



STOREY COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING

8/2/2016 10:00 A.M.

26 SOUTH B STREET, VIRGINIA CITY, NEVADA

MINUTES

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Roll Call: Chairman Marshall McBride, Vice-Chairman Lance Gilman, Commissioner Jack McGuffey, County Manager Pat Whitten, Clerk & Treasurer Vanessa Stephens, District Attorney Anne Langer, Sheriff Gerald Antinoro, Community Development Director Dean Haymore, Administrative Officer/Senior Planner Austin Osborne, Emergency Management Director Joe Curtis, Community Relations Director Cherie Nevin, Public Works Director Mike Nevin, Planner Jason VanHavel, Director of Security Melanie Keener, Comptroller Hugh Gallagher, Fire Chief Gary Hames, Battalion Chief Jeff Nevin and Tourism Director Deny Dotson.

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

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Chair led those present in the Pledge.

3. **DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION**

Motion: Approve Agenda for August 2, 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**

Presentation by the United States Geological Survey (USGS) of preliminary findings from monitoring of the quantity and quality of underground water in the Mark Twain Estates and the Virginia City Highlands, Storey County. Direction to county staff to continue collaborating with the USGS and other federal, state, and/or local agencies to develop recommendations based on findings, and to prepare to report findings and recommendations to the Storey County Board of County Commissioners upon conclusion of the study.

Kip Allander and David Smith with the USGS reported on and provided a slide presentation of

USGS findings from groundwater monitoring in Mark Twain Estates and Virginia City Highlands.

Mr. Allander reviewed two types of underground water systems that are in these local areas and provided an explanation of water-level measurements.

Mr. Smith discussed the Mark Twain Estates area:

- Looking at well maintenance and conditions versus the idea that the water level is dropping.
- From 1982 to current the depth of water has declined only 2 feet in the Mark Twain area
- USGS is looking for 5 wells that reportedly had gone dry. If anyone knows where these wells are located, please advise USGS.
- USGS would like to monitor wells of residents experiencing changes.
- Municipal wells were taken off-line in 2012.
- Only 4 wells have been deepened in the Mark Twain area most of them prior to 2000.
- Average depth of water in Mark Twain Estates is 180 feet; average well depth is 270 feet.
- Compared to other areas, the drought has not hit this area very hard.
- Information presented is on-line.
- Well logs indicate potentially multiple aquifers in the area.

Mr. Smith continued discussing conditions in Virginia City Highlands:

- Two wells currently being monitored in the Highlands. One shows a major decline from 1997 to 2016 of 165', the other a decline of 50'.
- Information on wells that have been drilled, well logs, and other data can be found on the Nevada Division of Water Resources Well database - www.water.nv.gov/data/welllog/
- Wells in the east side of the highlands are not seeing any real issues.
- Moving west the number of issues increase seeing the need to replace or deepen wells.
- This confirms that the water level decline is real in this area. It appears that aquifers are being dried up.
- Out of 623 wells, 103 have been deepened or replaced.
- Prior to 1997 there were 311 wells @ a mean depth of 225, with 16 wells redrilled; after 1997, 312 wells are at 375 feet, with 87 re-drilled.

Mr. Smith discussed water quality sampling done in 1975.

Very preliminary findings show:

Mark Twain Estates:

- Water levels appear to be stable (early in monitoring period through;
- Evidence of substantial water level declines not observed;
- Localized water level decline could be present.

Virginia City Highlands:

- Water level decline is real and causing deepening and re-drilling of wells;
- Extent of declines is not well characterized;
- Historical water quality is available as a baseline for characterizing future change.

County Manager Whitten: Mr. Smith and Mr. Allander will be available after this discussion to meet with residents who have questions regarding wells. A copy of the USGS power point presentation is available by calling the Planning Department at 847-1144 or email planning@storeycounty.org. Audio and video recordings of this meeting are available through the County Clerk's office at 847-0969.

Residents who would like to volunteer for well monitoring should contact Mr. Smith or Mr. Allander at USGS. There is no cost to residents. There are only two wells set up in the Highlands at this time so monitoring is very limited. More are needed.

Mr. Whitten: Mr. Smith and Mr. Allander are not the “well police” and are not reporting well usage, nothing other than gathering data that can be used by everyone to work towards solutions.

Planning Director Austin Osborne:

- Residents have brought to our attention that neighbors could not attend this meeting as it's during the day. A Planning Commission meeting will be held at 6 PM at the County Courthouse regarding this issue. The date is yet to be determined but will be within the next month or so. This same presentation will be given.
- USGS are surveyors - only. No recommendations are given. This presentation enables all to see the preliminary findings and to obtain additional volunteers for monitoring, allowing USGS to come up with a better picture of what is happening in these communities. It also gives the County, the Planning Commission the opportunity to work with the communities on possible options based on the findings.

Commissioner McGuffey: What does being a volunteer entail? What takes place? Is a water mineral test done?

Mr. Allander: It varies. USGS likes to be there with the homeowner to explain how the monitoring is done. Mr. Allander discussed the importance of having wells to monitor, looking to have them spaced out. It is much easier to monitor existing wells with the infrastructure is already place.

Mr. Smith: A tape is dropped down and it is not invasive. USGS could look at the mineral content, this is being assessed. It would be good to get this information at previous wells to see if things are changing. If there is no indication that wells are changing that much that would not be very alarming and would not require additional water quality monitoring.

Commissioner McGuffey: Thought his well was going dry and not re-charging. The well pipe was clogged up with manganese.

Mr. Allander: This could be an issue in the Mark Twain area and not the water levels
Public Comment:

Michael Kessler , Virginia City Highlands: How much does snow and rain affect water levels?

Mr. Allander: The Mark Twain area seems to respond and recharge from the moisture. There is not as much data for the Highlands, what is seen is that area does not respond as well and needs a much larger snow pack to recharge. Recharge happens when actual runoff from the snow pack is seen.

Varying well depth can be a result of the topography.

Carol Oberholtzer , Virginia City Highlands: Is a hydro-geologist with Lahonton Geoscience. Is the USGS was looking at developing a model?

Mr. Allander: At this time USGS is not. That said, models require monitoring data and that is what USGS is interested in right now. A model may be necessary in the future once additional data is collected.

Ms. Oberholtzer: What is the water source for Tesla and the business park?

Chairman McBride: That water is provided from the industrial park from wells owned by the industrial center.

Mr. Kessler: With so many wells being re-drilled, why is drilling of new wells and building being allowed?

Mr. Whitten: A moratorium is an option being considered. This is a pretty heavy-handed government action which is not taken lightly. Lots have been purchased with the understanding that building can be done whenever wanted. It would help to know how existing Highlands' residents feel about this option. It is suggested that the homeowners go to the homeowners associations and have them address the commission and planning commission. The collective voice of the homeowners associations is the best vehicle.

Austin Osborne: Working with the communities trying to avoid the governmental punitive measures and think outside of the box with the Storey County Master Plan. A potential solution, rather than regulating and forcing people to not be able to use their properties, would be to incentivize people not to build without being government punitive.

Mr. Whitten: There are other actions being looked at as far as incentives such as waving County-originated fees for lots being consolidated and having only one well. The County is focusing not only on mandating but on incentivizing.

Todd DeVito, Virginia City Highlands: If wells are volunteered, how much information would be shared with the homeowner and how often?

David Smith: The information would be available on USGS database online and is typically updated with one to two weeks.

Motion: Moved to direct County staff to cooperate with the USGS and other federal, state, and/or local agencies with continued monitoring of the underground water resources in the Highlands, Mark Twain, and other areas monitored in the County and to develop recommendations for improvement based on findings, and to prepare to report findings and recommendations to the Storey County Board of County Commissioners upon conclusion of the study, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by:** Vice Chairman Gilman, **Seconded by:** Commissioner McGuffey, **Vote:** Motion carried by unanimous vote, **(Summary:** Yes=3)

Chairman McBride called for recess at 11:00 AM.

Meeting reconvened at 11:08 AM

5. **DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION**

Approval of Minutes for July 5, 2016.

Public Comment:

Mark Joseph Phillips, Virginia City resident: The package refers to the Minutes as "Agenda" and needs to be corrected.

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

6. **CONSENT AGENDA**

- I For possible action: Approval of Claims as follows: Accounts Payable date 07/20/16 for \$45,000.00, date 07/22/16 for \$444,752.34, date 07/22/16 for \$11,658.08, date 07/22/16 for \$540.00, date 07/14/16 for \$113,829.27 and date 07/22/16 for \$144,007.59. Payroll date 07/15/16 for \$465,565.54.
- II For possible action: Approval of Assessor's Recommended Corrections to the 2016-17 Unsecured Tax Roll for Exemptions.
- III For Possible Action: Approval of Assessor's Recommended Corrections to Tax Roll for Clerical Error.
- IV Correspondence: Storey County Fire Protection District Monthly Report
- V For possible action: Approval of Business Licenses First Reading
 - A. ILLINOIS TOOL WORKS, INC. - General / 825 University Ave ~ Norwood, MA (mechanical testing)
 - B. ADVANCED COUNTERTOP DESIGN, INC. - Contractor / 475 E Greg ~ Sparks (countertop manuf.)
 - C. LB&K, INC - Contractor / 154 S Valencie ~ Glendora, CA (contractor)
 - D. LEE CONTRACTING, INC. - Contractor / 631 Cesar ~ Pontiac, MI (transportation of equipment)
 - E. DC BERRIDGE, LLC dba Best Events - General / 314 N Vista ~ Los Angeles (event production)
 - F. KUKA SYSTEMS NORTH AMERICA - Contractor / 6600 Center Dr ~ Sterling Hts., MI (proj mgmt.)
 - G. MANZ USA, INC. - Contractor / 376 Dry Bridge Rd ~ N Kingstown, RI (ind. automation machinery)
 - H. BARTEL DISPENSING TECHNOLOGY, INC. dba BDTronic - Contractor / Box 470741 ~ Tulsa (industrial automation)
 - I. TOYOSYSTEM CO., LTD. - Contractor / Fukushima JAPAN (battery safety testing)
 - J. CRYSTAL EMPLOYMENT SVCS - General / 645 Executive Dr ~ Troy, MI (skilled trades support)
 - K. WRIGHT CELEBRATIONS, INC. - General / 8845 Washington Blvd ~ Roseville, CA (event rentals)
 - L. PECSON CO. - Contractor / Chiba JAPAN (elect control motor drive sys)
 - M. SIERRA MAINTENANCE, INC. - Contractor / 2850-H Wrondel Way ~ Reno (asphalt maint/repair)
 - N. ENVERID SYSTEMS, INC. - Professional / 102 2nd Ave ~ Needham, MA (consultant)
 - O. ABOVE THE LINE, LLC - Professional / 2951 Obispo Ave ~ Signal Hill, CA (consultant)
 - P. FIRST CLASS LANDSCAPE CONSTRUCTION, INC. - Contractor / 336 Omni Dr ~ Sparks (landscape)
 - Q. TW VENDING - General / 1750 Purina Way ~ Sparks (vending services)
 - R. FELIX LIGHTING CORPORATION - General / 17116 Valley View ~ LaMirada, CA

(lighting design)

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

7. **DISCUSSION ONLY (No Action - No Public Comment): Committee/Staff Reports**

Comptroller Hugh Gallagher :

- Thank you to all for help and support during his recent absence.

Sheriff Gerald Antinoro :

- Reminder, the annual National Night Out will be held tonight in Lockwood from 4 to 7PM.

Battalion Chief Jeff Nevin :

- There was a 1,275 acre fire in the north end of the County which is completely contained. Thanks to County staff and County Manager.
- Personnel are currently out - one in Wyoming and an engine in Caliente.
- The Honor Guard participated in a memorial for BLM personnel.
- The new ambulance for the Lockwood community has been received and is in service.

Emergency Management Director Joe Curtis :

- Along with Cherie Nevin, just returned from a historic preservation conference in Alabama. Attendance was provided through a grant from the State Office of Historic Preservation. Four items taken away from this conference:
 1. Interaction between the Comstock Historic District Commission (a State-legislated commission - one of two in the entire nation set up this way) and the County is unique and will be looked at to make sure everything is in place to work together effectively;
 2. The importance of educating residents in the Historic District about what the Historic Commission does and that it is not there to regulate but to preserve the historic communities;
 3. Convince owners/occupants to keep up the buildings and residences;
 4. There is not a County museum which would discuss how the communities in the County came up and the people involved. Thought should be given to a County Museum that speaks to the history of the County.
- Plans continue for the annual hazardous materials training session.
- Sutro Site tours will be held September 24 and 25. Although in Lyon County, Sutro is tightly tied to the history of Virginia City and the Comstock.

County Manager Pat Whitten: A committee has been set up to look at utilizing the old jail space as a County museum. Doug Gist generously left display cases from the former Police Officer's Museum. The thought at this time is that it would be a self-guided museum. This space would also function as a conference center.

Public Works Director Mike Nevin :

- Marlette System began pumping water from the lake on July 8th. The beneficiary from most of this water is Carson City. Pumping from Marlette gives the opportunity to flush out organic materials at Hobart.
- Waiting for custom materials to continue work on the waterline under Interstate 580.

- Playground equipment has been ordered for the park project at Miners Park. Bid requests have been sent out for the paver portion of the project.
- Roadside drainage and culvert work is being done in Mark Twain Estates.
- The cape seal/slurry seal project is out to bid. The project includes portions of Canyon Way in Lockwood, parts of Denmark in TRI, two mile section of Cartwright Road where work left off last year, portions of Sutro Springs, Wagon Wheel, and LaFond in Mark Twain Estates, and Six Mile Canyon from R Street to the County line.
- A road widening project was done on L Street.
- A meeting will be held next week regarding the sewer replacement project.
- Regarding the ongoing Six Mile Canyon FEMA drainage project, there is uncertainty that Storey County has been maintaining it. Correspondence will be sent indicating that Storey County has been indeed been maintaining the system.

Community Development Director Dean Haymore :

- A consumer alert has been issued by the Nevada State Contractor's Board regarding unlicensed contractor - Reliable Roofing and Paving - going around the area and scamming homeowners and small business. If residents hire anyone, make sure they have a Storey County business license.
- Thank you to all in attendance at the AguaMetals and Tesla grand openings.
- Meetings have been held with a couple of more companies this last week.

Senior Planner/Administrative Officer Austin Osborne:

- The next Master Plan workshop will be August 4th at the Planning Commission. This is the date set for adoption of the plan. If adopted, the Master Plan will be submitted to the County Commission at the meeting on August 16th. There is still time for questions and submittals between these two meetings.
- After the Master Plan, the Planning Department will be looking at various ordinances including sign and doing business on the boardwalk. Workshops will be held regarding these items and discussions will include the VCTC and businesses.
- Design standards in the zoning ordinance will be reviewed.
- Work is be done on re-organizing flood plain management in the County.
- Workshops will be held to discuss ordinances for possible tattoo parlors in Storey County.
- Working with the Carson Water Subconservancy District and the Mark Twain community on a comprehensive flood plan to come up with flooding prevention in that area.
- Hometown Health and LP Insurance will set a date in September to meet with employees so they can share experiences and issues that have come up since the changeover.

County Manager Pat Whitten :

- The County will use its Bill Draft Request for the 2017 Legislature to focus on re-vamping the Nevada Commission for the Reconstruction for the V& T Railway. This will be submitted to the County Commissioners at the August 16th meeting.
- Reporting on behalf of Deny Dotson: there were 327 registered vehicles for the Hot August Nights kickoff in Virginia City.
- Mr. Whitten recognized Ron Englebrecht, a member of the Planning Commission, for his service to the County. Mr. Englebrecht is moving out of state at the end of the month.
- Residents should be aware that rattlesnakes are out everywhere.

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

Commissioner McGuffey:

- The NACO convention in Long Beach was awesome, with high quality workshops.
- A good meeting was held with V & T board members. Low numbers coming from the train operations was among the items discussed.
- Along with BDR the Mr. Whitten is working on, it is also hoped to clean-up the Memorandum of Understanding with Carson.

Mr. Whitten: Mr. McGuffey has talked to the V&T about holding them accountable. The intent of the BDR is to get the Commission pared down to three - with elected representatives from Storey County and Carson City, and potentially a Governor appointee. Dwight Millard, the current Governor appointee, said a five person board might want to be considered. This concept is what is now being considered with the heads of the Virginia City Tourism Commission and the Carson City Convention and Visitors Bureau. The V & T long line is for tourism.

- Thank you to the local Aerie #523, the Eagles, for donating \$200 towards the St. Mary's mattress drive.
- AguaMetals grand opening was interesting with an explanation of their operations.
- Tesla also held a grand opening which was well-attended.

Chairman McBride :

- The last few weeks have been busy with the NACO conference and grand openings at Tesla and AguaMetals, a lead battery recycling plant. This is the only plant of its kind.
- Hats off to Hot August Nights. This organization has the best volunteer system ever. A tremendous job was done of setting up and tearing down. This was a great event.

Mr. Whitten: This Thursday, Hot August Nights will hold a poker run with Virginia City being a stop. A lot of great cars will be in town.

9. **DISCUSSION ONLY/NO POSSIBLE ACTION**

Update from Staff regarding the ongoing zip code issues.

Mr. Whitten said there have been good productive meetings with the Department of Taxation regarding issues of using zip codes as a locator for point of sale/delivery of materials - particularly at the industrial park. Taxation is on board - as much as their systems allows. Taxation has signed the Memorandum of Understanding allowing a small team to confidentially look at sales and tax returns for suppliers in TRI.

As far as zip codes, the postal service is the most difficult agency to work with. An answer to a question to the postal service came back stating the County is not going to get its own zip code because a verbal application was made last year and the answer was no. The County has never made a verbal or written application. Discussions have been very careful.

Through Federal lobbyist Jon Porter and his staff, Congressman Chaffey (Utah) is drafting a potential legislation with specific provision for Storey County to have its own, unique zip code. Passage is not expected this session, hopefully next session. There

has been bi-partisan support of this issue.

The media has now picked up on the zip code situation.

10. **DISCUSSION ONLY/NO POSSIBLE ACTION**

The Human Resources Department will provide a general statistical update of personnel actions, terminations, and turnover occurring since July 1, 2015 for each department and office of Storey County.

Administrative Officer, Austin Osborne presented this item. The Commission has requested a summary of statistics pertaining to Human Resource actions in Storey County to include all regular employees, elected offices, and the Storey County Fire District.

Mr. Osborne reviewed each department indicating the number of terminations, grievances, arbitrations, litigations, NERC EEOC or other actions. No names or specifics are given.

Information was given for the following departments, all others had zero, for the period of July 1, 2015 to July 1, 2016:

- Sheriff's Office - 5 terminations and 2 transfers to other departments; grievances 0; arbitrations 0; litigation 1 and 1 pending; NERC EEOC 2; other actions 1
- Community Development - 2 terminations
- Communications - 3 terminations

Some of the above terminations may or may not have been probationary employees that did not meet the probationary period.

Human Resource statistics:

- Full time equivalency: 95 for Storey County. The Fire District is 41 for a total of 136 FTE.
- Storey County turnover, without transfers, is approximately 10.5% (for the 136 total). 15% or less is considered acceptable in any organization.
- Total turnover with the 2 transfers, would be 12.6%.
- With the Fire District included, the County runs about 11% for turnover; about 12.5% with all transfers included.
- Government in general usually runs about 1.8%
- Turnover costs - the average employee wage is approximately \$22.05/hour. The impact of losing an employee at \$22.05/hour comes to approximately \$13,315 per each employee lost. Storey County spent about \$133,150 in dealing with the turnover issue. The number may be higher or lower depending on actual salary.
- In order to mitigate the number of employees terminating, employees are typically sent to an Employees Assistance Plan, which is paid by County insurance, to assist in dealing with personal or other issues.
- Employee and department head training is also offered.
- Personal and professional improvement plans are available.
- The County does not want to terminate employees - it is not the goal, it is expensive and creates issues throughout.
- The goal is to stop and improve employee performance and reduce attrition and

costs.

Mr. Whitten: In addition to these numbers, other costs include items such as personal protection equipment purchased for firefighters and/or sheriff's officers.

Mr. Osborne: These statistics are for full time employees. If an employee does not make it through the probationary period, it is classified as a termination.

Mr. Whitten: What are the bargaining agreement probationary periods?

Mr. Osborne: For Sheriff and Fire it's a 12 month period, and for the ACSFME contract it's a 9 month period with 3 month extension if needed.

Mr. Whitten: If the 9 or 12 month period is marked with warning signals that this will be a rocky relationship, it's a lot more challenging after the probation period is over if corrective action is necessary.

Mr. Osborne: There are a lot of moving parts to this. Does the County pay and provide benefits and quality of life compared to the region? Some people leave this organization go to other places because it's better, and some come here because it's better. It can be no fault on either party - there can be family issues or a move. The statistics given are a "snapshot" of what's happening.

Commissioner McGuffey: Regarding the "self-help" that's available for persons terminated or not, and for elected officials, is there much participation from the managers?

Mr. Osborne: The national average is about 2%. The County is around this average and tries to promote this program and to get people to understand it exists. It can be mandated that an employee use the EAP program, which will be monitored for compliance.

Public Comment:

Nicole Barde, Storey County Resident: What is the number of employees in the Sheriff's Office? Community Development? What were the reasons for the terminations; how many were voluntary or involuntary?

Mr. Osborne: Sheriff's Office - 37.5 employees. Community Development - 7.

Mr. Whitten: The reason for terminations cannot be stated.

Mr. Osborne: Anytime dealing with adverse relations, especially in small organizations, it's easy to point to who is terminated. The purpose of today's presentation is just to provide

Mr. Whitten: One reason not to go into voluntary versus involuntary - in addition to potential identity breach, there are attorneys who will take a voluntary termination and try to work it into a constructive discharge. Every termination needs to go through the department head, Mr. Osborne, and approved by the County Manager. No terminations are desirable, some are a necessity.

Ms. Barde: Just trying to determine desired termination versus involuntary

termination.

District Attorney Langer: Suggests that all statistical information has been provided and the Board should move on.

11. **RECESS BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TO CONVENE AS THE 474 FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT BOARD**

12. **DISCUSSION ONLY/NO POSSIBLE ACTION**

The Human Resources Department will provide a general statistical update of personnel actions, terminations, and turnover occurring since July 1, 2015 for the Storey County Fire Protection District.

Mr. Osborne said all of the statistics presented in the previous item for the 136 staff members is the same.

The Storey County Fire District had five terminations, mostly probationary employees that did not meet probation - either by leaving or terminated involuntarily. These employees worked under a grant that may have expired. If working under a grant where employment is expected not to continue beyond the grant, these employees should be anticipated to take employment elsewhere if the opportunity comes.

All seasonal and nine and six month firefighters are excluded from the numbers as these employees come and go frequently.

Mr. Whitten: The County works closely with the Sheriff and Fire District and there are unique circumstances for each. In the Fire District, there are many issues - a lot of the firefighters reside in Reno/Sparks where there are three fire districts. It is not unusual for these employees to want to work closer to home. Others leave for career opportunities which are available in bigger districts.

Commissioner McGuffey: Does Reno/Sparks pay more?

Chief Hames: There are seven comparisons agencies. Storey County Fire District has agreed to pay to the 80th percentile of those comparisons.

Mr. Whitten: There is a statistic in the Fire District that within the last 15 years - that Mr. Whitten is aware of - there has only been one arbitration at which the arbitrator stated that Storey County acted properly and upheld the decision.

Chief Hames: There is a big differential which can easily be defined by what's a resignation and what's a termination. This is an important factor as this tells the reasons why employees are being lost.

13. **DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION**

Mutual Aid Agreement between the Storey County Fire Protection District and Sparks Fire Department.

Battalion Chief Jeff Nevin presented this item. There are two documents in this item: the annual operating plan and the Mutual Aid Agreement.

Where the Mutual Aid Agreement previously expired every five years, the new agreement will have no expiration date. The Agreement can be terminated by either party at any time. This is the only change in the agreement.

Motion: Approve Mutual Aid Agreement between the Storey County Fire Protection District and Sparks Fire Department, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by:** Vice Chairman Gilman, **Seconded by:** Commissioner McGuffey, **Vote:** Motion carried by unanimous vote, **(Summary:** Yes=3)

14. **RECESS THE 474 FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT BOARD TO RECONVENE THE STOREY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

15. **DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION**

Approval of second reading for Reliable Reloading (Austin Swift) request for a home based business general license.

Sheriff Antinoro stated this is a home-based business, manufacturing only, no one will be coming to the residence. The ammunition will be sold at another location. Mr. Swift has a federal firearms license allowing the manufacture of ammunition.

Motion: Approve second reading for Reliable Reloading (Austin Swift) request for a home based business general license, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by:** Vice Chairman Gilman, **Seconded by:** Commissioner McGuffey, **Vote:** Motion carried by unanimous vote, **(Summary:** Yes=3)

16. **DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION**

Approval and acceptance of an Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) award administered through the State of Nevada Division of Emergency Management in the amount of \$17,807.00 for emergency management personnel costs, training contracts, supplies, operating and equipment.

Community Services Director Cherie Nevin presented this item. Emergency management grant funds are received annually by Storey County. This grant is always late - this grant award should have started on October 1, 2015. The grant award will be retroactive to October 1st. The grant is for personnel cost associated with emergency management duties, and for funding of training exercises, supplies and costs, related to emergency management.

This grant comes with a 50% match. The amount varies each year.

Public Comment:
None

Motion: Approve acceptance of an Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) award administered through the State of Nevada Division of Emergency Management in the amount of \$17,807.00 for emergency management personnel costs, training contracts, supplies, operating and equipment, and authorization for the

Commission Chairman or his designee to sign all associated grant documentation, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by:** Vice Chairman Gilman, **Seconded by:** Commissioner McGuffey, **Vote:** Motion carried by unanimous vote, **(Summary:** Yes=3)

17. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION

Approval and acceptance of a Department of Homeland Security Grant award administered through the State of Nevada Division of Emergency Management in the amount of \$8,600.00 for the facilitation of a Quad County Hazardous Materials Exercise.

Community Services Director Cherie Nevin presented this item. Storey County applied for grant funds to assist with the annual Quad County Hazardous Materials Training Exercise. This is an annual training event hosted in Storey County and includes Carson City, Douglas and Lyon Counties, and other State and Federal agencies. This year's exercise will be held in the industrial center working with AZZ Galvanizing. The year the County will be working with All Clear Fire Training and Consulting.

Commissioner McGuffey: In working with AZZ Galvanizing, will be a "hazard" be created for that company?

Ms. Nevin: Yes. Meetings have been held with AZZ Galvanizing to determine participation from the County and AZZ. This will be held on a Saturday and full access to the AZZ facility will be allowed.

Mr. Whitten: With this grant and the previous item grant, this is another \$26,000 added to the huge grant list provided at the last meeting. Thank you to everyone involved in the process - great job.

Public Comment:
None

Motion: Approve acceptance of a Department of Homeland Security Grant award administered through the State of Nevada Division of Emergency Management in the amount of \$8,600.00 for the facilitation of a Quad County Hazardous Materials Exercise, and authorization for the Commission Chairman or his designee to sign all associated grant documentation, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by:** Vice Chairman Gilman, **Seconded by:** Commissioner McGuffey, **Vote:** Motion carried by unanimous vote, **(Summary:** Yes=3)

18. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION

Approval of Business Licenses Second Reading:

A. FULCRUM SIERRA BIOFUELS, LLC - General / 350 Saddle Court (feedstock facility) MCC

B. PYRO GUYS, INC. - General / 1440 Riata Cir ~ Reno (fireworks company)

C. THE TIBERTI COMPANY, LLC - Contractor / 4975 Rogers St ~ Las Vegas (fencing company)

D. J. T. THORPE & SON, INC. - Contractor / 1060 Hensley St ~ Richmond, CA (equip

install)

E. YIM'S PRODUCE & SEAFOOD, LLC - General / 1210 N Rock Blvd ~ Sparks (Asian food delivery)

F. EXPRESS SERVICES, INC. - General / 9701 Boardwalk Blvd ~ Oklahoma City, OK (staffing)

G. ACCULOGIC, LTD. - Contractor / 6475 Sycamore ~ Maple Grove, MN (equip install)

H. BRYANT SURVEYS, INC., A SANDIS CO - Contractor / 5117 Johnson ~ Pleasanton, CA (contractor)

I. HP ENTERPRISES, LLC - General / PO Box 251209 ~ Plano, TX (IT)

J. THERMO ELECTRON NORTH AMERICA, LLC - Pro / 1400 Northpoint ~ W Palm Beach, FL (equip)

K. NEWTRON, LLC - Contractor / 815 Arnold Drive ~ Martinez, CA (contractor)

L. AQUA METALS RENO, INC. - General / 2500 Peru Drive (battery recycling facility)

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M. THRIVE MARKET, INC. - General / 700 Milan (ECommerce Facility) TRI

County Manager Whitten, on behalf of Community Development, requested continuance of items L. and M.

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

Mr. Whitten: Community Development requests approval of items A., B., C., D., E., F., G., H., I., J., and K.

In addition, in regards to the approval of Mr. Swift's general business license, Planning Director Osborne, has confirmed that no Special Use Permit is required as there is no foot traffic.

Public Comment:

Mark Joseph Phillips , Virginia City Resident: Stated that the correct address for item B is 14410 Riata Cir.

Mr. Whitten: This information will be verified and corrected if need be.

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

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

None

20. **ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting was adjourned by the Chair 1:00pm

21. **CLOSED SESSION**

Call to Order Closed Session meeting pursuant to NRS 288.220 for the purpose of conferring with county management and legal counsel regarding labor negotiations

with the Storey County Employees Association/AFSCME 4041 Comstock Chapter.
This meeting will commence promptly following the regularly scheduled public meeting
of the Board of County Commissioners.

Respectfully submitted,

Vanessa Stephens Clerk-Treasurer