



STOREY COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING

TUESDAY, JUNE 23RD, 2015 10:00 A.M.

DISTRICT COURTROOM

26 SOUTH B STREET, VIRGINIA CITY, NEVADA

MINUTES

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DISTRICT ATTORNEY

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Roll Call: Chairman McBride, Commissioner McGuffey (via teleconference), County Manager Pat Whitten, Public Works Director Mike Nevin, District Attorney Anne Langer, Comptroller Hugh Gallagher, Clerk & Treasurer Vanessa Stephens, Planner Jason VanHavel, and Administrative Assistant Susan Breylinger.

Absent: Vice-Chairman Gilman

1. **CALL TO ORDER AT 10:00 A.M.**
The Chair called the meeting to order at 10:00am
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
3. **DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION:** Approval of Agenda for June 23, 2015

Motion: Approve Agenda for June 23, 2015, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by:** Commissioner McGuffey, **Seconded by:** Chairman McBride **Vote:** Motion carried by unanimous vote (**summary:** Yes=2)

RECESS TO CONVENE AS STOREY COUNTY WATER AND SEWER BOARD

4. **DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION:** Approval of resolution 15-422 setting water rates for the communities of Virginia City, Gold Hill and Silver City and sewer rates for the communities of Virginia City and Gold Hill effective July 1, 2015.

Mr. Nevin provided an overview of the resolution as presented; he added that the meeting was properly noticed as required by NRS. This is the last year of the five year term on increases.

Additional costs in operation, construction, and maintenance require an increase in rates for the water and sewer system. Included in the costs are USDA loan re-payment fees for the construction of the new Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Water and sewer system rate increases were based on a rate analysis prepared 5 years ago. At that time, the Water and Sewer Board elected to increase rates over the 5-year period rather than have a large increase in one year. This is the last year of that 5-year period.

The residential base rate for water will increase \$4.51, bringing the minimum base rate from \$32.46 to \$36.97 monthly for the first 2,000 gallons of water usage. Each additional 1,000 gallons of water will be charged at the rate of \$2.99, which includes a rate increase in the cost of wholesale water delivery from the State.

The commercial base rate for water will increase \$6.30, bringing the minimum base rate from \$49.62 to \$55.92 monthly for the first 2,000 gallons of water usage. Each additional 1,000 gallons of water will be charged at the rate of \$3.90, which includes a rate increase from the State.

Construction water will be charged \$49.80 Administrative billing fee per month and \$3.90 per each 1,000 gallons.

Late charges are increased to 10% and will now be in-line with other Counties and agencies. The late charge will be added to accounts on the 26th day of the month.

There is a residential discount of 10% for Senior Citizens over the age of 65 for the monthly water service. Proof of age and approval from the Public Works Director are required.

The increases will provide a cushion in the water system which would be needed in the event of an emergency and to make some long-standing improvements, including pipe-line work to be done in the next couple of years.

Residential Sewer rates will increase a total of \$1.93 per month. Commercial rates will have a monthly increase of \$3.17 per month.

Water & sewer hookup fees remain the same.

County Manager, Pat Whitten said the County is sensitive to the need for adjusting rates. The 5 year old study yielded the fact that rates had not been raised in 12 years. This should be the last rate increase for the time being. However the study will be up dated every 2 or 3 years to stay competitive with neighboring markets and ensure that revenues cover all costs of service. A lot of work still needs to be done on the water & sewer systems. The County is exploring ways to finance this work in a way that would not further impact rates.

Motion: Approve resolution 15-422 setting water rates for the communities of Virginia City, Gold Hill and Silver City and sewer rates for the communities of Virginia City and Gold Hill effective July 1, 2015, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by:** Commissioner McGuffey, **Seconded by:** Chairman McBride **Vote:** Motion carried by unanimous vote (**summary:** Yes=2)

ADJOURN TO RECONVENE AS THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

5. PUBLIC COMMENT (No Action)

None

6. ADJOURNMENT

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 10:15 AM

Respectfully Submitted,

By _____

Vanessa Stephens Clerk-Treasurer