



STOREY COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2020 10:00 A.M.

DISTRICT COURTROOM
26 SOUTH B STREET, VIRGINIA CITY, NEVADA

MINUTES

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DISTRICT

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CLERK-

ROLL CALL via zoom: Chairman McBride, Vice-Chairman Carmona, Commissioner Gilman, County Manager Austin Osborne, Clerk-Treasurer Vanessa Stephens, Deputy District Attorney Keith Loomis, Sheriff Antinoro, Comptroller Jennifer McCain, Fire Chief Jeff Nevin, Battalion Chief Jeremy Loncar, Community Relations Director Lara Mather, Planner Kathy Canfield, Recorder Marney Hansen-Martinez, Emergency Management Director Joe Curtis, Assessor Jana Seddon, Project Manager Mike Northan, Communications Director Dave Ballard, CARES Grant Administrator Honey Tapley, IT Director James Deane, Community Development Director Martin Azevedo, Human Resources Tobi Whitten, Senior Center Director Stacey York and Labor Relations Jeanne Greene.

1. Call to order closed session pursuant to NRS 241.030 for discussion of a request for medical leave of absence without pay per Article 39 of the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Storey County Fire Protection District and the Storey County Fire Fighters' Association, IAFF Local 4227.

2. CALL TO ORDER REGULAR MEETING AT 10:00 A.M.
Meeting was called to order by Chairman McBride at 10:00 A.M.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
Chairman McBride led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION: Approval of Agenda for November 2, 2020.

Public Comment: None

Motion: I move to approve the Agenda for November 2, 2020, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by:** Vice Chairman Carmona, **Seconded by:** Commissioner Gilman, **Vote:** Motion carried by unanimous vote, **(Summary:** Yes=3)

5. CONSENT AGENDA:

- I. For possible action, approval of claims in the amount of \$1,072,783.46.
- II. For possible action, approval of business license first readings:
 - A. **Byers Industrial Services, LLC** - Contractor / 1100 Grant Ave. ~ Franklinville, NJ
 - B. **Encor Solar LLC** - Contractor / 3401 N. Thanksgiving Way #150 ~ Lehi, UT
 - C. **Geodis Logistics LLC** - Out of County / 7101 Executive Center Dr. Ste 333 ~ Brentwood, TN
 - D. **Raptors Live LLC** - General / 80 S. C St. ~ Virginia City, NV
 - E. **Sabic Innovative Plastics US LLC** - Out of County / 2500 City West Blvd. Ste. 100 ~ Houston, TX
 - F. **Southland Industries** - Contractor / 12131 Western Ave. ~ Garden Grove, CA
 - G. **Trivium Packaging USA Inc.** - General / 775 Waltham Way Ste 101 ~ McCarran, NV

Public Comment: None

Motion: I move to approve the Consent Agenda for November 2, 2020, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by:** Vice Chairman Carmona, **Seconded by:** Commissioner Gilman, **Vote:** Motion carried by unanimous vote, **(Summary:** Yes=3)

6. PUBLIC COMMENT (No Action) None

7. DISCUSSION ONLY (No Action - No Public Comment): Committee /Staff Reports

Sheriff Antinoro :

- Acknowledged the passing of Dale Turney - member of the Fraternal Order of Eagles, and the Clampers. Dale also did a lot at the Senior Center.
Chairman McBride added that Dale was a long-time member of the Volunteer Fire Dept. Dale was a real asset to this community.

Mike Northan , Project Manager:

- The Justice Court project at the Divide is proceeding well - slightly under budget and on schedule. Change orders being considered include a back-up generator, and solar-tube skylights for interior office space.
- Two qualified design/build teams have submitted proposals for the Depot project. Staff will meet to review and submit proposal at the next meeting. Both teams are ready to begin work immediately upon approval.
- Lumos & Associates have submitted proposal for engineering, construction, and administration services for Phase 1 of the Highlands Community Center. Lumos has also provided an engineer's estimate.
- Lumos & Associates also provided a proposal for design services of the new Visitors Center. This requires specialty design work centering around the Taylor Street retaining wall stabilization, as well as some elevation challenges.
- Mr. Northan, Tobi Whitten, and Lara Mather are scheduled for Title 6 compliance annual training presented by NDOT.

James Deane , IT Director:

- The equipment move from the C Street location has been completed and relocated to the outdoor tower.
- Security updates are being applied to the main data center that will update Tyler and some web services. Some potential vulnerabilities are being addressed immediately.
- Sierra Electronics will be up tomorrow during elections to tie-in the dispatch center to the County network, and to tie-in the jail tower at the south end of town.

Stacey York , Senior Center Director:

- On November 11th, the Senior Center will hold a "drive-through" spaghetti feed lunch.

- Today starts an “opioid social awareness” campaign. Check the County website and social media for additional information.
- A blood drive will held November 5th in memory of Edna Rosso - 10AM to 5PM, Storey County Senior Center parking lot.

Honey Tapley , Emergency Management:

- Currently there are 22 applicants for small business grants. 20 approved; 2 pending.
- November 13th is the deadline for application.

Martin Azevedo , Community Development Director:

- The Tyler Program - encode program being implemented is going well. The plan review and inspection side are also going very well.

Joe Curtis , Emergency Management Director:

- From October 11th to 24th, Storey County had 6 Covid new cases. A total of 24. One case still hospitalized. Currently there are 4 active cases in the county. There has been no verification that a recent death in Storey County was from Covid.
- We continue to work closely with Carson City Health & Human Services and the Storey County School District on the planning and notification process. Notification has been received that there was one positive case enrolled in school.
- With the up-tick in cases in the area, there is increased testing - which has slowed down test results.
- Since March, the Quad-County has had 1,854 cases with 1,661 recovered, and 23 deaths.
- Development of vaccinations is looking like sometime early 2021.
- In the four-county region, the most prevalent exposures have been contact with confirmed Covid cases (53%), going to grocery or retail store (24%), working in health care field (12%), and attending/working in a school (11%). Lowest exposures are airports, international travel, and going to church.
- For Storey County, the primary reported exposures are grocery stores, eating in a restaurant, and going to church.
- Community testing is Monday, November 5th at Mark Twain Community Center; November 18th at Virginia City Senior Center. Both 2PM to 4PM. Flu shots are also available.
- There will be three test sites in December.
- Over the holiday weekend, two hand-sanitizer stations were vandalized. They will be replaced with new dispensers.

Commissioner Gilman thanked Mr. Curtis for the great job in this difficult undertaking.

Kathy Canfield , Senior Planner:

- Update on the RS2477 project/contract: All field work is complete and there is background information on a lot of roadways that are contractably qualified for the RS2477 definition. The next step is to have legal counsel review and go over formatting and language. Eventually this will be added to our GIS mapping for the County.
- At the Planning Commission meeting Thursday at 6PM (via zoom), USGS will give an update on the Highlands Water Study. Information for those wishing to attend is on the Storey County website.

Jennifer McCain , Comptroller:

- We are still working diligently on the audit and are on track to have the draft ready the first week of December.

Fire Chief Jeff Nevin:

- Sierra Electronics has started installing radio equipment in all fire department apparatus and got the hand-held programs.
- BLM is doing a project on Geiger Grade and the Highlands area. Any questions should be directed to the BLM field office in Carson City.

Deputy District Attorney Keith Loomis:

- Stericycle moved to intervene in the lawsuit brought by Mary Lou Wilson. The request was granted last week.

County Manager Austin Osborne :

- A “town hall” is scheduled in Lockwood on November 18th. This is a workshop for the community and to ask them what they would like to do for flood mitigation projects. There will be guests to discuss FEMA funding and other available resources to actually get some projects done.
- Tesla is current on all payments at this point.
- The Lockwood Senior Center collaboration is on-going with our team and the Rainbow Bend HOA. We are working with Stacey York to determine what (the Lockwood community) wants in terms of county facilities in that area.

Vanessa Stephens , County Clerk :

- Tomorrow being election day, early voting ended on Friday with a 55.4% turnout - early voters and mail ballots received.
- The four polling locations are: the Slammer; Mark Twain Community Center; Highlands Fire Station; and, Lockwood Fire Station. All open 7am to 7pm. This year, all polling locations are “vote centers” - any registered voter in Storey County can go to any polling location to vote.

Mike Northan , on behalf of Jason Weizrbicki-Public Works Director:

- Crews continue to work on drainage issues around town.
- The block wall modification at the Courthouse parking lot will be started after election day.
- Crack-sealing will be done in the Highlands, Virginia City, Six Mile Canyon, and Mark Twain areas as weather permits.

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

Chairman McBride : Announced the passing of another long-time resident of Virginia City, Mario Montez. Mario worked at the Delta Saloon for over 25 years; he helped out and worked at the Ponderosa, Mark Twain, and the Bucket of Blood saloons for the last several years.

9. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION: Approval of Resolution No. 20-593 on the request by the Director of the State of Nevada Department of Business and Industry to approve the Findings of Fact pertaining to the issuance of industrial development revenue bonds in one or more issues in an aggregate amount not to exceed \$20,000,000 for the purpose of assisting in the financing or refinancing of a portion of the costs of (i) constructing, improving, and equipping a facility to be used for converting municipal solid waste into renewable fuel products located on an approximately 19.4-acre site to be located at 3600 Peru Drive in the Tahoe-Reno Industrial Center, Storey County, Nevada and/or (ii) the improvements to and equipping of the facility used for preliminary sorting and processing of municipal solid waste located on an approximately 10.0-acre site at 350 Saddle Court in Mustang, Storey County, Nevada. The project will be owned by Fulcrum Sierra Holdings, LLC, and operated by Fulcrum BioEnergy, Inc. Approval of the Board of Finance is required pursuant to NRS 349.580(2).

Mr. Osborne introduced Terry Reynolds and Clay Hardman from the Department of Business and Industry.

Mr. Reynolds explained this is the sixth issue for Fulcrum BioEnergy to do improvements to their plant and to connect to solar energy and are pleased that (Fulcrum) has been able to progress with construction during this time, and they are back on schedule to begin operating their plant.

Commissioner Gilman said he is glad to see this coming to a close - it has been a work in progress for a long time. It is exciting for the State of Nevada and Storey County. He believes this is a first - actually converting trash into a jet fuel product. This is state-of-the-art and environmentally sensitive and is proud to see it come to a close.

Jeanne Benedetti, Fulcrum BioEnergy, commented she has been working at this for 13 years. This is an exciting, first-of-its kind project. We should start seeing feeder tests now where they are actually moving the feed stock and start the process through the feeder system. Activity will start being seen. Thank you for the consideration and patience through the years.

Chairman McBride: We're looking forward to seeing everything operational.

Public Comment: None

Motion: Based on the recommendation by staff, I, Jay Carmona, approve Resolution No. 20-593, on the request by the State of Nevada Department of Business and Industry to approve the Findings of Fact pertaining to the issuance of industrial development revenue bonds in one or more issues in an aggregate amount not to exceed \$20,000,000 for the purpose of assisting in the financing or refinancing of a portion of the costs of (i) constructing, improving, and equipping a facility to be used for converting municipal solid waste into renewable fuel products located on an approximately 19.4-acre site to be located at 3600 Peru Drive in the Tahoe-Reno Industrial Center, Storey County, Nevada and/or (ii) the improvements to and equipping of the facility used for preliminary sorting and processing of municipal solid waste located on an approximately 10.0-acre site at 350 Saddle Court in Mustang, Storey County, Nevada. The project will be owned by Fulcrum Sierra Holdings, LLC, and operated by Fulcrum BioEnergy, Inc. Approval of the Board of Finance is required pursuant to NRS 349.580(2), **Moved by:** Vice Chairman Carmona **Seconded by:** Commissioner Gilman, **Vote:** Motion carried by unanimous vote, **(Summary:** Yes=3)

10. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION : Consideration and approval of Storey County Proclamation for Flood Awareness Week, November 14-22, 2019.

Senior Planner Kathy Canfield said this is for 2020. Staff has been working with the State and other local jurisdictions. The State has proclaimed the week of November 14th through 20th. As part of the County's participation, it is requested that Storey County also do a proclamation recognizing Flood Awareness Week. Anyone interested can go to Nevada Flood.org - there is a lot of information available. Staff recommends approval of this proclamation.

Public Comment: None

Motion: I, Jay Carmona, move to approve Storey County Proclamation to recommend Flood Awareness Week for November 14th through the 20th of 2020, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by:** Vice Chairman Carmona, **Seconded by:** Commissioner Gilman, **Vote:** Motion carried by unanimous vote, **(Summary:** Yes=3)

11. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION: Authorize and direct the County Manager and staff to collaborate with the Lockwood Community Corporation (LCC) board and Lockwood residents to establish a county maintenance and access easement on a portion of LCC-owned land connecting Canyon Way to the Canyon GID water tank and area wireless communications facilities. A final easement is subject to approval of the LCC board of directors and the Storey County Commissioners.

Austin Osborne explained the Lockwood Community Corporation (LCC) has expressed interest to have the County potentially take over ownership of an easement of a portion of the road from Canyon Way to where the Canyon GID water tank is located as well as a cell tower. This is similar to Peri Ranch Road easement - the road would still be owned by the LCC. This action is for direction for the Board to proceed forward with discussions with the LCC and the Canyon GID, and the community, and to come back to this Board with a potential easement.

Commissioner Gilman said he strongly supports this. This is the subject of potential liability. They have been looking at the wash-outs and maintenance of the road - the LCC has done their best to keep it in passable condition. This is a strong necessity for the Rainbow Bend and Lockwood communities.

Vice Chairman Carmona echoes Commissioner Gilman

Public Comment: None

Chairman McBride: Looking at this easement, with the tower and utilities that are there, the problem as he sees it - Storey County is not running any school buses, ambulances, or fire trucks over this. The Canyon GID utilizes this so the GID should be part of this conversation. He would like to see the LCC, the GID, and the County look at this together. Staff should be directed to include all parties.

Commissioner Gilman added there are a number of residential units that access that (road). Getting emergency vehicles to those residents is important.

Commissioner Carmona understands that 99% of the time this will be used by the County, but this is something that has been requested by the community. These projects, whether the County benefits or not, should move forward. With the County investing in the community, the taxpayers can see some benefit, even if not directly.

Chairman McBride does not disagree, but believes all parties utilizing this should be involved - the LCC, the GID, and the County. The County bearing all responsibility will give permission to other areas, like the Highlands, to request paving of privately-owned dirt roads. This opens "a can of worms" if (the County) is solely responsible for improvements on private property.

Commissioner Carmona commented regarding the Highlands, the two miles of Cartwright have been left alone for decades - he sees a little differently.

Chairman McBride: Cartwright is a paved road and the County has put funds into paving it over the last few years.

Commissioner Gilman: Thinks that participation of all parties should be considered as part of the negotiations but does not believe the project should be contingent on others participating.

Chair McBride: That's fair enough.

Mr. Osborne: The intent of this item was to just authorize staff to proceed with discussions on this potential project in the future. There is no action today to actually do this other than to collaborate with the partners, build the framework, and then consider Board action by the LCC and the Storey County Commissioners.

Chairman McBride: That's understood

Motion: I, Jay Carmona, authorize and direct the County Manager, and staff, to collaborate with Lockwood Community Corporation board, and Lockwood residents, to establish a County maintenance easement on a portion of the LCC-owned land connecting Canyon Way to the Canyon GID water tank and area wireless communication facilities. The final easement is subject to approval of the LCC Board of Directors and the Storey County Commissioners. Financial responsibility may be talked about and the LCC and the GID will participate in any potential outlay, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by:** Vice Chairman Carmona, **Seconded by:** Commissioner Gilman, **Vote:** Motion carried by unanimous vote, **(Summary:** Yes=3)

12. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION: Authorize the County Manager and staff to begin implementation of the Mark Twain flood mitigation project in accordance with the Mark Twain/Dayton Valley Area Drainage Master Plan including applying for grant funding, developing proposed sustainable funding stream and Capital Improvement Plan updates, securing right-of-way from the BLM, consulting with private property owners, working cooperatively with Lyon County and the Carson Water Subconservancy District, and providing quarterly progress reports to the board. We work together to pool resources to be eligible for FEMA funding

Mr. Osborne explained that in 2018, the County did a comprehensive flood mitigation study in the Mark Twain, Dayton, and Six Mile Canyon areas. We are now implementing that study, collaborating with Lyon County, Carson Water Subconservancy District, and FEMA, working together to be eligible for FEMA funding. This would be to do things like flood retention downstream, drainages, culverts, bridges, and whatever necessary structures needed. Also, work with residents on right-of-ways and maintenance fees for drainages.

Commissioner Gilman: This is another great focus for the residents of Mark Twain.

Public Comment: None

Motion: I, Jay Carmona, motion to authorize the County Manager and staff to begin implementation of the Mark Twain Flood Mitigation Project in accordance with the Mark Twain/Dayton Valley Area Drainage Master Plan including applying for grant funding, developing proposed sustainable funding stream and Capital Improvement Plan updates, securing right-of-way from the BLM, consulting with private property owners, working cooperatively with Lyon County and the Carson Water Subconservancy District, and providing quarterly progress reports to the board, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by:** Vice Chairman Carmona, **Seconded by:** Commissioner Gilman, **Vote:** Motion carried by unanimous vote, **(Summary:** Yes=3)

13. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION : Consideration and possible approval of fiber circuit with AT&T at Storey County Jail Facility for a term of 3 years at the new lower negotiated rate of \$695.90 per month. The existing contract has expired and is currently billed at \$1075.56 per month. This only pertains to the existing fiber circuit, no new services, hardware costs or changes will be incurred

IT Director James Deane: The existing contract has expired. Pricing with AT&T has been reduced over the years with more and more fiber circuits in use. There is a cost reduction with a term of 3 years.

Chairman McBride: Since lighting up more fiber in Virginia City, has there been any indication of when or if it will start going into businesses or residential areas? There have been a lot of inquiries from businesses about going to fiber optic.

Mr. Deane: Nothing official, but the infrastructure does exist in town - it's just a matter of breaking off pairs and bringing into businesses. He believes they are looking more at the business aspect and asking for 2 to 3 year contract before providing the services. He does not think they are pushing much on the residential side - it's available but understands you have to sign a term contract.

Chair McBride: There have been a lot of inquiries from businesses - security cameras and credit card processing is pretty slow with existing systems.

Public Comment: None

Mr. Osborne said there are changes to the motion and there are budgetary considerations as well - this item will be put in the admin department for the rest of the year. Next year we will work with the Sheriff regarding this budget item. Mr. Osborne asked to amend the motion to authorize the County Manager to approve this contract pending District Attorney's office review and concurrence.

Chair McBride: The current contract is \$1,075 per month - wasn't this originally in the jail's budget? Is that why the new contract is in admin?

Mr. Osborne: That's correct. If moved to the Sheriff's budget, it would be an additional item - it would not be an additional item in the County over-all budget. Next year it will be rolled into the jail.

Chair McBride: Where was the \$1,075 budget item before?

Mr. Osborne: Not sure which one - but not the Sheriff's budget. This is changing budget-wise because the 911 center is being moved out of the jail. That will leave the jail exclusively the jail. Then budget clean-ups will be done. The 911 center and the jail will each have it's own budget.

Motion: I, Jay Carmona, motion to approve the approval of the three-year contract with AT&T for the fiber circuit at the Storey County jail facility at the re-negotiated rate of \$695.90 per month, allowing County Manager to approve pending District Attorney review of the contract, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by:** Vice Chairman Carmona, **Seconded by:** Commissioner Gilman, **Vote:** Motion carried by unanimous vote, **(Summary:** Yes=3)

14. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION: Consideration and possible approval of action regarding disposal of a walk-through body scanner/metal detector to be sold or donated to another law enforcement agency.

Sheriff Antinoro explained this scanner had been used in the past - at the present time it is not being used and the courts no longer want it. We are looking at ways to dispose of it - maybe through other courts or law enforcement agencies around the state or country.

Public Comment: None

Motion: I, Jay Carmona, move to approve the disposal or donation of the walk-through body scanner/metal detector, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by:** Vice Chairman Carmona, **Seconded by:** Commissioner Gilman, **Vote:** Motion carried by unanimous vote, **(Summary:** Yes=3)

15. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION: Consideration and possible approval to reimburse the Storey County Fire Protection District an amount not to exceed \$88,000.00, for the retrofit of a new ambulance. This cost is directly related to the COVID-19 Pandemic from March 1, 2020 through

December 30, 2020. The funds would be reimbursed from Storey County allocation of CARES Act funds.

Lara Mather, Community Relations Coordinator, explained Storey County Fire Protection District has requested reimbursement in an amount not to exceed \$88,000 under CaresAct funding to purchase medical equipment directly related to the County's response to the Covid pandemic to be installed in a new ambulance. Funds are available in the CaresAct allotment and fall specifically under the Governor's guidelines.

Public Comment: None

Motion: I, Jay Carmona, move to approve reimbursement an amount not to exceed \$88,000.00, for the Storey County Fire Protection District for retrofit of a new ambulance. This cost is directly related to the COVID-19. The funds would be reimbursed from Storey County allocation of CaresAct funds upon receipt of all invoices and proof of payment by the Storey County Fire Protection District, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by:** Vice Chairman Carmona, **Seconded by:** Commissioner Gilman, **Vote:** Motion carried by unanimous vote, **(Summary:** Yes=3)

16. RECESS TO CONVENE AS THE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT BOARD

17. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION: Approval of a request for medical leave of absence without pay per Article 39 of the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Storey County Fire Protection District and the Storey County Fire Fighters' Association, IAFF Local 4227.

Jeanne Greene explained a firefighter was injured in an off-duty accident. The Fire Chief and Human Resources Director are recommending that the Fire Board approve a six month leave of absence for this employee.

Public Comment: None

Motion: In accordance with the Fire Chief and HR Director, I, Jay Carmona, motion to approve a six-month medical leave of absence for a firefighter in conformance with Article 39 of the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Storey County Fire Protection District and the Storey County Fire Fighters' Association, IAFF Local 4227, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by:** Vice Chairman Carmona, **Seconded by:** Commissioner Gilman, **Vote:** Motion carried by unanimous vote, **(Summary:** Yes=3)

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

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

Mr. Osborne on behalf of Community Development recommends approval of all licenses A through F.

- A. Bighorn Glass and Window** - Contractor / 3656 Research Way #35 ~ Carson City, NV
- B. Komatsu Americas Corp.** - Out of County / 8770 W. Bryn Mawr Ave. Ste 100 ~ Chicago, IL
- C. Mountain Masonry** - Contractor / 1839 Chaise Dr. ~ Carson City, NV
- D. Onsite Innovations, LLC** - Out of County / 501 Fairmount Ave. Ste 302 ~ Towson, MD
- E. Comstock Pottery and Tile, LLC** - General / 107 E. Washington ~ Virginia City, NV
- F. Conveyco Technologies, Inc.** - Contractor / 47 Commerce Dr. ~ Bristol,

Public Comment: None

Motion: I move to approve the second reading of Business Licenses A through F, **Moved by:** Vice Chairman Carmona, **Seconded by:** Commissioner Gilman, **Vote:** Motion carried by unanimous vote, **(Summary:** Yes=3)

20. PUBLIC COMMENT (No Action)

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

The meeting was adjourned by the Chair at 11:05 AM

Respectfully submitted,

By: _____

Vanessa Stephens Clerk-Treasurer