



# STOREY COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING

TUESDAY, JUNE 30, 2017 10:00 A.M.

DISTRICT COURTROOM  
26 SOUTH B STREET, VIRGINIA CITY, NEVADA

## MINUTES

MARSHALL MCBRIDE  
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DISTRICT

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VICE-CHAIRMAN

JACK MCGUFFEY  
COMMISSIONER  
TREASURER

VANESSA STEPHENS  
CLERK-

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**ROLL CALL:** Chairman McBride, Vice-Chairman McGuffey, Commissioner Gilman, Comptroller Hugh Gallagher, Clerk & Treasurer Vanessa Stephens, Deputy District Attorney Keith Loomis, Administrative Officer/Planning Director Austin Osborne, Sheriff Gerald Antinoro, Community Relations Director Cherie Nevin, Management Analyst Jessie Fain, Director of Security Melanie Keener, Erik Schoen with Community Chest, and Virginia City Senior Center Director Stacey Gilbert.

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

Meeting was called to order by Chairman McBride at 10:00 A.M.

### **2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Chairman McBride led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **3. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION:** Approval of Agenda for June 30, 2017

Administrative Officer Austin Osborne requested item 4I of the Consent Agenda be heard as part of the regular agenda.

Public Comment:  
None.

**Motion:** Approve Agenda for June 30, 2017, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by:** Vice Chairman McGuffey, **Seconded by:** Commissioner Gilman, **Vote:** Motion carried by unanimous vote, **(Summary:** Yes=3)

### **4. CONSENT AGENDA**

I Approval of Memorandum of Understanding between Storey County and the Storey County Senior Center.

Community Outreach Cherie Nevin: The County is owner of the real estate known as the Storey County Senior Center. In 2005, the Senior Center was established as a non-profit organization with a Board of Directors. Last year there were many changes with the Senior Center, including appointment of a new director - Stacey Gilbert. Ms. Gilbert got the Center back on-track and where it should be. During this time, a Memorandum of Understanding was developed and is presented today. The Memorandum clarifies what the County does, what the Senior Center does, and how both entities can work together to provide the best services to the seniors in Storey County.

Ms. Gilbert will assist with the Lockwood Senior Center.

In the budget process, the Commission approved that the Senior Center Director would be a County employee. This will bring continuity to the operation of senior services - providing effective services.

Ms. Nevin reviewed changes to the Memorandum:

- Item #2: Strike the last sentence - "the funds so appropriated shall be retained by the County Treasurer for the benefit of the corporation." Funds are sent quarterly to the Senior Center.
- Page 2, #5: Strike the first paragraph relating to the Comptroller - the Senior Center does all of its own accounting for the funds given to them. The paragraph will now state: "the Comptroller will provide all payroll processing for the Senior Center Director and other future County employees employed to work at the Senior Center."

**Motion:** Approve Memorandum of Understanding, as amended, between Storey County and the Storey County Senior Center, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by:** Vice Chairman McGuffey, **Seconded by:** Commissioner Gilman, **Vote:** Motion carried by unanimous vote, **(Summary:** Yes=3)

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

##### **Erik Schoen, Community Chest:**

- Regarding the construction, the dirt work has been completed and the foundation has been started. Wall construction will begin in August.
- A "farmers market" is held every Wednesday which is run by the children attending the summer program.

##### **Keith Loomis, Deputy District Attorney:**

- A published opinion has been received from the Nevada Supreme Court upholding the Board of County Commissioners' action denying liquor licenses to the Delta and Bonanza Saloons.

#### **6 . BOARD COMMENT (No Action - No Public Comment)**

##### **Vice Chairman McGuffey:**

- The monthly NACO meeting was held last week. An interesting item discussed was "marijuana day". Storey County has opted out - therefore will not be receiving tax revenue from sales. However, the County will receive \$88,000 per year from taxes collected. It is recommended that these funds be used for law enforcement.

#### **7. DISCUSSION ONLY (No Action):** Approval of Resolution 17-463 in support of Fulcrum Bio-Energy's efforts to obtain bonding and funding support through the Nevada Department of Business & Industry.

Austin Osborne: Fulcrum Bio-Energy has obtained a Special Use Permit to operate a waste, fuel energy production facility and have been working to get USDA funding in place. Fulcrum has been in good standing with the County since started in 2008 and has been communicating on a regular basis regarding things that are going on at the proposed facility.

Staff is recommending approval of this Resolution which is saying to the Nevada Department of Business & Industry that Fulcrum is in good standing with the County, has been a good economic development partner, and has gone through all of the County's requirements.

Public Comment:  
None

**Motion:** I, Commissioner McGuffey, make a motion to approve Resolution 17-463 in support of Fulcrum Bio-Energy's efforts to obtain bonding and funding support through the Nevada Department of Business & Industry, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by:** Vice Chairman McGuffey, **Seconded by:** Commissioner Gilman, **Vote:** Motion carried by unanimous vote, **(Summary:** Yes=3)

**8. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION:** Approval of Resolution 17-461 setting the Tax Rate Levy for the 2017/2018 fiscal year.

Comptroller Hugh Gallagher: This item was continued from the last meeting where there was discussion as to whether or not the tax rate could be changed for the next fiscal year, beginning tomorrow (July 1<sup>st</sup>). It has been determined that this cannot be done as the final budget has been approved by the Tax Commission. The tax rate for the 2017-2018 fiscal year will be 3.4607.

Mr. Osborne: The team (Mr. Gallagher, Mr. Osborne, Jessie Fain, and Deputy District Attorney Keith Loomis) recognizes the request and proclamation by the Board that a tax rate reduction be made immediately.

- Unfortunately for this year, the required time in which the tax rate can be set has passed.
- The Board can direct staff to look at setting this in motion for the 2018-19 year per the previous requests.
- A resolution will be prepared for the July 18<sup>th</sup> Commission meeting, stating something of the sort that within 30 days the Comptroller's Office will recommend to the Commission a property tax reduction plan with proposed tax rates for each year during the ten year period.
- The rates should be lowered each and every year.
- It is understood that the reduction in tax rate during the early years may be smaller, with larger reductions perhaps over a period of time.
- Within 120 days of this resolution, the Comptroller will report to the Commission an estimate of revenues from real and personal property taxes, franchise fees, and major income sources for each year during the ten year period.
- A decision and report must be made to the Department of Taxation in February 2018, in order to begin July 1, 2018.

Chairman McBride: Will there be a presentation at the next meeting or will a workshop be scheduled at that meeting (July 18<sup>th</sup>)?

Mr. Osborne: Between now and then, work will be done with the Comptroller and District Attorney's office to look at what the structure will be. It would be an item - it could be a workshop with potential action.

Commissioner Gilman: At the July 18<sup>th</sup> meeting, would the intent be to establish framework to be followed in the future?

Mr. Osborne: That's correct.

Commissioner Gilman: Is a formal request needed?

Chairman McBride: Believes this was done last Tuesday. Everyone is on the same page regarding this issue of the tax rate.

Public Comment:

**Sam Toll, Gold Hill Resident:** It is interesting that this topic has been discussed for years, what is it - Commissioner McGuffey- that has been learned recently that prompted the call for this special meeting?

Chairman McBride: That question is not appropriate as this meeting is being held to discuss the Resolution setting the tax rate - what Mr. Toll is asking is not an agenda item.

Mr. Toll: In that case, thank you for coming forth on something that has been heard about for years and I am looking forward to seeing this take place.

Mr. Osborne: Today's meeting is not a special meeting to discuss a special item but is being held to get a Resolution to set and approve a tax rate which has to be done by now.

**Motion:** I, Commissioner Jack McGuffey, move to approve Resolution 17-461 setting the Tax Rate Levy for fiscal year 2017/2018, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by:** Vice Chairman McGuffey, **Seconded by:** Commissioner Gilman, **Vote:** Motion carried by unanimous vote, **(Summary:** Yes=3)

**9. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION:** Transfer of Appropriations in the General Budget in the amount of \$178,961.00.

Comptroller Hugh Gallagher reviewed transfer of appropriations from contingency in the amount of \$178,961 to various General Fund accounts.

Public Comment:

**Sam Toll:** The \$45,000 being transferred for the Sheriff's Office - is this a potential action or one that has already happened? Doesn't the County have the POOL insurance to potentially cover this?

Chairman McBride: Depends on how it's handled. If the County is sued and loses, the POOL will pay. If an agreement is made prior, where determination is made to settle - on advice from legal counsel, and it is suggested that it will cost less than to go to Court, that's what is done. The deductible can be less than what is being paid out, but the premium can go up should the County lose in court.

Mr. Toll: Mr. Gallagher mentioned at the last meeting there were two items, approximately \$50-60,000 for Mr. Hames and Mr. Haymore. We are hearing now about an additional \$20,000. Can that be clarified?

Mr. Gallagher: The items for Community Development were for PERS and Medicare.

**Motion:** I move to approve transfer of appropriations in the General Budget in the amount of \$178,961.00, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by:** Vice Chairman McGuffey, **Seconded by:** Commissioner Gilman, **Vote:** Motion carried by unanimous vote, **(Summary:** Yes=3)

**10. RECESS TO CONVENE THE STOREY COUNTY BROTHEL LICENSE BOARD**

**11. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION:** Work Card appeal by Monica Ryan.

Commissioner Gilman recused himself from discussion and vote on this item.

Applicant Monica Ryan stated she has worked for the Mustang Ranch for 15 years and has never had a revocation. Ms. Ryan reviewed background information.

Sheriff Antinoro discussed the background checks for Ms. Ryan. Nothing would preclude Ms. Ryan from obtaining a work card.

Public Comment:  
None

**Motion:** I motion to reinstate work card to Monica Ryan, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by:** Vice Chairman McGuffey, **Seconded by:** Chairman McBride, **Vote:** Motion carried by unanimous vote, **(Summary:** Yes=3)

## 12. ADJOURN TO CONVENE AS THE 474 FIRE DISTRICT BOARD

**13. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION:** Transfer of Appropriations in the 474 Fire District in the amount of \$23,000.00

Mr. Gallagher: This is an additional transfer of appropriations from contingency. Mr. Gallagher reviewed the accounts affected by the transfers.

Public Comment:  
None

**Motion:** I make a motion to approve the transfer of appropriations within the 474 Fire District General Fund Department pursuant to NRS 354.598005 in the amount of \$23,000, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by:** Vice Chairman McGuffey, **Seconded by:** Commissioner Gilman, **Vote:** Motion carried by unanimous vote, **(Summary:** Yes=3)

## 14. ADJOURN TO RE CONVENE AS THE STOREY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

### 15. PUBLIC COMMENT (No Action)

**Sam Toll:** Once again asking to move the Public Comment section of the meeting from the end to the beginning. Mr. Toll had a discussion with Ms. Langer who indicated she would talk to Chairman McBride regarding this. It sends the right message to the Public, that they come first.

**Hugh Gallagher :** Sincere thanks to Jessie Fain and Jennifer McCain for assistance with the appropriations. Steps will be taken in the future to insure these items (appropriations) will be done sooner.

## 16. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by the Chair at 10:49 AM

Respectfully submitted,

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Vanessa Stephens Clerk-Treasurer