



STOREY COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2019 10:00 A.M.

DISTRICT COURTROOM
26 SOUTH B STREET, VIRGINIA CITY, NEVADA

MINUTES

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ROLL CALL: Chairman McBride, Commissioner Carmona, County Manager Austin Osborne, District Attorney Keith Loomis, Clerk & Treasurer Vanessa Stephens, Sheriff Gerald Antinoro, Operations/Project Coordinator Mike Northan, IT Director James Deane, Fire Marshal Martin Azevedo, Water/Sewer Project Manager Mike Nevin, Fire Chief Jeff Nevin, Tourism Director Deny Dotson, Assistant Comptroller Jennifer McCain, Senior Center Director Stacey York, Community Chest Director Erik Schoen, Lockwood Senior Center Beth Kempf, RSVP Representative Louise Pena.

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 December 17, 2019.

Public Comment: None

Motion: Approve Agenda for December 17, 2019, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by:** Commissioner Carmona, **Seconded by:** Chairman McBride, **Vote:** Motion carried by unanimous vote, **(Summary:** Yes=2)

4. CONSENT AGENDA:

I. For possible action, approval of claims in the amount of \$1,006,974.44

II. For possible action, approval of business license first reading:

A. Balance Staffing Workforce LLC - General / 2800 N. Cherryland Ave ~ Stockton, CA

B. IDRA North America, Inc.- General / 1510 Ann St ~ Kokomo, IN

- C. **Miracle Maids** – Home Business / 829 Pony Express Trail ~ Dayton, NV
D. **Schnabel Foundation Company** – Contractor / 45240 Business Ct. #250 ~ Sterling, VA
E. **Vine Staffing Inc.** – General / 1 E. Liberty St. Ste. 600 ~ Reno, NV

Public Comment: None

Motion: Approve Consent Agenda for December 17, 2019, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by:** Commissioner Carmona, **Seconded by:** Chairman McBride, **Vote:** Motion carried by unanimous vote, **(Summary:** Yes=2)

5. DISCUSSION ONLY (No Action – No Public Comment): Committee/Staff Reports

Sheriff Gerald Antinoro:

- The Sheriff's Office, along with the We Care Group, held their annual Christmas festivities in Lockwood and Mark Twain. Both events were well attended.
- The 601 Vigilance Committee gave the Sheriff's Office four Christmas trees which are available for anyone who would like a tree. They are free for the taking.
- PoolPact's annual audio of the jail will be conducted in January. The Commission is also invited to do an inspection.

Operations/Project Coordinator Mike Northan:

- The Divide building project is set to receive bids on December 19th. Six general contractors and several sub-contractors are holding plans. The bids will be opened and read publicly.

RSVP Representative Louise Pena:

- Thank you to the Commission for support of RSVP. And to Mr. Osborne, Stacey York, and Beth Kempf for the new programs.
- RSVP has a lot of plans for Lockwood as well as working together with Beth and Stacey.

Community Chest Director Erik Schoen:

- Angel Trees names have been pulled with over 120 to 125 gifts. There was also an Angel Tree at Hillside Elementary School.
- Holiday food boxes are available for people in need. Please reach out to Community Chest. Distribution day will be Saturday, December 21st, 11 AM to 1 PM, at the old location on Toll Road.
- Connectivity issues with the "tele-health" system have been resolved. Anyone who has had a bad experience with the system, is encouraged to try it again. Mondays are "tele-health" days.
- An annual report of everything done in 2019 will be given in January or February.

Commissioner Carmona asked if there is a need for a doctor (at Community Chest).

Mr. Schoen: "Tele-health" calls are with a doctor. It would be great to have a doctor up here, recruiting someone when there is already a shortage, would be difficult. The APN is here on Wednesdays.

Water/Sewer Project Manager Mike Nevin:

- Publication (per NRS) was done stating additional proposals for the Gold Hill Wastewater project could be accepted. One was received, making three proposals to consider.

- A meeting will be held tomorrow to review all proposals to come up with a recommendation.
- Proposals range from \$214,000 to \$282,000.
- A scoring process will be used to insure everything is within the specs provided.

Fire Marshal Martin Azevedo:

- Construction on the Delta Saloon is starting up again.
- Once the roof is tied in with the walls, the bracing can come down.
- Agua Metals sustained severe damage in a fire the day after Thanksgiving.

Lockwood Senior Center Beth Kempf:

- Working with Elise Knox, there were 31 children on the Angel Tree, and 15 coats for seniors.
- Lisa Holman did a Santa shop and notes to Santa.
- A lot of people participated in Thanksgiving.
- The Senior Center will have a Christmas lunch presented by Elise.

Tourism Director Deny Dotson:

- Presented a pamphlet that is being given out at the airport by docents greeting passengers. This will start next week and run through New Year. Free trolley ride or mine tours are being given to people showing their boarding pass.
- Christmas on the Comstock was kicked off to a good crowd. Sleigh and train rides sold out, as well as the Christmas Carol play and concerts.
- The 2020 Calendar of Events will be available in January.

Fire Chief Jeff Nevin:

- The Fire District presented gifts to children at Hillside Elementary School this morning.
- They will be Hugh Gallagher Elementary School tomorrow morning presenting gifts along with cookies and hot chocolate.
- Residents with propane heat are reminded to check regulators and to remove snow and debris. Also, residents should have chimneys swept. Chimney fires are catastrophic.
- The Fire District and Public Works are starting a tree recycling program beginning December 26th through January 10th. Drop off locations will be at each Fire Station and Public Works. Mark Twain Community Center will accept trees on December 28 & 29, and January 4 and 5. Trees will be chipped and the chips used in the parks.

Assistant Comptroller Jennifer McCain:

- The County audit should be in to the Comptroller's Office by next week. It will be presented to the Board after the first of the year.

Deputy District Attorney Keith Loomis:

- A lawsuit filed against the County by Mr. Hames, challenging whether or not certain permit fees should be refunded, has been stipulated to be dismissed.

County Manager Austin Osborne:

- A Strategic Plan workshop was held this morning with the County team and Linda Ritter.
- On January 23rd, 5:30 PM, a Town Hall will be held in Lockwood to listen to concerns of residents. This will take place immediately following a senior meeting held by Beth Kempf and Stacey York.

- There is progress on the Lands Bill. The BLM is transferring over certain of right-of-ways to the County. This will be an 18 month process, hopefully beginning sooner than later.

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

Chairman McBride:

- Christmas on the Comstock parade was held Saturday – it was a great event. The parade was well attended by both entrants and visitors despite the cold. Hot chili was available and the Grinch and Santa Claus were both in town.
- The County Christmas Party was held Friday at St. Mary's Art Center. The staff did a great job opening up the Art Center – a lot of people had never been there. It was a great experience and well-attended. It was nice having the party at Pipers, but it is good to move it around. Maybe look at the Fourth Ward School or other historical places in the future. Thanks to everyone who participated and those attending.

7. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION: Approval of Resolution 19-563 Honoring Cherie Nevin.

Mr. Osborne reminded that Ms. Nevin was present at the last meeting where a lot of people participated and spoke about her. Cherie is present today via Facetime.

Chairman McBride read the resolution into the record:

Resolution No. 19-563

Whereas, Cherie Nevin has faithfully served Storey County for twenty years from 2000 to 2019; and

Whereas, Cherie Nevin is dedicated to her job and the citizens of Storey County; and

Whereas, Cherie Nevin has served with distinction, earning the respect of all she works with both locally and statewide; and

Whereas, Cherie Nevin's professional skills in several capacities have served to make Storey County a better place to live, work and play;

Therefore it be known to all present that the Board of County Commissioners of Storey County do hereby resolve to commend and honor Cherie Nevin to commend and honor Cherie Nevin for exemplary service to the people of Storey County, Nevada, this 17th day of December 2019.

Virginia Nevin accepted the plaque on behalf of Ms. Nevin.

Public Comment: None

Motion: I, Jay Carmona, move to approve Resolution 19-563 Honoring Cherie Nevin, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by:** Commissioner Carmona, **Seconded by:** Chairman McBride, **Vote:** Motion carried by unanimous vote, **(Summary:** Yes=2)

8. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION: Consideration and possible approval of agreement tolling possible statutes of limitation with Bankruptcy trustee Angelique Clark regarding the Cetus Mortgage case.

Deputy District Attorney Keith Loomis explained this agreement tolls any statutes of limitation issues in this matter in order to continue settlement discussions. Both the Bankruptcy Trustee attorney and the County's attorney agree there really isn't a statute of limitations on a violation of the automatic stay rule. This will provide time to try to resolve the case without filing suit.

Public Comment: None

Motion: I, Jay Carmona, move to approve the tolling agreement with Angelique Clark regarding the Cetus Mortgage bankruptcy case, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by:** Commissioner Carmona, **Seconded by:** Chairman McBride, **Vote:** Motion carried by unanimous vote, **(Summary:** Yes=2)

9. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION: Approval of Bill No. 114, the second reading of Ordinance No. 19-303, an ordinance amending Storey County Code chapter 15.04 Building and Construction, to adopt amendments to the 2018 International Wildland Urban Interface Code, amending chapter 15.08.060 Appeal from decisions, and providing for other properly related matters.

Mr. Loomis: This is the second reading of this Ordinance. As explained at the first reading, when the Ordinance was initially approved, two pages were left out of the Ordinance. This corrects that oversight.

Public Comment: None

Motion: I, Jay Carmona, move to approve the second reading Bill No. 114, Ordinance No. 19-303, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by:** Commissioner Carmona, **Seconded by:** Chairman McBride, **Vote:** Motion carried by unanimous vote, **(Summary:** Yes=2)

10. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION: Consideration and possible approval of amendment to Interlocal agreement with NDOT for signal maintenance services.

Mr. Loomis: The original Interlocal Agreement did not provide for compensation to the County for repairs to signals, etc. This action changes that Agreement so that NDOT can make those payments to the County, if needed.

Public Comment: None

Motion: I, Jay Carmona, move to approve the amendment to Interlocal agreement with NDOT for signal maintenance services, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by:** Commissioner Carmona, **Seconded by:** Chairman McBride, **Vote:** Motion carried by unanimous vote, **(Summary:** Yes=2)

11. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION: Approval of Resolution No. 19-562 requesting the assistance of the State of Nevada Attorney General in the prosecution of a criminal matter.

Mr. Loomis: Due to a conflict of interest in the District Attorney's Office where witnesses are related to County employees, it is requested the Board of County Commissioners join in the request to the Attorney General's office to handle the case.

Chairman McBride: This is common practice.

Public Comment: None

Motion: I, Jay Carmona, move to approve Resolution No. 19-562 requesting the assistance of the State of Nevada Attorney General in the prosecution of a criminal matter, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by:** Commissioner Carmona, **Seconded by:** Chairman McBride, **Vote:** Motion carried by unanimous vote, **(Summary:** Yes=2)

12. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION: Consideration and possible approval of Certified Local Government Agreement between Storey County and State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO).

Mr. Loomis: This is a revised Agreement of one adopted in the 1990's. The Federal government provides funds to States to engage in historical preservation efforts. The State can send funds to counties, towns, and cities if they are certified local governments, meeting certain requirements.

This item is part of the process to being a certified local government in order to receive funds from the State. Adoption of an ordinance will be required after this approval.

Mr. Osborne explained (the County) is unique in that it has the Comstock Historic District that manages a lot of the elements of historic preservation and requirements in this area. We are in communication with CHD to address matters as they apply to this item.

Public Comment:

Motion: I, Jay Carmona, move to approve the Agreement between SHPO and County regarding the Certified Local Government program, and authorize the Chairman to sign, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by:** Commissioner Carmona, **Seconded by:** Chairman McBride, **Vote:** Motion carried by unanimous vote, **(Summary:** Yes=2)

13. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION: Approval of a donation of five (5) Panasonic Tough Book Computers. Panasonic is to donate these computers to Storey County Fire Department and Storey County Community Development for the purpose of field testing.

Fire Marshal, Martin Azevedo, commented that tablets currently used by the Fire Department and Community Development break easily. He has used Panasonic Tough Books in the past – they are great machines. Mr. Azevedo was advised by Panasonic that there is a program where they donate Tough Books to fire and police departments on trial basis forever. If approved, four of the five Tough Books will go to the Fire Department and one to Community Development. These are great tools. IT Director James Deane said there is no issue in programming these computers.

Chairman McBride asked if in the future, when the tablets currently in use have failures - will they be replaced with Tough Books.

Mr. Azevedo: Yes. After testing the five and seeing how they work for the County, possibly obtaining 18 to 20 more so there is a Tough Book in every engine and rescue. As well as for Battalion Chiefs and inspectors. They are pricey – but Panasonic has a purchase program giving breaks to local governments and fire departments. Refurbished ones are also available. The Tough Book we are looking at is about \$4,000.

Public Comment: None

Mr. Osborne: The County's IT team has said they will go through these Tough Books to insure confidentiality and security.

Motion: In accordance to the recommendation by staff, Jay Carmona, motion to approve five Panasonic Tough Book computers to be tested by the Storey County Fire Department and the Fire Marshal, the computers will be used for field operations, investigations, and inspections, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by:** Commissioner Carmona, **Seconded by:** Chairman McBride, **Vote:** Motion carried by unanimous vote, **(Summary:** Yes=2)

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

A. Demar Specialties LLC - Contractor / 2423 Finchwood Landing Ln. ~ Manteca, CA

B. Genesis Ironworks, LLC- Contractor / 6505 Reno Hwy ~ Fallon, NV

C. MTU America Inc. - General / 39525 Mackenzie Dr. ~ Novi, MI

D. Primary Integration Solutions, Inc. - General / 8180 Greensboro Dr. #700 ~ McLean, VA

E. Virginia City Tours (DBA) - Transportation / 27 N. C St. ~ Virginia City, NV

Public Comment:

None

On behalf of Community Development, Mr. Osborne recommends approval of Item A through E.

Motion: I, Jay Carmona, move to approve Business Licenses, Second Reading, Items A through E,

Action: Approve, **Moved by:** Commissioner Carmona, **Seconded by:** Chairman McBride, **Vote:** Motion carried by unanimous vote, **(Summary:** Yes=2)

15. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Louise Pena, Lockwood Resident: As a resident, she and her husband, thank the County for all of the improvements and plans for improvements. She talked about the new group from LCC and Rainbow Bend - people who are willing to work together as a community. Louise commented that attitudes are changing about getting a new senior center as well as other things. Neighbors are what a senior/community center is about. The senior lunch program, the food pantry - as good as they are, they could be better. More people are supporting County decisions and the growth in Lockwood.

16. ADJOURNMENT OF ALL ACTIVE AND RECESSED BOARDS ON THE AGENDA

The meeting was adjourned by the Chair at 9:52 AM

Respectfully submitted,

By: _____

Vanessa Stephens Clerk-Treasurer