



# Storey County Board of County Commissioners

## Agenda Action Report

**Meeting date:** 01/05/16

**Estimate of time required:** 15 min.

**Agenda:** Consent [ ] Regular agenda [x] Public hearing required [x]

1. **Title:** Discussion/Possible Action: Appointment and/or reappointment of planning commissioners to fill planning commission vacancies in three jurisdictions including: (a) Precincts 3 and 6 (Lockwood/River District); (b) Precinct 4 (Mark Twain District); and (c) Storey County At-Large.
2. **Recommended motion:** "I [Commissioner] motion to: (a) reappoint Ron Engelbrecht to represent Precinct 4 (Mark Twain); (b) reappoint John Herrington to represent Storey County At-Large; and (c) appoint Kris Thompson to represent Precincts 3 and 6 (Lockwood/River District) on the Storey County Planning Commission."
3. **Prepared by:** Pat Whitten, County Manager
4. **Department:** County Manager **Telephone:** 847-0698
5. **Staff summary:** Planning commissioners serve four-year terms and the three subject incumbents' terms expire December 31, 2015. One planning commissioner, Ron Engelbrecht, was appointed on 07/21/15 to fill the remainder of the vacated Precinct 4 Mark Twain seat, which expires December 31, 2015. The coming vacancies were posted countywide from 11/03/15 through 11/30/15. The positions were posted in the *Comstock Chronicle*, on the Storey County website, and elsewhere in accordance with county policy. Letters of interest to serve were received from incumbent Ron Engelbrecht to represent Precinct 4 (Mark Twain District) and from incumbent John Herrington to represent Storey County At-Large. Two letters of interest were received for Precincts 3 and 6 (Lockwood/River District), one from incumbent Bret Tyler and the other from non-incumbent Kris Thompson. **(Continued next page)**
6. **Supporting materials:** Enclosures: (a) position posting; (b) letters of interest.

7. **Fiscal impact:** None on local government.

Funds Available: \_\_\_\_\_ Fund: \_\_\_\_\_ Comptroller

8. **Legal review required:** \_\_\_\_\_ District Attorney

9. **Reviewed by:**  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Department Head Department Name:  
 \_\_\_\_\_ County Manager Other agency review: \_\_\_\_\_

10. **Board action:**  
 Approved  Approved with Modifications  
 Denied  Continued

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5. **Staff summary (continued)**: As demonstrated in the memorandum provided by Kris Thompson, he offers vast experience and knowledge in many critical areas. Staff's recommendation accordingly is to reappoint Ron Englebrecht to represent the Mark Twain area; reappoint John Herrington as an "At-Large" representative; and appoint Kris Thompson to represent the River District.

STOREY COUNTY PUBLIC NOTICE  
**PLANNING COMMISSIONER VACANCIES**

**Precincts 3 & 6 (Lockwood/River District)**

**Precinct 4 (Mark Twain District)**

**At Large**

**Positions:** Storey County Planning Commissioner to represent Precincts 3 & 6 (Lockwood/River District); Storey County Planning Commissioner to represent Precinct 4 (Mark Twain District); and Storey County Planning Commissioner to represent the county At Large.

All interested parties must live within this voting district. The Planning Commission is an advisory body to the Board of County Commissioners. It is responsible for directing the short- and long-range growth and development of the county through maintenance and implementation of the county master plan, zoning ordinances, and other applicable land-use policies. It is composed of seven commissioners who serve two or more times per month on the body and who are compensated pursuant to NRS 278.040. Each commissioner is appointed by the Board of County Commissioners to serve at its pleasure for a four year term with possible re-appointment following expiration of the term.

**Preferred Qualifications:** A Planning Commissioner's primary duty is to make land-use decisions that are consistent with the policies and plans formally adopted by the Board of County Commissioners. Therefore, the first priority of a Planning Commissioner is to have strong decision-making skills and develop knowledge of county policies and applicable Nevada Revised Statutes. It is not critical to have training in the fields of planning, architecture, law, civil engineering, geology, economics, or demography; these are skills that are available to the commissioner from staff, consultants, and applicants. The Planning Commissioner's job is to weigh input given in staff reports and other professional reports, meeting testimonies, and other correspondence. A Planning Commissioner is like a judge who renders decisions based on the testimony of experts and others who appear as witnesses in a trial. Minimum qualifications of a Planning Commissioner include: a willingness and ability to research and report on issues, programs, and policies related to local land-use matters; ability to attend afternoon and night meetings on a regular basis; ability to sustain harmonious working relationships with commission members, the Board of County Commissioners, staff, residents, applicants, and the public; ability to act within the ethical standards set forth by NRS and NAC; and willingness to expand knowledge related to land-use planning. The new-appointee must successfully pass a criminal background investigation.

**Letter of Interest:** All interested parties must submit a letter of interest showing qualifications and reason for applying for the appointment. An official job application is not necessary.

**Closing Date:** Letters of interest (originals) must be received by the Storey County Human Resources Office, Storey County Courthouse, 26 South "B" Street (P.O. Box 176), Virginia City, NV 89440 by **5:00 p.m., Monday, November 30, 2015.** Please contact 775.847.0968 for further questions.

**Tentative Appointment Date:** The Board of County Commissioners will consider letters of interest at its **January 5, 2016** regularly scheduled meeting. Applicants may be asked to speak and should attend.

*Storey County is an Equal Opportunity Employer. Posting dates: 11/03/15 – 11/30/15*

**Enclosure B: Letters of interest from John Herrington, Ron Engelbrecht, Kris Thompson, and Bret Tyler**

*John M. Herrington  
P.O. Box 715  
Virginia City, Nevada 89440  
775-772-6699*

November 30, 2015

Storey County Board of Commissioners  
26 South B Street  
Virginia City, Nevada 89440

Re: Reappointment to Storey County Planning Commission

Commissioners:

I am submitting this letter to express my desire to serve on the Storey County Planning Commission for another term. I am honored to have served Storey County in this capacity, and thank you for considering me for another term.

As always, I promise to serve the people of Storey County to the best of my ability.

Sincerely,

  
John M. Herrington

**TO: Austin Osbourne, Storey County  
Planning Department**

**November 24, 2015**

**FROM: Ron Engelbrecht, Mark Twain Resident**

Austin,

Please consider me for reappointment on the **Storey County Planning Commission**. My time this year on the Planning Commission has been very interesting, worthwhile and very challenging. I will continue my commitment to achieve solid positive results through a concerted team effort, and maintain a desire and determination to attain departmental and organizational excellence that you and this organization have proven over the years.

**Storey County and Mark Twain, Nevada** has been my home for ten [10] years and my commitment to help improve our community and to have a positive influence in the neighborhood is a genuine desire and promise for me. The **Storey County Master Plan** is a very comprehensive plan for the future direction of our county and offers me a chance to have some positive influence on that direction. I have been involved in several neighborhood programs and organizations over the last few years to pursue this goal for community improvement. I am motivated to do what is in the best interest of the community and our county. My goal is to help improve the neighborhood in a manner that is appreciated and beneficial to all those who desire to live in **Storey County and the Mark Twain Estates** community.

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

I look forward to further discussions regarding any concerns you may have regarding this reappointment.

Regards,

Ron Engelbrecht

[H/O] 775-241-4138

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## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Austin Osborne  
**FROM:** Kris Thompson  
**DATE:** November 29, 2015  
**SUBJECT:** Follow up - Statement of Qualifications  
Open Position, Storey County Planning Commission

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Austin,

Please accept this memorandum as a follow up to my earlier expression of interest. Here is some selected background information which may be applicable to providing good service on the planning commission:

### Experience in Real Estate and Zoning

- Worked for TRI in a variety of capacities for 15 years, the last five years working on site at TRI.
- Served for the last year and a half as the Project Manager, TRI
- Coordinated outside counsel services and in that role routinely have dealt with numerous zoning matters and reviews, as well as detailed reviews of the development agreement (including the zoning matters) and related documents.
- Represented TRI in a 10 year California litigation matter involving detailed review and analysis zoning and planning, water rights, and utility agreements, where hundreds of millions of dollars were at issue.
- I have experience in working with developers and contractors on infrastructure extensions and expansions.

### Experience in public utilities

- As project manager I have experience in working with the TRI General Improvement District and Water & Sewer Company
- In this capacity, I also have experience in working with contractors putting in utilities, such as water, natural gas, fiber, and reclaim water.
- I have been heavily involved in water planning, such as water rights, potable water production and distribution, sewer infrastructure improvements, and power line extensions and distribution.

### Military Experience

- Served as a Cavalry and Armor officer, with 22 years' service –
  - 8 years' active duty with U.S. Army, 14 years California Army National Guard
- Served 4 ½ years on the Iron Curtain with the 11<sup>th</sup> Armored Cavalry in the Fulda Gap
- Served in Desert Storm with VII (U.S.) Corps
- Served in the LA (Rodney King) Riots on Compton and Watts
- Commanded Cavalry and Armor units at all levels from platoon through regiment including C Troop, 11<sup>th</sup> Armored Cav, 2/185<sup>th</sup> Armor, and 223<sup>rd</sup> Inf Regt (cbt arms).
- 2001 graduate of the US Army War College, Carlisle Barracks
- Earned a Masters in Strategic Studies

#### **Experience in Finance**

- I have a degree in Accounting from Kansas State University
- In my earlier career in California I worked frequently on matters involving commercial and real property loans and financing, lender and borrower liability.
- Experience in review and analysis of financial statements such as balance sheets and income and expense statements, and other common business financial reports.

#### **Experience in Administrative Proceedings**

- Also in my earlier career in California I worked frequently in a variety of administrative proceedings before various administrative officers and courts.

Thank you.

Kris Thompson

Nov. 11<sup>th</sup> 2015

To the Storey County Commissioners,

I have served on the Storey County Planning Commission for approx. 15 years. Currently I chair the Planning Commission. I would like to continue to serve and commit myself for another four year term.

Thank you,

Bret Tyler

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of several overlapping loops and a trailing flourish that ends in a small arrowhead pointing to the right.

Chairman Storey County Planning Commission

Chairman Washoe-Storey Conservation District