



STOREY COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING

TUESDAY, MAY 15, 2018 10:00 A.M.

DISTRICT COURTROOM
26 SOUTH B STREET, VIRGINIA CITY, NEVADA

MINUTES

MARSHALL MCBRIDE
CHAIRMAN
ATTORNEY

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DISTRICT

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VICE-CHAIRMAN

JACK MCGUFFEY
COMMISSIONER
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CLERK-

ROLL CALL: Chairman McBride, Vice-Chairman McGuffey, Commissioner Gilman, County Manager Pat Whitten, Clerk/Treasurer Vanessa Stephens, District Attorney Anne Langer, Comptroller Hugh Gallagher, Sheriff Gerald Antinoro, Administrative Officer/Planning Director Austin Osborne, Fire Chief Jeff Nevin, Fire Marshal Martin Azevedo, Public Works Director Jason Weizrbicki, Community Relations Director Cherie Nevin, Project Manager Mike Northan, Virginia City Senior Center Director Stacey Gilbert, Community Chest Director Erik Schoen, Management Analyst Jennifer McCain, Emergency Management Director Joe Curtis, Tourism Director Deny Dotson, Wastewater Project Manager Mike Nevin

1. 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 May 15, 2018

Public Comment:
None

Motion: Approve Agenda for May 15, 2018, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by:** Vice Chairman McGuffey, **Seconded by:** Commissioner Gilman, **Vote:** Motion carried by unanimous vote, **(Summary:** Yes=3)

4. CONSENT AGENDA:

I For possible action, approval of business licenses first readings:

- A. SIERRA HOME SVC, LLC dba: MR.APPLIANCE - General / 795 Jacks Valley Rd ~ CC, NV
- B. SA RECYCLING LLC - General / 2411 N. Glassell St ~ Orange, CA
- C. MARVIN E. DAVIS & ASSOCIATES - General / 12000 Old Virginia Rd ~ Reno, NV
- D. GRANT ROBINSON CONSTRUCTION - Contractor / 5935 Quail Rock Ln ~ Reno, NV
- E. PRIME STORAGE LLC dba: PRIME TRAILER - General/ 10400 E. 102nd Ave ~ Henderson, NV
- F. MARUI SANGYO CO., LTD - General / 42 Enokise ~ Japan
- G. HOSE & FITTINGS, ETC - General / 1811 Enterprise Blvd ~ West Sacramento, CA
- H. VINCO, INC - Contractor / 18995 Forest Blvd ~ Forest Lake, MN
- I. MISUMI USA, INC - General / 1717 N. Penny Ln ~ Schaumburg, IL
- J. CALIFORNIA HYDRONICS CORP - General / 2293 Tripaldi Way ~ Hayward, CA
- K. CALNEVA TOWERS - General / 4690 Longley Ln ~ Reno, NV
- L. FRAME ARCHITECTURE - General / 14308 Swift Creek Ct ~ Reno, NV
- M. MECHATECH INC - General / 435-1 ~ Fuzinomori, Japan

II For possible action, approval of payroll claims in the amount of \$901,827.05 and accounts payable claims in the amount of \$1,270,359.76.

III For possible action, approval of treasurer's affidavit of mailing of past due notices for all delinquent parcels.

Public Comment:

None

Motion: I move to approve the Consent Agenda for May 15, 2018, **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 :

Mr. Whitten introduced the key members present from the USDA, Farr West Engineering, and Ames Construction.

Project Coordinator for the Wastewater Improvement project Mike Nevin gave a slide-show presentation and update of this project. Mr. Nevin discussed a lot of the findings and showed photos of discoveries made during construction. Historic discoveries are cataloged.

- Mr. Nevin reviewed additional work that will be done under a change order to the area north of the fairgrounds over to and under highway to the Detention Center and in the surrounding area.
- This is a massive project that is 60% complete.
- The project may finish ahead of schedule in September or October.
- A lot of challenges have been created due to the way water and sewer lines had been installed many years ago.
- There is a company that will be leveling manhole covers throughout town today.
- Thank you to Public Works Director Jason Weizrbicki and the Public Works team who respond quickly to all situations.

Mr. Whitten noted that any time there is negative pressurization in water lines, a boil water notice is required by NDEP and sent out to residents. The notice is cancelled after negative test results are received.

Sheriff Antinoro :

- Two deputies are graduating from POST tomorrow.
- Incinerators given to us by the State will hopefully be up and running shortly. Working with the Canyon GID. State is paying for any associated costs.
- The Sheriff's Office is ready to move on the video arraignment system.
- Warned the public of scam phone calls, professing to be a grandchild or friend that needs money. Verify who you are talking to and don't give out any information.

Community Chest/Library Director Erik Schoen :

- Open House/Grand Opening for the Community Center/Library will be Friday June 1st, 5PM to 7PM.
- A report came out that identified Storey County as high risk for opioid abuse. This has not been his experience with the County. Looking further into the report he discovered a couple of indicators that skew the report. He has been discussing this with the State. The report isn't accurate as to what we are actually seeing in the County.

Project Coordinator, Mike Northan :

- Roof is 100% complete, there were no leaks during the last rain events.
- Wall in Records office continues to dry out, looking to get scope of work for repairs.
- Station 72 is getting under way.
- Work will be performed in the DA's office this weekend; paint crew will be doing touch up at various locations.
- Judge's Chambers is moving forward.
- Lockwood Senior Center is complete.
- Mobile office will be removed in mid-June.
- Station 71 repairs are scheduled to start May 21st.

Tourism Director Deny Dotson :

- The train will be opening on Memorial Day weekend.
- The annual chili cookoff will be held this coming weekend. C Street will be closed from Union to Sutton.
- Up-coming events include the Reno-Tahoe Odyssey; Spring Street Vibrations-Spring Rally; Taste of the Comstock; and Cowgirl Saloon Crawl.
- The Ferrari Hill Climb event will not be held this year in Storey County.
- The first of the mobile app beacons are being installed throughout Virginia City. People with mobile apps on their phones will be able to access information regarding locations and historic sites in town.
- Pipers Opera House now has a website, pipersoperahouse.com

Fire Marshal Martin Azevedo :

- The staff at Community Development are great. There are lots of new plans coming in.
- Fire Prevention Officer, Patty Blakely, was selected for a NFPA Star award scholarship - one of only 12 given out in Canada and the U.S.

Emergency Management Director Joe Curtis :

- Recently participated in a training/conference on Cyber Security which is a big consideration these days. Nevada is a big concern for Homeland Security for terrorism and other activity.

- County information technology is vital for day to day operations.
- Looking to put together a working task force addressing Cyber Security directed to County government and private citizens.
- Will be working with the State on re-vamping and up-grade the evacuation plan for the entire County that is currently in place. A lot will be directed to TRI concerns to insure safety and protection of a major County asset.

Director of Planning/Human Resources Austin Osborne :

- AT&T has informed us that cell service in the Highlands will be broadband service and 4 or 5g wireless. This should be live around October.

County Manager Pat Whitten :

- Wednesday at 10:30 Fulcrum BioEnergies will have a groundbreaking ceremony. This is a big day.
- The new Justice Court will be built at the jail site. The project should go out to bid in June. A 3,500 square foot Justice Court with tenant improvements will be built. We hope to build an additional 6,000 square feet of “shell” space.
- There will be no Ferrari Hill Climb event this year. It has been determined there is not much benefit to the town from this event.

6. BOARD COMMENT (No Action-No Public Comment) :

Commissioner Gilman:

- He was extended an invitation to attend a conference in Washington DC. He is unable to go so Storey County lobbyist Bum Hess will attend on behalf of the County. Items to be discussed include the Opportunity Zone and zip code issues.

Vice-Chairman McGuffey:

- The V&T Railway Mother’s Day train rides sold out on Sunday. Train whistles were passed out.
- He will be attending the upcoming NACO Western Regional Conference to be held in Idaho.

Chairman McBride:

- Made a quick trip to Washington DC regarding action on the zip code, Lands Bill, and Opportunity Zones - meeting with Congressman Amodei, Senator Heller’s staff, and Senator Cortez-Masto and staff.
- The Porter Group is working diligently on the zip code issue.

7. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION : Approve Storey County Proclamation in support of Nevada Wildfire Awareness Month - May 2018.

Patty Blakely, Fire Prevention Officer, requested approval of the Storey County Proclamation declaring May 2018 as Nevada Wildfire Awareness Month.

Joseph Starnes read the proclamation into the record:

Whereas, wildfire significantly impacts Nevada’s environmental, economic and Social well-being; and
Whereas, residents of Nevada’s fire-prone communities need to accept responsibility for living in high fire-hazard areas; and
Whereas, residents must prepare to survive wildfire by ensuring proper management

of vegetation surrounding the home and appropriate home construction and maintenance to resist ignition; and

Whereas, wildfires can occur during any month; and

Whereas, residents must stay continuously vigilant and prepared for wildfire throughout the year.

Therefore, be it proclaimed that the Storey County Board of County Commissioners supports the month of May 2018 as Nevada Wildfire Awareness Month and this year's theme: Prepare Now - Wildfire Knows No Season! as a means for education and a call for residents of Storey County to take action now to reduce wildfire threat and prepare their homes, families, and community for wildfire, and stay prepared throughout the year.

Passed, approved and adopted this 15th day of May 2018, by Marshall McBride, Storey County Commissioner and Chairman.

Public Comment:

None

Motion: I move to approve Storey County Proclamation in support of Nevada Wildfire Awareness Month - May 2018, **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 contract with Farr West Engineering for design and construction administration for the Six Mile Canyon Drainage Improvement Project and authorization for County Manager to sign all associated documentation. Proposed cost of the agreement is \$214,500.

Community Relations Director Cherie Nevin said Farr West Engineering had been requested to submit a cost proposal for this project which includes replacement of culverts, shoulder widening, and guard rail installation at certain locations along Six Mile Canyon road. There was widespread damage in the canyon during last year's storms. The County was successful in receiving funds to make repairs and upgrades to selected existing storm water infrastructure. The County is required to expend the money up-front and then will be reimbursed by Federal Highways - the timeline (for reimbursement) is unknown based on the number of disasters last year. Storey County was the only county in the State awarded funding from SHWA. Design plans must be submitted before moving forward, that is what is being done today. There is a 5% match on this project.

Mr. Whitten commented this is work that needs to be done even though the County does not know when it will receive reimbursement. Six Mile is an invaluable road.

Ms. Nevin: With approval today, a meeting will be held next week with NDOT and Federal Highways for a project kickoff. Hopefully the project will be complete by September 2019. Work will be done during summer months to minimize impact on people using the road.

Motion: I move to approve the contract with Farr West Engineering for design and construction administration for the Six Mile Canyon Drainage Improvement Project and authorize the County Manager to sign all associated documentation. Proposed cost of the agreement is \$214,500, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by:** Vice Chairman McGuffey, **Seconded by:** Commissioner Gilman, **Vote:** Motion carried by unanimous vote, **(Summary:** Yes=3)

9. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION: Approve appointment of A. Perry, with St. Mary's Art Center, to the vacant "Motel" seat on the Virginia City Tourism Commission effective May 15, 2018

Virginia City Tourism Commission Director Deny Dotson: The VCTC Advisory Board is made up of five members. There was a vacant seat with one application received from A. Perry and staff recommends approval of this appointment.

Public Comment:

None

Motion: I move to approve appointment of A. Perry the Virginia City Tourism Commission's motel seat, **Moved by:** Vice Chairman McGuffey, **Seconded by:** Commissioner Gilman, **Vote:** Motion carried by unanimous vote, **(Summary:** Yes=3)

10. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION: Approval and acceptance of Interior Historic Preservation Grant (HPF) matching grant-in-aid award for \$6,998.50 to assist in attendance at the 2018 National Association of Preservation Commission Forum Conference.

Ms. Nevin presented the grant awarded to the County from the State Historic Preservation Office for assistance to the County in sending five individuals to the 2018 National Association of Preservation Commission Forum Conference. There is a required 40% match which is in the budget.

Public Comment:

None

Motion: I move to approve and accept Interior Historic Preservation Grant (HPF) matching grant-in-aid award for \$6,998.50 to assist in attendance at the 2018 National Association of Preservation Commission Forum Conference and authorize Cherie Nevin to sign all associated grant documentation, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by:** Vice Chairman McGuffey, **Seconded by:** Commissioner Gilman, **Vote:** Motion carried by unanimous vote, **(Summary:** Yes=3)

11. RECESS TO CONVENE AS THE STOREY COUNTY LIQUOR LICENSE BOARD

12. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION: Approval of the second reading to add on-sale to the Virginia City RV Park, LLC, at 355 N F St., Virginia City, NV 89440.

Sheriff Antinoro stated this is the second reading and there is no reason to deny this on-sale addition to the liquor license held by Virginia City RV Park, which has been licensed for off-sale.

Public Comment:

None

Motion: I move to approve second reading to add on-sale liquor to the Virginia City RV Park, LLC, at 355 N F St., Virginia City, NV 89440, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by:** Vice Chairman McGuffey, **Seconded by:** Commissioner Gilman, **Vote:** Motion carried by unanimous vote, **(Summary:** Yes=4)

13. ADJOURN TO RECONVENE AS THE STOREY COUNTY 474 FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT BOARD

14. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION: Action to approve the Storey County Fire Protection District 2018 Operating Plan between the USDA, Forest Service Humbolt-Toiyabe National Forest and USDI Bureau of Land Management Carson City District.

Fire Chief Jeff Nevin said this is an annual operating plan providing the ability to bill and call for mutual aid, and go on mutual aid - in and out of state.

Public Comment:

None

Motion: I make a motion to approve the Operating Plan between Storey County Fire Protection District and the USDA, Forest Service Humbolt-Toiyabe National Forest and USDI Bureau of Land Management Carson City District, and authorize the Chairman and Fire Chief to sign, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by:** Vice Chairman McGuffey, **Seconded by:** Commissioner Gilman, **Vote:** Motion carried by unanimous vote, **(Summary:** Yes=3)

Chairman McBride called for recess at 11:47 AM

Meeting reconvened at 11:57 PM

15. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION: Review and recommendations for possible action of the 2018-2019 474 Fire Protection District Tentative Budget. Approval of the final budget will be May 21, 2018.

Mr. Gallagher said that there may be additional revenue for the 474 Fire District. Expenses were decreased approximately \$110,000 after the tentative. The Fire District is projected to remain at a negative operating balance for the upcoming year.

Mr. Whitten commented that as of present, Tesla will continue to be billed at the current rates beginning July 1st if negotiations have not been finalized.

Mr. Gallagher discussed:

- Fire Emergency Fund - we would like to get this back up at some time. It will be left alone for this year.
- Mutual Aid - remains the same. A portion of the ending fund balance may be augmented into the 474 Operating Fund.
- Capital Projects Fund - There is a five year plan for this fund.

Public Comment:

Nicole Barde, Storey County Resident: Where is the overage of \$1.2 or 1.3 million going to come from?

Mr. Gallagher explained (making up the overage) is in anticipation of the Government Services Agreement with Tesla and if the full amount doesn't come in, there is an ending fund balance to support that - there would have to be adjustments. At this time, the amount of ad valorem is also unknown.

Ms. Barde asked where the \$1 million transfer to Capital Projects came from.

Mr. Gallagher: This was transferred in from the 474 Operating Fund several years ago.

Sam Toll, Gold Hill resident : It is rumored that the industrial park will need 1 or 2 fire stations in the near future. Would funds come from - the 474 ad valorem money or raised at the park?

Mr. Whitten noted there are no provisions in next year's budget because there have been no negotiations as to which developer, or sub-developer, might build one or both of those stations.

Motion: I make a motion to approve the changes to the 474 Fire District budgets, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by:** Vice Chairman McGuffey, **Seconded by:** Commissioner Gilman, **Vote:** Motion carried by unanimous vote, **(Summary:** Yes=3)

16. ADJOURN TO CONVENE AS THE STOREY COUNTY WATER/SEWER BOARD

17. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION: Review and recommendations for possible action of the 2018-2019 Water-Sewer Tentative Budget. Final approval of the budget will be May 21, 2018.

Mr. Gallagher stated there were no changes from the tentative to the final.

18. ADJOURN TO RECONVENE AS THE STOREY COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

22. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION: Variance 2018-015 request to allow for the rear yard setback for the construction of a two-car detached garage from the required 40-feet to 16-feet. The applicant also requests a variance to the rear and side yard setbacks for an existing shipping container and existing accessory horse shelter from the required rear yard 40-feet to 16-feet and required side yard from 15-feet to 1-foot. The property is located at 2310 Lousetown Road, Virginia City Highlands, Storey County, Nevada, Assessor's Parcel Number (APN) 003-045-42.

Planner Kathy Canfield presented this variance to rear and side yard setbacks for construction of a garage. An existing horse shelter and shipping container were discovered to be built in side yard setbacks and are included as part of the variance. It has been determined that the shipping container is consistent with code and variance is not required. This matter was discussed at length at the Planning Commission. Neighbors to the north and west are in support. Neighbors to the south have concern with a horse structure where the roof hangs over the the side yard setback about 2 feet. The property is such that the owners are very limited on space for the requested structures. The neighbor who is opposed has not developed their property. Staff recommends approval.

Vice Chairman McGuffey: Are the concerned neighbors more focused on the horse corral? Would applicant be okay with a 3 foot setback. One or two feet is not going to change anything.

Ms. Canfield reviewed how the setbacks affect the neighboring properties. The horse structure is not permanent and could be moved in a couple of feet with the roof removed - it would be more visible from the street. If moved there is concern that it may be near the leach field. The horse shelter and proposed garage are well shielded from view from the street. Applicants are very limited as to where to place the horse corral.

Miguel and Jacky Davila, property owners, explained factors considered when placing the horse corral and structure on their property. The owners who are concerned are blocked from view of the shelter by vegetation and their property is vacant, no structures.

We are actually 2 feet off the property line and have the ability to slide the wall in a little further. Approval has been received from all other neighbors.

Public Comment:

None

Vice Chairman McGuffey: Personally does not have issue with what applicant is doing but does not want to go against another neighbor. It would be better if they could work it out. If the neighbor would go for 3 feet that probably would not impact applicant too much.

Mr. Davila said they would try and doesn't know the (neighbors') reasoning. These neighbors did not like the 1 foot setback and didn't specify if they would compromise with 3 or whatever.

Chairman McBride asked if the Planning Commission discussed the 3 feet versus 1 foot. The Planning Commission recommended as presented - correct?

Ms. Canfield: The one foot was conservative estimate of how far they were. Going 3 feet would be easy enough to do without (applicant) having to do a major overhaul. This variance is for this accessory horse structure only - this can be made very clear in the approval. I believe the concerns are just the setbacks, not directed at anything already existing.

Austin Osborne: From the letter submitted, it seems the neighbors are concerned with higher density being allowed in the area and expressly had issue with the one foot setback. As a finding, this is not being proposed because we want higher density in the Highlands. The property has steep topography, there's a well in the center of driveway, a leach field and septic system, and other circumstances creating what code says is an unusual situation and hardship providing the reason for considering this variance.

Chairman McBride: Sees this as a reasonable accommodation - we're just talking about a horse shelter. Multiple small buildings could be put out there without any approval.

Vice Chair McGuffey: The standard setback is 15 feet - this is a big difference. Again he does not have a personal issue, but feels the neighbors need to work it out.

Ms. Canfield: (Applicant) did go to the Homeowner's Association who had no comments about the horse shelter or shipping container, and no problems as long as the County approved the rear-yard setback for the garage.

Vice Chair McGuffey doesn't feel the Homeowner's Association has any say in where you put things, only in design.

Commissioner Gilman said he is inclined to approve the variance. It doesn't appear to have any impact on the area and understands (the objecting homeowners) do not live in the area and the lot has nothing built on it.

Chair McBride: Is there any advantage to continuing this?

Ms. Canfield: Does not believe so. It appears the concerned property owners are opposed to a variance altogether and have not mentioned any specific item or that they have a problem with the horse shelter. They seem to be looking at the "big picture" not this individual location.

Chair McBride: Asked again for Public Comment (None). He is leaning same direction as Commissioner Gilman.

Ms. Canfield read the Findings (affirmative):

The applicant requests a variance (Variance 2018-015) to the rear yard setback for the **construction of a two-car detached garage from the required 40-feet to 16-feet. The applicant** also requests a variance to the side yard setback for an existing accessory horse shelter from **the required 15-feet to 1-foot. The property is located at 2310 Lousetown Road, Virginia City Highlands, Storey County, Nevada, Assessor's Parcel Number (APN) 003-045-42;**

The subject property is located within E-1 VCH Estates zoning with an existing residence as a primary use and the proposed garage, shipping container and horse shelter as an allowed **accessory use.**

That because of special circumstances applicable to the subject property, including shape, size, topography or location of surroundings, the strict application of the zoning ordinance would deprive the subject property of privileges enjoyed by other properties in the vicinity or **under identical zone classification.**

That the granting of the Variance is necessary for the preservation and enjoyment of substantial property rights of the applicant.

That the granting of the Variance will not, under the circumstances of the particular case, adversely affect to a material degree the health or safety of persons residing or working in the area of the subject property and will not be materially detrimental to the public welfare or **materially injurious to property or improvements in the area of the subject property.**

The proposed Variance is in compliance with all Federal, Nevada State, and Storey County regulations.

The proposed Variance is in compliance with Storey County Code 17.03.140 Variances, 17.40 **E Estates Zone and 17.12 General Provisions when all Conditions of Approval are met.**

The proposed Variance is in compliance with and supports the goals, objectives and policies of the 2016 Storey County Master Plan.

Motion: In accordance with the recommendation by staff and the Planning Commission, the Findings of Fact under Section 3.A of this report, and other findings deemed appropriate by the Board of County Commissioners, and in compliance with the conditions of approval, I, Lance Gilman, move to approve Variance 2018-015 to allow the rear yard setback for the construction of a two-car detached garage from the required 40 feet to 16 feet, the rear and side yard setbacks for an existing shipping container and existing accessory horse shelter from the required rear yard 40-feet to 16-feet and required side yard from 15 feet to 1 foot. The property is located at 2310 Lousetown Road, Virginia City Highlands, Storey County, Nevada, Assessor's Parcel Number (APN) 003-045-42 , **Action:** Approve, **Moved by:** Commissioner Gilman, **Seconded by:** Chairman McBride, **Vote:** Motion carried by unanimous vote, **(Summary:** Yes=2) Vice Chairman McGuffey abstained.

21. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION: Proposed amendments to the Storey County sign ordinance, Storey County Code Title 17 Zoning, including Chapter 17.84 Signs and Billboards. Additional information including, but not limited to, draft text may be obtained from the Planning Department at 775.847.1144 or planning@storeycounty.org, or viewed online at <http://storeycounty.org/517/Updates>. In addition to the provisions of the NRS, any person may complete and return to the Board a statement supporting or opposing the proposed amendments to the county code and/or zoning ordinance. Additional information may be obtained from the Planning Department at 775-847-1144 or [planning @storeycounty.org](mailto:planning@storeycounty.org).

Planner Kathy Canfield requested this item be continued to July 3, 2018.

Motion: I move to continue Item 21 to July 3, 2018, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by:** Vice Chairman McGuffy, **Seconded by:** Commissioner Gilman, **Vote:** Motion carried by unanimous vote, **(Summary:** Yes=3)

19. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION: Review and recommendations for possible action of the 2018-2019 Storey County Funds Tentative Budget excluding the Sheriff's Department budget. Final approval of the final budget will be May 21, 2018.

Mr. Gallagher said General revenue has not changed from the tentative. \$1.2 million additional revenue is anticipated through negotiations described by Mr. Whitten as well as possible increases in permit fees based on new ordinance on property value.

Mr. Gallagher reviewed each department fund and any changes made to revenue and expenses. Mr. Gallagher explained reasons for any expense increase in each department.

Public Comment:

Nicole Barde: Asked how the Park Fund decreased from \$120,000 to \$1,800. What are each of the Park Funds receiving for the \$29,000?

Mr. Gallagher explained the money is there it is just not budgeted - it has not evaporated.

Sam Toll: Asked if the County Commissioner line item reflects Commissioners' salaries, and is the County Manager's salary part of that?

Mr. Gallagher: It is not only the Commissioners, it is also part of the admin group, and County Manager.

Mr. Toll questioned the role of inspections moving from Fire to Community Development and the decrease in the amount of licensing and permit fees. The Community Development budget has gone up. It appears fees from the industrial park are falling and yet people are being added (at Community Development).

Mr. Gallagher explained plan review, permit fees, and business licenses are now under one department. Negotiations with Tesla are unknown.

Mr. Toll presumes numbers of licenses and permits will increase when negotiations or contract (with Tesla) are set.

Mr. Gallagher is not comfortable increasing the numbers until there is resolution on how business license and permits are calculated and with the additional contract with Tesla.

Mr. Toll: Looking at increases, the majority are salaries, wages, and benefits - up from year to year. With unions constantly improving conditions of members - it works against taxpayers and the County with having less money to run the County.

Mr. Gallagher indicated it is unknown what the effects of a new contract (with Tesla) will be and there is a big problem not knowing how much overtime will be.

Mr. Toll asked, based on the fact that revenues are lower than 2015-16 and expenses are higher - is it safe to say there is no money to write a check providing property tax relief to residents, or any other method of re-distributing the wealth as suggested at previous meetings?

Mr. Gallagher indicated about 81% would go back into the industrial park. A residential reduction would be minimal. He would like to look at 2024 when most abatements will be off and would rather have something to fall back on in the event of a downturn like in 2008.

Mr. Toll: TRI line item payback is listed as \$600,000. In review of past property taxes received, (the County) could potentially receive about \$5 million - is it 35% of that figure that has to be paid back to vouchers that have been written?

Mr. Gallagher explained the 2012 stipulation agreement. Revenue received from the industrial park, minus amounts agreed to in the agreement, is the figure that the 35% is based on.

Motion: I move to approve the 2018-2019 Storey County Funds Tentative Budget excluding the Sheriff's Department budget, the 474 Fire budget, and the Water/Sewer budget, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by:** Vice Chairman McGuffy, **Seconded by:** Commissioner Gilman, **Vote:** Motion carried by unanimous vote, **(Summary:** Yes=3)

20. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION: Review and recommendations for possible action of the 2018-2019 Storey County Sheriff's Department Tentative Budget. Final approval of the budget will be May 21, 2018.

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

Mr. Gallagher reviewed the Sheriff's Department Tentative Budget and explained adjustments that have been made. Funds have been moved out of capital outlay to equipment acquisition. This is an accounting move from one special revenue fund to another.

Public Comment:

Mr. Toll: Asked if moving these funds means there will be no new patrol vehicles.

Mr. Gallagher: This is an accounting move from one special revenue fund to another.

Mr. Gallagher summarized the Storey County Funds Tentative Budget. Salaries make up approximately 49+% of the total budget, employee benefits 28+%, and operations 18+%. Should there not be revenue as forecast, there are several opportunities to reduce expenditures - which will be presented to the Board if needed. This includes looking hard at capital outlay expenditures.

Motion: I move to approve the changes to the 2018-2019 Storey County Sheriff's Department Tentative Budget, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by:** Vice Chairman McGuffy, **Seconded by:** Chairman McBride, **Vote:** Motion carried by unanimous vote, **(Summary:** Yes=2)

23. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION: Approval Business License Second Readings:

A. ETCEMENDY ENGINEERING, INC - General / 10597 Double R Blvd ~ Reno, NV

B. KJM ENTERPRISES - General / 145 S. C st ~ Carson City, NV

C. O&M INDUSTRIES - Contractor / 5901 Ericson Way ~ Arcata, CA

D. SWIFT TRANSPORTATION CO, OF AZ, LLC - General / 2200 S. 75th Ave ~ Phoenix, AZ
E. KOYO ELECTRIC INDUSTRIAL CO., LTD - General / 5-2-22 Fukushima ~ Osaka, JP
F. PDE HOLDINGS, LLC - Contractor / 90 Corporate Pk Dr ~ Henderson ,NV
G. HOK ARCHITECTS, INC - General / 10 South Broadway ~ St. Louis, MO
H. DEACON CONSRUCTION LLC - Contractor / 7745 Greenback Ln ~ Citrus Heights, CA
I. AQUATECK INTERNATIONAL LLC - General / 1 Four Coins Dr ~ Canonsburg, PA
J. PROCESS AUTOMATION SOLUTIONS, INC - General / 107 Mill Plain Rd ~ Danbury, CT
K. SHIMANE JIDOKI CO., LTD - General / 784 Sada Miyavehi ~ Shimane-Ken, JP
L. SLATER'S DING A WING - General / 2190 Olympic Cr ~ Reno, NV
M. PREMIER TRAILER LEASING, INC - General / 300 London Dr ~ McCarran, NV

County Manager Whitten, on behalf of Community Development, recommended approval of items A through M.

Public Comment:
None

Motion: I move to approve items A through M, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by:** Vice Chairman McGuffy, **Seconded by:** Commissioner Gilman, **Vote:** Motion carried by unanimous vote, **(Summary:** Yes=3)

24. PUBLIC COMMENT (No action) :

Sam Toll: Again, he is disappointed that Public Comment is not at the beginning of the meeting. And, also with Deny Dotson's decision to prevent the Ferrari Hill Climb from coming back.

Mr. Toll read the following letter into the record:

Commissioner McBride took to the front page of the Chronicle last week accusing me of spreading misinformation and lies. I went to the Bucket to ask him about his accusations, and an energetic conversation ensued. During our conversation, Commissioner McBride shared his opinion of my writing. However, he would not tell me specifically what he read on The Storey Teller was a lie. I suspect he was referring to the article I wrote about the record \$1.6 billion I taxable sales FY 2016-17. According to the Nevada Department of Taxation, Storey County sales tax revenues actually fell in 2016-17 compared to FY2015-16 despite this record increase.

Unless the data provided inside audited annual reports from the Department of Taxation are in error, this is an indisputable fact.

As the facts illustrate in both articles, C Street is not awash with TRIC cash as we have been lead to believe. The tentative budget shows projected revenues are expected to be below 2014 levels while expenses are projected to be up 32% over the same period.

If Commissioner McBride wants to take umbrage with my opinions, I encourage him to do so. If he calls me a liar on the front page of the Chronicle and on the record, he'd better back it up with facts. I recently wrote an article about Scott Jolcover that was inaccurate, upon learning of my mistake I ask that he show me exactly where the numbers are inaccurate and where the inaccuracies were, and I'll issue a retraction and an apology.

I ask McBride to provide me the same courtesy and prove I was wrong or issue an apology here and on the record at the next Commissioners meeting. Thank you.

Nicole Barde: In the May 1st Commission meeting, Commissioner McBride said the following, quoting from Pat Whitten's summary: Marshall encourages any and all residents, or others who have any questions or concerns about County government to please contact the Commissioners, the County Manager, or the County Comptroller. Phone numbers are available by contacting the County

Manager's office at 775 847-0968 or visiting online. Recently a lot of misinformation is circulating and being published. Please do not accept what is heard online as gospel.

He mentioned a couple of bloggers and a so called journalist and gave no specifics. The following Thursday his charges of lying about numbers published appeared in the Chronicle, again with no specifics.

I would like to know from Commissioner McBride exactly what I wrote that was a lie.

Here is the definition of a lie: A false statement made with deliberate intent to deceive; an intentional untruth; a falsehood.

I publish reports of public meetings which I attend on bardeblog.com. I have been doing this for going onto 4 years. I provide a summary of what goes on, I provide an opinion on some of the items which is noted as sidenote, so as to separate my opinion from the facts of the meeting. I provide links to source documents so that my readers can see the actual data that I am basing my comments or opinions on. It's all public record. I also provide a link to the actual audio/video recording of the meeting so that readers may see the proceedings if they wish. Even the county does not provide the public a link to the audio/video of the meetings.

Whatever numbers I report on are those provided in the agenda packets or reported in the course of the meeting. Commissioner McBride can disagree with my opinion or interpretation of the numbers, but I am entitled to an opinion that differs from his. However, the numbers are the numbers.... and they are his numbers. If they are lies then he needs to look internally for the problem.

I await his specific examples of my "lies" so I can correct them or an apology for calling me a liar if there are no specific lies that he can point to.

25. ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned by the Chair at 1:26 PM

Respectfully submitted,

By: _____
Vanessa Stephens Clerk-Treasurer