



STOREY COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING

TUESDAY, APRIL 5, 2016 10:00 A.M.

DISTRICT COURTROOM
26 SOUTH B STREET, VIRGINIA CITY, NEVADA

MINUTES

MARSHALL MCBRIDE
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DISTRICT

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VICE-CHAIRMAN

JACK MCGUFFEY
COMMISSIONER
TREASURER

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CLERK-

Roll Call: Chairman McBride, Vice-Chairman Gilman, Commissioner McGuffey, District Attorney Anne Langer, County Manager Pat Whitten, Clerk & Treasurer Vanessa Stephens, Comptroller Hugh Gallagher, Public Works Director Mike Nevin, Deputy District Attorney Keith Loomis, Sheriff Gerald Antinoro, Communications Director Dave Ballard, Community Relations Director Cherie Nevin, Senior Planner/Administrative Officer Austin Osborne, Management Analyst Jessie Fain, IT Director James Deane, Fire Chief Gary Hames, Emergency Management Director Joe Curtis, Recorder Jen Chapman, Tourism Director Deny Dotson,

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

Meeting was called to order by the Chair at 10:01am

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Chair led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. **DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION:** Approval of Agenda for April 5, 2016

Motion: Approve Agenda for April 5, 2016, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by:** Vice Chair Gilman, **Seconded by:** Commissioner McGuffey, **Vote:** Motion carried by unanimous vote, **(Summary:** Yes=3)

4. **DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION:** Approval of Minutes for February 2, 2016

Motion: Approve Minutes for February 2, 2016, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by:** Vice Chair Gilman, **Seconded by:** Commissioner McGuffey, **Vote:** Motion carried by unanimous vote, **(Summary:** Yes=3)

5. **DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION:** Approval of Minutes for February 16, 2016

Motion: Approve Minutes for February 16, 2016, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by:** Vice Chair Gilman, **Seconded by:** Commissioner McGuffey, **Vote:** Motion carried by unanimous vote, **(Summary:** Yes=3)

6. **DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION:** Approval of Minutes for March 1, 2016

Motion: Approve Minutes for March 1, 2016, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by:** Vice Chair Gilman, **Seconded by:** Commissioner McGuffey, **Vote:** Motion carried by unanimous vote, **(Summary:** Yes=3)

CONSENT AGENDA

7. For possible action approval of Payroll Checks date 03/11/16 for \$461,331.79 and date 03/25/16 for \$362,322.20. Accounts Payable Checks date 03/18/16 for \$759,610.70, \$23,560.23, and \$145.09.
8. For possible action first reading for amendment to General License for **Café Del Rio** located at 394 C St, Virginia City, NV. The applicant has requested the addition of a Cabaret License.
9. For possible action approval of Business Licenses First Readings:
 - A. **PHO REAL, LLC** - General / 4047 Zermatt Road ~ Tahoe City, CA (Food Truck)
 - B. **PROCLEAN MAINTENANCE, INC. dba PCM Building Services** - Contractor / 4587 Longley ~ Reno (cleaning contractor)
 - C. **PAMPA TECHNOLOGIES, LLC** - Contractor / 3 Waters Park Drive ~ San Mateo, CA (IT Contractor)
 - D. **TAIKISHA, LTD** - Contractor / Tokyo, JAPAN (Equipment Installation Contractor)
 - E. **SATO CO., LTD** - Contractor / Kyoto, JAPAN (Equipment Installation Contractor)
 - F. **I TRUST JAPAN** - Contractor / Osaka, JAPAN (Equipment Installation Contractor)
 - G. **MIRAPRO CO., LTD** - Contractor / Yamanashi, JAPAN (Equipment Installation Contractor)
 - H. **DAIKOU KOUKI CO., LTD.** - Contractor / Kyoto, JAPAN (Equipment Installation Contractor)
 - I. **AIR PRODUCTS AND CHEMICALS, INC.,** -- Contractor / 7201 Hamilton Blvd., ~ Allentown, PA (Fuel Supplier for Golden Gate)
 - J. **LEADING 2 LEAN, LLC** - Contractor / 88 Deer Pass Road ~ Wellington, NV (IT Contractor)
 - K. **RISHA ENGINEERING GROUP** - Professional / 410 Cypress Ave ~ Burbank, CA (Engineering)
 - L. **NASON'S SCANNING SERVICE, LLC** - Contractor / 1187 Rancho Mirage ~ Sparks (Concrete Scanning)
 - M. **FACILITIES PROTECTION SYSTEMS** - Contractor / 1150 W. Central ~ Brea, CA (Fire Protection)
 - N. **BERGELECTRIC CORP.,** -- Contractor / 5650 W. Centinela ~ Los Angeles (Electrical Contractor)
 - O. **LAWSON DRAYAGE, INC.,** -- Transportation / 3402 Enterprise ~ Hayward, CA (Transportation, Rigging)
 - P. **K B L REINFORCING, INC.,** -- Contractor / 4660 S. Eastern ~ Las Vegas (Rebar Installer)
 - Q. **TRICOM NETWORKS, INC.** - Contractor / 24335 Prielipp Road ~ Wildomar, CA (Telecom Contractor)
 - R. **ENDRESS & HAUSER, INC.** - Contractor / 2350 Endress Place ~ Greenwood, IN (Instrumentation Cont.)
 - S. **SANDEX, INC.** - Contractor / 4768 West 1400 South ~ Cedar City, UT (Drill & Blasting Contractor)
 - T. **J.E. PEEBLES FIREARMS INSTRUCTOR** - General / 349 Occidental Dr. ~ Dayton (CCW Instructor)
 - U. **AMES CONSTRUCTION, INC.** -- Contract or / 1705 Peru Dr. (Contractor) **TRI**

- V. **TURNING POINT, INC. - General / 55 North C Street (Evaluation Services) VC**
- W. **STONCOR GROUP, INC. - Contractor / 1000 East Park Ave ~ Maple Shade, NJ (Epoxy Flooring Cont.)**
- X. **NATIONAL HIGH VOLTAGE SERVICES, INC. - Contractor / 4530 Winter Oak ~ Antelope, CA (Electrical Inspection Service)**
- Y. **UHK ENTERPRISES dba Snap-On Tools - General / 7435 Indian Springs ~ Sparks (Mobile Tool Sales)**
- Z. **DIVIDE FITNESS, INC. - General / 800 South C Street (Fitness Facility) VC**

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

Motion: Approve Consent Calendar for April 5, 2016, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by:** Vice Chair Gilman, **Seconded by:** Commissioner McGuffey, **Vote:** Motion carried by unanimous vote, **(Summary:** Yes=3)

10. DISCUSSION ONLY (No Action - No Public Comment): Committee/Staff

Shaun Griffin , Community Chest:

- Community Chest is holding a fundraiser featuring Poor Man’s Whiskey, at Piper’s Opera House this Friday, April 8th.

Cherie Nevin , Community Relations Director:

- A Weather Spotter Class will be held tonight, April 5th, at the Lockwood Community Center from 5:30 PM to 7 PM. This training is open to all Storey County residents.
- Waste Management will once again hold residential dump days. The schedule will be Thursday, Friday and Saturday - April 14, 15, & 16; April 21, 22, & 23; and April 28, 29 & 30 in Lockwood. In Virginia City, residential dump days will be held Thursday, Friday and Saturday - May 5, 6 and 7. A list of household and other items that will be accepted is on the Storey County website.
- A Power of Attorney & Estate Planning Workshop, along with other topics pertinent to seniors, will be presented by the Carson and Rural Elder Law Program on April 26th, 10 AM to 12 PM at the Lockwood Community Center.

Mike Nevin , Public Works Director:

- NDOT continues to work on the replacement of the 140 year old siphon line under Highway 580. This project should be completed mid-June.
- Public Works is working with NDOT, the Marlette System, and State Public Works, through the District Attorney’s Office, on an interlocal agreement. This should be presented to the Board within the next month.
- Ames Construction is in the process of moving into the facility at TRI. Job-site trailers have been brought in and Public Works is working to get the facility up and running for Ames.

Austin Osborne , Administrative Officer /Planning Director :

- The next Planning Commission workshop will be held in Mark Twain on April 7th. The first release of Master Plans maps will be at this meeting. Meetings will be held from community to community with the Master Plan text and the maps to discuss the last elements of the Master Plan before looking at approval.
- Comstock Mining, Inc. is working with NDOT to add an additional layer to the new section of SR 342, along with new striping of the road. It is possible that SR 342 will be closed for a short time - possibly one day, to complete this work. Weather depending, this should

happen sometime between April 1st and May 22nd. At the completion of this work, that portion of SR 342 roadwork will be 100% complete.

Pat Whitten, County Manager:

- Recognized two Government class students - Jordan Ballard and Colton Hess - who are in attendance today.

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

Commissioner McGuffey :

- An item on the agenda at the last NACO Board meeting, was the gas tax, which will be on the November ballot. This tax would go for road repair in our County only. Each County will have to write a pro/con statement regarding this item. Storey County is working with Carson City pro/con writers. The NACO Director felt that the counties each may have different issues.
- NACO will not touch the zip code issue until the results of Storey County's efforts are in.
- Supreme Court Justice Hardy was a surprise guest at the NACO meeting. Justice Hardy has given a letter to the Governor requesting the Governor to not issue any more programs or taxes that are un-funded. Justice Hardy would like to see counties budget for indigent detainees in jail along with looking at the bail system. Each county does its own bail system and there is no standardization. Justice Hardy is looking for standardization between counties because approximately 70% of detainees are in jail because the bond cannot be afforded. Jobs are lost and families suffer when detainees cannot afford the bail.
- St. Mary's Art Center hired a new person, Karl Gambrell, to run and take care of the building.

12. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION: Consideration and possible action on ratification of County Manager decision to retain Ann Delahay to appraise lots leased from the Bucket of Blood for courthouse parking.

Chairman McBride abstained from discussion and voting as he has a pecuniary interest in the Bucket of Blood. Chairman McBride turned the item over to Vice-Chairman Gilman.

Deputy District Attorney Keith Loomis reminded the Board that the County has been working for some time to make improvements to the Courthouse parking lot. Under the statutes, the County must own the parking lot before it can make improvements. The County is going to purchase the lots presently owned and leased from the Bucket of Blood in order to make the improvements. The lease has been in place for some time. Once Chair McBride became a Commissioner, the ethics requirements prohibit the County from entering into a contract unless the Ethics Commission approves the contract. This item was presented to the Ethics Commission and the Commission has issued its opinion allowing the County to go ahead with the purchase. The opinion stated the County has to be in strict compliance with the statute that authorizes the County to purchase lots, saying that the Board of County Commissioners must select an appraiser competent to do the appraisal and who must be sworn in to do the appraisal.

County Manager has previously requested Ann Delahay to conduct the appraisal, which has been done effective December 2015. The Board is being given the opportunity to ratify the appointment of Ms. Delahay by the County Manager.

Ann Delahay stated she is a certified general appraiser, practicing in Nevada since 1996, and has been doing commercial appraisals since 1986 and a lot of properties in Virginia City.

Vice Chair Gilman said it appears that Ms. Delahay is qualified to do the appraisal being requested. It also appears that the County is in conformance with the regulatory environment and ethics.

Public Comment:

Nicole Barde, Storey County Resident: To clarify, Ms. Delahay was hired in December to do the appraisal? Having been done in December that would be the appraisal submitted to the Board to then offer to the owner.

Mr. Loomis: If the appointment is ratified, Ms. Delahay will be sworn in. A certification has been prepared where Ms. Delahay can choose to certify that prior appraisal as still being accurate and valid as of today. Ms. Delahay has mentioned there may be something to do to confirm this. Whatever needs to be done will be taken care of.

Ms. Barde: This seems out of sequence. First you get the approval, then the appraisal. The appraisal is then automatically current. There seems to be an additional step, possibly additional cost, to update the appraisal. Is that inaccurate? Why was it done five months ago before the approval?

Mr. Loomis: Would say that is accurate. The practice in the past, was that the County Manager has asked the appraiser to do an appraisal. In this case, the Ethics Commission has required that the statute be strictly followed - requiring that the Board make the selection rather than the County Manager.

Ms. Barde: Just following up with process, something that has already been done outside of process?

Mr. Loomis: Yes. It's optional, there are other ways to proceed.

Commissioner McGuffey: The Board is not approving the appraisal, only Ann Delahay as the appraiser. Correct?

Mr. Loomis: That's correct.

Motion: Approve Storey County to retain Ann Delahay to appraise lots leased from the Bucket of Blood for courthouse parking, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by:** Vice Chair Gilman, **Seconded by:** Commissioner McGuffey, **Vote:** Motion carried by unanimous vote, **(Summary:** Yes=2)

13. DISCUSSION ONLY: Presentation of the American Society of Civil Engineers Truckee Meadows Branch 2015 Environmental Project of the Year Award.

Community Services Director Cherie Nevin presented Lucas Tipton from Farr West Engineering, Bob Leon from Q&D Construction, and Cheryl Couch with USDA Rural Development.

Mr. Tipton reported that the recently completed Virginia City Wastewater Treatment Plant was awarded the American Society of Civil Engineers, Truckee Meadows Branch, 2015 Environmental Project of the Year Award as an outstanding achievement in civil engineering.

This project was a huge team effort between USDA, Farr West, Q&D, and Storey County.

Ms. Couch, on behalf of the State Director Sarah Adler, offered congratulations to Farr West for the excellent job in design and coming to USDA Rural Development for funding along with Q&D for an excellent job in construction.

Chairman McBride said the County has a great working relationship with USDA Rural Development.

14. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION: Action to be taken on lease payment in the amount of \$4,500.00 to Bucket of Blood for lease of courthouse parking.

Chairman McBride abstained from voting as he has a pecuniary interest as one of the owners of the Bucket of Blood.

No Public Comment.

Motion: Approve lease payment in the amount of \$4,500.00 to Bucket of Blood for lease of courthouse parking, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by:** Vice Chair Gilman, **Seconded by:** Commissioner McGuffey, **Vote:** Motion carried by unanimous vote, **(Summary:** Yes=2)

15. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION: Tentative Budget Hearings for FY 2016/17

Comptroller Hugh Gallagher reviewed the Tentative Budget for 2016/17. Mr. Gallagher discussed various events, including the 2016 Presidential election, that may affect the economy over the next year or so, including the possibility of recession.

Property taxes for the General Fund in 2015, were approximately \$6.3 million. At this time, numbers from the Department of Taxation are about \$5.3 million. This is \$1 million less revenue in the General Fund. Building permits are a good indicator. The first quarter of 2016, building permits are approximately \$32,000 compared to 2015 first quarter permits of \$621,000. This creates an air of caution through this (tentative) budget on to the final.

GENERAL FUND BUDGET :

- **REVENUES:** Ad valorem is about 65% of the total revenue budget. The 2017 budget is approximately \$975,000 higher than the last budget. This represents a significant increase in charges for services, representing \$851,000 from a Tesla agreement, and \$100,00 income from a BIA contract with the Sheriff's Department.
- **CLERK/TREASURER:** Budget increased \$67,000 of which \$12,500 is attributed to staff classifications, longevity, and health insurance reclassifications. Operating expenses increased \$43,000 for the State of Nevada mandated record management requirements, \$6,000 to replace aging election equipment, and \$5,000 for refunds.

Note: Regarding refunds, the auditor has advised if an overpayment is received for various charges or property taxes, an expense item - by department, will be set up to take care of a refund, rather refunding out of the revenue account.

County Manager Whitten commented regarding the Clerk/Treasurer Report - if there is not major progress in resolving issues with the V & T Rail Commission, work may begin to repeal the ¼ cent sales tax. This could come on the November ballot or a special election.

Chairman McBride paused the meeting at 10: 35 AM to return to Item 12.

Discussion on Item 15 resumed at 10:44 AM.

- DISTRICT COURT: Expenses are about \$22,000 lower than last year due to anticipated decreases in juvenile detention payments. This may change, but as of this time the Clerk indicates this is what is needed for this year.
- GENETIC MARKER TESTING: Revenues are derived from Justice Court and District Court fees set by statute. Expenditures range from courtroom improvements to lab fees. Very little change in this.
- DRUG COURT: Revenue is received at time of sentencing and passed through to the Carson City Alternative Sentencing per Court order.
- RECORDER: Budget decreased \$745 over last year due to decreases in equipment maintenance, rents and computer equipment.
- ASSESSOR: Budget increased \$25,000 due to salary adjustments, longevity, and benefit increases.
- TECHNOLOGY FUND: Shared by the Recorder, Clerk/Treasurer and Assessor who can charge additional fees for which expenditures can benefit technologies.
- BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS: Includes the next six budgets. The budget is increased \$59,000 and includes \$30,000 projected to fix a wall behind the Public Works area; \$10,000 to secure foundation of the B Street garage, and \$23,000 for a Historical Preservation Grant.

There is approximately \$90,000 left in the current Buildings and Grounds budget.

- POOLS AND PARKS: Increased \$11,000 due to anticipated reductions in building and equipment maintenance, rents, and utilities.

Hopefully the parking lot across the street will be paved this year to provide adequate parking for the pool, park, baseball field, and community center.

- SERVICE DEPARTMENT: Increased \$10,000 due to staff step increases and health insurance.
There will be a small service charge for all maintenance work performed to help defray the increase.
- ROADS: Revenue projections increased \$39,000 due to anticipated increases in gas tax, SCCRT, and import tonnage fees. Expenses expected to increase \$179,000 due to capital outlay for a snow plow and water truck. Road improvements are estimated to be \$1,058,500. Additionally, there is approximately \$400,000 in improvements to be made in the current year's budget.

16. RECESS TO CONVENE AS STOREY COUNTY WATER AND SEWER BOARD

17. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION: Tentative Budget Hearings for FY 2016/17 for the Water and Sewer services in Virginia City, Gold Hill and Silver City.

Mr. Gallagher reviewed the budgets for the Water and Sewer services.

- WATER SYSTEM: An increase of \$16,000 is estimated due to usage and a projected increase in interest income of \$8,000. Expenses are projected to increase \$24,000, the majority of which is interest and principle payments on debt service.

- VIRGINIA DIVIDE SEWER: Remains stable and unchanged compared to the 2016 Budget. Phase 1 of the Wastewater Treatment Plant has been completed. It is anticipated the next phase will cost \$13 million, of which USDA will grant \$8.8 million.

Public Comment:

Public Works Director Mike Nevin stated that the USDA Phase 1 and 2 are for sewer not water.

Motion: Tentative Budget for FY 2016/17 for the Water and Sewer services in Virginia City, Gold Hill, and Silver City, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by:** Vice Chair Gilman, **Seconded by:** Commissioner McGuffey, **Vote:** Motion carried by unanimous vote, **(Summary:** Yes=3)

18. ADJOURN TO RECONVENE AS THE STOREY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

19. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION: Tentative Budget Hearings for FY 2016/17

Mr. Gallagher continued:

- USDA: Per agreement with the USDA, all payments from resulting from loan proceeds for the Wastewater Treatment Plant, plus payments for 474 Fire District fire equipment, must be paid out of this fund. Payments are taken electronically by USDA from this fund.
- COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT: Expenses are projected to increase \$112,000 due to staff reclassifications, longevity, and overtime allotments. It is anticipated that the overtime allotment may be less due to additional procedures in prior approval of overtime. Professional services is anticipated to increase in order reduce plan review time in TRI, and capital outlay is scheduled for one additional vehicle.

Mr. Gallagher commented if the building permit cycle continues for the second quarter as it was in the first, this budget will likely be adjusted.

Mr. Whitten: This department is very difficult to forecast. Employees sometimes work 24 hour days and the department is down one employee. This is concerning as what the County uses to succeed, no one else in the region or the State can do, and that is to "tailor make" the building permit and inspection process

- DISTRICT ATTORNEY: Expenditures are projected to increase \$324,000 due to salary reclassifications, one additional part time employee, and additional professional fees to cover four anticipated jury trials.

District Attorney, Anne Langer: Many times, each budget year has an ebb and flow depending on what is happening in the community. In the last year, several major crimes have been committed. The office is diligently working on the Judy Black case along with bringing everything up to date, including ordinances. Some of the work is being done by outside counsel. Cost of prosecution of cases many times includes employment of outside contractors. This budget is a forecast of what could possibly happen the next budget year. Any funds not expended will be returned to the County. Ms. Langer said she will do the best to be as frugal as possible, however these cases are there and have to be handled.

Commissioner McGuffey: What is the plan for monitoring this budget? Will there be a budget for each case?

Ms. Langer: It depends on what the Board wants. It probably would be something to review with the Comptroller. As fair as a line item is concerned, there are confidentiality issues. This presents a tough time going through each individual case in talking about it and why it's worth it because of the experts that would be employees. In discussing experts on a bottom line leaves an opening for defense to come in and look and know what is being done.

Commissioner McGuffey: Was just asking if there would be a budget for each specific case.

Mr. Whitten: Ms. Langer said it right. Ms. Langer will be working with the Comptroller on any expenditures over \$1,500, and will include a process with Mr. Whitten. This District Attorney's office is probably run "thinner" than any other work team in the County. It is possible with any one of these capital cases, Ms. Langer may need to request either through temporary help a paralegal or hire a paralegal from some source. This will be unknown until the office gets into the process. There certainly will be controls. Ms. Langer was advised to include it in the budget and if it isn't used, then it stays in the general fund.

Ms. Langer: Things happen in criminal cases that cannot be predicted. Items have been included that have a potential in the next budget cycle.

Chair McBride: In the event of a successful conviction on any of the outstanding cases, is there any avenue for restitution or reimbursement of the costs of prosecution.

Ms. Langer: No.

Vice Chair Gilman: In the regulatory environment of today, looking at very complex issues, thank you to Ms. Langer for guidance, from ethics and planning and protocol standpoints. Probably this is the finest District Attorney's office seen in this County.

Mr. Gallagher: Note that as these matters go forward, accountability will be by object code - which will be by trial. This will give an understanding of the cost of each matter.

- JUSTICE COURT: Justice Court expenses are anticipated to be \$33,000 reflecting staff reclassifications and one additional part time employee to cover increased workload and training anticipated for Bailiff duties.
- JUSTICE COURT FUND: This special revenue fund was created through NRS 176 and expenses are classified as operations, training and capital expenditures. It should be noted that by a directive from the District Court, Justice Court will have to prepare to vacate the District Court Room.
- COMMUNICATIONS: Anticipated expenses are \$68,000. This reflects a staffing remodel which involves two dispatch employees 24-7. Increased incidents and response calls from the Industrial Park and the entire county have predicated this move. Computer software upgrades and GIS contributions are also included.

Mr. Whitten: Dave Ballard and Chief Hames have commented before that with the enhanced 911, people can be "micro located". Communications is taking all calls on the Truckee River corridor. Mr. Ballard has been able to make this (budget) work. There is substantial savings in the conversion of the phone system.

Communications Director Dave Ballard: The new phone system is the next generation 911, which gives a lot more information from cell calls - including GPS coordinates. In a recent incident, the

GPS coordinates helped to identify the location of an injured hiker. A second incident involved a fire where the dispatcher had 69 calls in 48 minutes - and answered about 49 of those calls. Some calls rolled into the "admin" line, which the dispatcher also answered. Not being able to be answered, a few calls were abandoned. This is one reason why additional staff needs to be added.

The current (land line) phone provider is paid approximately \$7,000 per month, County wide. New systems have been looked at including "cloud based" phones. Test equipment has been installed by a new company. The purchase price is about the same as the old system - the savings comes from the voice over IP.

- IT DEPARTMENT: Increased \$25,965 mainly as a result of communication upgrades and necessary computer equipment purchases. Thanks to James Deane and staff for the great work.

Mr. Whitten: This department is more than an IT Department, also managing the County's website. There is a great working relationship between IT and Communications.

- COMPTROLLER: Increased \$17,000 mostly due to employee reclassifications and merit increases. The functions of the accounting staff have increased and include internal department audits and next year will include room tax audits and greater assistance with the 2016 certified audit.
- EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT: Budget projections increased \$4,000 which is directly related to a GIS service.

Mr. Whitten: Looking at GIS services to get the best services for the fee. For years the Technology Fund has been essentially depleted. Departments who have used GIS services in the past will now pay for those services. The Assessor pays the "lions share".

- EMERGENCY MITIGATION: This fund was created by Resolution 08-266 to set aside funds to pay expenses incurred by the local government to mitigate the effects of an emergency. Currently this is set at \$100,000 which will be looked at for increase.
- COMMUNITY RELATIONS: The budget is increased \$42,000. The differences are as follows: Senior Citizens Center \$14,000; St. Mary's Art Center \$6,000; Nevada Ag Extension \$5,000; North Senior Center \$1,000; Mark Twain \$5,000; Fire Museum \$10,000 . All total, \$600,000 in funding represents 14 non-profit organizations throughout Storey County.
- PARK FUND: Ending Fund Balance is \$11,354. The Park Fund had an infusion of funding from the General Fund as the result of an audit performed on business licenses from 1980 to the present. Currently the balances in the Park Fund are as follows:

Virginia City Park	6,065
VC Highlands Park	43,786
Mark Twain Park	32,958
Lockwood Park	36,695

Note: these numbers include penalty interest which will be adjusted before the third quarter financial statements are completed. Increases to these funds depend on resident building permits. Some funding comes out of the Public Works budget.

Mr. Whitten: These Park Funds are highly regulated by NRS and can only be used for certain items. If someone is interested in an improvement, they are directed to the respective homeowner's association for endorsement of the project and then funding will be considered.

Recess called by Chair McBride at 11:37 AM
Meeting reconvened at 11:48 AM

Mr. Gallagher continued beginning with the Sheriff's budget.

Vice-Chairman Gilman recused himself from this item due to a conflict of interest arising from on-going litigation involving Vice Chairman Gilman and Sheriff Antinoro as opposing parties.

County Manager Whitten: The Board is requested to take separate action on the Sheriff's budget immediately following presentation of this budget, and comment - if any. Vice Chairman Gilman can vote on the rest of the department's budget separately.

District Attorney Langer: This is the best way to handle this item so there is no confusion.

- SHERIFF: The Sheriff Department proposed budget is \$1,041,559 higher than the previous budget. That represents a 32% increase over last year and makes the Sheriff Budget 29% of the total General Fund budget. The Sheriff is requesting 9 additional Deputy and Correction staff at a budgeted cost of \$640,157. In addition, \$13,000 in uniforms, \$19,000 for enforcement supplies, \$7,000 in pre-employment expenses, and \$272,500 in vehicles to support the staff increases. Staff increases are a result of a change in the current staffing model from one deputy per sector to two deputies per sector.

Mr. Gallagher: Between now and the final budget, the Sheriff - as well as all most other departments heads - will be called in to see if there are any re-determinations.

Sheriff Antinoro: Proposed staffing changes are not necessarily a change for more numbers. This is based on things previously heard. The District Attorney talked about increased caseload - this originates with the Sheriff. The 991/dispatch calls often involve a deputy response. Often times incidents in the I-80 corridor, generate a deputy's response. All of this has driven the need to have additional staffing. The Sheriff has always tried to have two deputies on duty at the south end of the County. With increases being driven in the industrial park, it is necessary to have that level of staffing at the north end. This will cover the residential areas and the increased traffic volume and issues arising out of the park's development. While this is a sizable increase, there has been hardly any growth over the last five years. It is time to meet the challenges of the future and pursue this increase. At the jail there was a daily inmate population of 4 to 5. Under the Bureau of Indian Affairs contract, the average is 18 inmates per day making it difficult for one corrections officer to handle inmates in a safe manner. This is what's driving the staffing increases.

Chairman McBride: A 32% increase is substantial. Other department increases are not as significant when looking at dollar value. Last year, there was no request for deputy increases and this year there are six.

Sheriff Antinoro: Increases have been requested over the years, but have been cut out as we try to get by with other things. A lot goes on in the process before coming before the Commissioners.

Mr. Gallagher: The Sheriff has been asked previously if there was a need for additional staffing increases. When discussing the Tesla reimbursement contract, the County Manager asked the Sheriff if any additional held was needed in that district and the answer was "no". One or two were added in the following years.

Sheriff Antinoro: Believes the question was directed to Tesla, not what was needed "County wide".

Chairman McBride: It has been brought to the Board's attention, that if the scheduling was to change as many new deputies would not be required. If there were 10 to 12 hour shifts as opposed to the way it is now. There would not be a need for this manpower.

Sheriff Antinoro: That's an inaccurate statement, plus a 12 hour schedule is not safe. There are plenty of studies to support this. This is why it was moved from a 12 hour schedule in the first place.

Chairman McBride: Regarding adding more vehicles, on Friday there were 10 vehicles at the sub-station in Lockwood. Why are more needed when there are some sitting dormant.

Sheriff Antinoro: Vehicles are not necessarily just sitting there. Deputies assigned to those vehicles may not be on duty. Vehicles can be run around the clock and we will go through them a lot quicker than now. If run around the clock, rather than 5 or 6 years, you might get 2 or 3 years.

Chairman McBride: There are 10 different deputies assigned to those vehicles?

Sheriff Antinoro: Probably 7 or 8 deputies assigned to those vehicles, with a couple of spares. Each deputy is assigned his own patrol car.

Chairman McBride: Regarding the correctional officers at the jail, it was understood that under the BIA contract, not only would BIA pay its own way but also turn profit for the County by housing inmates. It looks like this is actually going to cost the County by the increase in the budget for more staffing and supplies.

Sheriff Antinoro: There are costs involved, but the costs are greatly reduced by the monies from the BIA contract. Factoring in what is being paid in and subtracting what is gained, we will pay less than what we have been paying.

Chairman McBride: Understands that if \$100,000 is received from BIA, it should cost less than \$100,000 to provide services for the BIA inmates

Sheriff Antinoro: If \$500,000 has been paid to run the jail without the contract, and now there is income of \$300,000, that leaves \$200,000. It's not costing more than what's received. Before the BIA contract, from memory, we were paying close to \$400,000. Current costs of running the jail are about \$600,000. If the \$300,000 offsets that, we are still ahead. The taxpayers are actually paying less to run the jail than before.

Commissioner McGuffey: Recalls last year the Sheriff stating that additional deputies due to Tesla were not needed. Is it saving taxpayers money when there are summer vehicles driven only 3 or 4 months of the year and insurance and registration are still being paid.

Sheriff Antinoro: To clarify, there is no summer and winter vehicles. Primarily all vehicles are assigned. There are a couple of spares in the event of breakdowns. When a four-wheel drive is required, a deputy will pick up one of the spares - that is there regardless.

Commissioner McGuffey: The bottom line is the Sheriff is already 45% of the General Fund, and now wants to add 32%. The taxpayers are not going to like this.

Sheriff Antinoro: Believes these percentages are wrong. It's not going to be 75% of the General Fund.

Public safety does take a large portion of the General Fund.

Mr. Gallagher:

- As it now stands, the Sheriff budget would be 29% of the General Fund. Does not know where the 45% came from.
- Regarding the jail, the budgeted salaries are \$516,000 plus \$281,000 in benefits, the inmate food \$50,000, inmate medical \$10,000, and inmate supplies \$5,000. Before the final budget, the BIA contract will be reviewed along with all relative expenses, and Mr. Gallagher or the Sheriff will make a presentation prior to the final budget.
- There are approximately 32 vehicles. Some of these vehicles sit during snow periods. The critical issue with vehicles that was discussed was the practice of a deputy picking up his vehicle early instead of driving his personal vehicle to his destination is still happening.

Sheriff Antinoro: Yes, a vehicle is picked up at the closest duty station and then (the deputies) respond to their specific area. If a deputy lives in Sparks, the vehicle is picked up in Lockwood and then driven to Virginia City, if that is where the deputy is scheduled.

Mr. Gallagher: This was talked about last year. It was the impression this would not happen anymore. It is inherently dangerous for someone to pick up a vehicle "off the clock" and driving to the duty station just because they don't want to drive their personal vehicle to that duty station. The fact that this still happens is bothersome from a risk management issue.

Sheriff Antinoro: This has been an item of discussion and was brought up during collective bargaining. It's been a long-standing item going back to 2009. The Sheriff recalls this was taken off the table for discussion because of concessions made in the contract. There has not been any clear-cut decision due to this practice going on since 2009. NRS is quite clear that the County Commissioners control the vehicles. If the Commissioners want this practice to stop, the practice will be stopped.

Chairman McBride: Does not remember during collective bargaining conversations that this was ever a discussion that had been approved for this to happen. Issue may be taken by the taxpayers if it was known they were paying for (Sheriff's) staff to drive County vehicles to and from work.

Ms. Langer: It seems that anything discussed in the collective bargaining session is confidential. The document that would be public record would be the actual contract. What can be discussed is what would be in the contract.

Chairman McBride: Sheriff mentioned that it is not in the contract - collective bargaining agreement. Since he does not remember this being discussed, information is not being divulged - if it wasn't discussed.

Ms. Langer: OK. The Sheriff indicated it was discussed. Being conservative is the best.

Chairman McBride: Everything needs to be looked at when reviewing a \$1 million plus increase in one budget.

Mr. Whitten:

- It's one thing for the District Attorney's Office to increase the budget when a large amount is earmarked for the special cases. A \$1 million increase on a \$3.27 million budget is a huge chunk. Percentage-wise and dollar-wise are major concerns.
- Agrees that more coverage is needed. The right level and how to get there is the more important issue. Pull any random deputy off the street and ask if an 8, 10 or 12 hour shift was preferred, and the majority would most likely say 12. Twelve is the most effective way - not as many people need to be hired as an 8 hour shift. An area can be covered with two or four deputies, rather than six. Mr. Whitten strongly disagrees that 12 hour shifts are unsafe.
- The issue of driving County vehicles to and from work has not been our practice, and /or desired practice, and has been a concern - for a number of reasons - from a liability standpoint. There are few exceptions for people who live out of county, who have been authorized under County policy, to take home vehicles.
- The County needs to be smart on how to increase staff and where.
- Last year the Sheriff indicated that a deputy was not needed, only an administrative person. Now from not needing any to an increase of six.
- The cost effectiveness of the BIA contract will be reviewed. Information from others indicates it is not necessarily that good of a deal.

Sheriff Antinoro: The staffing model came about at the request of the Comptroller. It is a very simple number. It does not matter what the shifts are - 10, 12 or otherwise. There are "X" amount of hours in a year that have to be covered to reach a certain number, that number is equated to calculated out to how many bodies are needed. You can only get so many hours of work out of an employee. This is where the numbers come from - to have two deputies on staff at any given time, at either end of the County. One person in the residential area and one in the industrial park, 24 hours per day. One person in Virginia City and one person either in the Highlands or Mark Twain, 24 hours per day. Not based on shift length or any pattern of coverage - but on how many hours you can work an employee in a year and still allow for allocated leave time. Unless there is a way to get more hours from an employee, length of shift does not matter.

Chairman McBride: There is time between now and the final budget to look at scheduling models to see if there is way to work this out.

Sheriff Antinoro: Believes the number used in the staff study is 1880 hours. The average employee works 2080 (per year) - with allocated leave time as indicated in the contract and what is accrued equaling about five weeks. The employee may not take time off or call in sick, but this needs to be covered in the event they do.

Mr. Whitten: If the budget calls for \$60,000 for patrol in overtime, and there is a "slush fund" of 200 hours per employee regardless of schedule, are you saying there would be zero overtime.

Sheriff Antinoro: Cannot say there would be zero overtime. There's still court, training, and things that a graveyard shift must attend in the day. There would be less overtime as people would not be called in all the time.

Commissioner McGuffey: Sheriff is asking the taxpayers to give over 1 million dollars and I do not think the taxpayers will like this.

Public Comment:

Mike Nevin, Public Works Director: Oversees the fleet service. If nine vehicles are going to be added, who is going to take care of them? Public Works is almost maxed out with two employees and one part time as needed. Mr. Nevin does not care if vehicles are added, but there will be staffing issues that will need to be addressed.

Motion: Tentative Budget for FY 2016/17 for the Sheriff with regards to addressing issues brought up today, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by:** Commissioner McGuffey, **Seconded by:** Chair McBride, **Vote:** Motion carried by unanimous vote, **(Summary:** Yes=2)

20. RECESS TO CONVENE AS THE 474 FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT BOARD

21. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION: Tentative Budget Hearings for FY 2016/17 for the NRS 474 Fire Protection District.

Mr. Gallagher reviewed the tentative budget for FY 2016/17 for the NRS 474 Fire Protection District.

- 474 FIRE DISTRICT: Fire District revenue is projected to increase by \$1,020,330 of which majority of the funding will be from inter-governmental funding. Equipment sales and charges for services amount to \$280,000. It should be noted that ad valorem is expected to be \$50,000 less than last year as will be licensing and permits. Fire Department expenses increased about \$1.4 million primarily due to the addition of one fire company at the Tahoe Reno Industrial park that was predicated by the arrivals of Tesla, Switch and others.
- FIRE EMERGENCY FUND: The Fire Emergency Fund was created by resolution Number 07-240 under the direction of NRS 474.460 through 474.550. The Fire Emergency Fund must be used for emergencies and not be used for operating expenses. NRS 474.510 establishes a threshold of 1 million dollars. Anything over this amount must be credited to the Fire Operating Fund. It is the intention of the Fire Chief and County Manager to fund this account to the Statutory limit. This funds a catastrophe that would hit anywhere in Storey County.
- MUTUAL AID: The Mutual Aid Special Revenue Fund was created by Resolution Number 12-356 to account for all deployments and billings outside the 474 fire district. Mr. Gallagher suggests that portions of this ending fund balance are reserved for future purchases of heavy equipment.

Fire Chief Hames will have another fund at the final budget - a capital improvement plan, a special revenue fund for the capital improvement plan adopted at the last Commission meeting.

Commissioner McGuffey: Is it correct that the Fire District is asking for another \$1 million as well?

Mr. Gallagher: No. We would like to get this to the Statutory Limit understanding that with a fire catastrophe in Storey County \$207,000 is not enough. Through efforts of the Fire Chief and the County Manager as funds become available - periodically increase this to the statutory limit. Not this year.

Commissioner McGuffey: Is this primarily because of Station 74?

Mr. Whitten: No. Although some surplus revenues could be used to fund Station 75 - that's the station you're referring to. This would be the Fire District's "rainy day" fund - only in certain emergencies.

Chief Hames: One component of what may occur is a Type 1 Strike Team, which would be about \$25,000 per day. If there is a fire in the Highlands, Lockwood, or Mark Twain, there would be three to four of these teams - a cost of \$75,000 per day. There are too many variables to quote a dollar amount. In the Bison fire, East Fork Fire had \$1 million in the Fire Emergency Fund - it was wiped out in the first 16 hours. Unless the \$1 million is established in this Fund, it would be very difficult to match even FEMA grants which requires funding of 25% of the cost. This is planning ahead - getting this fund up to 1 million dollars.

No Public Comment.

Motion: Tentative Budget for FY 2016/17 for the NRS 474 Fire Protection District, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by:** Vice Chair Gilman, **Seconded by:** Commissioner McGuffey, **Vote:** Motion carried by unanimous vote, **(Summary:** Yes=3)

22. ADJOURN TO RECONVENE AS STOREY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

23. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION: Tentative Budget Hearings for FY 2016/17

Mr. Gallagher continued review:

- **EQUIPMENT ACQUISITION:** This Special Revenue Fund is primarily used for purchase obligations within the Roads and 474 Fire District. Continued use of this fund by the 474 Fire District goes to pay off the USDA obligation of 2,000,000 for Structure Engines and Ambulances.
- **COMMISSIONERS:** The Commissioner Budget increased about \$65,000, primarily due to salary reclassifications and community support allocations. \$10,000 is appropriated to each community within Storey County to assist with projects or emergencies as they arise. This was originally in the Community Services budget, but felt better use would be in the Commissioner's budget.

Mr. Whitten: Focusing on the \$40,000 increase for community support areas. Past Commissioner Sjovangen pioneered the establishment of \$10,000 for each community where either a Commissioner or the Commission, could request support for a community. This is a general line item budget and does not roll over. It has to be re-established every year. In some years this may be difficult. It does not mean if the funds are not used this year the funds will roll over and become \$20,000 the next. An amount needs to be budgeted each year. If the \$10,000 is not enough for a certain project, it does not mean that additional funds cannot be obtained from another source. This should be looked at as each Commissioner's "discretionary funds" for what each Commissioner feels would be worthy for the community that is served.

- **ADMINISTRATIVE:** An increase of \$646,000 is projected. An additional staff position plus employee reclassifications, an increase in the Tahoe Regional Industrial Park payback, and an increase in NACO contributions of represent the majority of the increase.
- **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES:** This department increased \$17,841 due to increases in Youth Services and Rural Child Protective Services.

- **PLANNING:** The Planning budget decreased \$7,200, mainly due to the reduction of professional services needed to complete the Master Plan. Planning staff decided to take this project basically in-house and should be congratulated.

Mr. Whitten: This is smart management of taxpayer dollars. Other governments pay thousands of dollars to complete a Master Plan by hiring an independent consultant. With the hiring of Jason VanHavel, who was able to assist with the transportation plan, Mr. Osborne has been able to complete the Master Plan in-house. When completed, this will be a masterpiece document with a great base. The Planning Department staff has done a great job.

- **INDIGENT MEDICAL:** Indigent Medical Special Revenue Fund was created under Resolution 97-26 under the direction of NRS 428 Indigent Persons. Revenue is received from the .010 tax rate on ad valorem and Centrally Assessed taxes.

Mr. Whitten: This is again smart management and taking advantage of the economy of being a small-sized county. Susan Breylinger has done a phenomenal job in using this fund appropriately - with discipline and intelligence. By law, the County can charge an indigent medical rate on ad valorem, up to 7cents. Through smart money management the rate has been lowered by 6 cents.

- **INDIGENT ACCIDENT:** Indigent Accident Special Revenue Fund follows the directive in NRS 244.160 - "The boards of county commissioners shall have power and jurisdiction in their respective counties to take care of and provide for the indigent sick of the country in such a manner only as is or may be provided by law". Some funds also received from ad valorem and centrally assessed taxes.
- **CAPITAL PROJECTS:** When it was decided to look at county wide projects either through infrastructure or capital outlay, a list of possible projects was assembled. That list totaled roughly 7 million dollars in potential projects. It has been suggested that those items that would fall out of the infrastructure list would be picked up by allocating General Revenue funds to Capital Projects. Revenue infused into this fund comes from contributions from Tesla to assist in the purchase of a Quint Fire Ladder Truck. It should be noted that the relocation of Justice Court will also be appropriated from this fund.
- **INFRASTRUCTURE:** The Infrastructure Special Revenue Fund is provided funds from a 1/4 cent sales tax for which the expenditures are allowed under NRS 377. This fund was approved last year and expenditures are expected to draw down the ending fund balance. This includes replacement of the Lakeview water line, the possible V&T depot purchase, V&T railroad restoration, and Gold Hill depot restoration. Funds are projected for Mark Twain, Lockwood, Painted Rock, road repair, County drainage and erosion in TRI, as well as others.
- **STABILIZATION:** The Stabilization Special Revenue Fund was created by Resolution 06-218. Revenues are derived from transfers from the General Fund and expenditures follow NRS 354.6155 guidelines and the balance in the fund must not exceed 10 percent of the expenditures from the general fund for the previous year.

Mr. Whitten: The County has never tapped this fund. It is prudent to keep this funded to the legal limits. An increase up to the legal maximum of this "rainy day fund" may be considered. The idea is to see a proposed draw of approximately 20% of the fund balance. There are various triggers - some statutory items, reduction in revenues in a substantial percent, amongst others. Most of these funds are heavily regulated by statute.

- TRI PAYBACK: The Tahoe Regional Industrial Park Special Revenue Fund was created by Resolution 09-279 for the purpose of dedicating funds collected from TRI to pay back our Public/Private Partnership. It is expected that the payback will be relatively high.
- VC RAILROAD PROJECT: The Virginia City Rail Project is currently operating under Resolution Number 11-322. Currently there is an audit of the V&T Rail Commission to determine if expenditures paid by that Commission are within the scope of the Interlocal Agreement of January 2, 2011. A resolution of this issue is expected by the final budget. Numerous meetings have been held.

Mr. Whitten: Asked about the “call date” on the bond. The County will keep an eye on this and will not arbitrarily pay the bond off, but meet with the Commission to discuss how realistic is the “tunnel six” project, what are the application opportunities. The bond was structured in a way to benefit rail-related projects in Virginia City or Gold Hill. There is a 25% refund from the Federal government for interest paid on the bond.

Mr. Gallagher: Thinks it is a date in 2017. Since May 2014, funds have been withheld from the V&T Rail Commission for not receiving answers pursuant to conditions of the interlocal agreement. The balance is around \$439,000. Hopefully this will be resolved by the final budget.

- FEDERAL/STATE GRANTS: CDBG has not allotted any funds to the County for the next fiscal year.
- VCTC: Revenue is projected to increase \$140,000 mainly due to first time revenue derived from "The Way it was Rodeo" and Cemetery Gin sales. Expenses are projected to increase \$119,845 - \$80,000 projected for the rodeo and \$25,000 for Gin expenses. This fund still pays for operations from license fees, gaming fees, grants, and room tax and tourism fees which will not be enough to sustain this fund in the long run. Suggestions will be made at the final budget hearing for alternative ideas to sustain the fund.

Mr. Gallagher commented the General Fund is about a \$1.7 million deficit - \$1.9 million taking into consideration contingency and transfers. Mr. Gallagher is not happy with the numbers. This is part of the budget process. Between now and the final budget there will be additional reviews of every budget and line item to be sure there is an appropriate number that the Commission can approve. Suggestions and directions from the Commission will be entertained.

Mr. Whitten:

- The 2015 Legislative session allows scheduling of the final budget hearing anytime during the third week of May. The final budget hearing will likely be scheduled as part of the regular meeting on May 17th.
- In this process, even with the tentative \$1.7 - \$1.9 million deficit, the group working this budget is amazing. Multiple meetings with department heads and elected officials were held, looking at the numbers.
- Recognized Hugh Gallagher for his leadership along with Jessie Fain, Austin Osborne, and Jennifer McCain, for the many hours spent in reviewing these budgets.

No Public Comment.

Chair McBride: There is a healthy ending fund balance, but we do not want to see it evaporate by one-third with this shortfall.

Vice-Chairman Gilman: The board had previously requested staff to take a hard look at a property tax rollback for residents. This has not been addressed yet today.

Mr. Gallagher: A considerable amount of time has been spent looking at this issue. At this point in time - under current conditions, the status of the State economy, the U.S. economy, and maybe global economy, what the State Legislature is going to do next year, and the possibility of recession that is there - it has been decided to leave the current tax rate as it is. A lot of time has been spent on a tax rollback and it was found that, in one instance, a tax rollback of 10 cents would equal about \$31 per parcel. A tax reduction of 20 cents would be about \$65 per parcel. The cap rate sits at 2.8%, which means it will take a considerable amount of time to re-coup any of the tax rate even with a reduction in the rate. Currently with the Department of Taxation, the assessed valuation has gone from \$421,000 to \$461,000 in 2016-17. This is an increase of \$20 million that the County will never see because of the cap.

Alternative suggestions include a possible rebate. This has never been done before and is being researched to see if anything would prohibit it. There will be a baseline for operation of the general fund which will be justified. Anything over that amount will be rebated back to the stakeholders. There are not as many "moving parts" as the tax rate.

Vice Chair Gilman: As understood, the County would set an "operating floor" amount that would be held - the amount over and above that "floor" would be distributed to the property owners as stakeholders. The better job the County and the departments do in running at a fiscally responsible level, the more revenue there is to allocate. It is to the benefit of all to do a frugal job of operating at the County level.

Mr. Gallagher: Once the ending fund balance base is established, those rebates will be higher and probably continue, whereas the tax rate reduction may not.

Vice Chair Gilman: This is a wonderful concept and would make everyone in the County a stakeholder in the County's successes.

Commissioner McGuffey: NACO appointed members from two counties to look at this tax cap issue going through the State as every county is suffering because of it. Now that everything is coming back (property values), the tax rate is not keeping up.

Vice Chair Gilman: Reviewed the budget in detail. The concern has been voiced that we do not like what we see - this is not a balanced budget. Recognizing this is tentative budget and based on experience with this Board in the year's past, the real work starts now moving toward a final budget.

Mr. Gilman commented for the record:

- The County is growing.
- A lot of strides have been made in economic health over the last decade.
- There is great concern that the national and global business climate is very uncertain at present. Many large global companies are "sitting on their hands" in the near term.
- There is an untested assumption that everyone is waiting until the up-coming elections in November. It will take until after that, until everyone - as a community - really has definition on what might be anticipated to happen over the next four years.
- There is a good chance the economy will take off after the election. Typically that's what happens. The County is poised to receive that benefit.
- Personally, over the next nine to twelve months we will see a tremendous monetary drop-off in business.

- For this reason, prudence and good fiscal management dictate that a balanced budget, across the board, be implemented in all department numbers which are no higher than last year.
- This will be a challenge based on everything talked about, and concerns happening, and in my opinion we better not grow any further for the next twelve months than was done last year.
- If any department has an urgent need or an unforeseen contingency arises in the next twelve months, a supplemental appropriation can be issued.
- Should our economy or activity pick up significantly during the fiscal year, supplemental allocations can be issued to various line items in some departments to allow for some of the growth that may actually take place.
- As a community, we need to be extremely cautious in the next moves.
- Hopefully this will be taken into consideration when moving toward the final budget. There is a “softness” being seen in Mr. Gilman’s personal world of revenue stream generation.

Motion: Approve the tentative budgets on all budgets not previously approved, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by:** Vice Chair Gilman, **Seconded by:** Commissioner McGuffey, **Vote:** Motion carried by unanimous vote, **(Summary:** Yes=3)

24. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING FOR POSSIBLE ACTION, LICENSING BOARD SECOND READINGS:

- A. **3D CONCRETE, INC.** - Mining/ 655 Peru Drive TRI
- B. **FRANK M. BOOTH** - Contractor / 222 Third St. ~ Marysville, CA (contractor)
- C. **HORROCKS ENGINEERS, INC.** - Contractor / 2162 W.Grove Pkwy. Ste.400 ~ Pleasant Grove , UT (Consultant Civil Engineering Services)
- D. **RED HAWK FIRE & SECURITY** - Contractor / 5100 Town Center Circle Ste 350 ~ Fremont , CA (Fire and Life Safety)
- E. **SUNSTATE EQUIPMENT CO., LLC** - Contractor / 5552 E Washington St. ~ Phoenix, CA (Deliveries, Construction equipment rentals)
- F. **SYNERGY CONSTRUCTION, LLC.** - Contractor / 4730 S Ft. Apache Rd Ste.300 ~ Las Vegas, NV (Construction)
- G. **NEFAB PACKING WEST, LLC** - Contractor / 8477 Central Ave ~ Newark, CA (manufacturing)
- H. **DAMON INDUSTRIES dba Service World** - General / 822 Packer Way ~ Sparks (Juice Sales & Service)
- I. **ADAMS & GARTH, INC.** - General /7130 Glen Forest Dr. Ste.110 ~ Richmond , VA (Staffing & Recruiting)
- J. **AIRGAS USA, LLC** - Contractor / 3737 Worsham Ave ~ Long Beach, CA (welding Supplies, medical Supplies)
- K. **REDS FIRE & FLOOD** - Contractor / 2410 Walnut St ~ Reno (Construction Repair)
- L. **TESLA MOTORS NV, INC.** - General / 420 USA Pkwy. ~ (Service Electrical Motors) TRI
- M. **PRODUCTION INNOVATION** - General / 287 Belblossom Way ~ Los Gatos, CA (Sales & Consulting.)
- N. **EC COMPANY** -- Contractor / PO Box 10286 ~ Portland, OR (Construction & Resale of Generators)

Mr. Whitten explained that Red Hawk Fire & Security previously worked in Storey County without benefit of appropriate licensing. This company was fined for the process and paid willingly. The record should reflect these (business) licenses are not privileged licenses. There is not a path to not approve, but there are clear expectations that companies maintain necessary certifications and appropriate authorizations to perform work. The County would not hesitate to use the “show cause” clause should the need be.

On behalf of the Community Development Department, Stacey Bucchianeri recommended approval of all second readings.

Motion: Approve items A. through N., **Action:** Approve, **Moved by:** Vice Chair Gilman, **Seconded by:** Commissioner McGuffey, **Vote:** Motion carried by unanimous vote, **(Summary:** Yes=3)

PUBLIC COMMENT (No Action)

Storey County Resident, Nicole Barde: On behalf of Andrea Daley and Ms. Barde, thank you to Marshall McBride, Pat Whitten, and Deny Dotson, for the help and support for “Big Bonanza” last Saturday. The \$1,500, use of the parking lot, and equipment, was very much appreciated. Wonderful comments were received from people who attended. A large number came from Reno who were happy and enthralled with Pipers Opera House. Thank you from everyone who worked on this event.

Mr. Whitten thanked Ms. Barde and Ms. Daley saying it is always great to work with local people with local solutions. It was a pleasure working with them.

Chair McBride said it was a job well done, very well organized.

25. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by the call of the Chair at 1:25 PM

Respectfully submitted,

By _____
Vanessa Stephens, Clerk-Treasurer