



STOREY COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING

APRIL 16, 2019 10:00 A.M.

DISTRICT COURTROOM
26 SOUTH B STREET, VIRGINIA CITY, NEVADA

MINUTES

MARSHALL MCBRIDE
CHAIRMAN
ATTORNEY

ANNE LANGER
DISTRICT

LANCE GILMAN
VICE-CHAIRMAN

JAY CARMONA
COMMISSIONER
TREASURER

VANESSA STEPHENS
CLERK-

Roll Call: Chairman McBride, Vice-Chairman Gilman, Commissioner Carmona, County Manager Pat Whitten, Clerk & Treasurer Vanessa Stephens, District Attorney Anne Langer, Sheriff Gerald Antinoro, Comptroller Hugh Gallagher, Tourism Director Deny Dotson, Deputy District Attorney Keith Loomis, Administrative Officer/Planning Director Austin Osborne, Fire Chief Jeff Nevin, Public Works Director Jason Wiezrbicki, Project Coordinator Mike Northan, Water/Sewer Project Manager Mike Nevin, Community Relations Director Cherie Nevin, Senior Center Director Stacey Gilbert, Emergency Management Director Joe Curtis, Communications Director Dave Ballard, Senior Center Director Stacey Gilbert, Community Chest Director Eric Schoen, Fire Marshal Martin Azevedo, IT Director James Deane, Justice of the Peace Eileen Herrington, Planner Kathy Canfield

1. **CALL TO ORDER 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 April 16, 2019.

Public Comment:
None

Motion: I move to approve the Agenda for April 16, 2019, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by:** Vice Chairman Gilman, **Seconded by:** Commissioner Carmona, **Vote:** Motion carried by unanimous vote, **(Summary:** Yes=3)

4. **DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION:** Approval of the Minutes for March 19, 2019.

Public Comment:

None

Motion: I move to approve the Minutes for March 19, 2019, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by:** Vice Chairman Gilman, **Seconded by:** Commissioner Carmona, **Vote:** Motion carried by unanimous vote, **(Summary:** Yes=3)

5. CONSENT AGENDA

I. For possible action, approval of 1st reading for general business license Tommyknockers Irish Pub. Applicant is: DebeeAnn Boyd. Location of business: 20 E Union St., Virginia City, NV 89440.

II. For possible action, Justice Court Quarterly Report

III. For possible action, approval of Amendment #1 to the Interlocal Contract between DMV and Storey County. Amendment extends the contract to June 30, 2021.

IV. For possible action, approval of claims in the amount of \$705,406.10.

V. For possible action, approval of business license first readings:

A. G4S SECURE INTERGRATION,LLC - General/12 Landmark Center Ste. 1300 ~ Omaha

B. CARING BIO - HAZARD CLEANUP INC. - Professional/59 Damonte Ranch PkwyB-305 ~ Reno, NV

C. STC NETCOME INC - Contractor/11611 Industry Ave ~ Fontana, CA

D. A-V SERVICES, INC - General/99 Fairfield Rd ~ Fairfield, NJ

E. TEKTRONIX, INC. - General/PO Box ~ Beaverton, OR

F. ARTIC ELECTRICIANS Contractor/PO Box 3631 ~ Stateline, NV

Motion: I make a motion to approve the Consent Agenda for April 16, 2019, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by:** Vice Chairman Gilman, **Seconded by:** Commissioner Carmona, **Vote:** Motion carried by unanimous vote, **(Summary:** Yes=3)

6. COMMITTEE/STAFF REPORTS :

Dave Ballard, Communication s Director :

- Working on “cleaning up” mass-notification, reverse 911 system. This system was used a lot during the sewer construction. There are a lot of disconnects and time-outs. People are using cell phones rather than landlines.
- Residents need to notify Communications of current phone numbers. Flyers will be going out to residents with instructions to go to a website and download the app to register phone numbers. The app will allow people to register for text and email messages.
- Residents can also follow Communications on social media.
- Data has been sent to a company that will cross reference numbers and tie them to maps to enable better locating of people.
- Communications personnel will be attending several events to sign people up.
- Tests will be conducted and disconnected numbers will be eliminated.
- Cost of upgrading the 911 system will go up will be minimal for what it is.

Martin Aze vedo, Fire Marshal:

- Union Street remains closed at this time. This was recommended by an insurance company’s structural engineer, architect, and fire protection insurance - until a secondary structural engineer reviews the wall. This should be done tomorrow.

- Would like to open a walkway so people can walk to businesses - waiting for the structural engineer's decision.
- The incident at the Delta is still under investigation.

Jason Weizrbicki, Public Works Director :

- Annual crack-sealing of streets will begin next week - starting in the industrial center, then Mark Twain, and the Highlands.
- Working with NDEP and Farr West Engineering on flood mitigation in Six Mile Canyon by changing the channel to be on one side of the road between the two culverts where there is always an issue.

Erik Schoen, Community Chest Director :

- Community Chest will have the elementary and middle school summer programs from 7AM to 6PM.
- Funding has been received to retrofit the old program space to turn it into a daycare/early childhood education center - hopefully by the end of summer. This has been a "number 1" request for many years.
- Reminder - the health care center is open Mondays and Wednesdays.
- The library has an "app" for audio books that can be downloaded at no cost.
- The food closet is open. Thoughts, prayers, and support requested for Pam.

Cherie Nevin, Community Relations Director :

- The last Senior Services Focus Group meeting will be held April 18th at Lockwood Community Center.
- The final three days of the Lockwood free dump event will be April 18, 19 & 20. The free event in Virginia City will be May 2, 3, & 4.
- Final approval has been received from State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) to move forward with repairs to St. Mary's Art Center, 3rd floor balcony.

Deny Dotson, Tourism Director :

- Passed out invitations to the Board for the Rural Roundup to be held in Virginia City in 2020.
- Easter pet parade will be Saturday, April 20.
- Next week is the Grand Prix. C Street will be closed from Taylor to Sutton on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday.
- A marketing presentation will be given April 17th, 5PM, at the VCCC.
- There will be a discussion regarding Travel Nevada and promotion of Virginia City at the VCTC meeting, Thursday - 9AM.

Stacey Gilbert, Virginia City Senior Center Director :

- The transportation program is running currently for seniors only. There are huge gaps with the program - after hours, weekends, and people who are not seniors.
- UNR Cooperative Extension is working with the Senior Center on a transportation grant. The community's input is requested. A planning meeting will be held May 23, 5:30PM at the Senior Center.

Jeff Nevin, Fire Chief :

- Fuel reduction program, pile burning, continues along Geiger Grade between the summit and Lousetown Road.

Hugh Gallagher, Comptroller :

- Met with County lobbyist Mary Walker regarding the Legislative session. April 23 is the date the bills must be in to the Assembly or they are dead. The diesel tax bill is doing well. Mr. Gallagher reviewed several other bills.

Anne Langer, District Attorney :

- Update on nuisance issues: Community Development has been working with a lot of nuisances in town. A few larger cases have come to the D.A.'s office. Ms. Langer reviewed the process. A positive note, there were four cases - every one of them is complying with the program.

Mike Northan, Project Coordinator:

- Maintenance on the traffic signal at USA Parkway and Electric Avenue will be done on April 18.
- Plans for the director's office at Pipers have been submitted to SHPO.
- Fairground improvements:
 1. An estimate has been received for additional fire and agricultural hydrants;
 2. Waiting for NVEnergy regarding plans for additional power;
 3. Plans coming together for restroom facility.
- Regarding Six Mile Canyon the changes to the channel - it will function as a "spillway" and it will go a long way toward protecting the road.
- Installation of the NDOT communications tower on USA Parkway is underway. IT and Communications will be able to attach equipment to the tower.

Mike Nevin, Water/Sewer Project Manager :

- The Planning Dept. is now part of the process for the Gold Hill sewer project.
- USDA is being provided up-dated information regarding the on-going projects.
- The sites for the proposed Gold Hill sewer plant will be surveyed for a more accurate description of the property- this hasn't been done for 30 years.
- It has been determined that a small treatment plant will be enclosed in a structure. This should address esthetic and odor concerns. Concept drawings will be presented to the Historic and Planning Commissions. The building will be about 40 feet long by 14 feet wide - 10 ft. high walls, and could be modeled after old mining structures.
- Enclosing the plant also provides security in addition to safety and esthetics.
- The County has no choice but to build this facility as two notices have been received from NDEP.
- When all required information is obtained, it will be presented in a public hearing.
- Still waiting for word regarding USDA funding on this project.

Vice Chairman Gilman thanked Mr. Nevin for the fast response to issues with the Gold Hill sewer project.

Pat Whitten, County Manager :

- A meeting will be held with NDOT to discuss the possibility of the County to taking control of C Street from the rest area to the Fourth Ward School. NDOT has State and Federal standards regarding their highways which would affect what can and cannot be done on C Street in town.
- A meeting is also scheduled with the new head of Department of Taxation to review all requirements to insure the taxes collected in the new zip code are properly credited.

Vanessa Stephens, Clerk/Treasurer :

- There is a scheduling conflict for use of the courtroom for the May 7th Commission meeting. Suggest calling the meeting to order in the Slammer at 10 A.M - recess and re-adjoin in the courtroom when available.

7. BOARD COMMENT (No Action - No Public Comment)

Chairman McBride:

- Longtime resident Bob Gray recently passed away. He re-built the railroad in Virginia City, making it one of the area's biggest attractions. Mr. Gray is well-known all over the world. The Gray family has made a great contribution to Virginia City.

8. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION: Selection a candidate to serve as the next County Manager, conditioned upon passing the background investigation and successful negotiation of salary with the current County Manager and Board Chairman. The Board may also direct the current County Manager and our Consultant to take action(s) for other properly related matters.

Mr. Whitten commented that previous requests by Commissioner Carmona and Vice Chairman Gilman regarding the selection process have been fulfilled. Mr. Whitten read an email received yesterday by Consultant Linda Ritter:

"Dear Ms. Ritter: Please ask the Storey County Board of Commissioners to accept this email as my notification of withdrawal from consideration for County Manager. Please also thank the Commissioners, citizen panels, and County employee panel - all of whom interviewed me in the process. Also, my thanks especially to you and County Manager Pat Whitten. Everyone involved was very professional, cordial, and business-like, and all made the application and interview process a pleasure. I also extend my heartfelt thanks to the residents of Storey County who reached out to me and the many who expressed their support. I'm sure the Commissioners will find a strong candidate and make a good choice. I send my best wishes to you all, Ron Knecht."

Mr. Whitten also read from a letter received from Deborah Loesch-Griffin:

"Jessie: I have written a letter to be included in the Commissioner's packet for Tuesday's meeting and would appreciate you directing it to them in whatever manner is appropriate. I'd like to post it to the website (I believe Cherie Nevin said that was possible) but was not able to locate how to that when I went on, so any suggestion is very much appreciated. Please confirm you received this and what was able to be done with the letter."

Mr. Whitten commented what was done: a copy was provided to each Commissioner and copies were made available on the table at the back of the courtroom.

Chairman McBride thanked Consultant Linda Ritter for her hard work in this process. The three candidates brought to the Board are all accomplished and exceptional candidates. He asked Commissioner Carmona if he was satisfied with what he received after previously requesting additional information regarding all applications.

Commissioner Carmona: Looked at all applicants and believes the three best candidates were selected. The person best suited for the job would be Austin Osborne.

Vice Chairman Gilman: Appreciated the extra month to review and is comfortable with the selection today - and is ready to make selection with a motion for Austin Osborne.

Chairman McBride: The interview process last month was the best he has experienced. This is a tough call with three well-qualified candidates. Is inclined to follow the others in their suggestion of Austin Osborne as County Manager.

Public Comment:

Larry Prater, Virginia Highlands resident: Knows Austin from the Planning Commission, and then as Senior Planner. Austin is very thorough, honest and fair. He would be an excellent County Manager.

Justice of the Peace, Eileen Herrington discussed her family's relationship with Austin over 20 years. He is honest, capable, and smart. Congratulations.

Kris Thompson, TRIC Project Manager: On behalf of TRIC and Don Roger Norman, we offer full support in the selection of Austin Osborne. Mr. Thompson commented on Mr. Osborne's background - he knows this area like few people do. Mr. Osborne is loyal and professional. At this moment, there is no one better for the position of County Manager.

Motion: I Commissioner Lance Gilman, move to appoint candidate Austin Osborne, as the next Storey County Manager, effective on or after July 1, 2019, conditioned upon passing the background investigation and successful negotiation of salary with the current County Manager and Board Chairman, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by:** Vice Chairman Gilman, **Seconded by:** Commissioner Carmona, **Vote:** Motion carried by unanimous vote, **(Summary:** Yes=3)

County Manager Whitten and Chairman McBride thanked applicant Marena Works.

9. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION: National Public Safety Telecommunications Week 2019 Proclamation

Cherie Nevin explained this item - a proclamation in honor of Telecommunicators Week. This honors the telecommunications and public safety personnel who are behind the scenes. Thank you to the Storey County telecommunications center personnel for their hard work and sacrifices to make a better, safer world for the public. Ms. Nevin read the Proclamation:

A Proclamation Declaring April 14, 2019 through April 20, 2019, as National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week in Storey County, Nevada

WHEREAS, behind every emergency response that takes place in Storey County there is a team of dedicated, professional Communications Specialists who are often the first and most vital link between our citizens and emergency services; and

WHEREAS, Storey County Communications Specialists are the lifeblood of information for public safety personnel 24 hours a day, seven days a week, providing a critical safety service to the Storey County Sheriff's Office, Storey County Fire Protection District, Storey County Public Works; and

WHEREAS, Storey County Communications Specialists who serve at the Storey County Communications Center have exhibited compassion, understanding and professionalism during more thousands of calls for service each year; and

WHEREAS, every Storey County Communications Specialist is certified by the International Academy of Emergency Dispatch in Emergency Medical Dispatch, Emergency Police Dispatch so that they may provide a substantial contribution to the apprehension of criminals, suppression treatment of medical patients throughout Storey County; and

NOW, THEREFORE, We, the Storey County Board of Commissioners, do hereby proclaim April 14, 2019 through April 20, 2019, be observed as "NATIONAL PUBLIC SAFETY TELECOMMUNICATORS WEEK" in Storey County, Nevada.

In honor of our County's less visible, but vitally important first responders: the dedicated and professional Communications Specialists who are always ready to serve the interest of the public safety no matter how difficult or stressful the circumstances.

Communications Director Dave Ballard commented that this crew is by far the best he has had - they do an amazing job.

Public Comment:

Commissioner Carmona: Recently toured Communications and the multi-tasking is mind-blowing. Kudos to Director Ballard and the rest of the team.

Motion: I Commissioner Lance Gilman, move to proclaim April 14, 2019 through April 20, 2019, as National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week in Storey County, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by:** Vice Chairman Gilman, **Seconded by:** Commissioner Carmona, **Vote:** Motion carried by unanimous vote, **(Summary:** Yes=3)

10. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION: Determine and prioritize options to comply with District Court order to vacate all Justice Court activities from the District Courtroom, Chambers, Jury Room and Clerk's Office within 180 days of their issuance of said order.

Projects Coordinator Mike Northan: A proposal was submitted at the last Commission meeting for the building of a Justice Court facility at the jail location. In light of a District Court Order, a timeframe has been imposed on this project making it difficult. Mr. Northan reviewed a proposed timeline for the project with an estimated completion date of October 2020. This would not meet the timeline of the District Court order. Mr. Northan reviewed several options including possibly utilizing existing facilities - most have size and security issues. Optional ideas and suggestions are being sought.

Justice of the Peace Eileen Herrington received the suggestions presented by Mr. Northan. In response Judge Herrington read the following into the record:

"I have 3 objectives in addressing you today.

First, that you walk away with a better understanding of what a justice court is and does; Second, that you have a time-line of how we arrived at this fork in the road; and Third, that you have a clearer understanding of the enormous impact your decisions have for people who enter our courthouse, especially the most vulnerable—victims of crime and their families.

So, think of me, your justice of the peace, as the judicial first responder and our justice court as the emergency room. Just about everyone enters our court first. Whether you run a stop sign or murder someone, you see me first. I can take your money, evict you from your home, have you served with a protection order, and put you in jail. Within our lobby, you'll find both plaintiff and defendant, landlord and tenant, victim and perpetrator. This is where they go to battle. As far as a brief history of how we got to where we are today, I'll share the following with you.

If you go back 13 years, you'll find an entry in the Minutes under Capital Projects for \$100,000 to be used for moving of offices in the county. I can only guess that they were talking about justice court, because in the summer of 2006, justice court, along with the DA's office, where I worked, and the sheriff's office, were moved out of the courthouse and down to the dirt lot by the jail. The commissioners' staff moved into the DA's office, and soon the county manager sat in the justice court's old office. We were moved to so-called "temporary modular units" aka trailers. To say that this situation lacked security and dignity is an understatement. The glass at the clerk's office was thicker than the walls of the building.

And there we sat, month-by-month, year-by-year, out of sight and out of mind. We anxiously waited for word, for plans, discussion, anything that looked like something was happening, and in February 2007, there was a glimmer of hope when "construction of a new county complex or an addition to the current courthouse" appeared on the Commissioners' agenda, only to be postponed to a future agenda.

Almost a year later, "begin the planning for the new justice complex," appeared under Capital Projects again on the Commissioners' Agenda.

2007 passed by, and 2008, 2009, 2010, and nothing.

Around 2011, my predecessor moved back into the courthouse, where justice court was allowed to temporarily share the courtroom with the district judges. The entire justice court staff was squeezed

into what used to be a mail room. Again, there was little regard for space requirements or even reasonable confidentiality required of a court. Public safety issues were ignored. But again, this was just another "temporary" arrangement.

So, when I took office in January 2013, I inherited these tight quarters which I shared with two clerks and anyone else who happened to be passing through. Since then we've encroached upon the district court offices and oozed out into the lobby a bit in an effort to give the presence of some type of security.

Then the DMV office was added to the mix. When they say there are two different people in the courthouse, those who work there and those who are not happy to be there, they must be talking about our court lobby. Adding the much loved DMV to our collection of clientele really stirred the pot. I now have a bailiff, one part-time clerk, and two deputy clerks squeezed into the office. Since 2014, we've seen a 310% increase in traffic cases alone with 130% of that increase occurring since 2017. Criminal cases have increased by 28% and civil filings, which include protection orders, have increased by 45%. I predict that our caseload will continue to grow and it won't be long before staff requirements will grow as well.

In April of 2013, now that's seven years after being placed in a temporary trailer and almost three years after moving to another temporary office, the county was put on notice by district court judges that it was time to follow through with the responsibility of providing a suitable facility for the justice court.

On April 12, 2013, I attended the first meeting of the Justice Court Relocation Committee where we outlined timelines and requirements. At the very beginning, I set forth the court's minimum requirements to ensure public safety and court staff while preserving the dignity of the court. An adequate facility would include a courtroom, a secure holding area for inmates, appropriate areas for attorney-client conferences, safe areas for witnesses and victims as required by Nevada Revised Statute, pretrial services, judicial chambers and court staff work areas, and last but not least, adequate restroom facilities for staff and public, I suggested consulting with experts in field of courthouse construction, but was told that would be too expensive.

Options of co-location up here on B Street, and relocation to the detention facility property were discussed three years ago, and throughout the ensuing months, several different options were presented which seemed to ignore the most basic requirements that were set forth in our initial meeting. Ideas ranged from almost feasible to the absurd. Some options that would have required enlargement or renovation to adapt to a courthouse were determined to be too costly.

It seemed that each month there was another decision only to be replaced by yet another decision, and there we continued.

Finally, in early February, according to our Operations and Projects Coordinator, the architect was working on a digital 3D model of the proposed structure, and the next step was interior design detailing, historic approval, site utilities design, community development approval, bid package assembly, bid award, and then coordination with the contractor for schedule and actual construction activities. Worst case scenario might move start date into late 2019 or early 2020.

So, it wasn't a real surprise to me when everything came to a screeching halt, again. This has been the pattern for the last 13 years. In fact, if what I'm hearing is correct, our office could end up in a trailer again for a "temporary period" of 10 years, and may I add, again.

And yesterday afternoon, I received yet another change of direction. The options that are being presented tell me that you are not listening

I simply can't believe you anymore. I feel like Charlie Brown and Lucy, only it's the commissioners holding the football. And I recognize that I've seen different commissioners address this project over the past 13 years, and I can think of only one common denominator throughout this whole futile process. If we keep heading down this patch, we'll have the most expensive courthouse never built.

Let's go to safety: According to a study in 2012, so it's already a bit outdated, a courthouse in America is the crime scene for a shooting, bombing, or arson attack on an average of once a month. Violent assaults occur in courthouses on an average of more than one a week. It's unquestionable that a more study would show increased numbers.

Although the violence that occurs in courthouses is typically an unplanned, spontaneous response to a courtroom situation, the location where a criminal decides to commit an offense can be greatly influenced by a perception of where he or she is most likely to be successful.

And please, let's not fool ourselves and think that just because we're a small county that "it won't happen here." I realize that the cost of facilities, screening equipment and security personnel may be daunting, but it's nothing compared to the cost, especially the human toll, that occurs when it's not addressed. Ask the victims of the recent Masontown, PA, courthouse shooting who were shot down in the lobby. Masontown has a population of just 3,300 and is most likely facing millions of dollars in lawsuits for something that was almost predictable.

In closing, courthouses are unique and complex buildings and require great attention to planning and design. Most people are compelled by law to come to the courthouse and we have the highest obligation to provide them with a secure environment.

So I ask that the relocation of the Justice Court become your highest priority. It your duty, as a commissioner to provide suitable quarters for county purposes. The decisions you make have far-reaching impacts on the lives of the people you represent and because of this, citizens have every right to expect you to have a positive and steady influence over the direction of county government. Thank you."

Chairman McBride thanked the Judge for the "history lesson" and commented that the County is looking for suggestions. Chair McBride discussed various situations that have affected the building of a Court, including the recession.

Judge Herrington said this was a history lesson - we've gone through a lot of Commissioners. This has been going on for a long time and suggestions have been provided. The options provided today do not provide for security that is required for a courthouse.

Vice Chairman Gilman commented that it will take a year or so to build a courthouse based on current drawings. Is there a selection process as to what we can do in the next year?

Judge Herrington said the options have been looked at and they are still considering what would be best. She suggested looking at the Assessor's office for staff along with the Planning office, with the old Justice Courtroom as the Justice Court. Ways to address security issues are also being discussed.

This Courthouse does, and will in the future, face an issue of screening people coming in. She is aware it will take a long time and cost a lot of money to for a new building. The options should be temporary while a permanent facility is built. IT & Communications would also be included in the new facility.

Nick Lazzarino, Justice Court bailiff, said he, or someone from Justice Court, would like to be included in the planning of options in the future. Mr. Lazzarino read a statement reviewing the importance of a courthouse and safety/security issues and concerns.

Nicole Barde, Storey County Resident, asked that the requests of the Judge and the bailiff be supported. Has (the option) of using the Slammer temporarily as the court, been looked at? This might easily meet the safety and security requirements.

Mr. Northan: The acoustics (in the Slammer) are terrible. All of the displays would have to be removed and the second exit would have to be modified.

Commissioner Carmona is not a big fan of temporary solutions. He would like to look at permanent solutions and get all department heads involved. Temporary may be necessary but it takes away money for the project. He would like to meet with the District Court Judges to see if they would “cut some slack” one last time on the 180 day deadline realizing we are at least a year out. A permanent home for IT, Communications, and the Court is needed.

Vice Chairman Gilman agrees with Commissioner Carmona and would like to meet with the District Court Judges. This Courtroom sits available for weeks at a time. Using the Courtroom temporarily while a new facility is planned should be discussed.

Chairman McBride agrees. However, disagrees in that there is a fiduciary responsibility to taxpayers to not build something too elaborate or expensive. The “ballpark” for a facility next to the jail is \$4.2 million without tenant improvements. If offices can be re-arranged in this (Courthouse) building, there may be something in the not-to-distant-future of something else being available. He feels something can be made to work.

Commissioner Carmona without actual numbers on the options (temporary structure, a building, re-wiring to make it work, etc.), he doesn't know how (the Board) can make a sound decision.

Mr. Northan said investigation into modular structure (approximately 5,000 sq.ft) was done for comparison - just for Justice Court alone, after site work, etc., it would be about \$850,000 to \$950,000.

It appears we are leaning towards construction of a new building, with the Court being in a temporary site. The 12,900 sq. ft. building could be reduced in size. Not much of a cost savings would be realized.

Vice Chairman Gilman asked the Judge what percentage of actions taken care of in Justice Court come from the north end of the County versus Virginia City area.

Judge Herrington: 60 to 70% just on traffic cases. There are legal requirements where Justice Court has to be. A satellite court would have to be equipped with the same requirements as the Justice Court in Virginia City. Currently people who receive citations can pay by phone, on-line, or mail. The Court (in person) handles mainly criminal, protection orders, landlord/tenant evictions - most of which come from areas other than TRI.

Vice Chairman Gilman understands the need for an operating courtroom. 4 or 5 million dollars spent over the next 10 months, or so, would challenge the budget.

Judge Herrington: Would this facility that also houses IT & Communications, have a build-out for the Sheriff and District Attorney offices?

Vice Chairman Gilman: This is why he would like to see a workshop as he does not know and would like to learn more - including talking with the District Court Judges. Suggests continuing this workshop. There are serious challenges.

Chairman McBride asked Judge Herrington about the option of staying in the Courthouse and where she would want to be.

Judge Herrington: One of the options was the old courtroom, now the Comptroller's office. It is not the safest. In the current space, with DMV and Court cases, there are a lot of people in the lobby. Again, they are open to options with the goal of a permanent solution.

Commissioner Carmona commented there is not much time - another workshop should be scheduled soon.

Commissioner Gilman: I would make a motion to continue this item for 30 days, or sooner, to start next week meeting in a workshop, so I can attend to understand the building and construction - I have no information whatsoever to work with today. I have to ask for time with some of these folks to understand the challenge. In the meantime, we have to come up with an interim, temporary solution, as long as we make a commitment that we're going to move on expeditiously beyond that, that's where I would stand - that's my motion!

District Attorney Langer questioned the substance of the motion - if this is going to be continued, it needs to be stated.

Motion: I, Commissioner Lance Gilman, make a motion to continue this item to the next regular Commission meeting, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by:** Vice Chairman Gilman, **Seconded by:** Commissioner Carmona, **Vote:** Motion carried by unanimous vote, **(Summary:** Yes=3)

Chairman McBride called for recess at 12:03 P.M.
Meeting reconvened at 12:18 P.M.

11. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION: 2020 United States Census Bureau Update

Cherie Nevin introduced Kimberly Burgess from the United States Census. It has been ten years since the last census. Storey County's response rate from the 2010 Census was nearly 80%.

Ms. Burgess explained the importance of the Census. Census day is April 1, 2020. The goal of the Census is count everyone once and in the right place. The Census is mandated under the Constitution and taken every 10 years. The number of Congressional seats and Federal funding are determined by the population information. Ms. Burgess reviewed what Nevada has received as result of census information. The census is confidential. For the first time, people will have the option to reply on-line. Ms. Burgess continued explaining the process. They will be recruiting for canvassing and other jobs.

Chair McBride asked if a person known to live at a certain location is counted if they do not respond to the Census?

Ms. Burgess does not believe so. The long form is no longer used.

Public Comment:
None

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

13. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION: First reading for liquor and cabaret license for Tommyknockers Irish Pub. Applicant is: DebeeAnn Boyd. Location of business: 20 E Union St., Virginia City, NV 89440

Vice Chairman Gilman recused himself from discussion and vote on this item as he is the lessor of the building where this business is located.

Chairman McBride disclosed that he holds a liquor and cabaret license adjacent to this property -voting on this item would affect applicant no more than any other applicant.

Sheriff Antinoro: This is the First Reading for this liquor and cabaret license. There is a valid lease between the parties and initial background checks are complete with nothing that would preclude applicant from holding a liquor license.

Public Comment:
None

Motion: I, Commissioner Jay Carmona, recommend approval of First reading for liquor and cabaret license for Tommyknockers Irish Pub. Applicant is: DebeeAnn Boyd. Location of business: 20 E Union St., Virginia City, NV 89440, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by:** Commissioner Carmona, **Seconded by:** Chairman McBride, **Vote:** Motion carried by unanimous vote, **(Summary:** Yes=2)

14. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION: 1st reading for off sale liquor license for the Sugarloaf Mountain Motel & Market; 430 S C St., Virginia City, NV 89440. Applicant is Candace Pitts.

Sheriff Antinoro: First reading, initial background shows nothing that would preclude applicant from holding an off-sale liquor license.

Public Comment:
None

Motion: I recommend approval of the 1st reading for off-sale liquor license for the Sugarloaf Mountain Motel & Market; 430 S C St., Virginia City, NV 89440. Applicant is Candace Pitt, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by:** Vice Chairman Gilman, **Seconded by:** Commissioner Carmona, **Vote:** Motion carried by unanimous vote, **(Summary:** Yes=3)

15. RECESS TO RECONVENE AS THE STOREY COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

16. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION : Approve the agreement between the Storey County Fire Protection District and the Nevada Division of Forestry for continued participation in the Wildland Fire Protection Program (WFPP).

Fire Chief Jeff Nevin: This is a 2 year renewal of the same contract brought to the Board in years past. This contract will expire in 2021. It is basically an insurance policy to assist in covering costs for wildland fires that we may have.

Public Comment:
None

Motion: I move to approve renewal of the interlocal contract between the Storey County Fire Protection District and the State of Nevada Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, Nevada Division of Forestry for the Wildland Fire Protection Program (WFPP), and

authorize the Chairman to sign, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by:** Vice Chairman Gilman, **Seconded by:** Commissioner Carmona, **Vote:** Motion carried by unanimous vote, **(Summary:** Yes=3)

17. RECESS TO CONVENE AS THE STOREY COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

18. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION: 2019-013 Modification to the Tahoe-Reno Industrial Center, LLC - Storey County Development Agreement by amending the development agreement master site plan to de-annex and exclude therefrom the entirety of the parcel located at 475 Wild Horse Canyon Drive, McCarran, Storey County, Nevada APN 005-021-14

Vice Chairman Gilman, having a pecuniary interest in the Tahoe-Reno Industrial Center, LLC, recused himself from discussion and vote in this matter.

Planner Kathy Canfield: Applicant has requested this parcel (currently in TRIC) no longer be part of TRIC.

Public Comment:

Nicole Barde, Storey County Resident: Can anyone de-annex out of the TRI zone? Will there be a zoning change for this parcel?

Ms. Canfield: Under the Development Agreement - TRIC, Storey County, and individual property owners, are the group. Each one of them has to sign off to meet the requirements. An application has been submitted (for re-zoning from I-2 to Forestry) to be heard at a future meeting.

Ms. Barde: Could this parcel go from Forestry to Residential? If so, is that allowed under the Master Plan?

Ms. Canfield explained when evaluating the zone change, it will be looked at to be sure it's consistent with the Master Plan. This property is on the fringe of the park - the change makes sense from staff's perspective.

Motion: In accordance with the recommendation by staff, I, Jay Carmona, make a motion to approve the modification to the Tahoe-Reno Industrial Center, LLC - Storey County Development Agreement by amending the development agreement master site plan to de-annex and exclude therefrom the entirety parcel of land located at 475 Wild Horse Canyon Drive, McCarran, Storey County, Nevada APN 005-021-14, and as documented as Exhibit A on the attached amendment to the Development Agreement document, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by:** Commissioner Carmona, **Seconded by:** Chairman McBride, **Vote:** Motion carried by unanimous vote, **(Summary:** Yes=2)

19. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION: A request (File 2019-005) to abandon a portion of unimproved E Street right-of-way, located within Virginia City. The right-of-way abandonment is approximately 20-feet by 100-feet, a former portion of Lots 2 and 3 of Block 207 of Virginia City. The right-of-way abandonment is located adjacent to land owned by the applicant at 570 F Street, Virginia City, Storey County, Nevada and borders Assessor's Parcel Number (APN) 001-122-05.

Kathy Canfield: This request will return Lots 2 and 3, Block 207, back to the lot they came from in a lot-line adjustment done years ago. This is not how this would be done today. Ms. Canfield reviewed slides showing and describing the property in question. No public utility easements have been

requested on any of this property. No opposition to this request has been received. Staff and Planning Commission recommend.

Public Comment:

None

Ms. Canfield read the Findings of Fact:

This approval is to abandon a portion of unimproved E Street right-of-way, located within Virginia City. **The right-of-way abandonment is approximately 20-feet by 100-feet, a former portion of Lots 2 and 3 of Block 207 of Virginia City. The right-of-way abandonment is located adjacent to land owned by the applicant at 570 F Street, Virginia City, Storey County, Nevada and borders Assessor's Parcel Number (APN) 001-122-05.**

The Abandonment complies with NRS 278.480 relating to Abandonment of a street or easement.

The Abandonment complies with all Federal, State, and County regulations pertaining to vacation or **abandonment of streets or easements, including NRS 278.240.**

The Abandonment will not impose substantial adverse impacts or safety hazards on the abutting properties or the surrounding vicinity.

The Abandonment will not cause the public to be materially injured by the proposed abandonment.

The conditions of approval for the requested Abandonment do not conflict with the minimum requirements in Storey County Code Chapters 17.12.090, General Provision - Access and Right-of-Ways, or any other Federal, State, or County regulations.

Motion: In accordance with the recommendation by staff and the Planning Commission, the Findings of Section 3.A of the Staff Report, and in compliance with all Conditions of Approval, I, Lance Gilman, hereby motion to approve an abandonment of a portion of unimproved E Street right-of-way, located with Virginia City. The right-of-way abandonment is approximately 20 feet by 100 feet, a former portion of Lots 2 and 3 of Block 207 of Virginia City. The right-of-way abandonment is located adjacent to land owned by the applicant at 570 F Street, Virginia City, Storey County, Nevada, and borders Assessor's Parcel Number (APN) 001-122-05, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by:** Vice Chairman Gilman, **Seconded by:** Commissioner Carmona, **Vote:** Motion carried by unanimous vote, **(Summary:** Yes=3)

20. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION: Business Licenses Second Readings:

- A. ALLTEL CORPORATION - General/1 Verizon Way ~ Basking Ridge, NJ
- B. GRAYMAR ENVIROMENTAL SRV - Professional/1205 Baring Blvd ~ Reno, NV
- C. SPRING CREEK BUILDERS, INC - Contractor/143 W. Taylor Street ~ Reno, NV
- D. RENO ENGINEERING & CONTRACTING LLC - 9395 Hummer Ct. ~ Reno, NV
- E. GOLDEN BAY FENCE PLUS IRON WORKS - Contractor/4104 S B St., Stockton, CA
- F. PATRIOT CONTRACTORS, LLC - Contractor/2590 Nature Park Ste 200 ~ Las Vegas, NV
- G. CLARK PACIFIC - Contractor/19801 S River Rd ~ Sacramento, CA

On behalf of Community Development, Mr. Whitten requested approval of all items A. through G.

Public Comment:

None

Motion: I move to approve Business Licenses Second Readings, items A. through G. **Action:** Approve, **Moved by:** Vice Chairman Gilman, **Seconded by:** Commissioner Carmona, **Vote:** Motion carried by unanimous vote, **(Summary:** Yes=3).

21. PUBLIC COMMENT (No Action)

None

22. ADJOURNMENT of all active and recessed Boards on the Agenda

Chairman McBride adjourned the meeting at 12:55 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

By: _____
Vanessa Stephens Clerk-Treasurer