



STOREY COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING

TUESDAY, MAY 3, 2016 10:00 A.M.

DISTRICT COURTROOM
26 SOUTH B STREET, VIRGINIA CITY, NEVADA

MINUTES

MARSHALL MCBRIDE
CHAIRMAN
ATTORNEY

ANNE LANGER
DISTRICT

LANCE GILMAN
VICE-CHAIRMAN

JACK MCGUFFEY
COMMISSIONER
TREASURER

VANESSA STEPHENS
CLERK-

Roll Call: Chairman McBride, Commissioner McGuffey, District Attorney Anne Langer, Deputy District Attorney Keith Loomis, Comptroller Hugh Gallagher, County Manager Pat Whitten, Sheriff Gerald Antinoro, Fire Chief Gary Hames, Administrative Officer/Planning Director Austin Osborne, Community Relations Director Cherie Nevin, Public Works Director Mike Nevin, Director of Security Melanie Keener, Outside Counsel Robert Morris, Deputy Clerk Wendy Bacus

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

The Chair called the meeting to order at 10:00am

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Chair led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance

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

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

4. **DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION:** Approval of Minutes for April 5, 2016

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

CONSENT AGENDA

5. For possible action approval of Payroll Checks date 4/22/2016 for \$360,703.47. Accounts Payable Checks date 4/15/2016 for \$1,002,088.46 and \$11,839.69.

6. For possible action approval of State Child Support Reimbursement Program.

7. For possible action approval of the Justice Court Special Fund Letter for FY 2016-17
8. For possible action approval of cancelation of the June 3, 2016 so the Board and staff may attend the ground breaking for USA Parkway.
9. For possible action approval of Business Licenses First Readings:
 - A. LUNA INSTRUMENT CO., LTD - Contractor / Osaka JAPAN (machine installation)
 - B. MMC CONTRACTORS WEST - Contractor / 4591 Longley Lane ~ Reno (plumbing contractor)
 - C. ACTION DIRECT dba Redpoint Contracting - Contractor / 39506 N. Daisy Mtn ~ Phoenix (gen. cont.)
 - D. SYSTEMS AUTOMATED CONTROLS, INC. - Contractor / 12751 Foothill ~ Sylmar, CA (elect cont)
 - E. SID TOOL CO., INC dba MSC Industrial Supply - Contractor / 2300 E. Newlands ~ Fernley (whse dist)
 - F. PANASONIC ENVIRONMENTAL SYS & ENG - Contractor / Osaka JAPAN (utility installation)
 - G. DIVERSIFIED CONSULTING SVCS. - Professional / 6490 S. McCarran ~ Reno (engineering)
 - H. BEST PLUMBING & HEATING, LLC - Contractor / 1240 Greg St. ~ Sparks (plumbing contractor)
 - I. MASTEC NETWORK SOLUTIONS - Contractor / 3443 Airport Rd ~ Sacramento (wireless contractor)
 - J. MOLDMAN SYSTEMS, LLC - Contractor / 4649 Aircenter Circle ~ Reno (machinery assembly)
 - K. AFNOVAK HOLDINGS, LLC dba Rounds Bakery - General / 294 East Moana ~ Reno (whlsle bakery)
 - L. TIEJUN DING dba Blue Buffalo - General / 160B South C Street (fashion jewelry) VC

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

Motion: Approve Consent Agenda, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by:** Vice Chairman 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:

- Thank you to everyone who attended the spring benefit - it was a great success.
- A community reception will be held on June 23rd at 6PM to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the Community Chest. The location of the reception has not yet been determined.

Ron Englebrecht, Mark Twain Community Center:

- General cleanup work is progressing well at the Community Center. New appliances have been purchased for use by the public.
- The Veteran's Memorial is being worked on - concrete block has been completed. Approximately \$3-4,000 in donations of work and materials have been received.
- Beautification projects are in the works.

Public Works Director Mike Nevin:

- Within the next couple of weeks throughout Virginia City and Gold Hill, Public Works will be working with Broadbent & Associates doing some archaeological digging to determine what may exist under the ground in certain locations. This is in anticipation of the wastewater

improvement program to start next spring. The work should be complete within two or three days.

- Sometime before mid-June, the striping of the TRI roads, with the exception of USA Parkway, and Six Mile Canyon will be completed. The stop signs and bars in Virginia City will be done next week.
- The swimming pool is scheduled to open on June 12th.

Community Relations Director Cherie Nevin:

- Reminder - this Thursday, Friday and Saturday are residential dump days at Virginia City transfer station. Open 8AM to 4PM.
- Along with volunteer residents in Lockwood, work is being done to get the garden back up and running.

County Manager Pat Whitten:

- Thank you to staff for being brief today.
- Three special guests are here today from the high school government class - Colt, Callie, and Megan. Thank you for attending.
- The agenda will need to be flexed today awaiting Congressman Amodei's arrival.

Administrative Officer/Planning Director Austin Osborne:

- The next Planning Commission workshop on the Master Plan will be held May 19th in Lockwood. The meeting may be moved from the Senior Center to the Rainbow Bend Center depending on attendance.

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

Commissioner McGuffey:

- Recently a meeting was held with the V&T Rail Commission, the Carson City Mayor, and **Carson City Manager regarding the ¼ cent tax collected from Storey County used in the operation of the V&T.** It was found not all of the funds are going where they should be. This practice has been stopped and a Memorandum of Understanding with Carson City is being re-written so that both counties are putting in fair amounts. The funds are used toward the re-building of the steam trains.
- The Fraternal Order of the Eagles State Convention was held last week in Virginia City. Thank you to Storey County for assistance in making this convention a great success. Thank you also to Commissioner McBride and Congressman Amodei for being the opening and closing ceremonies guest speakers.

Chairman McBride:

- Read from a letter published in the Reno Gazette regarding Storey County being the "richest per capita county in the United States".
- Longtime resident Gene Graves recently passed away - condolences to the family.

The following items taken out of order:

15. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION: Consider approval of Memorandum of Understanding with Nevada Department of Taxation and Nevada Tax Commission to authorize Storey County Officials to review records of Department of Taxation to determine whether there has been a proper reporting of transactions subject to sales and use taxes within Storey County.

Deputy District Attorney Keith Loomis: This item was previously approved, however the Department of Taxation expressed concerns about specific terms of the agreement. These concerns have been addressed and additional language has been included in this revised memorandum of understanding. The basic changes are that the Department of Taxation will provide the requested information within 45 days and will have more of a review authority over the request by the County to correct issues regarding zip code identification of sales and use taxes.

No public comment.

Commissioner McGuffey: Forty-five days seems excessive.

County Manager Whitten: The Department's concern is the demand on staff and they are trying to be as cooperative as they can. This is a huge leap forward as the County has not been able to audit these records in the last 15 years. It's anticipated that it will not take 45 days. The County will be pretty discriminate in what is selected for audit which will be on a spot basis.

Chairman McBride: This is monumental for the County to get to this point and should give the County peace of mind that sales and use taxes are being collected correctly.

Mr. Whitten: This is one component. Work continues through Congressman Porter's effort to fix the zip code issue.

Motion: Approve Memorandum of Understanding with Nevada Department of Taxation and Nevada Tax Commission allowing Storey County Officials to review records of Department of Taxation and authorize the Chairman to sign, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by:** Vice Chairman Gilman **Seconded by:** Commissioner McGuffey, **Vote:** Motion carried by unanimous vote, (**Summary:** Yes=3)

16. **DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION:** Consideration and possible approval of site license agreement allowing Hot Spot Broadband dba SkyFiber Internet to use Storey County's water tank as a location on which to place a portion of SkyFiber's wireless internet access equipment.

Deputy District Attorney Keith Loomis: The Board previously approved a licensing agreement for High Speed Networks Moundhouse, LLC, to place equipment on the County's water tank near Public Works. High Speed Network was bought out by SkyFiber. This agreement allows the licensing of SkyFiber to install its equipment on the same water tower for basically the same terms given to High Speed Networks.

Mr. Whitten: This installation, for those that choose, lights up Gold Hill in its positioning. Therefore, this is a critical dish installation.

No public comment.

Motion: Approve site license agreement between Storey County and SkyFiber allowing SkyFiber to place equipment on Storey County's water tank, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by:** Vice Chairman Gilman **Seconded by:** Commissioner McGuffey, **Vote:** Motion carried by unanimous vote, (**Summary:** Yes=3)

12. **DISCUSSION ONLY:** Honorable United States Congressman Mark Amodei discussing updates on federal matters of interest in general and specific to Storey County.

Chairman McBride introduced the Honorable United States Congressman Mark Amodei.

Congressman Amodei stated the purpose of this discussion is to update the Board and the County on items directly related to Storey County and on issues not directly related but of concern to the County.

Some issues being worked on include:

- Another Storey County Lands Bill: Congress does not act as “gatekeepers” for lands bill purposes. If a resolution comes from a County Commission stating what they want to do, then we process those. Storey County is the only county in the State where most of the land is privately owned, giving more flexibility on what the County does with its tax base.
- Zip code issue: Pitney Bowes has been requested to do zip plus 4 and send it to the State. Congressman Amodei will ask the State where they are with this. When the Commission is ready and a resolution is sent requesting assistance in obtaining a zip code, assistance will be given.
- Natural gas pipeline: We are happy to encourage any natural gas providers to come up to this area.
- Meeting with Carson City BLM District Office this month. We are looking for a full briefing on the progress of the conveyance of the items for Comstock Mining.
- Wild horses: There are issues regarding the number of horses on BLM land, including issues with managing cattle and sage hen implications. Discussions regarding wild horses will be heating up. The status quo is unacceptable - it’s time to look at areas where resolutions have worked.
- I-11(interstate from Phoenix to Las Vegas): NDOT has indicated a possible extension of this interstate could follow the route of Highway 95 north. The idea of I-11 was to provide a route from Mexico to Canada through the central west. Congressman Amodei discussed the possible connection of Yucca Mountain to the construction of I-11. Nobody in Nevada wants a nuclear landfill. There needs to be discussions on doing something meaningful. Research is being done regarding reclamation of nuclear waste to be utilized in other things - turning into a commodity instead of waste. The title to Yucca Mountain is held by the BLM. If Yucca Mountain is re-opened, a land transfer to the Department of Energy will be required. If this comes up, we will ask to have the right-of-way for I-11 from north of Las Vegas to the Idaho border as part of it (the land transfer). Congressman Amodei reviewed potential routes for I-11. It appears I-11 may go through Fallon. If Yucca Mountain does not re-open, the land transfer will be put on the shelf.

Public Comment:

Nicole Barde, Storey County resident: When discussions regarding wild horse issues come up again, will the wild horse advocacy groups have an opportunity to sit in or participate in some of those discussions to come up with a viable solution.?

Congressman Amodei: In Congressional District 2, while he is in office, there will be a couple of wild horse town hall meetings. Probably one east on I-80 and one in this area. The rules will be - tell us what you think, what are the ideas, what’s working and what’s not. Another request will be for the Resource Committee to have a field hearing in Nevada. Everything is on the table - what needs to be done to move off the status quo.

Ms. Barde: Is it all range animals, including cattle - or is it a horse issue that will be addressed? Which agency is the point agency for this conversation?

Congressman Amodei: It’s probably going to be everything - anything on the range. BLM is the primary jurisdiction agency.

Mr. Whitten: Thank you to Congressman Amodei and staff for leadership and for making resources in Washington DC available to the County. More has been done during the Congressman's tenure in Washington DC than in the history of Storey County.

Commissioner McGuffey thanked Congressman Amodei for being the guest surprise speaker at the Eagles Convention and asked about the "monuments bill" signed by the President. This bill took away potential income from grazing, mining, hot springs from very poor counties. Has the Congressman been in the loop?

Congressman Amodei: The monument issue is a process issue - when there is no coordination with State or local people. In this instance it was 700,000 acres - and with all due respect to Senator Reid - he wanted to cut off access to Yucca Mountain. Whether it was politically motivated or not, there was no process. We have legislation that tries to establish a process and transparency. Congressman Amodei reviewed the resource issue and the pressure on the range - drought, wildland fire. Most likely there will be more "monuments" before the end of the year. Congressman Amodei explained how the Northern Nevada Economic Development Bill passed through Congress to the Senate and ended up in the National Defense Authorization Bill - a bill that was moving.

13. **DISCUSSION ONLY:** Storey County Federal Lobbyist and US Congressman (NV-Ret) Honorable Jon Porter providing updates on federal matters of interest in general and specific to Storey County.

Chair McBride introduced the Honorable Jon Porter who served approximately eight years in the State Senate and three terms in Congress.

Congressman Porter stated that as a member of the State Senate and the Congress he represented the entire State, as well as the rest of the country. Serving as Storey County's Federal lobbyist is an extension of his public service. Congressman Porter's goals are to help Congressman Amodei, Senators Reid and Heller - the full Nevada delegation. This is done by doing a lot of the ground work on their behalf and making sure the delegation is aware of what is going on and the issues in Storey County. This would include matters like the zip code issue.

Congressman Porter met with County department heads discussing current issues in the County. The goal on behalf of the County is to bridge local, county, state, economic development, travel, and tourism, and provide perspective and information to the Nevada delegation.

Congressman Porter also works with Senator Amodei's Chairman, the Chairman's staff, and other members of Congress around the region to make sure things are accomplished. This is a unique approach - most lobbyists work only with their State delegation.

Some of the political issues of today are:

- The Presidential race is a wake-up call to Washington that people are unhappy and want transparency. Campaigning is better than 200 years ago;
- The Senate race in Nevada is critical to the country;
- The congressional race in southern Nevada is also critical;
- These races are important because who's elected in the Nevada delegation is important to Storey County. Congressman Porter interacts with candidates on both sides of the aisle.

Congressman Porter discussed the following issues directly related to Storey County:

- Possibly to help with the cable situation and provide options;
- Public lands issue - working closely with the regional areas;

- Regional issues have been presented to Congress and will be done again;
- Zip Code - looking at options and trying to find a solution;
 1. New zip code areas have been created around the country and in the State;
 2. If a move is made to create a new zip code and it is not successful, there is a 10 year period in which it cannot be requested again. Every step is being made to make sure everything is lined up so the request does not fail;
 3. Working with former Nevada Congressman Jim Bilbrae who sits on the U.S. Post Office Board - the only member on the Board;
 4. The Governor's office is willing to assist in any way possible;
 5. Pitney Bowes is involved;
 6. Another approach is to possibly expand the zip code boundaries;
- (Interstate) I-11 is very important as explained by Congressman Amodei. I-11 expanding to northwestern Nevada is a win, wherever it goes. There will be many meetings to discuss the route. It is imperative that Storey County continue to be part of the conversation.
- Yucca Mountain - Congressman Porter feels this is going to happen. Senator Reid has been successful, working with the White House, to prevent this from happening. There will a lot of activity when Senator Reid retires and there is a new President. Storey County needs to be at the table and part of the conversation when it starts again. This will be a high priority for Nevada.

Public Comment:
None.

Commissioner McGuffey: Yucca Mountain is in which county - Nye? If Yucca Mountain was to go through, would Nye County be the beneficiary of taxes or income generated?

Congressman Porter: It is in Nye. As far as taxes or income, most likely it will be only what the State wants to have happen. A lot of officials do not want to talk about, but debate is encouraged. Who owns the land? Who owns the right-of-way to I-11? If there are ways the Federal government helps Nevada because of Yucca Mountain - it could be for universities, hospitals, veterans, or whatever the State would choose.

Commissioner McGuffey: Regarding the zip code issue when talking about expanding the coverage, would that be the 89440 zip code to make it County-wide?

Congressman Porter: Yes. It's very controversial to create a new zip code. The postal system has serious problems. There are parameters that have to be followed - if it is messed up, it will be 10 years before it can be done again.

Chair McBride called for recess at 11:45 AM

Meeting reconvened at 12:00 PM

14. **DISCUSSION ONLY:** Lindsay Chichester, Extension Educator from University of Nevada Cooperative Extension, introduction and program updates.

Lindsay Chichester with University of Nevada Cooperative Extension introduced herself and discussed her background. Upcoming Cooperative Extension events include the Nevada Junior Livestock show in Reno next week. This is Wildfire Awareness month and Cooperative Extension has a living with fire program. The 4-H Camp materials have just been released - Cooperative Extension has a long-standing tradition of sending 4-H members to camp at Lake Tahoe.

becoming a Fire Adapted Community.

No public comment.

Motion: Approve Resolution #16-437 declaring May 2016 as Wildfire Awareness Month in Storey County, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by:** Vice Chairman Gilman **Seconded by:** Commissioner McGuffey, **Vote:** Motion carried by unanimous vote, (**Summary:** Yes=3)

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING

19. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION, LICENSING BOARD SECOND READINGS:

- A. FERNTUCKY BBQ - General / 4520 Glenwood Drive ~ Fernley (Food Truck)
- B. ANCHOR DOOR & HARDWARE, INC. - Contractor / 335 Edison Way ~ Reno (doors, frames cont.)
- C. WIRTZ MFG. CO., INC. - Contractor / 1105 24th St ~ Port Huron, MI (equipment setting)
- D. GREG A. BAILOR - Contractor / 405 Sparrow Way ~ Carson City (drywall & painting contractor)
- E. ENHANCED ELECTRICAL SERVICES, INC. - Contractor / 888 Deming ~ Sparks (elect cont.)
- F. IT'S MY COMMUNITY STORE, LLC - General / 1140 Financial Blvd ~ Reno (office supply sales)
- G. ENVIRONMENTAL WATER SOLUTIONS, INC. - Contractor / 1162 E. Dominguez ~ Carson, CA (equip. svcs.)
- H. STANLEY ACCESS TECH, LLC - Contractor / 6225 S Valley Blvd ~ Las Vegas (automatic doors)
- I. CHIKUSHI ELECTRIC CO., LTD. - Contractor / Amagasaki, JAPAN (machine installation)
- J. AQUA TECH CO., LTD. - Contractor / Fukuoka, JAPAN (machine installation)
- K. ENVIROTROL, LLC - Contractor / 114 Landmark Dr., ~ Greensboro, NC (hvac contractor)
- L. CAPSTONE LOGISTICS, LLC - Contractor / 6325 The Corners Pkwy ~ Peachtree Corners, GA (warehouse services)
- M. SWITCH BUSINESS SOLUTIONS, LLC - General / 1705 Peru Drive TRI
- N. SWITCH, LTD - General / 1705 Peru Drive TRI
- O. SWITCH RIG, LLC - General / 1705 Peru Drive TRI

Stacey Bucchaneiri, Community Development Department, requested that Items A. through O. be approved.

No public comment.

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

20. PUBLIC COMMENT (No Action)

None

21. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by the call of the Chair at 12:13PM

Respectfully submitted,

By: _____