



# STOREY COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING

TUESDAY, MAY 17, 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-

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**Roll Call:** Chairman McBride, Vice-Chairman Gilman, Commissioner McGuffey, County Manager Pat Whitten, Comptroller Hugh Gallagher, Deputy District Attorney Keith Loomis, Special Counsel Robert Morris, Sheriff Gerald Antinoro, Tourism Director Deny Dotson, Communications Director Dave Ballard, Clerk/Treasurer Vanessa Stephens, Community Relations Director Cherie Nevin, Recorder Jen Chapman, Director of Security Melanie Keener, Planner Jason VanHavel, Administrative Officer/Planning Director Austin Osborne, Community Development Director Dean Haymore and Fire Chief Gary Hames.

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

The meeting was called to order by the Chair 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 17, 2016

**Motion:** Approve Agenda for May 17, 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 19, 2016

**Motion:** Approve Minutes for April 19, 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 04/25/2016 for \$120,128.99 and \$72,877.92 and check date 05/06/2016 for \$468,350.67. Accounts Payable Checks date 04/29/2016 for \$106,224.88 and \$14,090.28.
6. For possible action approval of April 2016 Treasurer Report.
7. For possible action approval of the Treasurer's Affidavit of Mailing Past Due Notice for all Delinquent Parcels.
8. For possible action approve update to Storey County Administrative Policies and Procedures including Policy 506 Acting Pay, and by adding Field Training Officer (FTO) Pay to the policy.
9. For possible action approval of special meeting of the Storey County Commissioners scheduled for Tuesday, May 24, 2016 at 10:00am at the Storey County Courthouse, District Courtroom, 26 South B Street, Virginia City, Nevada.
10. For possible action approval of Business Licenses First Readings:
  - A. F & G CONSTRUCTION LTD. - Contractor / 20 Martin Drive ~ Dayton (contractor)
  - B. CLP RESOURCES, INC. -- General / 1380 Greg Street ~ Sparks (temp employment agency)
  - C. CHRISTENSON ELECTRIC, INC. - Contractor / 17201 NE Sacramento St ~ Portland (elect cont.)
  - D. CONSTRUCTION DEVELOPMENT SERVICES - Contractor / 1601 Lewis St ~ Reno (contractor)
  - E. A CAMPAGNA CO., LLC - Contractor / 1993 Whitney Mesa Dr ~ Henderson (contractor)
  - F. ATLAS COPCO TOOLS & ASSEMBLY SYS, LLC - Contractor / 7 Campus Dr ~ Parsippany, NJ (cont.)
  - G. OLSON ELECTRICAL SVCS. - Contractor / 3237 E Mustang ~ Sparks (contractor)
  - H. GREGORY P LUTH & ASSOC - Professional / 3350 Scott Blvd ~ Santa Clara, CA (engineer)
  - I. E & M ELECTRIC & MACHINERY, INC. - General / 126 Mill St ~ Healdsburg, CA (distributor)
  - J. M & M CONSTRUCTION - Contractor / 4960 Gila-Bend Rd ~ Reno (contractor)
  - K. LOTUS AUTOMATION USA - Contractor / 9611 NE 117<sup>th</sup> Ave ~ Vancouver, WA (industrial svcs.)
  - L. KAHL COMMERCIAL INTERIORS - Contractor / 2675 Mill Street ~ Reno (installation svcs)
  - M. CALDWELL TANKS, INC. - Contractor / 4000 Tower Road ~ Louisville, KY (steel construction)
  - N. ASPEN ENGINEERING - Professional / 5474 Longley Lane ~ Reno (engineer)
  - O. WESTERN LANDMARK ENT., LLC dba Reno Renovations - Contractor / 5401 Longley ~ Reno (contractor)
  - P. W&W-AFCO STEEL, LLC - Contractor / 1730 West Reno ~ Oklahoma City, OK (steel fabricator)
  - Q. JACOBS'S ENGINEERING GRP, INC. - Professional / 111 Corning Rd ~ Cary, NC (engineer)
  - R. OUTSOURCE, LLC - General / 1960 East Grand ~ El Segundo, CA (temp employment agency)
  - S. THE CIDER HOUSE - General / 420 South B Street (restaurant) VC
  - T. WESTERN SINGLE PLY - Contractor / 1560 Industrial Way ~ Sparks (contractor)
  - U. TOMARCO CONTRACTOR SPECIALTIES - Professional / 4125 Wagon Trail Rd ~ Las Vegas (consultant)

## END OF CONSENT AGENDA

**Motion:** Approve Consent Agenda for May 17, 2016 **Action:** Approve, **Moved by:** Vice Chairman Gilman, **Seconded by:** Commissioner McGuffey, **Vote:** Motion carried by unanimous vote, **(Summary:** Yes=3)

### 11. **DISCUSSION ONLY (No Action - No Public Comment):** Committee/Staff

#### **Planning Director Austin Osborne :**

- The tentative time line for completion of the Master Plan is:
  1. May 19<sup>th</sup> - Planning Commission Workshop in Lockwood
  2. June 2<sup>nd</sup> - Planning Commission approval
  3. July 19<sup>th</sup> - County Commission, 1<sup>st</sup> reading
  4. August 2<sup>nd</sup> - County Commission adoption. If approved, the housing moratorium will become null.
- The Master Plan is being reviewed and proof read.
- Notices going out today regarding weed abatement of noxious weeds in Six and Seven Mile Canyons, Gold Creek, Gold Canyon, and American Flat.
- After the third year of spraying, spot spraying is all that is necessary. The native grasses and sagebrush are coming back.

Commissioner McGuffey: Is there anyone waiting for the moratorium to end?

Mr. Osborne: There is no confirmation of that. However there are indications that there is some in interest the moratorium coming to a close.

#### **Tourism Director Deny Dotson:**

- Early results on ticket sales indicate that the Chili on the Comstock event was double over the last few years. The event did very well.
- The Memorial Day Parade will be held on Saturday, May 28<sup>th</sup>. The steam train kicks off the same day - the long and short lines will be running.
- June 4<sup>th</sup> - the Reno Tahoe Odyssey will take place with 3,500 runners. A portion of C Street will be closed between Taylor and Union Streets just for the morning hours.
- Later in the day on June 4<sup>th</sup>, Street Vibrations-Spring Rally will come through and there will be "bike only" parking on C Street on that same day.
- Taste of the Comstock will be held on June 11 and will be combined with mining, single jack competition. Interpretive signs will be placed on mining equipment throughout town.

#### **Communications Director Dave Ballard :**

- Last month some offices were cut-over to a voice over IP (phone) system. This includes the Sheriff, District Attorney, and the jail. Any issues have been fixed and the system is successful so far. The biggest thing with this equipment is - after purchase the monthly service is a substantial reduced cost over AT&T.
- Team Mobile is providing the next generation wireless 911 equipment. Basically, if 911 is called from a Team Mobile phone -the same information will be given to 911 as AT&T, Verizon and Sprint.

- There was a significant internet failure yesterday in dispatch, the courthouse, and a few other areas. This was brought on by AT&T as part of their plans to phase out copper wire. Some DSL services were discontinued. Service in the courthouse was re-connected by evening. People who have DSL will most likely have to move it to U-Verse before it (DSL) is cut out completely.

County Manager Whitten: Thank you and compliments to Dave Ballard and James Deane for a great job in handling the issues with the internet failure.

**Community Development Director Dean Haymore :**

- The Gold Hill Depot project should be complete by Memorial Day.
- The final (USA Parkway) groundbreaking meeting was held with NDOT and Ames Construction. The County will provide a couple of vans for transportation to the groundbreaking site.
- All business license renewals - approximately 1,200 - have been sent out. There are approximately 400 new licenses just this year.
- Interviews will be held tomorrow for a new inspector.

Mr. Whitten: Very proud of the work being done at the Gold Hill Depot with Mr. Haymore's involvement. This will be an exciting venue with a lot of possibilities for use as a wedding location and other events.

**Comptroller Hugh Gallagher :**

- The final budget review will be held at a Special Commission Meeting on Tuesday, May 24<sup>th</sup>.

**Fire Chief Gary Hames :**

- Due to software issues, the monthly report just came out. Hopefully, this report is beneficial to everyone.
- Fuel reduction burning continues this morning in Six Mile Canyon. Some piles on the north side will be left until fall as it is not burning clean enough.
- The next area for fuel reduction will be along Geiger Grade and out into Bailey Canyon.
- Spring weeds are out of control. Residents are reminded of the "You Call-We Haul" program. Trailers are booked out for several weeks in advance, but are still available. This program is working very well.
- Volunteer Recruitment press releases and notices are out.
- The first Junior Firefighter Olympics is being planned and will be held all day June 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Miners Park baseball field. This year will be for middle school level kids, next year the high school and elementary school will be included.

**County Manager Pat Whitten :**

Mr. Whitten reviewed information from an important meeting with USA Parkway stakeholders:

- Everyone is invited to attend the groundbreaking of USA Parkway, June 7<sup>th</sup> at 3PM. Drive out to the pavement end and instructions will be given on how to proceed.
- Information has been given out regarding the groundbreaking to various groups and media.
- USA Parkway is being structured as a design/build - not wasting time to build waiting for design of certain phases - very important in the process.
- Mr. Whitten is very confident that Ames Construction is the right company for this job and are very easy to work with. Ames has indicated they are on time for a late summer 2017 opening.
- Designs are in preliminary phase - work in process.
- NDOT was exceptionally complimentary of Ames Construction.

- Expect a high-speed roundabout where USA Parkway comes out on Highway 50 near the northwest corner of the airport fence.
- Work is broken down into three phases. Phase one is six miles total which will begin immediately after groundbreaking, if not before. Safety improvements will be made to some portions of Storey County road. The second phase will be about eight miles. The last phase to occur spring 2017 will be the roundabout at Highway 50. Wildlife crossing and migration patterns will be addressed.
- This was a \$76 million dollar bid - all State funded. If Federal funding was included, the permitting process would be more intensive.
- It is the impression that existing speed limits will be adhered to.
- Aesthetic landscaping will be included.

Mr. Whitten continued:

- The Nevada Tax Commission approved the Memorandum of Understanding that will allow County representatives to review sales and use tax returns for accuracy. This is a 2-year agreement.
- Internal policies for reviews are being developed.
- During review, we will be very attentive to the amount of purchase and who should be reporting sales tax.
- This is a milestone - a project that has been worked on for almost 15 years.

**12. DISCUSSION ONLY (No Action - No Public Comment):** Review of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter 2016 Unaudited Budget to Actual Review.

Comptroller Hugh Gallagher reviewed the 2016 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter budget. Overall, the third quarter is consistent with where it ought to be. Revenues have increased since 2014 and are tracking at 94%. Third quarter expenses are less than last year and are all well within range. All department heads have done a great job. There were no significant deviations from the budget that cannot be explained.

Emergency Management is the only overage in expense and was the result of an emergency situation relative to firefighter crew in July 2015. Contingency funds have not been accessed but will be looked at and may be utilized to prepare for some emergencies such as the Emergency Management situation.

Chairman McBride noted that department heads and elected officials have done a great job keeping budgets in balance and managing funds.

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

Commissioner McGuffey:

- Nevada State Eagles Convention presented Virginia City with a certificate from the State Aeries. Commissioner McGuffey read the certificate thanking the Virginia City Aerie for hosting the convention. Attendees at the convention had a great time and complimented the town, restaurants, railroad, and shops.

Chairman McBride:

- Longtime resident Carl Small passed away and will be missed by his friends and neighbors.

**14. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION:** Consideration of and possible action to approve the transfer of the County's allocation of authority to issue private activity bonds to the Nevada Rural Housing Authority in the amount of \$208,217.19.

Deputy District Attorney Keith Loomis introduced Bill Brewer, Deputy Director of Nevada Rural Housing Authority (NRHA).

Mr. Loomis:

- Each year the Federal government gives States a certain amount of authority to issue private activity bonds. Nevada received approximately \$300 million.
- The State allocates 50% of this amount to local governments and is distributed on the basis of population.
- Storey County's allocation is approximately \$208,000. Interest on these bonds is tax exempt.
- A qualifying project can be asked for under this program. Nevada Rural Housing Authority comes to the counties and government entities with smaller amounts and requests transfer of the allocation.
- In this case, the funds will be used for mortgage credit certificates to allow low-income, first-time homebuyers to qualify for loans.

Bill Brewer:

- This partnership started in 2006 to bring homeownership to rural Nevada. Cities and counties were asked to transfer their portion of the bond to NRHA which were pooled. Mortgage products are issued to help families get into housing.
- 4,500 families have been served over the last several years.
- In 2015, a taxable program was implemented for NRHA loans that can be coupled with mortgage credit certificates - a tax credit to the homebuyer on income taxes.
- NRHA appreciates the County's consideration of this request.

Chairman McBride: Has NRHA asked Storey County to transfer this allocation in the past?

Mr. Brewer: Storey County has been approached several times since 2006, but has not been for several years because there was enough State bond cap to fund programs for some time. This year local communities are being requested to transfer if they can.

Mr. Whitten: Historically, Storey County has responded to this request when asked. The funds always go to good projects across the State.

Chairman McBride: If the County does this transfer, there is no utilization for the funds on County level?

Mr. Whitten: Right - this is the understanding. Staff recommends approval.

Public Comment:

None

**Motion:** Approve resolution authorizing Storey County to transfer its allocated portion of authority to issue private activity bonds to the Nevada Rural Housing Authority and to authorize the County Manager to sign such documents, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by:** Commissioner McGuffey, **Seconded by:** Vice Chairman Gilman, **Vote:** Motion carried by unanimous vote, (**Summary:** Yes=3)

15. **DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION:** Approval and acceptance of a National Park Service Historic Preservation Grant award in the amount of \$25,088.00 for Training at the 2016 Historic Preservation Forum and Storey County Courthouse Building Safety improvements and authorization for Cherie Nevin to sign all associated grant documentation.

Community Services Director Cherie Nevin stated that a National Park Service Historic Preservation Grant administered by the State Historic Preservation Office was recently applied for. This grant will enable the County to attend the 2016 Historic Preservation Forum in Alabama - a conference held every other year. The County has never attended this forum. The State said this would be a great opportunity for County personnel and members of the Comstock Historic Commission.

The second part of the grant is specifically for seismic retrofitting of the County Courthouse building. A cost estimator will be retained to give a cost of the retrofit.

The grant is for approximately 50% of what was requested and comes with a match. The match is only on the Courthouse work not the travel.

Commissioner McGuffey: The match is approximately \$6,700?

Ms. Nevin: Yes, it may be a little more. There may be some cost savings on the travel budget.

Chair McBride: There are a couple of individuals on the Comstock Historic Commission Board who are planning to attend.

Public Comment:  
None

**Motion:** Approve and accept National Park Service Historic Preservation Grant award in the amount of \$25,088.00 for Training at the 2016 Historic Preservation Forum and Storey County Courthouse Building Safety improvements and authorization for Cherie Nevin to sign all associated grant documentation, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by:** Commissioner McGuffey, **Seconded by:** Vice Chairman Gilman, **Vote:** Motion carried by unanimous vote, (**Summary:** Yes=3)

16. **DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION:** Amend the Cooperative Agreement for the Creation of Nevadaworks by and among 13 counties of the State of Nevada and the Nevadaworks in order for the agreement to conform to the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act of 2014.

Administrative Officer Austin Osborne said there was a presentation on this item a few months ago. At that time, the Commission requested Nevadaworks go to the other counties and see how those counties felt and then obtain signatures before Storey County took action. All of the other 13 counties in Nevadaworks jurisdiction have signed the Memorandum of Understanding.

A brief background on what Nevadaworks is:

- The U.S. Department of Labor and the Department of Education have monies available to go the States.
- This money can be used to help people find work. The target group are persons who are at risk and who have barrier to employment - youth that are very young for employment to senior citizens and disabled persons.
- The funds go to the State and the State sends the monies on to Nevadaworks for the northern counties for determination on where the funds should go - such as local organizations that are both public and private non-profit that provide education, training, employment services, rehabilitation, and other different groups.
- Mr. Osborne sits on the Nevadaworks Board and serves on the sub-committee that sorts through the applications.

- Nevadaworks is now working under the Workplace Innovation and Opportunity Act of 2014
- This Memorandum changes language to comply with the new law under the new title.

Chair McBride: How much does this cost Storey County?

Mr. Osborne: This is not Storey County's money. The Memorandum of Understanding is simply for Nevadaworks to take money from the Federal government, from the State and use that money so it's not an obligation from Storey County to provide to Nevadaworks. Nevadaworks works hard with organizations to provide employment of people in Virginia City, TRI, and elsewhere in the State.

Mr. Whitten: Just yesterday, along with Vice Chairman Gilman, Mr. Whitten was asked about workforce availability. When thinking about Nevadaworks, along with other organizations, this is a collaborative network.

Public Comment:  
None

**Motion:** Approve the Amendments to the Cooperative Agreement for the Creation of Nevadaworks by and among 13 counties of the State of Nevada, including Storey County and the Nevadaworks in order for the agreement to conform to the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act of 2014, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by:** Commissioner McGuffey, **Seconded by:** Vice Chairman Gilman, **Vote:** Motion carried by unanimous vote, (**Summary:** Yes=3)

## **RECESS TO CONVENE AS THE STOREY COUNTY LIQUOR BOARD**

17. **DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION:** First reading of Ordinance no. 15-271 amending Storey County Code chapter 5.12 Sale of Alcoholic Beverages, and section 8.28.025 Alcoholic Beverages, to revise the procedure for issuing and revoking business and liquor licenses, and providing for other properly related matters.

Outside Counsel Robert Morris presented this item. This is first reading of a liquor board ordinance to present the ordinance to the public to see what it says. The public hearing on the content of the ordinance will be at the second reading. Two second readings may be recommended on this ordinance due to the number of changes and to insure all issues are discussed and decided appropriately.

Mr. Morris read the Ordinance:

This is an Ordinance amending Storey County Code 5.12 Sale of Alcoholic Beverages and Section 8.28.025 Alcoholic Beverages, to revise the procedure for issuing and revoking liquor licenses and providing for other properly related matters.

Mr. Morris asked if there were any questions. If not, approval of this first reading of the ordinance is recommended.

Chairman McBride: Has read the ordinance and will read it several more times to insure understanding of the entire ordinance. This is a good start.



Mr. Morris: There was a workshop in November, which was a good start with a lot of interest in issues presented. More information will be added prior to the public hearing.

Sheriff Antinoro: There are some issues on the re-write regarding fingerprinting and background of civil applicants that have come up as far as all civil processes. Should this be discussed here or before the next meeting? A couple of different alternatives are posed on how to conduct that.

Mr. Morris: This is one of the issues that needs additional information to be added so that people understand it. Discussion should be at the next meeting - June 21<sup>st</sup>.

Public Comment:  
None

**Motion:** Approve First reading of Liquor Board Ordinance no. 15-271, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by:** Commissioner McGuffey, **Seconded by:** Vice Chairman Gilman, **Vote:** Motion carried by unanimous vote, (**Summary:** Yes=3)

### **ADJOURN TO RECONVENE AS THE STOREY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

18. **DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION:** First reading of Ordinance no. 15-271 amending Storey County Code chapter 5.04 Business Licenses, chapter 5.12 Sale of Alcoholic Beverages, and section 8.28.025 Alcoholic Beverages, to revise the procedure for issuing and revoking business and liquor licenses, and providing for other properly related matters.

Mr. Morris stated this ordinance has the same number as the Liquor Board ordinance for the purpose of basically incorporating the language that is passed as the liquor ordinance into the County Code. That language has been added to this ordinance which also deals with business licenses. Changes have been made and language has been added to make the process more straight-forward. Some of the language changes are to ensure that requirements of statutes are being followed. Issues that need to be discussed are on the agenda action report - including creation of licensing divisions.

Mr. Morris encourages people to read this ordinance and if there are any questions, advise Mr. Morris prior to the next hearing so the appropriate information can be brought forward.

Mr. Whitten: The suggestion this was an antiquated ordinance is an understatement. Mr. Morris has found certain items that no other jurisdiction in the State is complying with - but Storey County will be. Thank you Mr. Morris.

Public Comment:  
None

**Motion:** Approve First reading of Ordinance no. 15-271, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by:** Commissioner McGuffey, **Seconded by:** Vice Chairman Gilman, **Vote:** Motion carried by unanimous vote, (**Summary:** Yes=3)

### **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING**

19. **DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION :** First reading of Ordinance No. 16-272, an ordinance extending interim development regulations affecting Title 16 and 17 of the Storey County Code by extending through August 31, 2016 Title 16A establishing minimum interim requirements for subdivision map approvals and Title 17A by limiting master plan amendments for approvals of planned unit developments during the master plan approval process, and providing for other properly related matters. The moratorium on subdivisions and planned unit developments will be

in effect until the comprehensive update to the Storey County Master Plan is adopted, or August 31, 2016 whichever comes first.

Planning Director Austin Osborne said the title indicates this is an ordinance to put a hold on any large-planned unit developments, subdivisions exceeding four parcels, and other large developments until the Master Plan is done. The Master Plan is nearly complete - in the proof reading stages, appendixes and supporting attachments are being put in. One more workshop is scheduled in Lockwood. Planning Commission approval will be requested before submission to this Board. This item is for the moratorium to be extended for only 90 days. If the Master Plan is approved early, the moratorium expires at that time. This (moratorium) does not apply to parcel maps dividing parcels of four or less, building permits, special uses, variances, and other planning applications.

Public Comment:

None

**Motion:** Approve First reading of Ordinance No. 16-272, creating interim development regulations, ie., moratorium on subdivisions and planned unit developments affecting Title 16 and 17 of the Storey County Code by creating Title 16a, establishing minimum interim requirements for subdivision map approvals, and Title 17a by limiting Master Plan amendments for approvals of planned unit developments during the Master Plan approval process and providing for properly related matters , **Action:** Approve, **Moved by:** Commissioner McGuffey, **Seconded by:** Vice Chairman Gilman, **Vote:** Motion carried by unanimous vote, **(Summary:** Yes=3)

**20. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION, LICENSING BOARD SECOND 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

Stacey Bucchaneiri, on behalf of the Community Development Department, requested approval of Items A through K, and continuance of Item L.

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

**Motion:** Continue Item L, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by:** Commissioner McGuffey, **Seconded by:** Vice Chairman Gilman, **Vote:** Motion carried by unanimous vote, (**Summary:** Yes=3)

**21. PUBLIC COMMENT (No Action)**

**John Warner, an Honorable Veteran of the U. S. Navy:** Appears today regarding obtaining a Sheriff's card for employment. Some of the Storey County policies has made it troublesome for an employee to obtain work. The lack of communication between parties has cost Mr. Warner a job. Elected officials are here to serve the people and, in this case, protect and serve. Mr. Warner feels he is being bullied and manipulated by someone in a power position. Mr. Warner questions why a Sheriff's card is being pulled from him for lack of meaningless information previously obtained by the (Sheriff's) department. The fact he was involved in another person's accident that put him in the wrong place at the wrong time, never charged with any crime related to this person or their accident, nor did anything wrong. In all the years, he worked in Washoe County with work permits, this has never come up or been an issue. In Storey County to resubmit an application and pay an additional \$63 fee, is disturbing to an individual that's gone through tough hardships. Why another fee for information the Department already has. This is gouging of a client and complete waste of time. Why isn't this process more simplified so honorable vets or any other good standing citizens can achieve a Sheriff's card and employment desired. Mr. Warner feels he has to jump through hoops to accomplish a simple task. Not everyone has the means to pay double fees or drive all over the county because the Sheriff feels he is much greater than other individuals. He couldn't return a phone call to an honorable veteran putting him to work. The job has been lost resembling a good chunk of change. What if someone took your job away and you had no idea when you might start up again? This being said, Mr. Warner hopes we can learn to work together more efficiently and positively to achieve our goals in the future. Equality and fairness should be the forefront of American standards, honor and integrity should be commonplace in our society and conducted in everyday life. Sadly many individuals finding themselves elected in positions of power, somehow lose focus on the real tasks at hand. Mr. Warner believes he has found himself in this situation and ask if we can change the ways in judging people for mistakes, instead praising them for accomplishments. He feels demonized instead of glorified. This is sad. To think if the Commandant of the Marine Corps, the highest ranking Marine Corps official could take a moment out to acknowledge me, you'd think a lowly Sheriff in Storey County could return a phone call. It is disturbing how difficult this has to be. It has cost a lot of money and hardship.

**Kris Thompson, Project Manager at TRI:** Here as fellow veteran of Mr. Warner and talked to him briefly before the meeting. Mr. Warner brought a scrapbook of his days as a Navy sailor - one Mr. Warner did not mention that is interesting - is he was serving on the USS Blueridge, the command vessel for the Commander of the 7<sup>th</sup> U. S. fleet, a 3-star command position. Those fellows command over 100,000 troops. Mr. Warner was found competent enough and quality-entrusted enough to go on that command ship. For veterans to have to chase down the Sheriff in Storey County, to try and get him on the phone, to have to go to the office to find out why the work card was pulled, and then basically being told you can't find out why because of confidentiality rules - Mr. Thompson would suggest that something needs to change soon with the management of work cards in Storey County. If you're looking at the motivation behind why the employees at a certain business in this county keep getting stiff-armed by the Sheriff's Department, this is a good example. This is a stipulation entered into between the Ethics Commission and Lance Gilman dated April 20<sup>th</sup>. The Sheriff in Storey County had made four charges in an ethics complaint 18 months against Lance Gilman arising out of an incident arising in a meeting here. Those charges

were investigated. The Ethics Commission, seeing charges coming from the senior law enforcement officer of the county, gave it great weight and credibility. There was a lengthy interview between of Mr. Gilman, a lengthy investigation between the Ethics Commission and Mr. Gilman, and this stipulation was the Ethics Commission finding no violations in anything Lance Gilman did or said. Not one of the charges made by Sheriff Antinoro were sustained. To get the Ethics Commission after 18 months of investigation to fully dismiss four charged that were brought is almost unheard of. It shows how baseless the charges are. Mr. Thompson submits that the stream of folks coming in simply to get a work card in Storey County and things like this, the charges made against Mr. Gilman - using a badge as a political weapon - are ample evidence that something else is driving these actions of the Sheriff's Department. Mr. Thompson asks the Chairman, the Commission, the County administration, the District Attorney's Office, respectfully put their minds to this issue and figure out if there isn't a better way to do the work card administration in this county so that continued collateral damage like John don't continue to occur - who is simply trying to get a job.

**22. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned by the call of the Chair at 11:29 AM

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Vanessa Stephens Clerk-Treasurer