



# STOREY COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING

DECEMBER 15, 2020 10:00 A.M.

DISTRICT COURTROOM  
26 SOUTH B STREET, VIRGINIA CITY, NEVADA

## MEETING MINUTES

MARSHALL MCBRIDE  
CHAIRMAN  
ATTORNEY

ANNE LANGER  
DISTRICT

LANCE GILMAN  
VICE-CHAIRMAN

JAY CARMONA  
COMMISSIONER  
TREASURER

VANESSA STEPHENS  
CLERK-

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**ROLL CALL:** Chairman McBride, Vice-Chairman Carmona, Commissioner Gilman, County Manager Austin Osborne, Chief-Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Dore Nevin, Clerk-Treasurer Vanessa Stephens, Deputy District Attorney Keith Loomis, Sheriff Gerald 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, Communications Director Dave Ballard, CARES Grant Administrator Honey Tapley, IT Director James Deane, Human Resources Tobi Whitten, Senior Center Director Stacey York and Labor Relations Jeanne Greene

### **1. CALL TO ORDER MEETING AT 10:00 A.M.**

Meeting was called to order by Commissioner McBride at 10:00 A.M.

### **2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Commissioner Marshall McBride led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **3. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION:** Approval of Agenda for December 15, 2020.

Public Comment: None

**Motion:** I make a motion to approve the Agenda for December 15, 2020, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by:** Vice Chairman Carmona, **Seconded by:** Commissioner Gilman, **Vote:** Motion carried by unanimous vote, **(Summary:** Yes=3)

### **4. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION:** Approval of Minutes for October 20, 2020.

Public Comment: None

**Motion:** I make a motion to approve the Minutes for October 20, 2020, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by:** Vice Chairman Carmona, **Seconded by:** Commissioner Gilman, **Vote:** Motion carried by unanimous vote, **(Summary:** Yes=3)

**5. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION:** Approval of Minutes for November 2, 2020.

Public Comment: None

**Motion:** I make a motion to approve the Minutes 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. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION:** Approval of Minutes for November 16, 2020.

Public Comment: None

**Motion:** I make a motion to approve the Minutes for November 16, 2020, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by:** Vice Chairman Carmona, **Seconded by:** Commissioner Gilman, **Vote:** Motion carried by unanimous vote, **(Summary:** Yes=3)

**7. CONSENT AGENDA**

I For possible action, approval of claims in the amount of \$1,765,792.04

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

**A. Evo Electric LLC** - Out of County / 4871 Ravello Dr. ~ Sparks, NV

III For possible action, approval of update to Storey County Administrative Policies and Procedures including policies: 020 - Computer Workstation; PC Care & Other Computer Equipment; 023 - Misuse and Abuse of IT Resources; as well as Storey County Human Resources Policy 221 - Telecommuting.  
Public Comment: None

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

**8. PUBLIC COMMENT (No Action):** None

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

**Erik Schoen, Community Chest Director :**

- The "holiday food program" is ramped up with a lot of donations.
- The before and after school programs will be closed during the holidays, aligning with the school schedule.
- The early childhood education center will be open except the week of Christmas.

**James Deane, IT Director:**

- The fiber circuit at the new dispatch center is up and functioning.

**Dave Ballard, Communications Director:**

- Waiting for AT&T to install the new phone system at the Communications Center - everything will be live once that is done.

**Deny Dotson, VCTC Director:**

- The VCTC will continue a strong marketing campaign for the rest of December activities although a lot of special events had to be "curbed".
- People realize that Virginia City is a special place and is still "alive and well".
- Thanks to the Public Works team for putting up the lights across C Street.
- There was a "light" contest for the businesses which received a lot of comments from visitors.

- Many thanks to Tom Gray who invested a lot in the "train with lights". It made so many people happy and was a very special thing to do.
- Looking at the first quarter - obviously they cannot do too much and are adjusting accordingly. Details will be made available the first week of January.
- Thank you Chairman McBride for your service. You have been a huge supporter of the VCTC.

Chairman McBride: Thank you for the advertising being done by (VCTC) staff under this Covid 19 pandemic. The ads, with videos, on television are terrific. There is a billboard in Reno advertising Virginia City as well. Following the Governor's guidelines - we still need people to know that we are open for business. You are doing a terrific job with this.

**Lara Mather, Community Relations Director:**

- Most of her time is being spent on Covid related matters.
- As part of Community Relations, she would like to reach out to County businesses and encourage them to contact her with any questions at all with regard to how the County can help with options that are available.

**Mike Nevin, Water/Sewer Project Manager:**

- Gold Hill Wastewater project:
  - All required documentation has been received back from SNC Construction.
  - Documents have been delivered to the USDA for final review and concurrence.
  - Once approval is received, the notice to proceed can be issued to the contractor.
  - With the holidays coming, the contractor wants to mobilize equipment to the site the first week of January - to begin construction activities January 11<sup>th</sup>.
  - The package plant has been delivered.
  - There is a 120-day construction timeline for this project.
- Hillside Water Tanks project:
  - Tank one is mostly constructed and is about ready for the coating process on the interior and exterior.
  - There have been a few delays with previously mentioned damage taken care of.

**Joe Curtis, Emergency Management Director:**

- Current Covid case numbers for the County: 65 cases total - 27 active; 35 recovered; and 2 deaths.
- The County's positivity rate is 3.3% - the lowest in the State, next to Eureka County. The only two counties not "flagged" by the Governor as potential problematic areas.
- Covid testing site will be held tomorrow in Lockwood - 12PM to 2PM. December 30 - in Virginia City, 12 to 2PM.
- Flu shots are no longer available.
- Vaccinations have started arriving. The planning process on how to distribute vaccinations has begun. This may begin on December 30<sup>th</sup> at the testing location and will be for first response personnel.
- There are three tiers for vaccinations:
  - Tier one - primarily for "front line" personnel and long-term facilities;
  - Tier two - essential business workers. Who this is is still being determined. Some businesses in the industrial park are considered "essential" - having to do with the food chain or delivery of essential materials.
  - Tier three - the general public. This will create major time demands for those setting up distribution sites.
  - A lot of information is still "up in the air". Being part of the Quad-County coalition, anyone in the four counties can go to any site in the four counties.

Agenda Item #17 heard at this point.

Mr. Curtis continued:

- It looks like Tier One will begin on the 30<sup>th</sup>, 9am to 11am - "first responder" vaccinations.
- Tier Two will likely be around the middle of January.
- The County's paramedics have been trained to provide vaccinations throughout the County and possibly the Quad-Counties.
- Things could change from time to time.
- At this time, Walgreens and CVS are giving vaccinations to long-term care facilities only.
- Community Chest is waiting for clearance to potentially provide vaccinations.
- Go to [immunizeNevada.com](https://immunizeNevada.com) for additional information.

Chairman McBride asked if there is a process where the most vulnerable would be vaccinated first. If someone is currently infected, is it recommended that they recover before being vaccinated?

Mr. Curtis: Appointments for vaccinations have been discussed - this is a possibility with Tiers 2 and 3. Also, there may be only certain amounts available on site. When vaccinated you will have to sit somewhere or in your car for 15 minutes to insure there is no reaction. I believe a person will be able to be vaccinated if they had Covid previously. A lot of the process is still in "flux". He has not seen a specific plan for "age factor".

Lara Mather explained that vaccinations are the responsibility of Carson City Health & Human Services (CCH&HS). They will handle all coordination - reaching out to everyone, advising when vaccinations will be available to the general public. They are keeping (the County) "in the loop" with hour-to-hour changes. Anyone with questions on vaccinations is encouraged to reach out to CCH&HS.

Commissioner Gilman: As a County, he hopes we would have the flexibility to select who is vaccinated first. (The County) has such a large senior population, especially in Lockwood area. If there is flexibility, he proposes thinking about putting all seniors first.

Mr. Curtis: This is a good point that would need to be discussed with CCH&HS. We are probably a month or more away from that point.

**Jeff Nevin, Fire Chief:**

- About 1/3 of (Fire Department) employees are able to give vaccinations. They can help in anyway they can when vaccinations are available.
- Burning has started on the large vegetation pile in the Highlands.
- They have received 6 electro-static sprayers to de-contaminate ambulances and fire stations. Stations will be sprayed every 48 hours, and ambulances each time there is a suspected positive case.

**Austin Osborne, County Manager:**

- The Community Center, the Lockwood Senior Center, and the tower road projects are moving along. Public outreach will begin in the Lockwood Senior Center shortly.
- Mr. Northan reports that work on the Justice Center is looking really good. Carpet should be in the beginning of January.

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

**Vice Chairman Carmona:**

- Having fireworks the last two weekends was great for the Christmas season. Response on social media was outstanding - hopefully we can do this next year. Thank you to the VCTC for scheduling this.

Chairman McBride agreed - there were a lot of positive feedbacks, terrific job.

**Chairman McBride:**

- This is his last regular-scheduled meeting chairing this Board, after being on the Commission for the last 7 years. He really appreciates this job and loves Storey County.
- Chair McBride described how, when first elected, Storey County was just coming out of the recession. There was reduction of staff and closure of the fire station in TRI. The high school library had been closed. All due to lack of funding.
- A new library has been opened with the assistance of Community Chest.
- Staffing levels are back to normal, with public safety being the most important.
- New fire engines and ambulances have been purchased. And hopefully new patrol cars.
- Studies have been done on flood control and water, and the work behind (those studies) has been done.
- Massive road projects have been done throughout the County. Along with big infrastructure projects, including water and sewer projects "on the hill".
- We have come a long way in the last 8 years - it's been a terrific ride.
- Over these years, he spoke at a Firemen Convention, an Assessor's conference, Eagles Convention, along with many others. When giving talks, he has had the opportunity to talk about Storey County. This county has the best - elected officials, department heads, and staff - of any government in the State of Nevada - operating as a team and doing a terrific job.
- Chair McBride said he is proud of everyone who works for the County and those who have retired since he has been here.
- Going forward, tourism has to continue. It's been remarkable the last 8 years.
- Even though we're going through the pandemic now, we will recover - especially now that there's a vaccine.
- The growth in the industrial park the last few years has been phenomenal. Continuing the growth in the park gives (the County) the tax base needed to in order to afford the services and supplies provided to its residents. There's a small tax base in Virginia City, but the industrial park is where it's at.
- He is confident, going forward, the County will continue to work with new businesses coming in. It is important for Storey County to maintain its economy - by being a county, a government, and having its own school district. Funds from a stable tax base will keep (the County) where it's at. And, not to be absorbed by a larger county.
- Being born, raised and living in Virginia City - he is not going anywhere. Chair McBride said he will continue to operate the family business that's been in his family for 90 years. He will be available for any assistance needed.

**11. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION :** Review and possible approval of Storey County Audited Financial Statements for the year ended June 30, 2020 completed by DiPietro and Thornton.

Note: There is difficulty understanding Mr. Costanza via his zoom connection.

Joe Costanza of DiPietro and Thornton, reviewed the County's audited financial statements prepared by his firm. Revenues exceeded expenses by \$5,602,00 at the end of the fiscal year. There was a decline in revenues in 2019 and 2020 - the main factor being bond proceeds. County-wide, departments reduced expenses by \$5,156,00 in 2019/2020.

Mr. Costanza commented that there was nothing really "out of whack" with this year's financial statements. Revenues are down quite a bit which are affected by projects, such as the water/sewer projects. There is also a (revenue) decrease due to not having special events.

Revenues are up even though they are down quite a bit. Grants were also down.

Having everything digital has helped his job as well as the Comptroller's Office.

Mr. Costanza reviewed the sewer department (difficult to hear) as well as other departments.

- Mr. Costanza also discussed three suggestions for improvement (which are given each) year:
  - Recommend the County put in procedures to close the books each month on a timely basis;
  - Recommend County staff continue to obtain training in the preparation of financial statements and related financial statement disclosures in order to gain the knowledge needed to prepare the financial statements and related financial statement disclosures in all material respects;
  - Recommend the County review the Accounts Receivables from ambulance service monthly and check for accuracy and collectability.

Comptroller Jennifer McCain said she agrees with the comments. (Difficult to understand). She is thankful to Mr. Costanza for the help with the changeover in the Comptroller's Office.

County Manager Osborne also thanked Mr. Costanza who has been great to work with.

Commissioner Gilman: He is so pleased and takes this report as very positive for the County. He is glad that Ms. McCain is there and that she is working with Mr. Costanza, and believes this is a very positive report. Thank you.

Vice Chairman Carmona: Feels very confident in the Comptroller's Office.

Chairman McBride: Storey County had been with an auditor for years - after changing to Mr. Costanza's firm, this is the first time in his 8 years an audit has come in on time. In Mr. Costanza's audit every year, there will be notes to improve the County's reporting. This will always be there because improvements always need to be done. He is very happy with Mr. Costanza's firm and how well they work with the County. Thank you to Mr. Costanza and his team for everything they do for Storey County.

Public Comment: None

**Motion:** I, Commissioner Jay Carmona, move to approve the Storey County Audited Financial Statements for the year ended June 30, 2020, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by:** Vice Chairman Carmona, **Seconded by:** Commissioner Gilman, **Vote:** Motion carried by unanimous vote, **(Summary:** Yes=3)

**12. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION:** Consideration and possible approval of re-appointment of Dr. James C. McLennan to serve as County Health Officer per NRS 439.310, with a contract renewal from January 1, 2021 through August 31, 2021. The request at this time is for an 8-month renewal so we may reevaluate our County Health Services when the pandemic subsides.

Community Relations Director Lara Mather presented this item. The current County Health Officer

contract expires December 31<sup>st</sup>. This request is for an 8-month renewal as it is unknown how the pandemic will affect the way we do things and how we will proceed.

Vice Chairman Carmona asked if Dr. McLennan was participating in today's meeting.

Ms. Mather: He is not - however they have had a conversation about the contract.

Public Comment: None

**Motion:** I move to approve the re-appointment of Dr. James C. McLennan to serve as County Health Officer per NRS 439.310, with a contract renewal from January 1, 2021 through August 31, 2021. The request at this time is for an 8-month renewal so we may reevaluate our County Health Services when the pandemic subsides, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by:** Vice Chairman Carmona, **Seconded by:** Commissioner Gilman, **Vote:** Motion carried by unanimous vote, **(Summary:** Yes=3)

**13. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION:** (1) Appointment of Tony Wren as the appraiser to appraise the value of an easement across property located at 386 S. G Street in Virginia City, Nevada; (2) Consideration and possible acceptance of an appraisal of the easement in the amount of \$10,970.00 by Mr. Wren; (3) Authorize the county manager to make an offer to Virginia City Holdings LLC for the purchase of the easement by the County for the amount of the appraised value; and, (4) authorize the opening and consummation of the purchase of the easement by opening an escrow and complying with the terms of the escrow including obtaining of policy of title insurance, review of exceptions to title, accepting deed of conveyance and providing for deposit of purchase money into escrow.

Deputy District Attorney Loomis explained that an ordinance passed in October establishing a list of potential appraisers to handle appraisals within the County. There is only one appraiser on that list - Tony Wren. The Board is requested to appoint Mr. Wren to conduct appraisals of two properties on G Street. He has performed the appraisals and has given an appraised value of \$10,970 for the easement. If Mr. Wren is appointed, the Board would then accept the appraised value as valid. If the Board is not confident of the appraisal, the option is to request a new appraisal. If accepted, the Board needs to authorize Mr. Osborne to make an offer in the amount of the appraised value to Virginia City Holdings LLC - owners of the property where the easement runs. If accepted, open escrow.

Public Comment: None

**Motion:** I, Commissioner Jay Carmona, move to appoint Tony Wren as the appraiser to appraise the value of an easement across property located at 386 S. G Street in Virginia City, Nevada; to accept appraisal of the easement in the amount of \$10,970.00; to authorize the county manager to make an offer to Virginia City Holdings LLC for the purchase of the easement by the County for the amount of the appraised value; to authorize the opening and consummation of the purchase of the easement by opening an escrow and complying with the terms of the escrow including obtaining of policy of title insurance, review of exceptions to title, accepting deed of conveyance and providing for deposit of purchase money into escrow, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by:** Vice Chairman Carmona, **Seconded by:** Commissioner Gilman, **Vote:** Motion carried by unanimous vote, **(Summary:** Yes=3)

**14. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION:** Appointment of Tony Wren as the appraiser to appraise the value of an easement across property located at 395 S. G Street in Virginia City, Nevada; (2) Consideration and possible acceptance of an appraisal of the easement in the amount of \$7,915.00 by Mr. Wren; (3) Authorize the county manager to make an offer to

Virginia City Holdings LLC for the purchase of the easement by the County for the amount of the appraised value; and, (4) authorize the opening and consummation of the purchase of the easement by opening an escrow and complying with the terms of the escrow including obtaining of policy of title insurance, review of exceptions to title, accepting deed of conveyance and providing for deposit of purchase money into escrow.

Chairman McBride: This is part two of the previous item.

Public Comment: None

**Motion:** I, Commissioner Jay Carmona, move to appoint Tony Wren as the appraiser to appraise the value of an easement across property located at 395 S. G Street in Virginia City, Nevada; to accept appraisal of the easement in the amount of \$7,915.00; to authorize the county manager to make an offer to Virginia City Holdings LLC in the amount of the appraised value; to authorize the County Manager to open an escrow for the purchase of the property and complying with the terms of the escrow including obtaining of policy of title insurance, review of exceptions to title, accepting deed of conveyance and providing for deposit of purchase money into escrow, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by:** Vice Chairman Carmona, **Seconded by:** Commissioner Gilman, **Vote:** Motion carried by unanimous vote, **(Summary:** Yes=3)

Chairman McBride asked Mr. Osborne to confirm the street addresses of the last two items. Mr. Osborne explained this has been done.

**15. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION:** Consideration and possible approval to reimburse the Storey County Fire Protection District an amount not to exceed \$22,000.00. This cost is for equipment and supplies directly related to the COVID-19 pandemic from March 1, 2020 through December 30, 2020. The funds would be reimbursed from Storey County's allocation of CARES Act funds.

Community Relations Director Lara Mather said positive Coronavirus cases are increasing. This is reflected in the Fire Districts expenditures for equipment and supplies. Reimbursement for these items falls under the guidelines for CARES Act funding. Funds are available under the County's allotment.

Public Comment: None

**Motion:** I, Commissioner Jay Carmona, move to approve reimbursement in an amount not to exceed \$22,000.00 the Storey County Fire Protection District This cost is for equipment and supplies directly related to the COVID-19 pandemic. The funds will be reimbursed from Storey County's allocation of CARES Act funds, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by:** Vice Chairman Carmona, **Seconded by:** Commissioner Gilman, **Vote:** Motion carried by unanimous vote, **(Summary:** Yes=3)

**16. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION:** Consideration and possible approval of an amount not to exceed \$40,000 for the purchase of a 3/4 ton truck for Emergency Management to tow the Emergency Management COVID-19 response trailer. The funds will be covered by Storey County's CARES Act funds.

Ms. Mather said the amount of \$40,000 needs to change to "an amount not to exceed \$55,000." The County will be required to do COVID-19 testing for 2 years - regardless of how the vaccination process plays out. Testing is done at several locations in the County- everything needed is in the response trailer. The cost is allowable under CARES Act Funds, and this truck can be used for everything emergency management related. Their current vehicle is not sufficient to tow the trailer.

Public Comment: None



**Motion:** I, Commissioner Jay Carmona, move to approve the purchase of a 3/4 ton truck for Emergency Management to tow the Emergency Management COVID-19 response trailer. The funds will be covered by Storey County's CARES Act funds not to exceed \$55,000, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by:** Vice Chairman Carmona, **Seconded by:** Commissioner Gilman, **Vote:** Motion carried by unanimous vote, **(Summary:** Yes=3)

**17. PUBLIC HEARING AT 10:30 A.M :** For possible action: Hold a public hearing to consider a new infrastructure tax expenditure plan for 10:30 a.m. on December 15, 2020 at the Storey County Courthouse at 26 S. B Street in Virginia City, Nevada.

Item heard at 10:30 a.m.

Deputy District Attorney Keith Loomis: This hearing is to determine how the revenue of the infrastructure tax should be spent on further construction budget. A proposed plan has been prepared by Comptroller Jennifer McCain. The Commissioners can make changes.

Ms. McCain said, after review, it has been determined that the current infrastructure plan is no longer viable. The proposed plan contains items that meet specific NRS qualifications and we feel that these items - including the new Justice Center, further upgrades to the water system, road projects in several areas of the County, and community development projects - money would be widespread across the county.

Commissioner Gilman said he is comfortable with the list. Vice Chairman Carmona agrees.

Chairman McBride: As times change, updates for where we're going with future infrastructure need to be done.

Public Comment: None

**Motion:** I, Commissioner Jay Carmona, hereby move to approve the new expenditure plan for infrastructure tax revenues as established in accordance with the public hearing and to incorporate into Ordinance No. 20-317, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by:** Vice Chairman Carmona, **Seconded by:** Commissioner Gilman, **Vote:** Motion carried by unanimous vote, **(Summary:** Yes=3)

Returned to Staff Comments.

**18. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION:** Consideration and possible approval of second reading of ordinance 20-317 regarding allocation of infrastructure tax revenues on infrastructure project within the County pursuant to an adopted plan of expenditure.

Chairman McBride: This is for consideration of item 17 heard at 10:30 a.m. for possible discussion.

Commissioners Gilman and Carmona had no follow-up questions.

Public Comment: None

**Motion:** I, Commissioner Jay Carmona, hereby approve the second reading of Ordinance 20-317 providing for the allocation of infrastructure tax revenues to infrastructure projects in Storey County, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by:** Vice Chairman Carmona, **Seconded by:** Commissioner Gilman, **Vote:** Motion carried by unanimous vote, **(Summary:** Yes=3)

**19. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION:** Consideration and approval of second reading of Bill No. 126; Ordinance No. 20-315 providing for the substitution of the Storey County Board of

County Commissioners as the ex officio board of trustees of the Tahoe Reno Industrial General Improvement District (TRI GID).

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

Mr. Loomis: The Board of County Commissioners essentially would become head of the TRI GID. The GID is having difficulty (due to low population) putting together a Board of Trustees. Staff recommends approval of this item appointing the County Board of County Commissioners as the ex officio Board of Trustees for GID.

Mr. Osborne: After January, the ex officio Board of Trustees will take action on who will handle clerk/treasurer duties of the GID. This has been discussed with Sherry Whelan of the GID and Vanessa Stephens, County Clerk/Treasurer. All clerk/treasurer duties will be handled by the GID and will not impact the Storey County Clerk/Treasurer's office.

Public Comment: None

**Motion:** I, Commissioner Jay Carmona, hereby move to approve Ordinance No. 20-315 Action: Approve, **Moved by:** Vice Chairman Carmona, **Seconded by:** Chairman McBride, **Vote:** Motion carried by majority vote, **(Summary:** Yes=2) Commissioner Gilman abstains

**20. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION:** Consideration and possible action on second reading of Bill No. 127, Ordinance No. 20-316 amending Storey County Code chapter 3.76 Motor Vehicle Fuel Tax-Road Repair by imposing a tax on special fuel that consists of diesel fuel sold in Storey County.

Special Counsel Robert Morris presented this item. Based on the hearing of the business impact statement and the first reading of the Ordinance - it is clear what (the amendments) set out to do. Mr. Morris encouraged the Board to adopt the second reading.

Public Comment: None

Commissioner Gilman - stated his position at the last Commission meeting, being 100% in favor. With TRI expanding and the amount of truck traffic, this will potentially be a significant revenue stream for the County.

Vice Chairman Carmona: He would like to see the diesel tax decided by the voters during the next election process. In Carson City he did speak in favor about the opportunity to have this tax and that he would like to see this go out to voters for a final decision.

Chairman McBride said he respects Commissioner Carmona's decision. Chair McBride spoke at the last two legislative sessions in favor of a motor fuel tax for the 15 rural counties left out of collection. It was approved at the second run through the Legislature. County staff has previously done "leg-work" on this issue. The County has never increased the gasoline tax - now there is opportunity to increase the diesel fuel tax. He agrees residents should have the opportunity to vote on a lot of items - unless (the County) was "maxed out" on property tax (we're not) - going to the voters to increase their own taxes they're going to say no. This diesel tax will have a small impact on Storey County residents - there are not many registered diesel fuel vehicles in the county. Most of the impact will be in the industrial park where trucks are constantly in and out. Those trucks are damaging the roads which need to be repaired by County taxpayers. That is why he is in favor of this tax.

**Motion:** I, Commissioner Lance Gilman, hereby move to approve second reading of Bill No. 127, Ordinance No. 20-316 amending Storey County Code chapter 3.76 Motor Vehicle Fuel Tax-Road Repair by imposing a tax on special fuel that consists of diesel fuel sold in Storey County, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by:** Commissioner Gilman, **Seconded by:** Chairman McBride, **Vote:** Motion carried by majority vote, **(Summary:** Yes=2, Nay=1)

Mr. Morris believes the effective date is late February. The date is in the Ordinance.

Mr. Osborne: It states: "The diesel tax imposed by this chapter becomes effective the first day of the second calendar month following enactment of the ordinance imposing or changing the diesel tax".

Chair McBride: This needs to be sent to Department of Taxation as soon as possible.

**21. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION:** Consideration and possible approval of second reading of Bill 124, Ordinance 20-313, text amendments to Storey County Code Title 16 - Subdivisions and Title 17 - Zoning Ordinances, specifically sections 16.20.010 and 17.03.230, to modify language that allows for a third-party review of Planned Unit Development and Subdivision applications, including that the cost for such third-party review be paid by the applicant.

Senior Planner Kathy Canfield: This is the second reading for text amendments to Title 16 and Title 17. No comments have been received since the last hearing, and nothing has changes since the first reading.

Public Comment: None

**Motion:** In accordance with the recommendation by staff and the Planning Commission, I, Commissioner Jay Carmona, move to approve the second reading of Bill 124, Ordinance 20-313, text amendments to Storey County Code Title 16 Subdivisions and Title 17 Zoning Ordinance, specifically sections 16.20.010 and 17.03.230, to modify language that allows for a third-party review of Planned Unit Development and Subdivision applications, including that the cost for such third-party review be paid by the applicant, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by:** Vice Chairman Carmona, **Seconded by:** Commissioner Gilman, **Vote:** Motion carried by unanimous vote, **(Summary:** Yes=3)

**22. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION:** Consideration and possible approval of Resolution No. 20-595, A Resolution updating the Planning Fee Resolution by setting fees for Storey County services and third-party review for planned unit developments and subdivisions.

Ms. Canfield: This is for the Planning Department development application fees pursuant to the item just approved. There are minor changes to the language but no change to the fees.

Public Comment: None

**Motion:** In accordance with the recommendation by staff and the Planning Commission, I, Jay Carmona, move to approve Resolution 20-595, a Resolution updating the Planning Fee Resolution by setting fees for Storey County services and third-party review for planned unit developments and subdivisions, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by:** Vice Chairman Carmona, **Seconded by:** Commissioner Gilman, **Vote:** Motion carried by unanimous vote, **(Summary:** Yes=3)

**23. RECESS TO CONVENE AS THE STOREY COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT BOARD**

**24. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION:** Consideration and possible approval of Board of Fire Commissioners to appoint Jeremy Loncar to position of Storey County Fire Protection District Chief.

Human Resource Director Tobi Whitten explained with the Fire Chief's retirement announcement, staff was directed to proceed with the application process for a new Fire Chief. The position was posted internally per policy. It is recommended that Jeremy Loncar be appointed to the position of Fire Chief - he will work in the capacity of "appointee", effective December 21, 2020, until retirement of Chief Nevin on December 31, 2020. Effective January 1, 2021, Jeremy Loncar will become the Fire Chief. Per policy, the salary was negotiated within the parameters of the general salary schedule for Fire. A conditional offer has been submitted pending approval today. It is recommended that Jeremy be placed as a "step 4" on the general salary schedule for Fire Chief. Additionally, he can be compensated for incentives by attending and maintaining professional certifications related to this position. Incentives do not conflict with the existing Union Agreement. All other benefits will be according to policy.

Public Comment: None

**Motion:** In accordance with the recommendation by staff, I, Jay Carmona, make a motion for the appointment of Jeremy Loncar to the position of Storey County Fire Protection District Chief in Appointee status, effective December 21, 2020. The interim appointee status will remain in effect until January 1, 2021, following the retirement of Fire Chief Jeff Nevin on December 31, 2020, at which point he will become the Fire Chief, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by:** Vice Chairman Carmona, **Seconded by:** Commissioner Gilman, **Vote:** Motion carried by unanimous vote, **(Summary:** Yes=3)

**25. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION:** Consideration and possible approval of Resolution No. 20-596 honoring retiring Fire Chief Jeffrey Nevin for his service with the Storey County Fire Protection District and to the residents and businesses of the county.

County Manager Osborne said Chief Nevin's retirement is "bittersweet" and he will certainly be missed. Jeff has provided excellent services to our residences, businesses, and the entire community.

Mr. Osborne read Resolution No. 20-596 honor Chief Nevin:

A Resolution Honoring FIRE CHIEF JEFFREY NEVIN,  
WHEREAS, JEFFREY NEVIN has faithfully served Storey County for over 27 years from 1993 to December 31, 2020; and  
WHEREAS, JEFFREY NEVIN is dedicated to his job and the citizens of Storey County, and  
WHEREAS, JEFFREY NEVIN has served with distinction, earning the respect of all he worked with both locally and statewide; and  
WHEREAS, JEFFREY 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 Fire Commissioners of Storey County do hereby resolve to commend and honor JEFFREY NEVIN for exemplary service to the people of Storey County, Nevada this 15<sup>th</sup> day of December 2020.  
PASSED and ADOPTED the 15<sup>th</sup> day of December 2020, by the following:  
AYES: Chairman Marshall McBride, Vice Chairman Jay Carmona, Commissioner Lance Gilman

Mr. Osborne presented an honorary plaque to Chief Nevin (via zoom) and thanked the Chief for everything he has done for the County.

Chief Nevin thanked everyone and reviewed the 25 years he has spent being involved with Storey County and the Fire Department. His ultimate goal was to become Fire Chief - he has done that and

it's time to move on. Chief Nevin acknowledged Jeremy Loncar is a great choice as the next Fire Chief.

Public Comment:

**Mike Nevin:** He is extremely proud of Jeff and all he has accomplished. Mr. Nevin talked about the family's involvement and history in fire service over many years. Mr. Nevin also congratulated and welcomed Jeremy Loncar.

**Cherie Nevin:** Congratulations to Jeff. Cherie said Jeff pretty much knew what he wanted to do "since he was born". It was an honor to work with him in Storey County.

**Chairman McBride:** Commented he has known Jeff all of his life and he couldn't be more proud of him.

**Commissioner Gilman:** He has had the honor of working with the entire Nevin family for most of his time in Storey County. He complimented Cherie Nevin for all she had done for the County in the past. There isn't a family that has done more, certainly equal, for the County - then the Nevin family who have dedicated their lives to the betterment of the County. He has a personal thank you and respect for this family.

**Vice Chairman Carmona:** For his two years on the Commission it has been a pleasure to work with Jeff and is sad to see him go.

**Motion:** I, Commissioner Jay Carmona, motion to approve Resolution No. 20-596 honoring Fire Chief Jeffrey Nevin for his retirement from service with the Storey County Fire Protection District and to the residents and businesses of the county, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by:** Vice Chairman Carmona, **Seconded by:** Commissioner Gilman, **Vote:** Motion carried by unanimous vote, **(Summary:** Yes=3)

## **26. RECESS TO RECONVENE AS THE STOREY COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**27. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION:** Consideration and possible approval of Resolution No. 20-597 honoring retiring David Ballard, Communications Director, for his service to Storey County residents and businesses.

Mr. Osborne: This is another retirement - Dave Ballard, Communications Director. In addition to the Resolution, the (County) has a well-deserved plaque presented via zoom. Mr. Ballard has worked for the County since 1989, mostly in communications - moving locations many times. He has been a great person to work with.

Mr. Osborne read the Resolution:

A Resolution Honoring DAVID BALLARD,  
WHEREAS, DAVID BALLARD has faithfully served Storey County for over 30 years; and  
WHEREAS, DAVID BALLARD is dedicated to his job and the citizens of Storey County, and  
WHEREAS, DAVID BALLARD has served with distinction, earning the respect of all he worked with both locally and statewide; and  
WHEREAS, DAVID BALLARD'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 DAVID BALLARD for exemplary service to the people of Storey County, Nevada this 15<sup>th</sup> day of December 2020.

PASSED and ADOPTED the 15<sup>th</sup> day of December 2020, by the following

AYES: Chairman Marshall McBride, Vice Chairman Jay Carmona, Commissioner Lance Gilman

Public Comment:

**Jeff Nevin:** Congratulations Dave. We work "hand-in-hand" pretty much each day on various projects. The last one being the radio project. It's been great to work with someone with his knowledge.

**Vice Chairman Carmona:** Before he was a Commissioner and when he was President of the Highlands HOA, he had the opportunity to work with Dave who was always available and willing to help with their communication needs. It's sad that he will not be here for the "grand opening" of the new communications center although he will be in spirit. We wish him well in retirement and thank him for his years of service.

**Mike Nevin:** Congratulations also to Dave on his retirement. The 911 system in the County goes back about three decades. There were fund raising events to implement the 911 system. Dave has been involved ever since.

**Commissioner Gilman:** Dave started (working here) many years ago and has been here as the community has grown, prospered, and public services grew. He held one of the finest positions in public response and safety, and taking care of our community. Thank you Mr. Ballard for everything you have done - you will be missed.

**Chairman McBride:** It seems like Dave has been here forever. Dave has had a stellar career with the County and has done a great job. You're going out with the new communications center completed - moving from the location at the jail to the new location is one of the best things done.

Mr. Ballard thanked everyone for the comments. He and Jeff Nevin have talked about this for a long time - about "going out together". Thank you Jeff for being there. Thank you to for Mike Nevin, who was Fire Chief when he started and the fire station was staffed by volunteers. Things have come a long way. To see where we are is great. He remembers before there was 911 - you called 847-0101. We knew most everyone's number in town. It's crazy to see where we are now - all of the technology. Mr. Ballard thanked all of the employees who have and currently work for him.

**Becky Parsons :** Dave has been a great boss, who has taught her so many things over the years. She has "big shoes to fill". Thank you to Dave for being a wonderful boss.

**Motion:** I, County Commissioner, Jay Carmona, motion to approve Resolution No. 20-597 honoring retiring David Ballard, Communications Director, for his service to Storey County residents and businesses, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by:** Vice Chairman Carmona, **Seconded by:** Commissioner Gilman, **Vote:** Motion carried by unanimous vote, **(Summary:** Yes=3)

**28. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION:** Consideration and possible approval of Resolution No. 20-598 honoring retiring Marshall McBride, Storey County Commission Chairman, for his service to the residents and businesses of the county.

Chairman McBride recused himself from discussion and vote on this item.

Vice Chairman Carmona said it has been a pleasure to work with Chairman McBride. The leadership to the Commission - while he has been present - has been excellent. Your eight years of service means a lot to him - and he is grateful for what he has learned by watching you. Wish you a wonderful retirement.

Public Comment:

**Commissioner Gilman:** Marshall has been a wonderful friend, leader, and inspiration. As Commissioner, you have to be careful (getting together) due to open meeting laws. I can't wait to spend more time together. (Marshall) is a very special person - his family has given their "all" for many generations. Marshall has been Chairman for the eight years of his service - the reason is he has sat in the Chairman's chair better than anyone (Commissioner Gilman) has known. He is professional, kind, direct to the point, and wise beyond his years, and is ready and available to anyone. Marshall is an honorable, stand-up, emotional guy. No one has more heart or caring for Storey County. Thank you for being a friend, having the honor sitting next to you during all the trials and tribulations. We have grown bigger and better, and financially successful. Thank you.

**Dave Ballard:** Congratulations and thank you for all of your support.

**Mike Nevin:** Thank you to Mr. McBride - a life-long friend and cohort. It's tough to see you go. Thank you for your superb leadership, positive vision and inspiration, above all - your day-to-day "hands on" involvement in making Storey County a better place for all. Can't thank you enough - you, too, will really be missed.

**Joe Curtis:** Has known Marshall since (Marshall) was in high school. It has been fun to watch him grow in the community - to take over his dad's seat (in a sense). (Marshall) has a long history with volunteer fire department and a commitment to our County in so many ways. He will be missed as a Commissioner and supporter of everything in the County. We know we can always look to Marshall for advice and direction on all things "county". Thank you for your time and commitment Marshall.

**Louise Pena, Lockwood resident:** Thank you to Marshall for all of his dedication and services to Storey County. He has always shown such love for all the people in the County, as well as the infrastructure. He is really going to be missed as well as all of his knowledge and care.

**Erik Schoen:** Thank you for your years of service. You are one of the fairest Chair-persons he has known - in terms of running the Commission. One of the most decent gentlemen. Thank you for your years of service. Best of luck going forward.

**Jeff Nevin, Fire Chief:** You have had your finger on the "pulse" of the County, the community, and State and Federal issues that could affect the County as a whole. It's been an honor to work for you and with you. Thank you for your leadership and dedication.

**Mr. Osborne:** I have worked with Marshall for many years. Chairman McBride is absolutely the fore-runner when it comes to working all the time, day and night, in addition to the business he runs. He has participated in decision-making panels throughout the State, going to Washington DC - letting them know we are here and have needs. He has served on night committees and weekend Boards. The work and dedication he has given to Storey County is incredible - as well as the knowledge and background "brought to the table". He knows how things worked a long time ago, where "things are

buried", and what to watch out for. We don't always agree on everything, but we can have a conversation and revisit it time and time again. He really listens and puts a lot of thought into his decisions. For the last eight years, look at where we are with capital improvements, senior services, changes in departments, how things are growing - all kinds of things going on. We have been getting better and more efficient. Everyone here today appreciates the time working with Marshall. He is not going to walk away, he will still be involved with people, the community, and our County. I personally and professionally thank him for that.

**Vice Chairman Carmona:** As one of three Commissioners, a lot of people do not realize we do not get the opportunity to socialize with each other. It would be nice to meet together one of these days.

Mr. Osborne read the Resolution:

Resolution No. 20-598

A Resolution Honoring CHAIRMAN MARSHALL MC BRIDE,

WHEREAS, MARSHALL MC BRIDE has faithfully served Storey County for eight (8) years from January 1, 2013 to December 31, 2020; and

WHEREAS, MARSHALL MC BRIDE is dedicated to his job and the citizens of Storey County, and

WHEREAS, MARSHALL MC BRIDE has served with distinction, earning the respect of all he worked with both locally and statewide; and

WHEREAS, MARSHALL MC BRIDE'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 MARSHALL MC BRIDE for exemplary service to the people of Storey County, Nevada this 15<sup>th</sup> day of December 2020.

PASSED and ADOPTED the 15<sup>th</sup> day of December 2020, by the following:

AYES: Vice Chairman Jay Carmona, Commissioner Lance Gilman

Mr. Osborne presented Chairman McBride with a well-deserved, well-earned plaque of appreciation for his service.

**Motion:** I, Commissioner Lance Gilman, hereby move to approve Resolution No. 20-598 honoring retiring Marshall McBride, Storey County Commission Chairman, for his service to the residents and the businesses of the County, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by:** Vice Chairman Carmona, **Seconded by:** Commissioner Gilman, **Vote:** Motion carried by unanimous vote, **(Summary:** Yes=2)

Chairman McBride: Thank you all so very much for the kind words.

## **29. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION:** Approval of business license Second Reading

**A. Arizona Pipeline Company** - Contractor / 890 E. Parr Blvd. ~ Reno, NV

**B. Precision Control Systems LLC** - Professional / 29355 W. 9 Mile Rd. ~ Farmington Hills, MI

**C. Van Allen Plumbing** - Contractor / 190 W. 5<sup>th</sup> Ave ~ Sun Valley, NV

Public Comment: None

**Motion:** I, Jay Carmona, move to approve the second reading of Items A. through C, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by:** Vice Chairman Carmona, **Seconded by:** Commissioner Gilman, **Vote:** Motion carried by unanimous vote, **(Summary:** Yes=3)

## **30. PUBLIC COMMENT (No Action)**



**Chair McBride:** For those who follow State government, the Legislature will convene in February. The Governor's Economic Board who puts together forecasting revenues for the State, has come back to him - saying they can expect a reduction of at least 5% tax revenues. The economic forum is always extremely positive - but normally wrong. There are huge discrepancies in sales tax, use tax, gaming tax, room tax, and modified business tax. They are asking their departments to come in with a budget of less than 12% from the last bi-inium - even after the spring adjustment for the shortfall out of the "rainy-day" fund. The State is looking at very serious revenue shortfalls going forward - when the State runs out of money, they start looking at the Counties to re-allocate funds. Department heads and elected officials need to be very strict and stringent on their budgets going forward next year. There is no way around revenue shortfall - most of the businesses in the State have been running at 50% capacity, now reduced to 25%. We'll see a significant drop in tax revenues. That's what we have to look forward to this (next) year. Rebound may take a year or two. Merry Christmas, stay safe, wash hands and social distance.

### **31. ADJOURNMENT of all active and recessed Boards on the Agenda**

Chairman McBride adjourned the meeting at 12:42 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

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