Storey County Board of County Commissioners
Agenda Action Report

Meeting date:		Estimate of Time Required: 0 -5
Agenda: Consent [x]	Regular agenda []	Public hearing required []

1. **Title:** Approval of Minutes for January 7, 2017.

2. **Recommended motion:** Approve minutes as submitted by the Clerk.

3. **Prepared by:** VANESSA

   Department: MANAGER **Telephone:** 847-1111

4. **Staff Summary:** Minutes of the January 7, 2017 Board of County Commissioner's Meeting.

5. **Supporting Materials:** See attached

6. **Fiscal Impact:** 0

7. **Legal review required:** No

8. **Reviewed by:**

   VS Department Head **Department Name:** MANAGER

   ____ County Manager **Other Agency Review:** _____

9. **Board Action:**

[ ] Approved	[ ] Approved with Modification
[ ] Denied	[ ] Continued

STOREY COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS EMERGENCY MEETING

TUESDAY, JANUARY 7, 2017 12:00 P.M.

DISTRICT COURTROOM

26 SOUTH B STREET, VIRGINIA CITY, NEVADA

MINUTES

MARSHALL MCBRIDE
CHAIRMAN

ANNE LANGER
DISTRICT ATTORNEY

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VICE-CHAIRMAN

JACK MCGUFFEY
COMMISSIONER

VANESSA STEPHENS
CLERK-TREASURER

Roll Call: Chairman McBride, Vice Chairman McGuffey, County Manager Pat Whitten, Comptroller Hugh Gallagher, Planning Director/Administrative Officer Austin Osborne, Management Analyst III Jessie Fain, Community Relations Director Cherie Nevin, Emergency Management Director Joe Curtis, Communications Director Dave Ballard, Battalion Fire Chief Ron Adkins.

VIA TELECONFERENCE: District Attorney Anne Langer, Storey County School Superintendent Todd Hess, Public Works Director Jason Van Havel, Fire Chief Gary Hames, Chief Deputy Tony Dosen, Community Development Director Dean Haymore, and Ronele Dotson - RAD Strategies, Inc.

1. CALL TO ORDER EMERGENCY MEETING AT 12:00 P.M.
Meeting was called to order by Commissioner McBride at 12:05 P.M.

2. DISCUSSION ONLY (No Action): Staff updates on status of pending weather emergency

Emergency Management Director Joe Curtis:

- For the last several days, we have been looking at the potential for a major flooding event involving Carson City, Washoe, Douglas, Storey, Lyon, and Churchill counties.
- Have been meeting diligently at various locations and times since Wednesday.
- Pre-operations include:
    1. Filling sandbags at TRI, Lockwood Fire Station 74, Highlands Fire Station 72, Mark Twain Fire Station 73, and the Ice House in Virginia City.
    2. Currently there are 25,000 bags in stock, including 5,000 purchased last week.
    3. All of the sandbags have been distributed.
    4. At this time, a good portion of the sand at Lockwood has been used. Requests have been made to Public Works for more sand at Lockwood and Mark Twain.

5. Request has been made for two-22 man crews from Nevada Division of Forestry (NDF) - one for Lockwood and one for Mark Twain Estates to help fill sandbags. These crews are in route at this time.
6. The Emergency Command Center will be in full activation from 8AM tomorrow (Sunday) at the bank building - the VCCC.
7. Arrangements have been made for sheltering if needed as well as a generator for the Senior Center if power is lost. The Senior Center could be used as a shelter.
8. Another concern, as seen in the past, would be flooding in the Lockwood area. Those concerns are being addressed with sandbagging. There is also concern with drainage in the Mark Twain area.
9. Needs are being addressed as requests come in for assistance.
10. NDF sent a flatbed truck with a 22 man crew to Mark Twain in order to move sandbags to homes of elderly or people who are unable to get sandbags on their own.
11. Jason VanHavel is in Lockwood with a front loader and is moving sandbags to the location on Colours as needed.
12. Issues are being coordinated with the Nevada Department of Emergency Management.
13. Austin Osborne has been identified as the Public Information Officer (PIO) for this event.
14. State Emergency Management is holding briefings that we are attending as well as the Weather Service.

- Weather coming in is at least at the level of the 2005 floods - not as serious as 1997.
- A Declaration of Emergency has been prepared relative to this matter - that is the purpose of this meeting.

Public Works Director Jason VanHavel (via teleconference):

- Public Works is responding to Emergency Management requests and needs.
- Staff and crews are lined up for 12 hour shifts starting tonight, which will go indefinitely in order to respond to whatever comes up.

County Manager Whitten (to Jason VanHavel or Fire Department Representative on teleconference):

- Who is going to be doing pro-active patrolling - watching creeks and culverts?

Mr. Van Havel:

- Between Dean's group and Public Works there are plenty of eyes out there. This needs to be coordinated though - how should this be dealt with?

Mr. Whitten:

- Since (Public Works) is in a 24/7 mode, they are in as good a position as anybody.
- Particularly Lockwood, TRI, and Mark Twain (should be watched).

Mr. Van Havel:

- (Public Works) will take the lead and coordinate with the fire stations and Community Development.

Mr. Curtis:

- Each of the fire stations is well-practiced in looking for potential problems, particularly in the Lockwood area. Businesses in TRI will also have eyes on.

Mr. VanHavel:

- Any observations made by fire personnel should be directed to Mr. VanHavel or Jason W.

Mr. Curtis:

- Information will be funneled out from the ECC.
- Reports of injuries or stranded – technically handled by the Sheriff's Office – should also be given to the ECC.

Chief Deputy Dosen (via teleconference):

- There are 15 – 17 CERT volunteers on standby, possibly more.
- The CERT's, as well as deputies, have been advised to report all problematic areas.

Fire Chief Hames (via teleconference):

- The excavator is available at Station 74, as well as the backhoe.
- Chief Hames has been receiving regular briefings.
- Kitchen facilities are available at the Fire Stations if work crews need anything.

Community Development Director Dean Haymore (via teleconference):

- Staff has been shown the problem areas in Mark Twain, Virginia City, and TRI.
- Mr. Haymore discussed issues with the river at the Peri property and other areas in TRI.
- Tesla crews are watching everything in that area.
- A tour of all the drainages was conducted and all look good.
- Community Development staff are standing by and will be working 12/12 shifts.

Administrative Officer Austin Osborne:

- The last public update was sent out last night. Ronele Dotson put the update on facebook and has sent it out to the media and people on the distribution list.
- This morning a notice of this meeting was sent to the public.
- An update of information provided this morning will be sent out immediately after the meeting.

Comptroller Hugh Gallagher:

- Any expenditure over $1,000 must be sent to Mr. Gallagher for approval.
- 617 is the object code for any voucher associated with this event.

Mr. Whitten:

- Even though the ECC will be open tomorrow (Sunday), this does not necessarily mean "all hands on deck". Overtime authorization from Mr. Gallagher or direction from Mr. Curtis needs to be obtained.

Mr. Curtis:

- Cherie Nevin is the Emergency Management contact when Mr. Curtis is not available.

Mr. Osborne:

- Inquiries from the public and/or residents can be sent to the facebook site. It is also okay to give out his cell phone.

Mr. Whitten:

- The National Weather Service report this morning indicates everything is on track matching the 2005 model, further stating that today and tomorrow are days to prepare.
- A State of Emergency declaration does no good if a river has already crested.
- The purpose of this meeting is also to notify State DEM and the Governor's Office that the County most likely will need assistance to minimize damage and to protect the safety of citizens.

3. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION: Declaration of State of Emergency in consideration of the threat a severe weather event may cause in Storey County inclusive of the potential to destroy significant property and threaten lives of Storey County residents. This declaration authorizes County personnel to take whatever actions are necessary to prevent further loss of property and injury to or loss of life as may be appropriate and available including requesting assistance from the State of Nevada.

Public Comment:
None

Mr. Whitten: For the record, Commissioner Gilman did not participate in this meeting as this would have triggered a different set of needs regarding JAVS recording. This is with guidance of the District Attorney.

Mr. Gilman has indicated there are 10 people available tomorrow morning, at the Emergency Manager's direction, to help sandbag or whatever is needed.

Chairman McBride read the Declaration of Emergency:

> WHEREAS, Storey County has suffered and is threatened by a severe weather event and predicted that has potential to destroy significant property and threaten lives of Storey County residents.
> AND WHEREAS, the Storey County government does not have sufficient resources to handle a weather event of this magnitude requiring assistance through mutual aid and State of Nevada resources.
> AND WHEREAS, these conditions have prompted Storey County pursuant to NRS Chapter 244 and 414 provide for the statutory authority for an emergency declaration by the Storey County Board of County Commissioners in and around the County.
> AND WHEREAS, all of these circumstances have severely taxed the County's emergency response resources,
> IT IS HEREBY DECLARED THAT A STATE OF EMERGENCY exists in Storey County and the undersigned are authorized to take whatever actions are necessary to prevent further loss of property and injury to or loss of life as may be appropriate and available including requesting assistance from the State of Nevada.
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> Dated this 7th day of January 2017, at 12:35 PM.

Motion: To move forward with the Declaration of State of Emergency, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by:** Vice Chairman McGuffey, **Seconded by:** Chairman McBride, **Vote:** Motion carried by unanimous vote, **(Summary:** Yes=2)

4. PUBLIC COMMENT (No Action)
None

5. ADJOURNMENT
The meeting was adjourned by the Chair at 12:36 PM

Respectfully submitted,

By:_____