



# STOREY COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 19 2019 10:00 A.M.

DISTRICT COURTROOM  
26 SOUTH B STREET, VIRGINIA CITY, NEVADA

## MINUTES

MARSHALL MCBRIDE  
CHAIRMAN  
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DISTRICT

LANCE GILMAN  
VICE-CHAIRMAN

JAY CARMONA  
COMMISSIONER  
TREASURER

VANESSA STEPHENS  
CLERK-

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**ROLL CALL:** Chairman McBride, Vice Chairman Gilman, Commissioner Carmona, County Manager Austin Osborne, Clerk-Treasurer Vanessa Stephens, District Attorney Anne Langer, Sheriff Gerald Antinoro, Project Manager Mike Northan, Labor Relations Manager Jeanne Greene, Consultant Linda Ritter, IT Director James Deane, Recorder Marney Hansen-Martinez, Public Works Director Jason Weizrbicki, Emergency Management Director Joe Curtis, Fire Chief Jeff Nevin, Virginia City Senior Center Director Stacy York, Comptroller Hugh Gallagher, Assistant Comptroller Jennifer McCain, Community Relations Director Cherie Nevin, Administrative Officer/Human Resources Jen Chapman, Fire Marshal Martin Azevedo, Senior Planner Kathy Canfield, St. Mary's Art Center Executive Director A. Perry, Fourth Ward School Executive Director Lara Mather

### **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 November 19, 2019.

County Manager Austin Osborne requested item 5 be heard after item 12.

Public Comment: None

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

### **4. CONSENT AGENDA:**

I For possible action: approval of claims in the amount of \$1,496,828.19.

II For possible action, approval of business license first readings:

- A. **Advanced Powder Coating & Sandblast** - General / 1203 Industrial Way ~ Sparks, NV
- B. **Advanced Vacuum Services Inc.** - Contractor / 5174 W Base Road ~ Greensburg, IN
- C. **Anchor Door Installs, LLC** - Contractor / 945 Spice Island Dr. Ste. C ~ Sparks, NV
- D. **G&S Enterprises** - Contractor / 11595 Lemmon Dr. ~ Reno, NV
- E. **Home Depot U.S.A, Inc.** - Contractor / 2455 Paces Ferry Rd. ~ Atlanta, GA
- F. **Kennametal, Inc.** - General / 347 N. Taylor St. ~ Fallon, NV
- G. **Oasis Air Conditioning & Heating** - Contractor / 1931 Grimes Street ~ Fallon, NV
- H. **Rogers Machinery Company, Inc.** - General / 14650 SW 72<sup>nd</sup> Ave ~ Portland, OR
- W&W Steel Erectors, LLC** - Contractor / 1730 W. Reno ~ Oklahoma City, OK

Public Comment: None

**Motion:** I move to approve the Consent Agenda for November 19, 2019, **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 in order to re-set the recording system.  
Meeting reconvened at 10:01AM

## **5. DISCUSSION ONLY ( No Action - No Public Comment): Committee/Staff Reports moved after item 12**

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

**Chairman McBride:**

- The County's PR firm has teamed up with the Travel Channel that recently aired a program with the "ten best places to celebrate Christmas" - Virginia City is one of the top ten in the nation.
- There was a great turnout for the Veteran's Day celebration with great weather and visitors from all over. Katie Demuth did a great job organizing the parade.
- Mel Quineman, an ex-building official - long-time employee with Storey County, passed away.
- Long-time resident, a gentleman and great craftsman, Dick Wellhouse, passed away yesterday.

## **7. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION :** Authorize the County Manager to approve a contract with Linda Ritter Consulting not to exceed \$20,000 to develop a county-wide and organizational strategic plan commencing in fall of 2019.

Austin Osborne explained the Strategic Plan is essentially a Master Plan on how the County interfaces and provides services for the residents and businesses. The thought is to have someone with experience work on developing a Strategic Plan. Ms. Ritter has 35 years of experience in strategic planning, working in local government and planning. Ms. Ritter worked with Storey County on the process of choosing a County Manager. This contract is not for Ms. Ritter to do the strategic plan, but for the plan to be an interaction with staff, community, and leaders - and to provide technical expertise. The contract is for a "not to exceed" amount. This should be a 6 to 9 month process beginning at the December 3<sup>rd</sup> Commission meeting.

Ms. Ritter gave a presentation explaining what a strategic plan is and how the strategic plan will be developed. This would include what kind of a result is being looked for. The strategic plan:

- Will be a tool in budgeting.
- Allows communities to establish what is important to them.
- Provides public insight into what drives County decisions.
- Provides transparency with resource allocations and results.

The plan will start with a mission and vision. This will start with goals in order to meet the mission and vision. There will be a measurement of results.

A department scorecard will be developed taking the budget and defining what people are needed to do the work, and the processes required to create the plan results.

Ms. Ritter explained after the plan is complete, implementation starts. Initiative and strategy are part of this plan. Ms. Ritter reviewed how and what can be done to achieve the goals of the plan.

The planning process includes "mission and vision statements" which will be put out to the public for review. The public can provide feedback as to what is important to them - to be brought back to the Board for a workshop, then create goals, and approval.

Phase two is implementation process - developing performance measurements. Public input will be taken and then submitted for Board approval.

In Initiative - public workshops will be important. Initiatives will be put together and brought to the Board. Initiatives are tied to budget.

Ms. Ritter reviewed Department Scorecards - a management tool that weighs heavily in the budget process.

Ms. Ritter discussed the schedule for the Strategic Plan process with an anticipated completion date of July.

Vice Chairman Gilman commented that one of the most important projects for the County should be the capital improvement fund (CIP). How does this process interface with public meetings?

Ms. Ritter: These should be done at the same time.

Vice Chairman Gilman: Asked Mr. Osborne if the CIP and Strategic Plan can be coordinated at the same time, or would it be two separate processes.

Mr. Osborne: They would work "hand in hand". The Board will set the direction and policy (of the Plan) - then take it to the five communities and the County departments to see what they want, what is needed, what is able to be done and when. For example, building a Community Center in the Highlands - when would it be built? If it were two years, a certain amount would be budgeted each year up to that point. Funds would be in reserve (until it was built) so that it would not be spent on something else. Projects could be years in the future, but budgeted for ahead of time.

Chairman McBride: A Strategic Plan has been talked about for years. It's time to follow through.  
Public Comment: None

**Motion:** Based on the recommendation by staff, I Lance Gilman, authorize the County Manager, to approve a contract for Linda Ritter Consulting, not to exceed \$20,000, to develop a county-wide and organizational strategic plan commencing in the fall of 2019, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by:** Vice Chairman Gilman, **Seconded by:** Commissioner Carmona, **Vote:** Motion carried by unanimous vote, **(Summary:** Yes=3)

**8. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION:** Consideration and possible approval of second reading of Ordinance 19-302 establishing the position of Director of Security/Bailiff in the government of Storey County.

Jeanne Greene, Labor Relations Manager explained after completing the job description and Ordinance, the next step is approval from POST (Peace Officers Standards Training Commission). A new law-enforcement agency - the Security Department - must be established in the County. POST had a couple of recommended minor changes to the job description, which have been made.

Public Comment: None

**Motion:** I, Lance Gilman, move to approve the second reading of Ordinance 19-302, addressing the amendments that have been made to the contract since the first reading, an Ordinance adding a new chapter to Title 2 of the Storey County Code creating the position of Director of Security/Bailiff and establishing the duties of that position, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by:** Vice Chairman Gilman, **Seconded by:** Commissioner Carmona, **Vote:** Motion carried by unanimous vote, **(Summary:** Yes=3)

**9. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION :** Approval of a successor franchise agreement to the 2009 franchise agreement between Storey County and Waste Management, Inc. (dba "Storey County Sanitation") for the collection of solid waste, except within the boundaries of the Canyon General Improvement District where a separate franchise agreement for solid waste collection already exists.

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

Mr. Osborne: A workshop was held at the last meeting to receive public comment regarding a new franchise agreement with Waste Management. The current agreement expires November 30<sup>th</sup>. He reviewed franchise agreements in Sparks, Reno, Washoe, Carson, Lyon County, and others. Mr. Osborne reviewed a list of what is common in most agreements, including mandatory service, the types of services provided, and the terms.

The goals of the recent negotiations were:

- Low residential and local business rates
- Zero percent fee for Storey County School District
- Non-mandatory, which is in the draft agreement
- Recycling center at Virginia City Highlands and Virginia City transfer station, services at Lockwood landfill, and Dayton transfer station
- Customer service
- 8% franchise fee
- Free-market recycling
- Bid recycling
- Simple recycling process
- Short-term agreement

Some of the challenges were:

- Small (customer) pool compared to larger jurisdictions
- Non-mandatory - Storey County wants to allow residents and businesses their choice to "self-haul" or be a rate payer

The compromise with non-mandatory service means rates will be adjusted accordingly and the trash provider needs to find another revenue source. This gets into recycling. Free market recycling has been desired in the County. After a lot of work, the language in the agreement is free market.

At TRI there is a recycle area where a company pays for someone to take the loose material away - this is subject to the franchise in this draft (agreement), similar to what Reno and Carson City do. If someone wants to provide legitimate recyclable services - they can go to any company in TRI and anywhere in the rest of the County - at no cost, they can put containers for recyclables which the company will pick up. If someone wants to charge a company in TRI for a bin to take recyclables

away - that would not be allowed. This is exclusive to the franchise. Mr. Osborne commented that a lot of research and review has been done and he believes this a free market in authentic recycling.

Mr. Osborne recommends a short-term agreement of five years to ensure the County and the franchisee are comfortable with the agreement. He believes the agreement provides lower rates, better services, and simple recycling. Simple recycling manner is plastics that are cleaned and managed in a 95% clean manner. There are no over-head costs provided with recycling services. Currently in TRI, (companies) generating trash will separate it and have companies take away recyclable materials. Some of the bigger companies move their own recyclables to California where recycling occurs at better rates than Nevada - that will be allowed to occur under the new agreement. As long as the can is not being paid for - that's the rule.

Lockwood access is added to this agreement - where Waste Management will be allowed bring their large trucks in to use the turn-around area into Canyon Way East (Upper Bench Road). The senior community will be able to have regular front door service as before. The County will build the turn-around area at its cost.

The agreement allows the Lockwood-Canyon GID to join the agreement if they choose. Terms would be negotiated. They do not have too, but it is open to them.

Senior and senior-low-income discounts up to 25% will be offered. An "ombudsman" will be available to address concerns, as well as a website, hotline, and local person all required under this agreement.

Mr. Osborne believes this agreement meets all of the objectives of what the Board and the community want. Several recyclers are also comfortable with the described recycling.

Public Comment:

**Kenneth Chang**, attorney, representing Green Solutions Recycling: Asked that the item be continued to allow more time to discuss and work on the agreement. This agreement grants a monopoly to Waste Management without putting it to bid to other recyclers. Mr. Chang explained the Green Solutions litigation against Waste Management regarding the recycling issue. Mr. Chang asked why this item wasn't open to a competitive bid. His client will be put out of business in Storey County under this agreement.

**Nicole Barde**, Storey County resident: Doesn't understand the logic of "free market" where the County has chosen a winner, and a business can't choose who it uses and is limiting other providers what it charge for.

Mr. Osborne: Discussed a power company as an example of regulated agreement. There are a lot of people wanting to provide service in TRI. No one wants to provide service in the Highlands, Virginia City, and perhaps Mark Twain. There's a franchise agreement, a monopoly if you want to call it - but it will be negotiated where service is provided to all areas, including the ones that are not as lucrative. Transfer stations, discounts, a negotiated-down rate, and an agreement with all the benefits comes with the franchisee getting the benefit on the other side.

Mr. Osborne explained the "free market" relating to recycling.

Ms. Barde commented that the prior speaker's client "going out of business" is a chilling effect of what powerful entities can do to smaller businesses. She suggested waiting for rulings on possible court cases regarding this or to have a provision to revisit this one piece of the agreement.

Mr. Osborne asked what would we do if didn't have an agreement to provide services that wouldn't otherwise be provided? If it was total free market - we may not have a trash can in front of our homes.

Ms. Barde: Understands the difficulty in getting (to certain areas) and having a contract for as small as (the area) is, is great. For the area of business that has other options in a place and isn't difficult to get to, that area could be good for true capitalism and free market. The rest of us are thankful for the agreement.

Mr. Osborne: Under this (agreement), any company that wants to come get material for recycling, can

**Mike Draper**, Argenta Partners also represents Green Solutions: Similar conversations have been held with Washoe County and Reno-Sparks. In those contracts, the commercial side of recycling was left out, including C and D (construction and debris) waste. Providing recycling and the best deal for residents are the purpose of this agreement. A franchise agreement is an antiquated model to enter into. It would be easy to put this out to bid and get the same bid, or better. Waste Management is the only one doing waste pickup in the area because of the franchise agreement model. There are others that could provide similar services.

Mr. Draper explained how Green Solutions works. He also argued how one company currently operating in the County with 20 clients could be put out of business. These things need to be considered. All parties could be "invited to the table" to come up with a good solution.

**Nate Lance**, Rubbish Runners: Explained it's impossible for his (recycling) company not to charge. They work with customers to "source separate" to insure what goes into bins is recyclable. They work with a company that would service all of Storey County. They weren't able to do it because it was not put out to bid. Mr. Lance asked to put this off a bit and let other companies compete. If Waste Management brings the best deal, then go ahead. Construction and debris (C & D) waste is in the agreement - that's not the case in Reno and Sparks. Carson City (landfill) has opened up the ability for them to collect C & D. He requested that (the C & D portion) be left out of the agreement and left open to bid.

**Eddy Lorton**, on behalf of the recycling companies: Discussed promoting jobs and choice. A choice brings better service to the customers. Waste Management and NRS are the only two that have recycling. He suggested leaving the contract open for recycling. Consider the C & D and recycling. Waste Management got the residential sector - they are just asking for a little piece. He hopes (the County) gets it right in the franchise agreement.

**Kris Thompson, TRI Center Project Manager :**

- Complimented the County Manager who has worked so hard on this complicated topic.
- It appears there is at least one company in TRI doing recycling, charging a bin fee - it seems to be working for them.
- He does not understand why a recycler would be prevented from charging a bin fee, or another fee.
- Enforcement if someone is putting normal waste in a recycling bin, should not be a problem.
- The recycling portion should be wide open. It's important to the companies, and those coming in. Let (the recycling companies) come in, and let them charge a fee.

**Pat Pinjub, general contractor :**

- He appreciates the time Mr. Osborne has put into this matter.

- Referring to the Waste Management agreement with Reno, it is worded in such a way that at the end of the day no one else can touch the recycling.
- Carson City put out an RFP and saved thousands of dollars through competition.
- As a general contractor, he bids hundreds of projects. It would be injurious to his business if he did not go out to bid.

**Greg Martine Ili, Waste Management:**

- He has previously reviewed agreement negotiations with the Board. A lot of improvements have been made.
- The agreement brought to the County is global. A franchise provides all of the services at rates established by the Commission, and (Waste Management) cannot vary.
- He explained services and how costs to County are offset by what the County has asked them to provide for free at the landfill and transfer stations.
- They are not trying to capture a lot of the recyclables at TRI - such as manufacturing recycling.
- This agreement is a subscription service - there is no requirement to have this service.
- Mr. Martinelli reviewed what has transpired to get to this current agreement. Negotiations began in April of this year. He addressed the comments made by previous speakers. He also discussed the ruling of the Nevada Supreme Court regarding issues raised.
- Mr. Martinelli is content with the five year contract, but asks the Board to consider eight years. This guarantees flow of fees from franchise agreement.

Commissioner Carmona said he would like to understand why three companies said they would be put out of business.

Mr. Chang clarified the franchise agreement would put Green Solutions out of business in Storey County - not everywhere.

Mr. Lance said they operate in other areas besides Storey County, and they would like to grow their business. They would be put out of business just in Storey County. He explained the need to charge the bin fee due to fluctuating prices. He addressed the construction and demo side - everyone charges for this.

Mr. Draper said the concern with this process is the effect/impact on the businesses that are currently existing. For an agreement this size, a business impact statement should be done. Talk to businesses in and around the County that are using recyclers and figure out the impacts on them. There's value to recycling. This agreement is targeting one company's business model. I could rent a pod, put recyclables in, and have Green Solutions pick it up - but I cannot rent the pod from Green Solutions. It doesn't make sense to not be able to rent a pod from a company. Washoe County and Sparks does this. This should be considered very hard. His company does not offer residential service - they partner with a company (Recology) that would bring in residential service but they have not been given the opportunity.

Commissioner Carmona: Hypothetically-if Recology were to come here, he's sure they would want some sort of security in order to put out the effort to obtain residential business. They would probably want at least some of what's in the Franchise Agreement.

Mr. Draper: Can't speak for them, but that would make sense. Talking about the "free market" - put it out to bid. Maybe someone else would come in on top.

Commissioner Carmona: The issue isn't what Waste Management wants, just that you want to see someone else bid.

Mr. Draper: At the very least. Effectively you are telling a business already doing business here in a positive way, that these guys are coming in whether you like it or not.

Mr. Thompson: It appears that the franchisee specifically negotiated terms to “elbow out” the company that’s currently in TRI. What message does this send if 20 companies suddenly get word that they can’t do business with “this company” because they’re charging a fee - you have to do business with Waste Management. Recology is a major recycling company - what message does it send to them. The Commission should consider tabling this item to the next meeting, understanding that it is after November 30<sup>th</sup>. The incumbent franchisee should agree or approve the Agreement with the direction to allow recycling companies to charge a fee for services or for bin rental.

Chairman McBride: Has attended all but one negotiation meetings. If we were going to go to RFP, it should have been done a 12 or 18 months ago. Waste Management has bargained in good faith. Since the first meeting, they have said “tell us what you want and we will work with you”. We got just about everything we wanted - franchise fee, discounts to seniors, along with all the things pointed out by Mr. Osborne.

Chairman McBride said he asked Mr. Martinelli to come back with 5, 8, and 10 year agreements. With the 8 year agreement it looked like he gave the County residents a much lower rate than the current one.

Mr. Osborne recommended a 5 year agreement. He agrees with that 1:32

Commissioner Carmona asked what the bin fee is currently for the recyclables

Mr. Lance, 10-50 yards

Mr. Martinelli,

Commissioner Carmona said the County should move forward for now - the benefit to residents and businesses outweighs going out for a request for bid.

Chairman McBride:

**Motion:** In accordance with the recommendation by staff, I, Jay Carmona, motion to approve a 5-year successor franchise agreement to the 2009 franchise agreement between Storey County and Waste Management, Inc. (dba Storey County Sanitation) for the collection of solid waste in Storey County, except within the boundaries of the Canyon General Improvement District where a separate franchise agreement for solid waste collection already exists,

Mr. Osborne requested clarification of the agreement so the Board and public know what is voted on - the latest draft provided today. This includes a fee chart with handwritten marks that did not get migrated to the final.

On the fee chart:

- The first item 1 - 32 gallon can. It is not a cart.
- Page 4, under transportation fee - the section that says 32 gallon can each - a range 32 gallon to 50 was negotiated. Under 50 gallon can each - a range 50 gallon to 64 gallon was negotiated.

**Action:** Approve, **Moved by:** Commissioner Carmona, **Seconded by:** Chairman McBride, who referenced today’s draft of 11/19/2019, **Vote:** Motion carried by unanimous vote, **(Summary:** Yes=2)

**10. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION:** Consideration and Possible Action of Grant of Non-Exclusive Easement for Access and Utilities in a portion of the Electric Avenue Right of Way to Eagle CPT II LLC, 550 Milan, located in McCarran, Storey County, Nevada.



Senior Planner Kathy Canfield presented this request. Several months ago Eagle CPT II LLC, requested and received an easement to utilize a portion of Electric Avenue right-of-way. Since then, they find the need for a little more room for trucks to maneuver. The area requested adds on to the previous easement. Staff recommends approval.

Public Comment: None

**Motion:** In accordance with the recommendation by staff, I, Lance Gilman, move to approve a Grant of Non-Exclusive Easement for Access and Utilities (2019-048) in a portion of the Electric Avenue right-of-way to Eagle CPT II LLC, 550 Milan, located in McCarran, Storey County, Nevada, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by:** Vice Chairman Gilman, **Seconded by:** Commissioner Carmona, **Vote:** Motion carried by unanimous vote, **(Summary:** Yes=3)

**11. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION:** Regarding whether to opt out or remain in the Negotiation Class in the In re National Prescription Opiate Litigation, Case No. 1:17-md-2804 pending in the United States District Court for the Northern District of Ohio.

Mark Wenzel, partner with Bradley, Drendel, and Jenney law firm, presented this item. Richard Hy, of Eglet Adams law firm, is also present. The two firms represent a majority of the counties and other entities in Northern Nevada in current State-court litigation against opioid manufacturers and distributors. Throughout the country, approximately 2,600 governmental entities have filed lawsuits against opioid manufacturers and distributors. Over 2,000 of those cases have been removed to a mass district litigation in Ohio where the Judge has ordered other jurisdictions to decide whether to opt into or opt out of the Ohio settlement class. Mr. Wenzel reviewed the reasons his firm has recommended their clients “opt out”. Mr. Wenzel discussed the opioid crisis and its effects on local citizens. He also explained why it’s important for the County to be involved in the local cases.

Sheriff Antinoro said as bad as the opioid crisis is - this has not been a problem in Storey County. Arrests for possession of opioids and the deaths are not seen in this county. He is not sure we want to make it an issue in Storey County.

Fire Chief Nevin echoed the Sheriff’s comments. The opioid crisis has not had an impact on emergency services or responses. He feels any opioid use in the county is by prescription only.

Public Comment: None

Chair McBride: Opting out of the national case doesn’t mean were joining in a local case.

District Attorney Langer: Correct.

Mr. Wenzel congratulated the County on not having an opioid crisis as in other local counties. If that does change, he requests being given the opportunity to give a full presentation to the Commission.

**Motion:** I, Lance Gilman, move to opt out of the Negotiating Class regarding the opioid crisis, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by:** Vice Chairman Gilman, **Seconded by:** Commissioner Carmona, **Vote:** Motion carried by unanimous vote, **(Summary:** Yes=3)

**12. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION:** Approval of business license second readings:

- A. All Out Patio Solutions, LLC** - Contractor / 1920 Farm District Rd ~ Fernley, NV
- B. Environmental Air Systems, LLC** - General / 250 Swathmore Ave ~ High Point, NC
- C. Freedom Crane Service Corporation** - Contractor / 926 Desert Breeze Way ~ Fernley, NV
- D. Golden Bear Construction** - Contractor / 2100 Kings Canyon Road ~ Carson City, NV

- E. **High Desert Electric, Inc.** - Contractor / 865 Selkirk Circle ~ Gardnerville, NV
- F. **Katayama Steel, Y.K.** - General / Japan
- G. **Mettler-Toledo, LLC** - General / 1900 Polaris Parkway ~ Columbus, OH
- H. **Nexius Solutions Inc.** - Contractor / 2595 Dallas Parkway Ste. 300 ~ Frisco, TX
- I. **Red's Fire and Flood** - Contractor / 2410 Walnut St. ~ Reno, NV
- J. **Sideplate Systems, Inc.** - General / 25909 Pala Ste. 200 ~ Mission Viejo, CA
- K. **Summit Millworks, LLC** - Contractor / 145 Isidor Ct Ste C ~ Sparks, NV
- L. **Velex Inc.** - Contractor / 2595 Dallas Parkway Ste. 300 ~ Frisco, TX
- M. **Veolia Es Technical Solutions, LLC** - General / 53 State St. ~ Boston, MA
- N. **Clementine & Huckleberry 's** - General / 11 N. C Street ~ Virginia City, NV
- O. **Columbia Rubber LLC** - General / 14800 SE 82<sup>nd</sup> Dr. ~ Clackamas, OR
- P. **Constanza Cleaning Service** - General / 455 E 5<sup>th</sup> Ave. ~ Sun Valley, NV
- Q. **Correct Cryogenics Inc.** - Contractor / 15698 Boyle Ave ~ Fontana, CA
- R. **3D Systems, Inc.** - General / 333 Three D Systems Circle ~ Rock hill, SC

Public Comment: None

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

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

### **Sheriff Antinoro :**

- Previously the Commission approved an inmate food contract. The company is currently out of service. Until their issues are resolved, the contract will not proceed. The Sheriff will continue with purchasing meals.

### **Projects Coordinator Mike Northan :**

- Plans and specifications are available for the Divide building until the bid opening on December 5. Currently two bidders are on the registry with two other requests for bid extensions. We are inclined to grant that request. So far these are high quality contractors expressing interest in the project.
- The architect is working on addendum 1. Some design considerations need to be worked out which should result in a reduction of the scope of work, with corresponding reduction in bid amounts.

### **IT Director James Deane :**

- Licensing has been purchased to move from current exchange server to Office 365. The target date of the first week of January is being pushed out due to holidays and unavailability of support staff.

### **St. Mary's Art Center Director A. Perry :**

- Thank you to Cherie Nevin for her considerable support of and contributions to St. Mary's Art Center.

### **Fourth Ward School Executive Director Lara Mather :**

- The north and west retaining walls have completely replaced with french drains installed. Both walls had been falling over. Construction was done by Peek Bros. Construction.
- Fourth floor restoration is moving along slowly. Work is being done to keep any snow or water from coming in to the building.
- A lot of work has been done on the south side of the bell tower.

- In order to address additional issues and continue with the restoration - applications will be submitted for the next round of CCCHP grants through the State Historic Preservation Office.
- Due to an increase in vandalism issues, security cameras are needed. A “help us get security cameras” campaign has been started. Letters were sent out and there has been an incredible, generous response. Security cameras will surround the perimeter of the building and in the public areas of the building - protecting the interior and exterior of the building.

Chairman McBride asked how close Ms. Mather is to reaching the goal?

Ms. Mather: They’re about half-way there. If need be, when going over the budget in January she will include the amount still needed. Other items may be adjusted in order to get the security cameras. Donation checks continue to come in.

Vice Chairman Gilman asked if the cameras will record and store for a period of time.

Ms. Mather: The cameras will record for 30 days, allowing time, if there is an issue, to review the cameras.

Ms. Mather described the proposed locations of the cameras and monitors.

**Senior Center Director Stacy York :**

- Mark Twain resident and World War II veteran, Robert Lloyd, passed away.
- The craft fair is set for December 7 and 8.
- The 2020 Ladies of the Comstock Calendar is on sale - \$15 each.
- A transportation coordinator was hired in January who serves about 51 clients. She has logged about 18,000 miles through October of this year.

**Fire Marshal Martin Azevedo:**

- A new building inspector has been hired. He will handle mostly nuisances.
- Work on the Delta Saloon is currently on hold while issues are worked out with insurance companies. The owner is attempting to get things done.
- With Christmas on the Comstock coming up, better partitions are being looked to replace the fencing in front of the Delta.
- The owner of the Delta indicated he would take care of the construction trash on Union Street.
- There have been some incidences with large industrial ovens at Tesla. Tesla will be installing fire systems in the ovens. In addition, the County is requesting the installation of a fire loop (hydrants) in the area behind Tesla where approximately 200 truck trailers are stored. Tesla has been great to work, they understand the situations, and are getting the work done.

**Director of Emergency Management Joe Curtis :**

- The County recently participated in a statewide “terrorist oriented” exercise directed at interruption of the County’s water source. The exercise primarily looked at Public Works and tested personnel response and how the situation would be addressed. It went pretty well, with a few areas of concern in need of training. Mr. Curtis reviewed the various areas of personnel that would need additional training.
- Position-specific training will be addressed in the future.

Mr. Curtis discussed working in Emergency Management with Cherie Nevin and the successes and great job she has done along with the huge impact on emergency management in the County.

**Administrative Officer/Human Resources Jen Chapman :**

- Reviewing County real property to make sure everything is insured as the insurance renewal is coming up.
- Job description analysis is continuing. This works into FSLA changes effective January 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Updates will be on-line.

**Planner Kathy Canfield :**

- Reminder - this is Flood Awareness Week. Events are being held in Reno and elsewhere.
- It looks like FEMA is going to change the way they do flood insurance.
- Title 17 updates will be discussed at the December Planning Commission meeting.
- Thank you to Public Works for their work on the new Planning office.

**Comptroller's Office Hugh Gallagher and Jennifer McCain :**

- Mr. Gallagher said the outside auditor has advised they may need an extension for the audit due to the migration from the old system into the new system. I do not anticipate it will be a long extension. The auditors are happy with the new system.
- Ms. McCain commented that being one of the first counties on the system, we were finding the "bugs" in certain portions - particularly between PERS and the Tyler system. Currently, things are being reported correctly. We are moving forward in clearing up issues that an auditor would have found in any system. The auditor finds the Tyler system to be very user-friendly.

Chairman McBride asked if the auditors had to acquire the same software?

Ms. McCain: (The auditor) gets user logins, like any other employee. His login is "read only".

**Fire Chief Jeff Nevin :**

- Open burning permits are still available for the areas of Mark Twain and Painted Rock.
- The vegetation pile is still at the Highlands Fire Station. Building materials are not to be dumped at the pile - vegetation only.
- Two firefighter/paramedics successfully graduated from Hazardous Materials Technician training.
- Congratulations to Virginia City High School volleyball team for capturing the State 1-A title. First time in 33 years.

**District Attorney Anne Langer:**

- Pursuant to changes in laws passed by the Legislature, the District Attorney and the Sheriff are developing an in-house program for deputies for two hours of training once-a-month in order to keep up with new laws and up-dates. Misdemeanor crimes are increasing as evidenced by arrests.
- Ms. Langer agrees with the Sheriff that there is not an opioid crisis in the County. There is a large senior group who are being watched-out for by neighbors and the Sheriff's Office. She is pleased that (the County) is not having the over-dose problems experienced in other areas.
- It has been a pleasure to work with Cherie Nevin, who has worn so many hats for the County.

**County Manager Austin Osborne :**

- Update on Public Records Requests:
  1. One of the largest requests has come in involving Community Development, Public Works, County Manager's office, and IT Department. This request will take tremendous resources to fulfill. We are working with the IT Director to determine the scope and the timeline.
  2. Thank you to Jen Chapman who is looking at new ways to address these sort of things.

3. The Virginia City cell tower is still “clogged” in Section 106 beauracrucy. Updates will be given every couple of weeks.
4. The next Town Hall - informal County Manager meeting with the County team - will be at the Roasting House, December 5<sup>th</sup>, 9 AM.

**Recorder Marney Hansen-Martinez :**

- There will be a \$2 fee increase effective January 1<sup>st</sup> for most documents - a result of SB20 passed in the last Legislative session. The new fee schedule is on-line.

**Community Relations Director Cherie Nevin :**

- Talked about her decision to resign her Storey County position and move to another State, thanking the County for its support in her decision to pursue a new career.

**Mr. Osborne :**

- Has worked with Cherie for 20 years. Her “wearing of many hats” is an understatement. It will take several people to replace Cherie in everything she does - and has done so well - for the County. Her predecessors will be able to walk in to a completely “plug and play program”.
- Mr. Osborne reviewed the many projects that Cherie has worked on and thanked her for all she has done. She has offered to assist in any way with the transition to someone new.
- Congratulations to Cherie on her new position.

**Chairman McBride:**

- There will always be a door open in Storey County for Cherie.

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

None

**14. ADJOURNMENT OF ALL ACTIVE AND RECESSED BOARDS ON THE AGENDA**

The meeting was adjourned by the Chair at 1:23 PM

Respectfully submitted,

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Vanessa Stephens Clerk-Treasurer