jen Chapman, IT Director James Deane, Senior Planner and Administrative Office Austin Osborne and Outside Council Robert Morris.

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

The Chair called the meeting to order at 9:59 a.m.

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Chair led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance

Passing of Joe Dini - Chairman McBride spoke on the life and contributions of Mr. Dini. Mr. Dini's funeral is today at 11am in the Yerington High School gymnasium. Retired Storey County Recorder/Auditor, Maggie Lowther will represent Storey County by attending. A moment of silence was recognized.

3. **DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION:** Approval of Agenda for April 15, 2014

Mark Joseph Phillips, Virginia City resident, asked that item 10 under the Consent Agenda be clarified prior to approval as a regular item. In the past the amount and parcel number has been included in the agenda item.

Motion: Approve the agenda for April 15, 2014, **Action:** Approve **Moved by** Commissioner Sjovangen **Seconded by** Vice-Chairman Gilman **Vote:** Motion carried by unanimous vote (**summary:** Yes=3)

Pat Whitten addressed Mr. Phillip's concerns explaining that a full explanation was provided in the packet. The refund to be approved is \$1,713.15.

Motion: Approve item 10 on the agenda for April 15, 2014, **Action:** Approve **Moved by** Commissioner Sjovangen **Seconded by** Vice-Chairman Gilman **Vote:** Motion carried by unanimous vote (**summary:** Yes=3)

DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION: (originally listed as item #14) Recommendation to award contract to successful bidder for the construction of the Virginia City Sewer Improvement Project Phase I in the amount of (TBD).

Greg Lyman, Farr West Engineering: Bids were opened last week and the low bidder was Q & D Construction. He described the scope of the project and the bidding process. They were happy that the bids were all within budget and the low bidder has experience in this type of construction and a good working history.

Public Works Director Mike Nevin: Extended a thank you to Farr West Engineering for all their hard work and Cherie Nevin for her work on the grants. He complimented Q&D Construction as a long-time upstanding business and contractor in the community. He is thrilled that the project manager, Ed Burnet actually lives in Virginia City and some other employees of Q&D live in the Highlands so there will be local contacts and involvement in the project.

Lucas Tipton, Far West Engineering: Announced that the low bid was in the amount of \$4,182,500.00 and that the high bid was \$5,454,123.00. The project was broken down into a base bid and six alternate bids. The USDA funding requires the amount to come in below a certain amount, so sometimes it is beneficial to break it down and award them later. Bid alternate #2 is for an 8" water line down to the site to provide minimum fire flows. Right now it is a 2" line. Bid alternate #6 is for various sidewalks throughout the site. So that base bid if you add bid alternate #2 and #6 is \$4,346,950.00. The total that USDA committed to the project was a loan of \$3,002,000.00 plus grant funding of \$2,312,794.00. Remaining funds that are unused with phase I of this project will likely be rolled into future phases of which there are five currently planned.

Motion: Approve award of contract in the amount of \$4,346,950 to Q & D Construction for the construction of the Virginia City Sewer Improvement Project Phase I pending the approval of the USDA Rural Development, **Action:** Approve **Moved by** Commissioner Sjovangen **Seconded by** Vice-Chairman Gilman **Vote:** Motion carried by unanimous vote (**summary:** Yes=3)

DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION: (originally listed as item #15) Cease all funding to Jeep Posse as requested by Kay Dean.

Kay Dean, Highlands resident: As citizens we expect organizational leadership and sound and transparent financial management from our commissioners. The issues surrounding the Jeep Posse have been brought to your attention several times. If the best you can do is to have spent money under false representations, and when it came to your attention, you continued spending the money; this is not good financial management or leadership.

While it may be LEGAL to fund this group I believe to continue funding an organization such as the Jeep Posse is inappropriate and fiscally irresponsible. The Jeep Posse group represents about 1% of the population and yet is budgeted to receive \$10,000. If the county can afford this, then they should also be able to afford to give \$10,000 to any and all groups of thirty people or so, non-profit status not required! This sets a terrible precedent, in my opinion. There are many worthwhile charitable groups in this county who have struggled to make ends meet over the past few years. Discretionary spending is so limited in these times of fiscal restraint. To be fiscally responsible is to spend funds wisely and where they can have the most benefit for the most in need, not a chosen few.

The lack of disclosure and conflicts of interest are also quite troubling. Two county officials who signed lease agreements with the cell phone companies are also members of the Jeep Posse, as is the Comptroller. The Jeep Posse was given half of the revenue, with no disclosure regarding these relationships at any time. This not only violates state and county ethics policies it jeopardizes the state and federal grants that the county relies on since each grant requires that the county uphold federal standards for Civil Rights and lack of conflict of interest in ALL of its dealings, not just pursuant to that contract. I have two examples of this language on a grant attained and signed by the county.

The biggest reason I became involved in what I perceive to be an abuse of spending has nothing to do personally with the Jeep Posse. I have volunteered at the Senior Center, off and on, for about a dozen years or so, and the Center is experiencing difficult financial times. It is heartbreaking for me to know the director holds checks back, waiting until there are adequate funds. The stress of wondering if there will be enough to cover payroll, the food and utility bills, while still providing a safe place and a healthy meal to the elderly segment of our population goes unnoticed by many in this community, but because I volunteer in the office I am well aware of it. And this is my primary motivation. Once again, to be fiscally responsible is to spend funds wisely and where they can have the most benefit for those most in need.

Regardless of whether the County can legally fund any group it desires in the Community Support section of the budget, equal parameters and requirements should be upheld by all recipients to receive funds. The Jeep Posse did not submit any summary of their activities and service contribution in the tentative budget like all the other community service groups. The Community Chest is an example of a true community service organization that is transparent in its activities and provided a full report on past and future services as part of the county's tentative budget. The Jeep Posse submitted nothing and still got funded.

This is NOT equal treatment and this bias shown by the Commissioners is at the very least disturbing. With the commissioners still holding the position that the payments to the Jeep Posse is a revenue share, why do they also show this as county support to a community service group? Since December 2012 the Jeep Posse has not been involved with the Sheriff's Office for any rescue activities. So what specific charitable and civic purposes has the Jeep Posse been involved in to justify this level of funding each year?

I would now like to summarize facts, in addition to those you have already been made aware of, that I have discovered during my research into statements made to me about the Jeep Posse by this commission:

I would like to note that I received a copy of a lease from the Clerk's Office last week that was evidently found in a box. It is a lease for the Ice House between Storey County and the Jeep Posse, and is purported to be from 1974, although the only date on the document is on the Engineer's parcel description. (8/22/74)

I noted there is no automatic renewal in this lease, which runs from 1974 for 5 years, and thus ended in 1979. It could have been extended according to the document, based on such reasonable terms as may have been agreed upon. But there is evidently no record of any future leases or renewals. Or maybe they are in boxes still, waiting to be found.

But the lease was very specific in what the Jeep Posse was actually leasing; "THE SAID STRUCTURE". The paragraph before this noted the parcel containing this structure, and an engineer's report described the land parcel. The lease specifically pertains to THE STRUCTURE on the parcel, as it clearly states. The cell tower was NOT erected on this structure; it was erected on other property owned by the county.

The Jeep Posse is not a party to the contract with the cell phone companies. There is no legal requirement to share the cell phone revenue with the Jeep Posse. The County has represented this explanation as a justification as to why the funds were given to this group each year since 2006, totaling over \$60,000. This has not been a true or accurate description and was a misrepresentation of the situation to the residents of this county. And I believe this is something that the commissioners should set the record straight on, and acknowledge that it was not revenue sharing based on a contract, but an optional CHOICE made by the commissioners.

I am not a lawyer or a legal expert. The Virginia City News noted in July 2013 that the Jeep Posse had only then applied for a 501c3 status and yet have been operating for years as if they were already approved. As a citizen and fiscally concerned resident, I think the IRS should have all pertinent information in order to fully evaluate this application. It appears the Jeep Posse's own by-laws, in addition to state and federal regulations were violated by giving scholarships to family of Jeep Posse members and non-Storey County students. It is considered self-dealing and personal gain to do so.

The record keeping, based on the auditor's report, does not comply with the requirement for accurate record keeping for non-profits. And perhaps taxes will be due on the funds that the Jeep Posse has previously received. It is my understanding that since 2007 even non-profits have been required to file returns. We can disagree about this, but I think eventually the IRS will become involved and perhaps other agencies also. The IRS states that a non-profit's governing body bears the ultimate responsibility for setting ethical standards and ensuring they permeate the organization. And their decision will be the one that all must comply with.

To spend limited resources on a group like the Jeep Posse is fiscally irresponsible in my opinion. In the past, perhaps you were unaware of the facts. But it is difficult to understand why you would choose to continue to provide funding to a group that will most likely come under investigation and provides negligible benefit to the community compared to the other groups. But perhaps investigative and subpoena powers are what is needed to ascertain the facts and motives behind this. An investigation that begins with the Jeep Posse may lead to the discovery of other violations within the county.

In closing, I would like to add that I find it personally disturbing that I am hearing so many rumors regarding my safety. No resident of this county should fear for their physical well-being because they are exercising their first amendment rights of free speech.

Ms. Dean distributed six sets of documents.

Jim Miller, former Storey County Sheriff and proud member for the Storey County Jeep Posse: I grew up here and the people of this community matter to me and to the members of the Storey County Jeep Posse. I'd like to tell you a little bit about the Jeep Posse and answer some of the claims that have been made.

The Storey County Jeep Posse is composed of respected, knowledgeable community leaders. Many of our members are trained in emergency response and crisis management. We have people with:

- Background as EMT's
- First Responders
- Fire fighters
- Law Enforcement
- Air Search and Rescue
- Former military
- Pilots
- Administrators
- Supervisors
- Accountants
- Managers
- Contractors
- Carpenters
- Elected officials
- A significant number of our members know this county inside and out, including old mines and abandoned shafts
- I personally set up and operated the Elko County Sheriff's Office Search and Rescue

Each Posse member brings with them their own set of expertise and skills which have been offered to this community for over five decades. These are people who truly believe in the following statement which is in our bylaws: "To help, aid and assist the residents and property owners of Storey County, residents of neighboring counties and any and all persons found to be in need of assistance."

There are many different ways in which this private, volunteer organization has served this community, which I will outline in more detail in just a moment, but I wish to clarify that these are NOT "untrained individuals" nor is the Jeep Posse a "purposeless organization" as the current sheriff, Antinoro, stated in an email. It is also NOT true that the "Jeep Posse might run you off the road" as a concerned citizen was told or that they are corrupt and in collusion with the county to take county funds. You have received a great deal of totally false information that I'd like to correct. This certainly appears to be a vendetta to discredit both the Jeep Posse and the county.

HISTORY

The Jeep Posse was first organized in 1962 by Jack Cross, Jim Turney, Clark Jordan, Pard Hoskins and Fred Garrett. Only one of these five founding members is still with us, Fred Garrett-long time Virginia City businessman, entrepreneur, and former county commissioner. The 17 member group used their own 4-wheel-drive vehicles equipped with personally purchased Citizen Band Radios. They purchased a 4-wheel-drive ambulance and even had access to a plane that they labeled the Virginia City Air Force. Many of the original members were also members of the Virginia City volunteer fire department or were in law enforcement. In the early years, the Posse was headquartered in the Fire Department and was actively involved in search and rescue including mine rescues and missing persons.

THE ICE HOUSE 99 YEAR LEASE

In the early 70's, the organization began looking for a larger place to house equipment and to have a meeting and training area. There were concerns at the time that the county might have to demolish the Ice House because it was in very poor condition and could possibly be a danger to the community. The Jeep Posse discussed this with the County Commissioners and said they would restore the building if they could lease it from the county. The original agreement was that the Posse could request limited funds from the county one time yearly and that those funds would be used for the purchase of materials for the rehab.

The lease included the building and the surrounding land. The lease fee agreed upon was \$1.00 per year for 99 years. We have a copy of the original lease and there is documentation for the payment in full of \$99 for the 99-year lease from the County Clerk, Kathy Hilton. This payment is also confirmed in the minutes of the commissioners meeting on that same date. I talked to Kathy Hilton directly and she remembers it clearly.

When the Jeep Posse began to work on the Ice House, they discovered that the building was in pretty bad shape. In that first year alone, the Posse installed a new concrete floor, added bracing to the building, installed windows and contributed more than 1600 hours of work and \$1200 of materials. At that time, the county contributed \$600, with the rest of the materials and all the labor donated by the Posse members.

Although the county no longer pays directly for any of the building maintenance and restoration, work on the building continues. Jeep Posse members, especially those with construction background, do all the restoration work on the building. Members are never paid a salary, but are reimbursed by the organization for out of pocket expenses. As noted in the agreed upon procedures report, done by an accounting firm in Reno that I will talk about in just a minute, the walk-in refrigerator was replaced in 2011 Other recent improvements include replacing a block retaining wall, adding a new roof, and expanding the parking area.

This lease agreement is definitely an example of another way in which the Posse contributes to our community by maintaining this historical building.

SUBLEASE

Since we're looking at the historical aspects of the relationship between the county and the Jeep Posse, let's address what led up to the lease for a cell tower. About 2005 the Jeep Posse was approached by the county regarding the subleasing of part of our master lease of the Ice House and

property for the placement of a cell phone tower. It was to be placed on the hill near the Ice House and on our leased property.

We voted to approve and entered into a verbal agreement with Storey County for subleasing part of our property for a cell tower and equipment. We were to receive the full revenue from the sub lease but we are not equipped to process the documents and handle the accounting involved with the payments and the permits so the County agreed to manage all of that paperwork.

We agreed to pay the County half of all revenues received from the Cell Companies for those services. Storey County would receive the checks from the cell phone company, process the payments, keep their share for services rendered (which is half) and give us a check quarterly for our half. In about 2008 we were approached again about adding an additional equipment room for another cell company and we voted to keep the same arrangement for the addition.

The actual terms that we agreed upon do not have the County paying us for anything. Instead we agreed to pay half of the revenue from the cell tower to the County to process the paperwork and to handle the lease agreement.

Again, because of a mutually beneficial agreement ...

- The Jeep Posse is able to have additional funds to continue with their service to the community;
- The county continues to have a caretaker for an historical building which is available for worthwhile community events;
- And cell phone coverage/broadband is provided for the area.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE COMMUNITY

I'd like to discuss in more detail, some of the Jeep Posse's contributions to the community. Although originally the Posse served almost entirely as a search and rescue entity, our bylaws state that our purpose is to "help, aid, and assist."

As an organization, we have broadened our focus over the years from search and rescue to many different forms of community service, especially those that assist the youth of our community. Our charitable efforts and contributions are NOT big publicity generators. But, let me tell you a few of the things we have done:

- Given annual scholarships
- Offered donations to community events
- Helped with crowd control
- Cleaned parks
- Found lost tourists or stranded hunters, including all night searches
- Worked annually for VC Grand Prix
- Worked to restore and maintain the Ice House
- Provided an area for 4-H programs
- Trained and involved in mine rescue and recovery
- Fenced off mine shafts
- Installed 200 yards of fence line above the Houston Pit in Gold Hill
- Facilitated community use of the property for worthwhile events

- Worked with the annual 100 mile Horse Endurance Ride
- Donated \$5000 worth of hams and turkeys in the last seven years and helped Community Chest with the distribution
- Went door to door in the Highlands during wild fires to notify people of a possible evacuation and to see if any additional help would be needed if they had to evacuate.

Whatever the type of service – we don't immediately stop for a photo op or to submit an article to the paper. We just get the job done. We're more concerned with the outcome than we are with the credit. I don't think that sounds like a "purposeless organization!"

Annually, as I mentioned, we have also given scholarships to students. Students must have a 3.0 grade point average and must have portrayed himself or herself as a person of character and as a positive and contributing member to their school and community.

These scholarships have NEVER been limited to relatives of Posse members. Any private organization has the option of having any restrictions that they choose but we recently rewrote the selection criteria to clarify that we do not restrict these awards in any way but that the awards are given to the most qualified individuals. In addition to the annual Virginia City High School Scholarships, we have also given donations to other individuals and events, again always with the focus on youth. Since the mid-90's, we have donated over \$40,000 for scholarships.

Some have expressed concern about ties between the Jeep Posse and the County. Storey County is a small community. People who care about this community and who "step up" when needed to serve and to offer assistance will do that in ALL aspects of their life...

- Whether it's meeting the needs of the county through their day job as a county employee, an EMT, a firefighter or even running for an elected position
- Or whether it's being part of a service organization, like the Jeep Posse.

Yes, there are ties. There always will be, when people care.

FINANCIAL BACKGROUND

I would like to clarify a little of the financial background of the Jeep Posse. There have been UNFOUNDED accusations of misconduct or improprieties.

Let's start with the difference between non-profit organizations vs. 501(c)3's, bearing in mind that I'm not an accountant. We have, however, contacted the Secretary of State's Office, the IRS, and consulted with a tax specialist.

A Domestic Non-Profit Corporation Designation is granted at the state level through the Nevada Secretary of State. Storey County Jeep Posse applied for and received this status on April 24, 1970, when it submitted Articles of Incorporation to the Nevada Secretary of State. We file the list of Jeep Posse officers annually, as can be seen on the Secretary of State website.

A 501(c)3 designation, however, is a tax exempt status given by the IRS. If this designation is approved by the IRS, then a non-profit corporation may also apply to the Nevada Department of Taxation for state tax exempt status. If approved at the state level, the organization can then be considered tax-exempt by both the IRS and the State of Nevada. There is, however, no requirement

for any organization to apply for tax exempt status from either the IRS or the Nevada Department of Taxation.

- Storey County Jeep Posse has never applied for an IRS 501(c)3 tax exemption or a Nevada tax exempt status. We do not claim that donations to our organization can be written off as deductions on anyone's taxes.
- We are not now nor have we ever been delinquent in paying income taxes, which has been confirmed by the IRS. We do not file or pay income taxes because the organization does not have any filing requirements with the federal government.
- The Posse does, however pay sales tax on all purchases that are made
- Storey County Jeep posse meets all state requirements and is a Domestic Non-Profit Corporation registered annually with the State of Nevada.

AGREED UPON PROCEDURES REPORT

Next, let's talk about the Agreed upon Procedures Report which was done by Muckel Anderson CPAs in Reno. This was not an audit nor did WE release this document to the public. One of the people who expressed concerns about this report, Nicole Barde, said she was given the report and bylaws by Mr. Antinoro.

However, we are willing to address her concerns and those of Kay Dean and others, if at all possible. Even when I was still Sheriff of Storey County and was working closely with the Jeep Posse, I discussed the financial recordkeeping of the organization. Organizations need to have strong financial policies and procedures in place. When we, as an organization, reviewed this document from Muckel Anderson, which we paid for, it was clear that they had no way of knowing what our current financial process was or what safeguards we already had in place.

For example, at each monthly posse meeting, the expenditures with receipts for the month have always been reviewed and then approved by the full membership. All money received at the annual Jeep posse BBQ is counted by at least two members, locked up by a member until the next banking day, deposited by the treasurer, and then the amount of the deposit confirmed as correct.

We have since rewritten the bylaws to clearly outline our financial oversight, including these two previous examples, and to improve our procedures in a new section entitled Financial Transactions and Record Keeping. Whenever we find there is a better way to do something, we will take the necessary steps to make those improvements. Let's look at the six specific comments in the Muckel Anderson report that we received:

1. Missing documentation: As just mentioned, the receipts DID exist and were approved at each meeting. We have addressed improving our financial procedures in our revised bylaws
2. Expenditures on alcohol: Yes, we bought alcohol. We host an annual BBQ and serve a steak dinner with beverages including alcoholic drinks, (And yes, before you ask, we do have a liquor license which is on file at the Sheriff's Office.) I'll come back to the subject of alcohol in just a minute.
3. Purchase of a walk-in refrigerator: As discussed before, as the caretaker of the building and because of the multi-use purpose of the facility, the refrigerator is an appropriate expenditure.
4. Money earned at the annual BBQ: as mentioned before, we have careful controls in place regarding the cash. Did we make a lot of money on the BBQ? No. As a fundraiser, perhaps less than successful. But as an annual community event? Definitely of value. "Priceless!"

5. No exceptions noted by Muckel Anderson between the spreadsheet and the bank deposits. As I said, any cash collected already had a triple county process in place and was then reviewed and approved by the full membership. The bylaws now reflect this.
6. No exceptions were noted by Muckel Anderson between the bank statements and the spreadsheet.

I'd like to address specific complaints by a few community members:

In spite of what you were told:

- No one in the Posse is paid a salary
- No one has been paid a bribe or is on the take
- We do not pay off the county or vice versa
- Our bylaws do not discriminate or forbid membership on any basis

Members are reimbursed for expenses. A member with a background in construction may be hired for a specific job or a member may be reimbursed for materials but no one is a paid employee. Our members are contributing many, many hours maintaining and refurbishing this building.

There was a complaint expressed about a specific check for \$1385 that was written to a county employee. This was a reimbursement for fees for the golf tournament held in conjunction with the annual BBQ. Again, all original receipts are approved at the time of the purchase or reimbursement.

I said I would come back to the subject of alcohol. The Jeep posse has been called a drinking organization. We do serve alcohol at our annual BBQ and at meetings but we are not "operating a bar." We, as an organization, are very cognizant about the risks and consequences that can be associated with alcohol. It's ALWAYS been spelled out in our bylaws that a member may not answer ANY emergency call after having consumed alcohol. This bylaw is based on appropriate law enforcement protocol regarding alcohol consumption.

Even Mr. Antinoro can tell us about those risks and consequences. He recently admitted to me the specifics of an alcohol related incident that involved HIM PERSONLLY when he was a law enforcement officer in Utah.

BACKGROUND TO CRITICISM FROM THE SHERIFF

Now, let's move to the termination of the relationship between the Storey County Sheriff's Office and the Jeep posse, remembering that there has been a working relationship between the two organizations for over 50 years. Once again, incorrect information has been given to the public that I would like to clarify.

- In 2012, during a discussion of financial matters at a Posse meeting, Mr. Antinoro offered to "set up an account" for us through the Sheriff's Office. Members were concerned that this move to take over the assets would then lead to all Posse funds being diverted to the Sheriff's Office budget. The Posse decided at the meeting that it was better for us to remain an independent organization working with, not for, the Sheriff's Office.
- In late 2012, Antinoro spelled out, both at meetings and then via email, exactly what he required for the professional level Search and Rescue that he wished to develop. He listed specific background requirements with sanctions against members who didn't complete training exercises on his timeline. As I said before, most of our members meet all these requirements already.

He then followed up on these original discussions in emails with the specific actions he would take if the Posse didn't meet his requirements: that is, he would sever the relationship between the Sheriff's Office and the Posse. AND I QUOTE: "The Posse (will) serve no purpose to the county and (will) have no official functionality. Any ID's or other county property is (to be) returned to my office. What becomes of the Posse, the Ice House, and the revenues from the cell tower then becomes an issue between the county commissioners and a purposeless Posse." END QUOTE.

In addition to intense discussions at Posse meetings, I personally met with Antinoro several times to try to find a working compromise that would both meet his demands and be a workable option for the Posse. His answer was essentially "I won't change my mind. This is their only choice."

So, on December 11, 2012, the Posse voted unanimously to continue with our broader purpose as a volunteer organization for this community and NOT to become the current sheriff's new Search and Rescue Team. Antinoro officially ended the relationship between the Sheriff's Office and the Jeep Posse by letter on December 18, 2012.

Let me repeat the Jeep Posse's decision ... The Storey County Jeep posse chose to keep our focus as a volunteer organization for the ENTIRE community. This should have been the end of it. BUT, unfortunately, this hasn't been the case. This has been followed by what certainly appears to be a personal vendetta to discredit both the Jeep Posse and the county.

- We have been attacked in the press and in meetings
- Private information has been released to the public
- Actions taken by the Posse have been distorted
- And rather obviously, false information is being fed to people who are concerned about the things that they are told.

Poor communication, followed by threats and intimidation, and then retaliation: There certainly seems to be a pattern here. We as an organization have always tried to "do the right thing." If we find we are doing something incorrectly or that there is a better way to do it, we will make those changes. As you have heard, for over half a century, we have provided valuable services to this community. Let's continue to work together.

We have both written and oral substantiation of the 99-year lease. We have a copy of the receipt for payment from Clerk-Treasurer Kathy Hilton, confirmation in the Commission minutes, and a copy of the original lease. I'd like to make the following recommendation to the Commissioners: I would suggest, based on this documentation, that the Commissioners direct the current District Attorney to draw up a new lease which spells out this acknowledged agreement between the County and the Jeep Posse including the more recent agreement regarding the cell phone tower, equipment buildings, and cell companies involved, to all be included in the 99-year lease.

If you look around, how many people here today are either:

- In the Jeep Posse
- Support the Posse and the work that they do
- Or have been positively impacted by this organization

(Mr. Miller asked those fitting this description to stand or raise their hands and a good portion of the audience responded)

I hope I have been able to answer each of the concerns that have been expressed. There will always be some people who are never satisfied with the answers they year. But this needs to stop. The agenda item requested that all funding cease to the Posse. As I explained before, the county is not "funding us" but is working with us through this 99-year lease and sublease. This request to cease funding is the exact opposite of the direction we need to be moving. We need to continue to work together with the county. And I hope that the commissioners will put this issue to rest.

- The Storey County Jeep Posse is a private, non-profit, volunteer organization committed to serving this community.
- We will continue to work for the People of Storey County.
- The Jeep posse is a vital part of this community.
- Many, many people have benefited from the work we have done.
- For over 50 years we have helped our neighbors.
- I believe in this organization and what it does for the youth and what it does to take care of the people of this county.
- I believe in what we do and why we make the effort to continue to do so.
- "To serve and protect." That's an important phrase that has always been a part of my life and that's what's happening here.
- The Storey County Jeep Posse will continue to "serve and protect" this community.

These are good people. These attacks need to end. It's nonsense. Let's move forward!

Nicole Barde, Virginia City Highlands Resident: One of the things that I brought up in April and one of the reasons I objected to funding the Posse, was that I was told that no women could join. As a county government organization you are responsible interact with and support those organizations that abide by both federal and state standards relating to civil rights. If the Jeep Posse is a private organization, they can do whatever they want including limiting their membership, but a non-profit cannot be exclusive in their membership. If the County aligns with an organization that discriminates for any reason you are essentially sanctioning that discrimination. It's not right. It violates those things that women have been fighting for since we got the vote. To say that nothing in the bylaws says that they discriminate, I'm here to tell you that by action they do. They have no women members. I was told they do have a woman ... an auxiliary. I did not fight in the 70's, the 80's, and the early 90's for equal treatment of women to be part of a county whose government obviously supports that kind of discrimination.

Erlene Flanagan, Storey County resident: Good morning, Commissioners. For the record I am Erlene Flanagan, Storey County resident and property owner for nearly 30 years. I don't want to speak politically about the Jeep Posse, rather I want to simply tell of a personal experience I had with the organization about four years ago.

My husband John Flanagan was the Storey County Assessor for 16 years and a Storey County Commissioner at the time of his sudden death in July of 2010. In lieu of flowers, I requested donations to be made to the Fourth Ward School which was near and dear to his heart as both his parents attended school there and he worked and volunteered there for years. A number of days after the funeral a member of the Jeep posse came to the Fourth ward School and dropped off a check for \$500. The largest donation made. No press release, no photo op, no meeting with the Director, just a gesture to honor a good man from the Comstock. The donations in John's name were used to

purchase a Penny Presser. The purchase of that machine will help support the operation of the non-profit Fourth Ward School into the future. It also provides an inexpensive memento to the visitors of the school.

In closing, I want to thank the Jeep Posse for their donation to the Fourth Ward School and also note that John was never a member of the Posse. I would like to give each of you a penny from that machine as a tangible reminder of the generosity of the Jeep Posse in memory of a man who was not one of their own.

Kay Dean: took the floor again for a moment to ask if the County can be bound by a verbal contract. District Attorney, Bill Maddox said that yes, they could. His understanding is that there is a sharing of the revenue and without that agreement it would all go to the leaseholder. Ms. Dean said that the copy of the lease she has does not mention the property but only the building.

Judy Cohen, business owner and Virginia City resident: She feels the focus is being lost and that this is about the money. She is concerned because she has been donating to the Posse for years and was told it was tax deductible.

Janet Houts, Storey County Resident: She requested a financial report from the Jeep Posse at the end of last year and last month and got no response to either request. She spoke to the IRS and they told her that the Jeep Posse is not registered as a non-profit organization with them but they are registered with the State. She asked if she heard correctly that they are not required to file a return with the IRS. District Attorney, Bill Maddox responded that yes, she did hear that correctly. She believes that all organizations that get revenue have to file a 1099.

Dale Beach, Storey County Resident: He is not happy about the tower. He's fine with the fundraising, but wants the mess with the tower settled.

Cynthia Kennedy, Highlands resident: She doesn't think it's anyone's intent to put down the activities of the Jeep Posse. There are many groups in the community that contribute time, money, donations and who also help restore historic buildings. What she wants to see is actual documents such as the lease and agreements and sit down and figure out what the truth is. She has seen budget hearings here and watched as other non-profits, all deserving, request funding and been denied because the county cannot fund all of them. She wants to see fairness and the actual documents rather than the Jeep Posse feeling like all of their efforts are being put down, which they are not at all.

Mark Joseph Phillips, Storey County Resident: He began a search about this time last year for public records with the Secretary of State regarding the status of the Jeep Posse as a not for profit organization. The documents that should have been there were not and he received written notice that they needed to become current with their status as their application had been returned. It is a little confusing because if you go on the website you do find that they file their annual list, which by the way is due at the end of this month. As a commission you should have the district attorney get this to the district court as a judge is the one who should decide if all the paperwork is in order. If this is not taken care of by the commission, then the Attorney General's office has the authority to come up here and look at the books. Hugh Gallagher, as director, is responsible for compliance with statute.

Chris Thompson, Transaction Coordinator at TRI: I would like to request the commission vote yes on the request by Mr. Miller. This organization has been around for over fifty years. It seems undisputed that on the whole they are a good corporate citizen. I have not heard of any other organization that supports community events to the extent that this one does. At TRI we have over 6000 workers and 14 million square feet of industrial space on 100 thousand acres. A lot of emergencies can go on with that kind of working base and land mass. This group is highly qualified. Civic emergencies always seem to come up at the most unexpected times, and to have a volunteer "minute man" group out there ready to call up seems like a pretty good investment for this kind of money. Mr. Miller's request to have the district attorney draw up a lease agreement seems like a good way to resolve some of the concerns of citizens and maybe make everyone happy.

County Manager Pat Whitten: I am a proud member of the Jeep Posse since 1994. I'm perplexed by Ms. Dean's reference to spending \$10k to an organization that is comprised of thirty people, and that she referenced this because of the Senior Center in Virginia City. I'm not questioning the Senior Center's results, or dedication, or value to the members of our community especially the older ones like myself, but we provide that organization \$130,000 in staff and program monies and another \$6000 currently for the building. So that is \$136,000 going to an organization that Ms. Dean says she sees struggling.

I agree with Sheriff Miller's suggestion to have a new lease drafted as a good fix, but we have other leased properties that have similar but different facilities. We've got the fire museum which is on county property. We allow them to lease out to the gunfighters each year for \$500/month during their season as a source of revenue for them. This is really no different than the Jeep Posse. If you look at Saint Mary's, another county property, they are again leasing their rooms by the night and by the week for their programs. There is really nothing that much tangibly different with this type of operation.

Mr. Whitten read two letters into the record:

(Letter from) Ron Gallagher: As an OLD HOT WATER PLUG who has been indirectly, and on a few occasions directly, involved with the Storey County Jeep Posse for half century, I have been following the most recent "Discussions" relative to that decorated group with great interest. I could go on at great length about rescues, recoveries, good deeds, donations to the Comstock, etc., etc., but, instead, let the following serve as a substitute for those pages of complimentary rhetoric and I hope, concretely, show the esteem and respect that I have for this marvelous group:

When Judy and I prowl around the mountains of Virginia City together --- Jumbo, Five Mile Reservoir, The Flowery, Twin Peaks, The Quarry, The Sutro Air Shafts, and Chalk Hills --- she has a simple set of instructions. If anything happens where my functioning capabilities are restricted, call 911, if possible, and CALL THE JEEP POSSE.

If I happen to take off by myself to any of the locations noted above, or to countless ones not named, but well known to my Mucker friends, should I not return in a timely manner, her instructions are to call the appropriate emergency entities and CALL THE JEEP POSSE.

Should anything happen to my family or friends on the dirt roads of the Comstock, I will call the JEEP POSSE.

I would be happy to discuss my long time experiences and longtime opinion of the Storey County Jeep Posse with anyone at any time. – Ron

(Letter from) Pam Trabert, Food Pantry Manager, Community Chest: To Whom It May Concern, The Jeep Posse has provided turkeys, hams, and chickens for the 7 years I've worked here. This food has been donated for Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets. This food has fed 490 people. Thank you Jeep Posse.

(Email from) William A Clark: *I will not be able to attend the next Commissioner's meeting and would like to submit the following letter to be read into the minutes. I will have a hard copy of my letter when I return if needed:* Dear Commissioners: As a resident of Storey County and Virginia City for most of my 75 years, I am writing to strongly encourage the Storey County Board of Commissioners to continue the existing revenue funding to the Storey County Jeep Posse from the shared rent of the cell tower which is located on the property leased by the Storey County Jeep Posse.

I have been a member of the Jeep Posse for over 45 years and am very proud of the numerous services we provide for this County and special events which have directly brought income to the County. Through fund raising and these various special events, the Jeep posse has been able to give back to the Storey community in the form of contributions to school activities, student scholarships and donations to folks in need.

Storey County citizens have always supported each other through community involvement and the Jeep Posse will continue its volunteer and financial support as well.

Respectfully submitted via email, William A Clark

Dean Haymore, Storey County Community Development Director: I am the one that the county came to knowing that we needed cell service up here to provide for tourism, emergency services, the community, and the residents. I was the one who went out to try and find some sites. The first site we were hoping to place the cell tower was on Silver Street behind Edith Palmer's on Scott Jolcover's land. I'm the one that went to the companies and begged them to bring cell service to Storey County. I am the one that went to the Jeep Posse and asked them if we could utilize some of that land to put the cell towers up. I am the one that considered with the Jeep Posse and County management and commissioners that there might be some revenue sharing participated for their good works. I did not draft the documents, but I am the one that worked with the cell towers, permitted them, worked with the Jeep Posse, sat with their president and looked at the location that would work best for both the cell companies and the Jeep Posse. I have been doing this for Storey County for 27 years trying to provide quality of life, protection, companies, and jobs. I am the one that was very adamant that the cell tower becomes a flagpole for the great United States. I am the one that just this Thursday where they want to expand that cell tower to put in more carriers, demanded that they don't put a box on top of it, but that they come back with a rendering to slenderize it so that it looks like a flagpole. I do believe there needs to be some clarification and documentation, but as I am the one who started this, I will take any and all blame and/or questions.

With some questioning from the commissioners, Mr. Haymore clarified that normally there would be no sharing of revenue and that the Jeep Posse would be entitled to 100% without the sharing

agreement. There are a number of other towers around the county that Mr. Haymore has worked with and they are in the process of putting one in the Highlands presently. Pat Whitten pointed out that Mr. Beach has stated that he would like a cell tower on his property and take half the rent, but the one going up in the Highlands is on private property and in that case the property owner gets 100%.

Commissioner Sjovangen: After listening to all the comments this morning and reading all the documents it seems the only thing the County has to do with the Jeep Posse is this agreement over the cell tower which I think is perfectly legal and handy arrangement. Beyond that, the Jeep Posse is a private entity and they can do whatever they want to do. I don't believe we have any jurisdiction to tell a private organization or business how to run their internal business and that many of the comments made are probably invalid.

Vice-Chairman Gilman: This is troubling to me. As I have sat here over the past year and months there seems to be this driven desire to revisit everything this little community has done for the last fifty years and find fault, and point fingers, talk about putting people in jail, and losing the respect of the history of the community that we are. I came to Nevada in 1985. I'm a newcomer, and I'm sitting in a room with folks who have been in this community for two and three and four generations. When I arrived here in Storey County, you all were struggling with a budget that barely made four million dollars. You didn't have enough money to run your schools. You didn't have enough resources to put public facilities and resources together. What you did have was a community spirit. You had families that had been here for generations building the community the best they could with the revenues they had to work with.

The thing that troubles me is that hindsight is always 20/20, and you can always look behind and wish you had done things differently. Are all the documents and records in place as they should be? Probably not, and we've seen that often they're not, and so we've been restructuring and we've been asked as a commission to look at things and told we have to fix things because "they've screwed things up royally." Well, no they haven't. They did the best they could with the revenues, resources, and people they had and they graciously gave of their families and time. The Jeep Posse has been offering their services for FIFTY YEARS. I'm not a member and never have been, but I'm proud they're here and there a lot of folks that can say thank you for their efforts.

I was blessed when I got to Nevada because it's a handshake place and you can literally do business on that basis. When I got here I did real estate deals on that handshake and everybody lived up to that code. I believe we have to respect our history and to sit here and find fault with things that were done twenty, thirty, and forty, and fifty years ago and are still in place today is doing a disservice and terrible disrespect to the people who gave and lived and got us to where we are today.

There is no way in the world as your commissioner that I would be prepared to find fault with this group. I believe they've been a strong and loyal force in your community and they don't take a lot of credit for a lot of those things. I would be remiss in my heart to vote to penalize them or disrespect the basis of what they've brought to Virginia City. I'm in support of this little group and think a lot of them and that's where I stand.

Chairman McBride: I too am disturbed by the hostility and animosity that has been brought forward toward this volunteer community organization, the Jeep Posse. They organized over 58 years ago so

they were out helping people even before I entered grade school. There have been some concerns about members of the Jeep Posse being related. We live in a county of around 4000 people. When the Jeep Posse was organized there were around 500 people in Virginia City and Gold Hill. Rainbow bend had not been built yet, no one lived in the Highlands because it had not been built. It was Chalk Hills. There were only a couple of houses in Mark Twain. So this organization was just locally grown individuals trying to help out the community, as was the volunteer fire department of which I was a proud member for over 22 years. We worked with the Jeep Posse as well.

Growing up here, I thought I knew the back country well until Dean took me on a road trip last year. As small as Storey County is, it is very vast, and the knowledge that these gentlemen have of Storey County is immeasurable. I know that if I were to be in the back country and were injured or immobilized somehow, that these are the guys I want to be called to come look for me.

District Attorney, Bill Maddox: Addressing the Chairman, he expressed that he wishes to standardize the relationships with non-profits such as Saint Mary's, the Fourth Ward School and others and specifically the leases and renewal processes and that this was a project he had planned on working on before all this came up. So before he leaves he hopes to get leases standardized with all those who are occupying County properties. The Jeep Posse is not the only one with problems especially with descriptions of land. Things in the past were not always done to the standards that we have now, especially from a legal standpoint.

Motion: No adverse action be taken against the Jeep Posse, and that the officers of the Jeep Posse get together with the County Manager, District Attorney, and staff to review documents that are available and execute those that are deemed necessary to continue. **Action:** Approve **Moved by** Commissioner Sjovangen, **Seconded by** Vice-Chairman Gilman **Vote:** Motion carried by unanimous vote (**summary:** Yes=3)

The Chair called for a recess at 11:40am; the meeting was called to order at 11:58am

4. **DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION:** Approval of Minutes for April 1, 2014

Motion: Approve the minutes for April 1, 2014, **Action:** Approve **Moved by** Commissioner Sjovangen **Seconded by** Vice-Chairman Gilman **Vote:** Motion carried by unanimous vote (**summary:** Yes=3)

CONSENT AGENDA

5. For possible action approval of March 2014 Treasurer Report
6. For possible action approval of Interstate Interlocal Agreement for Child Support Reimbursement
7. For possible action authorize the District Attorney and County Manager to sell, at either public auction or by sealed bid, residential houses located at 62; 74 and 82 South B Street in Virginia City.
8. For possible action approval Storey County resolution in support of Nevada Wildlife Awareness Month 2014

9. For possible action approval Justice Court Quarterly report
10. *For possible action approval of refund to Judith Chisholm/NV Hydrocarbon due to an adjustment in their 2013/14 valuation. **Approved on the regular agenda.***
11. For possible action approval of Licensing Board First Reading:
 - a. Southland Industries - General/114 Megabyte (HVAC, Plumbing Design) TRI
 - b. Timmons Group, Inc. - Contractor/1001 Boulders Pkwy, Richmond, VA (Ardagh Supplier)
 - c. Cross Check Services, LLC - Contractor/1264 Lanny Lane, Olympic Valley, CA (Forestry)
 - d. Conco & Conco Pumping - Contractor/5141 Commercial, Concord, CA (Neptune Contractor)
 - e. D.C. Electrical - Contractor/7771 Shalestone Way, Reno (Contractor)

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

Motion: Approve the consent agenda, with exception of item #10 previously approved **Action:** Approve **Moved by** Commissioner Sjovangen **Seconded by** Vice-Chairman Gilman **Vote:** Motion carried by unanimous vote (**summary:** Yes=3)

DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION (item #23): Height variance for five feet in addition to the 35 feet height of buildings and structures for E1 VCH zoned property.

Planner Dessie Redmond spoke to the request and mentioned that the applicant was present to answer questions. The commissioners had attended the planning meeting and were familiar with the request. Ms. Redmond read the findings of facts into the record:

- 6.1.10 The variance complies with all federal, state, and county regulations.
- 6.1.20 The variance will not impose substantial adverse impacts or safety hazards on the abutting properties or the surrounding area.
- 6.1.30 The conditions of the variance adequately address potential fire hazards and require compliance with the applicable fire codes, including setback and fire protection ratings.
- 6.1.40 The conditions under this variance do not conflict with the minimum requirements in SCC Chapter 17.40 Estate Zone and Chapter 17.03.140 Variances, or any other federal, state, or county regulations, including building and fire codes.
- 6.1.50 The variance address goals specified (and referenced in staff report) in Chapter 5 of the Master plan.

Motion: Approve height variance for five feet in addition to the 35 feet height of buildings and structures for E1 VCH zoned property with the condition that the applicant returns to the architectural committee for final approve, **Action:** Approve **Moved by** Commissioner Sjovangen **Seconded by** Vice-Chairman Gilman **Vote:** Motion carried by unanimous vote (**summary:** Yes=3)

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

Comptroller Hugh Gallagher:

We are at the ¾ mark of our budgeted year. I have submitted to the commission those line items that are over-expenditures or under-expenditures by a significant percentage. We have our department heads here to discuss them.

- General Fund: revenues should be about double what was budgeted which is good news.
- Merchandise licensing is up about 120%. Building licenses are also up a significant amount.
- Real Property transfer taxes are up.
- Misc. other is up due to a refund from our petroleum distributor as a result of an audit that revealed we were being overcharged.
- Business license penalties are up as well.

County Manager Pat Whitten:

- Commissioner's budget has overall tracking to 74%.
- Travel expense is up and was under budgeted due to two unanticipated trips to Washington D.C.
- Gas and diesel is also up due to travel within the state which is all very positive as far as the work being done.
- Economic development is also up.
 - Administrative budget is up due to some legal printing that had to be done, but is still sitting at 55% tracking which is excellent.

We have some logistical and legal concerns with our functional use of the justice court, so as you may recall when we looked at the infrastructure we stuck in a large sum of potential money and are looking at a couple of options right now with the Justice of the Peace so we will keep you informed if something comes through and come for proper approval and budgeting on the expenditures.

A quick update on the four houses as they've all been vacated and cleaned out. I want to publically thank Mike Nevin and his entire crew for their work on cleaning out the houses and moving dirt. We've gone about as far back as we can until Far West gives us some engineering on a retaining wall. We could generate 30-75 parking spaces. The white house (second house south of the courthouse) may go to the cemetery foundation as they have expressed an interest in locating it out at the cemetery. They're working with a local contractor on establishing a foundation for it, a mover, and working on funding for it as well. We are looking at conducting an auction for the other three structures hopefully to be completed by the first part of May. People will then have to move them within 45 days. We've had good local interest.

I also want to publically thank Sheriff Antinoro and his generous use of the jail trustees who apply a coat of primer paint to two of the houses not left in the best of condition.

Commissioner Sjovangen commented that he only reports about 10% of the mileage he expends and just reports the other 90% on his own 1040.

Clerk & Treasurer Vanessa Stephens:

Clerk Treasurer

- Postage machine for postage and lease - GL will disperse cost with other departments.

District Court

- Pre-sentence investigation costs - Those are passed down from the state. They were higher than anticipated, so we will adjust next year's budget to cover it.

- Public Defender: We use the state's public defender and pay them quarterly. The last quarter payment from the last fiscal year got charged to this year so that's where the difference is, so that will wash out at the end of the year.

Recorder Jen Chapman:

- Tracking at about 68%.
- Over in the office supplies due to the expenditure for security paper for certified marriage licenses.
- Travel expenses due to staff attending training.

Mr. Gallagher addressed the overage in the Assessor's budget due to the extended leave of a staff member that caused the need for additional coverage and the taking home of work for staff that had to be covered.

Public Works Director Mike Nevin:

Buildings and Grounds: (tracking at 56%)

- One overage in auto maintenance. We had to replace an engine in an existing vehicle used by the custodial staff.

Roads:

- Heavy equipment maintenance. Hard to anticipate these repairs. We've increased the budget for the coming year to help balance it out with the aging equipment.
- We have not done much with paving because the plant was closed almost all of last year and we are waiting for the report on the TRI pavement analysis to come back.

Water – tracking 49% in expenditures:

- Telephone overage due to three iPads which next year's budget has been adjusted for
- Travel – Conferences and continuing education. Also my expense for attending the pictometry training in San Antonio that had to be allocated.
- Tires – three vehicles needed tires.
- Professional services – GL needed to transfer expense between IT/Planning and Water as a result of the Douglas County contract.

Sewer – tracking 47% in expenditures:

- Lagging behind in collections for Gold Hill by about 11% and we will check into the billings, but sometimes there are just problems collecting. We are still at 79% of revenue though.
- Equipment maintenance. Still dealing with aged equipment and things break and can't be anticipated.

Staff report:

- The rest area north of town will be open for the Grand Prix event.
- We are going to start soon with the repointing of the wall by the courthouse.
- We are progressing with the county sidewalk on C Street across from the Post Office. Pavers should be started by the end of the month.

Sheriff Gerald Antinoro:

- Overtime – had several staff members out on extended absences, but still tracking well.
- Coroner's office was discussed last time and interesting cases keep the numbers up.

- Miscellaneous – same as last go around.
- Jail – same with the overtime – once we are back fully staffed the overtime will correct itself and we are still doing well with the overall budget.
- Uniforms as well are not too far over budget and it should even out by the end of the year.

Mr. Gallagher explained that the revenue will do better with personal property tax billings from the Assessor. Centrally assessed comes from the state and should come in around the end of the month. Sheriff fees also have gone up due to volume. During this current budget there was a great idea to replace patrol staff with correctional officers for the jail. We expected them to be available on July 1st, but that didn't happen and it has taken a long time to get this staffing done. It is something that we just discovered and we need to fix the process. If there is a hiring and then a training period, we need to make adjustments for that.

Sheriff Antinoro stated he was asked why he didn't get up to say anything about the Jeep Posse. That is because it is not my fight. I had a functional issue with them, but the financial issue is between them and the commission. There is no absence of services. There is now a community response team that has about 15 members. The North team has been out on three searches already and they are doing a phenomenal job.

Community Development Dean Haymore:

- Overall budget at 72%
- Overtime is at 87% due to short staff
- Utilities at 126% is typical for winter months and we've addressed some issues with the heater.
- Auto maintenance is up at 118% which is again my car and we have a rat that has eaten two pickups in TRI who likes spark plugs, wires, and engines and has caused over \$2000 in damage.
- Computer equip. over at 159% - we had an unexpected computer crash.
- Mr. Haymore told a story of Speaker Joe Dini and his assistance in getting TRI started.
- I went to Washington DC 10 days after surgery and represented nine counties for the Western Nevada Development District. I stood up before 750 people and took on the Deputy Director of Federal Hwy. Administration and told him that we have the opportunity to create thousands of jobs and your department will not certify, rectify, or renew our environmental plan that is already completed for USA Parkway. After two days on Capitol Hill, they promised to meet with me but did not. I held a conference call and got word that they will approve our assessment. I have a meeting next week with NDOT to finalize that up. That was well worth it as it did not cost the County one penny and was paid for by Western Nevada Development. I represent nine counties as their president for the past seven years and have just been asked to hold that position for another year.

Justice of the Peace Eileen Herrington:

- Record management falls under a much bigger endeavor that I have been trying to tackle for the past year of bringing my office into compliance with the Nevada Court's minimum accounting standards. Records management portion is about bringing us into compliance with the Nevada Records Retention Schedule which is set forth by the Nevada Administrative Code. Basically, what we did was to go through all the records that were in off-site storage and reduce that amount by over 65% by implementing proper procedures that are required

by the minimum accounting standards. So although it was a lot of money in the first year, it had to be done. I have submitted a material modification request to Nevada Courts to formally invalidate the last minimum accounting standards manual and replace it with one that is proper and accurate.

- The public defender fund is actually a revenue fund collected by defendants to help pay for the public defender. So it actually should be a revenue account that should be expensed into the district court fund.

Communications director Dave Ballard:

- Telephone - 117% due to a circuit that had to be paid for to the State of Nevada. The budget has been increased to accommodate it.
- Operating supplies - 131% due to a purchase that should have been under computer equipment. That correction will put me at about 96% under computer equipment and I don't anticipate any further expenses for the year in that.
- Equipment maintenance - 96% and can't get it under control. Seems like every time something gets fixed something else will break. Sierra Electronics isn't cheap when it comes to fixing these types of things and it's been a battle.

Staff Report:

- We were awarded \$30k last week with a grant program thanks to Grants and Emergency Management Coordinator, Cherie Nevin and Joe Curtis to upgrade our 911 system.
- The radio system we have will only be supported by Motorola for another two years. Carson is looking for a quote on a new system on six positions that will be close to \$700k and we are looking at two positions, so it's something that will surface here very soon.

Hugh Gallagher complimented Dave on doing a tremendous job on controlling his overtime.

IT Director James Deane:

- Telephone - New expense of absorbing the McCarran government center and we've made adjustments for next year and we should be fine.

Comptroller Hugh Gallagher:

- Payroll - due to retirement of a staff member and hiring of new person to position that required some training. Health insurance went up due to the new staff's family.

Fire Chief Gary Hames:

- We will have a few overages until the GL's are corrected.
- Travel - pending some reimbursement. When I budgeted I put some costs into training that should have gone to travel. We are pending another reimbursement from a State EMS grant for mandatory training in Winnemucca that will give us a positive balance by the end of the fiscal year.
- Dues and Subscriptions - National Fire Protection Administration - We have to buy subscriptions every year in order to do code enforcement, plan reviews and such and we were not told that it would go up even though we asked, so that is where that overage occurred.
- Communications - Highlands Fire Station internet connectivity. This is one that IT vouchers for us and it was mistakenly vouchered here when it should have gone to phones where there is plenty of money to cover it.

- Auto maintenance – Hopefully we are out of the woods with breakdowns and that it will be accommodated from another line item.
- Professional Services – Regional testing for lost personnel and revalidating our physical agility test. We did actually save money.
- Physical exams – Directly attributed to the loss of personnel. We paid for existing personnel who then left and we had to pay for the exams on new personnel.
- Revenue sources – we have two transfers that will correct the numbers on the report.

At 1:10 p.m. Vice-Chairman Gilman left the meeting.

- Moving forward with fuels reduction. North side of Geiger is complete and south side is starting today. Six-Mile Canyon is underway and the crew in Virginia City is into week three of a five week project.
- We received our first refurbished water tender last night. We ended up into it about \$58K instead of a comparative \$250K.

Comptroller Hugh Gallagher announced that this concludes the $\frac{3}{4}$ review of the unaudited financial activity for Storey County for the three months ending 3/31/ 2014. He complimented the exercise and how it helps him as well as the department heads. There will be more meetings with them between now and the approval of the final budget.

Chairman McBride also complimented the elected officials and department heads and the information that has been presented. He noted that the small amounts off on some line items are really inconsequential and their revenues and expenditures are tracking right where they are supposed to be.

Community Services Cherie Nevin:

- Reminder on free dump days May 2nd and 3rd 8am-4pm at Virginia City Transfer Station. 17th 18th and 19th left at the Lockwood Landfill. If you know of anyone needing assistance in getting things to the dump please give me a call.
- We installed new flooring at the Lockwood Senior/Community Center
- May 17th pet micro chipping, low-cost animal vaccines, and dog licensing open to the general public 12-3pm at the Middle School.
- We are planning another Health Fair in Virginia City. Tentative date of October 18th at Piper’s Opera House
- We opened the bids for the Wastewater Treatment Plant
- We are working with the Food Bank of Northern Nevada in order to get services to the Mark Twain Community Center which is currently being served by the Mustang Cares Food Pantry. The need down there is increasing so we are going to see if we can get the Food Bank in maybe once or twice a month.
- Shannon Gardner and I continue working on putting together a bid package for the repair of this courthouse roof that we have grant funds for. We’re anticipating that may be coming to us sometime in June.
- May 3rd Community chest is sponsoring the community wide garage sale. They’re accepting donations and are creating a map that people can pay a small fee to get onto.

Senior Planner & Administrative Officer Austin Osborne:

- Sunny Hills will be giving another presentation in the Highlands 6pm Wednesday the 23rd.
- Update on employees' health enrollment: We're going to see about a dozen or so employees joining the health savings plan as opposed to the PPO plan. This is a benefit to the County, budget wise as well as the employees getting a better plan to meet their needs.
- If anyone in the community is interested in a discount card from the Nevada Association of Counties I have pamphlets in my office from which you cut off a coupon and you don't have to do anything, not even register. All you have to do is be a Storey County resident. CVS pharmacies participate and you can get a 25-75% discount on prescriptions. They also have a dental program for which you pay a nominal fee of \$6-8 per month and it covers orthodontia, caps, crowns and things like that. If anyone has any questions, I'm happy to help them in my office.

County Manager Pat Whitten interjected something he forgot to mention in his own staff report. When I mentioned the houses and the parking lot and the potential for 75 new spaces, we've heard from some not just to make it a featureless flat piece of asphalt. Turns out, Planner Dessie Redmond has a master's degree in landscape architecture, so she will be doing some design renderings to be presented in a commission meeting in the near future. This saves us a ton of money and gives us a more suitable product. It's exciting when we make these new hires and they bring added skills.

District Attorney Bill Maddox:

- The next meeting will have the resolution for the question out at Sunny Hills. Clerk-Treasurer Vanessa Stephens will be setting up some committees to come up with some pros and cons and developing some rules that she expects those committees to follow.
- Larry Prater came in and there is a potential for a question to be on the ballot on going from three to five commissioners.

Paul Quam:

- Southwest Gas wants everyone queried (Silver City, Gold Hill, Virginia City) on their likelihood on connecting with natural gas. They don't want to build a pipeline and then no have people connect to it. I've already queried the business people and some residents. The final query will happen at the end of this or next week and will go to those who did not respond or who did not get the first questionnaire. They want to see an overwhelming response as it involves a large amount of money for them. Once that is complete, then we will look at routes. Pat Whitten suggested tying into the Silver City town council and making an appearance at one of their meetings.

John Miller, River District:

- He saluted the commissioners and employees for all their work. Lance Gilman came up to address the entrance to the clubhouse from 80 which they cleared out this week.
- He thanked the commissioners for our park. We have lights. The water's being turned on today. We've had no vandalism to speak of. Our bathrooms are still good. We had over sixty people there participating in the viewing of the red moon last night.

Merilee Miller, River District:

- Through We Care, we took fifteen kids on a four hour hike yesterday morning. We've decided not to just focus on the seniors, but also the youth. This Friday we're taking them to Hunter Creek and hiking to the waterfall. We're making it an educational experience and trying to

involve them in the community. Anyone interested in the program may check it out at We Care on Facebook.

- She read and submitted a thank you letter from the Senior Center for the new flooring in the center.

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

Commissioner Sjovangen:

- Last Friday we had statewide joint conference with Senator Reid and Senator Heller's offices regarding the wilderness and sage hen bill. The consensus of all seventeen counties unanimously was to take the bill to some other state and see if they'll buy it. So that's back up on the hill getting redone.
- The other thing that we are starting to work on now in earnest is defeating the margins tax. I don't foresee anyone except the Clark County School District possibly supporting it. It's going to be a serious thing that could put a couple of businesses out of business or push them out of state. Pat Whitten shared that we have multiple, but one specific manufacturer with international contracts and a local homegrown product who has stated that if the margins tax passes they will be moving to California. That tells you how bad it is. The other commissioners have heard similar sentiments expressed.

The Chair called for a recess at 1:35pm; the meeting was called to order at 1:47pm

14. **DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION:** *Recommendation to award contract to successful bidder for the construction of the Virginia City Sewer Improvement Project Phase I in the amount of (TBD). Moved discussion to follow item #3*

15. **DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION:** *Cease all funding to Jeep Posse as requested by Kay Dean. Moved discussion to follow item #14 which followed #3.*

16. **DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION:** The Board's order for the Treasurer to hold a sale of real property held in trust because of tax delinquency and to direct the notice is done by publishing in the paper.

Robert Morris: It is a requirement of NRS that the board approve an order of sale of real property. There is a list of approximately eight properties that are ready to go to sale. We've also set up a checklist procedure for future sales to streamline the process. The notice can either be posted in three places in the county or as an alternative you may publish it in the paper. Pat Whitten asked if it would be conducted by live auction or internet. Clerk-Treasurer Vanessa Stephens said they were leaning toward live auction. A discussion was entered into of the process and timeline.

Motion: Approve order for the Treasurer to hold a sale of real property held in trust because of tax delinquency and to direct the notice is done by publishing in the paper, **Action:** Approve **Moved by** Commissioner Sjovangen **Seconded by** Chairman McBride **Vote:** Motion carried by unanimous vote (**summary:** Yes=2)

17. **DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION:** Resolution 14-395 removing the Jail Fund tax rate from the tax bill and placing the Jail Fund tax rate into the General Fund and making the operation and

maintenance of the Storey County jail a sub-component of the Storey County Sheriff's Department's budget and transferring the ending fund balance of the Jail Fund at the end of the budget year.

District Attorney, Bill Maddox explained the fund, the discussion that has been going on about it, the history and how this motion will clean things up.

Dale Beach, Storey County Resident: Took credit for bringing this subject up four years ago and criticized the county for taking this long to get it taken care of. He feels we need more people to get up and complain about what they don't like.

Motion: Approve resolution 14-395 removing the Jail Fund tax rate from the tax bill and placing the Jail Fund tax rate into the General Fund and making the operation and maintenance of the Storey County jail a sub-component of the Storey County Sheriff's Department's budget and transferring the ending fund balance of the Jail Fund at the end of the budget year, **Action:** Approve **Moved by** Commissioner Sjovangen **Seconded by** Chairman McBride, **Vote:** Motion carried by unanimous vote (**summary:** Yes=2)

18. **DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION:** Resolution 14-396 combining the tax rate of the Storey County fire protection district-NRS 473 (Nevada Division of Forestry) with the tax rate of the Storey County fire protection district (474) and combining both rates and allocating both to the Storey County fire protection district (474) and transferring the ending fund balance of the 473 district into the 474 district budget at the end of the budget year.

District Attorney, Bill Maddox: Explained that this is more house-cleaning.

Dale Beach, Storey County Resident: Asked if this had to do with Union and Pat Whitten answered no. He asked if the seasonal staff qualifies for unemployment. Fire Chief, Gary Hames explained that in the past with 473 they did, but now they will be considered intermittent employees and will not qualify for unemployment.

Motion: Approve resolution 14-396 combining the tax rate of the Storey County fire protection district-NRS 473 (Nevada Division of Forestry) with the tax rate of the Storey County fire protection district (474) and combining both rates and allocating both to the Storey County fire protection district (474) and transferring the ending fund balance of the 473 district into the 474 district budget at the end of the budget year, **Action:** Approve **Moved by** Commissioner Sjovangen **Seconded by** Chairman McBride **Vote:** Motion carried by unanimous vote (**summary:** Yes=2)

19. **DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION:** Approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 14-256 changing the name of the 474 fire protection district, amending the description of the boundaries of the 474 fire district to include all of Storey County and deleting Chapter 2.57 of the Storey County Code to reflect the dissolution of the 473 fire protection district.

Motion: Approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 14-256 changing the name of the 474 fire protection district, amending the description of the boundaries of the 474 fire district to include all of Storey County and deleting Chapter 2.57 of the Storey County Code to reflect the dissolution of the 473 fire protection district, **Action:** Approve **Moved by** Commissioner Sjovangen **Seconded by** Chairman McBride **Vote:** Motion carried by unanimous vote (**summary:** Yes=2)

20. **DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION:** Approve purchase of property at 2471 Lousetown Road not to exceed appraised value of \$12,000 or whichever is less.

District Attorney, Bill Maddox: There is an acre of land adjacent to the firehouse in the Highlands that he believes is already being used by the fire department. The owner of the property passed away and the trust approached the county about purchasing the property. We are going to get an appraisal and they are going to have a title report done. Commissioner Sjovangen asked if the acre is in the 10-Acre Estates. Fire Chief, Gary Hames explained that it is the property directly behind and to the North side of the fire station where all of their equipment is parked and training prop is built. This came to light after the fire station was purchased. They had thought for years that it was all part of their property, but actually this is a separate one acre parcel. Chief does not believe it is part of 10-Acre, but 1-Acre until it gets past the drainage ditch. County Manager Pat Whitten commended Eileen Craig with Caldwell Banker who is a resident of the Highlands and has been fantastic to work with in helping get this cleaned up.

Motion: Approve purchase of property at 2471 Lousetown Road not to exceed appraised value of \$12,000 or whichever is less, **Action:** Approve **Moved by** Commissioner Sjovangen **Seconded by** Chairman McBride **Vote:** Motion carried by unanimous vote (**summary:** Yes=2)

21. **DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION:** A workshop to discuss the proposed adoption of new editions of the 2012 uniform codes, the 2012 Northern Nevada Amendments published by the Northern Nevada Chapter of the International Code Council, and amendments to provide for specific requirements for fire and building in Storey County.

Deputy District Attorney, Robert Morris: The local jurisdictions looked at the codes and decided there should be some amendments to match what goes on in Northern Nevada.

Shannon Gardner, Storey County Building Inspector:
Good Morning Commissioner's, Ladies and Gentlemen of Storey County.

It has been approximately 9 years since Storey County has done a Building Code up-date, and I am here today to propose that Storey County adopt current effective versions of Building Codes.

So what are the biggest changes and impacts resulting from current versions of Code?

In Building Code for commercial, industrial, and public buildings, the most significant impact is a change in the way buildings are categorized. Buildings are now categorized by Risk factor rather than just occupancy type. It has been recognized that during a natural disaster, it may not be practical to expect every structure to remain standing and functional, but that there are structures that we really need to remain standing and functional after a natural disaster. Examples of buildings assigned to high risk categories would include; Emergency services such as first responders, fire and police, and essential facilities such as schools, emergency shelters, water plants and power plants. In the aftermath of a natural disaster it is important to re-gain a sense of normal function in people's lives as quickly as possible. Critical and essential facilities are assigned a higher risk category, and as such are designed and built to a higher standard in the hopes that they will remain standing and functional in the aftermath of a natural disaster.

The way that buildings are designed to withstand earthquakes also has changed. In the past, buildings have been constructed according only to the probability of earthquakes. Now Code factors in other geologic conditions, soil types, and the acceleration or deceleration of energy within those soil types. Buildings within the same earthquake zone will react differently depending on whether they are built on solid rock, mud, sand, etc. Under the newer Codes, buildings are designed not just on the probability of an earthquake, but on how they will react during an earthquake with soil type factored in. It is a more scientific approach.

The way that wind loads are factored has also changed. The minimum basic wind speed for design and construction is the same. But under the new Codes, buildings with higher risk categories, critical facilities, are designed to slightly higher wind speeds. This again is an attempt to help communities recover in the aftermath of a natural disaster by assuring that certain facilities remain functional.

The way that snow loads are factored has also changed. The design snow loads in pounds per square foot for our region has not changed. But newer codes now recognize that different building designs affect the way that snow drifts onto a roof. Snow loads are not uniform for all buildings. Newer Codes recognize that and allow these considerations to be factored into the structural design of a building. Again, it is a more scientific approach.

For residential construction, the biggest changes and impacts are with the Energy Codes. In Storey County, Building Official Dean Haymore has always required that houses be constructed with 2x6 exterior walls and with more than just the minimum insulation, so we have been ahead of the curve when it comes to insulation requirements. What will be an impact for home builders in Storey County is more attention to workmanship when it comes to air sealing houses, and their heating and cooling systems. There are now requirements for third party testing to assure that houses don't have excessive air leaks, and to assure that heating and cooling duct systems are sealed properly. These Energy Codes have actually been mandated for adoption by the State of Nevada. Nevada accepted Federal stimulus money with the stipulation that they would require all local jurisdictions within Nevada to adopt these Codes. The fact is, extensive studies have shown that air leaks are the #1 cause of energy loss in residential construction, so these Codes will result in more efficient houses.

As a member of the Northern Nevada International Code Council, I sat on a committee where we spent a year analyzing these new codes, and writing amendments to tailor fit the Codes to Northern Nevada. We took input from the major trade organizations such as Builders Association of Western Nevada, Associated Builders and Contractors, and Union representatives of the trades of Plumbing, Mechanical, and Electrical workers. We made sure that the new Codes would not enact requirements that do not apply to our region, and that they would not have negative economic impacts for Northern Nevada. As an example, we have eliminated a reduction for travel distance to exits in warehouses. The new Code language would not have allowed us to continue building the large warehouses that are typical in Tahoe Reno Industrial Center. As a group of Building Code Officials, we decided that our current exit travel distance maximums are safe, and we amended the new Codes to reflect that. In reading the amendment package, you will find that a lot of changes have been made for our region and economic needs.

So you may be saying to yourself and others, "why do we want to adopt newer Codes at all? It's just a bunch of new regulations and red-tape." And trust me when I tell you that I am not the kind of guy

who anxiously awaits the arrival of new Code books. I am not a Code Geek who gets excited about newly released versions of Code.

But there are ramifications to jurisdictions that do not stay current with Building Codes.

- It affects our Insurance Services Rating. If we do not stay current with newer Codes, it will reduce our rating, and ultimately will increase the cost of insurance not only for the County and its' facilities, but also for the residents and their homeowner policies.
- It affects our Community Rating with the National Flood Insurance Program. If we do not stay current with Code, our rating can drop and our residents in Flood Zones can lose eligibility for discounts on flood insurance.
- It can affect FEMA post-disaster re-imbusement. I've been informed that FEMA has contested re-imbusements in the wake of natural disasters because they have determined that losses would not have been as severe if the jurisdiction had been current with its' Code requirements.
- Another important item that I have discovered is that it can affect our eligibility for grant funding. Some grant sources require that a community be current with its' Code adoptions, as they don't want moneys spent on outdated technologies and construction techniques. We don't want the embarrassment of being denied grant funding by resisting current Codes.

Other reasons to consider include staying current with new technologies. In a rapidly changing world, Code is up-dated in order to recognize and support new construction technologies.

Designers are staying current. Most building designs that are submitted to the Building Dept. today reflect Code standards that are newer than our minimum requirements. Architects and Engineers have a fiduciary responsibility to design to current standards, and they're going to do it whether we require it or not. So by us adopting current Codes, we're not making them jump through new hoops.

Companies want facilities that are built to current standards. In today's litigious world, you will not find many organizations that are out seeking locations where they can get away without building to current Codes.

We want our staff to stay educated and knowledgeable. By staying current with new Codes, our staff must stay educated and up to speed in order to be effective at plan reviews and inspections. We want our staff to know what they're talking about when they communicate with companies that are looking to locate within Storey County.

And last but not least, the newer Codes make buildings safer. We want to sleep well knowing that we are being responsible to future generations by upholding standards that provide for safe structures.

County Manager Pat Whitten: Complimented Mr. Gardner's presentation as the best he's ever heard as far as hitting all the major points. He asked him to take an example of the C street Sheriff's office and D.A.'s office 4500 sq. ft. building and if we were to add a 1500 sq. ft. single story addition to the North; tell us what differences we might experience. Mr. Gardner explained that from a design standpoint it would be considered a critical facility. It would need to be engineered with the intent to survive a fairly substantial earthquake. It would be engineered with a higher level of redundancy - which means if one part of the structure fails there would be backup.

District Attorney, Bill Maddox asked if Mr. Gardner thought it might be another nine years before the next update. Mr. Gardner explained that the new code books come out every three years, but feels that a six year cycle is reasonable. It allows for major changes to be backed up by studies and engineering analysis and for us to see how the adoption of newer codes affect us and write amendments, but is also a shorter time so it is not such a jump to go from one code to another.

David Silva, Storey County Fire Prevention and Life Safety Officer:

We currently have an active Interlocal Agreement with the State Fire Marshal's Office, which was signed in January of 1995.

The Fire Marshal is required by NRS 477 and NAC 477 to perform certain fire and life safety functions in counties having populations of 35,000 or less.

The Storey County Fire District has requested that the Fire Marshal delegate those fire and life safety functions to the personnel of the District in accordance with section 477.030 of the Nevada Revised Statutes.

With this agreement in place, we are required to maintain and follow the current codes of the International Fire Code.

Currently, we are following and enforcing the 2006 edition of the International Fire Code. The current code is 8 years old. By adopting the most current code, the 2012 International Fire Code, we would be maintaining our Interlocal Agreement with the State Fire Marshal's Office. Without this adoption, we would lose our Agreement and the State Fire Marshal's Office would reassume the fire and life safety functions that the district currently manages.

Mr. Silva went on to read an example of why we are not adopting the entire fire code book because it may not apply to our local situations. He explained that the newer book also simplifies language and makes the code clearer. Pat Whitten asked about what the significant difference would be for a commercial building. Mr. Silva explained that water supply would be increased as old supply requirements do not meet needs for fire suppression based on fuel loads. Mr. Whitten asked if there are any other changes other than flow. Mr. Silva said there are not many more restrictions except for hazardous material definitions. Mr. Whitten asked if current construction in process would be affected. Mr. Silva said no, but if they sell the business, the new owner would be responsible to meet the new code. Mr. Whitten then asked about residential jurisdiction and impacts. Mr. Silva explained that clearances around the building for emergency equipment, maximum travel distances for driveways, turnouts at dead ends, defensible space, etc. are all under his jurisdiction. On new builds there is not too much changing in the new code except for building materials and clearances on propane tanks and roads and such.

Mr. Morris submitted a forty page document that although they are adopting the code would also come back for a first reading next month. He went on to explain how the new code language is notated in the document and referenced. He also explained how appeals are addressed and suggested creating a board of appeals. The use of domestic water on a second dwelling is also something new that he suggested the board think about and consider.

Motion: To adopt the 2012 International codes and ask that the ordinance making the changes be on the board's next meeting: Approve **Moved by** Commissioner Sjovangen **Seconded by** Chairman McBride **Vote:** Motion carried by unanimous vote (**summary:** Yes=2)

22. **DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION:** Approval of Payroll Check date 03/28/2014 for \$367,647.69 and Accounts Payable date 04/04/2014 for \$254,057.20 and \$3,052.72

Motion: Continue to the next meeting **Moved by** Commissioner Sjovangen **Seconded by** Chairman McBride **Vote:** Motion carried by unanimous vote (**summary:** Yes=2)

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING

23. **DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION:** *Height variance for five feet in addition to the 35 feet height of buildings and structures for E1 VCH zoned property. Discussion moved to follow consent agenda item #11*

24. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION, LICENSING BOARD SECOND READINGS:

- a. Philly's NV - General/420 USA Parkway (Restaurant) TRI
- b. Burnham Painting & Drywall - Contractor /668 Middlegate Road, Henderson, NV
- c. Diebold, Inc. - General/5995 Mayfair Road, North Canton, OH (financial equipment leaser)
- d. Mark Twain Community Center - Non-Profit/500 Sam Clemens Street, MT
- e. Preferred Networks, Inc. - Home Business/355 Mill Street (internet provider) VC
- f. Dogz - Home Business/358 North A Street (dog trainer) VC
- g. Sage Hunting Products - Home Business/1524 Bonanza Road (hunting accessories) VCH
- h. Randa Accessories - General/700 USA Parkway, TRI

Dale Beach, Storey County Resident questioned making Mark Twain Community Center a non-profit. Mr. Whitten mentioned that Mr. Beach's comments are not germane to the business licensing process.

Motion: Continue item a, d and h, **Moved by** Commissioner Sjovangen **Seconded by** Chairman McBride **Vote:** Motion carried by unanimous vote (**summary:** Yes=2)

Motion: Approve items b, c, e, f, and g, **Moved by** Commissioner Sjovangen **Seconded by** Chairman McBride **Vote:** Motion carried by unanimous vote (**summary:** Yes=2)

25. PUBLIC COMMENT (No Action)

Mark Joseph Phillips, Storey County Resident: In 2000 school districts in counties in Nevada were able to set up their own accounts by filing certain documents. In a search for public records our county treasurer confirmed that certain documents were not there. In theory, the Storey County School District does not have the authority to run their own accounts. County commissioners have the authority to examine and close those accounts if they find anything wrong with them. The remedy is a resolution on the agenda of the next meeting notifying everyone of their intention to have separate accounts from the county treasury.

District Attorney, Bill Maddox said that he would look into it.

Dale Beach, Storey County Resident: He feels Public Works is disinterested in Mark Twain. He brought up the water in the park, the air conditioner, the disrepair of the mail boxes, street lights, and street signs.

26. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by the call of the Chair at 3:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

By _____
Vanessa Stephens, Clerk-Treasurer