



STOREY COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING

2/15/2022 10:00 A.M.

800 S. C Street, Virginia City, Nevada

MEETING MINUTES

JAY CARMONA
CHAIRMAN

ANNE LANGER
DISTRICT ATTORNEY

CLAY MITCHELL
VICE-CHAIRMAN

LANCE GILMAN
COMMISSIONER

VANESSA STEPHENS
CLERK-TREASURER

Roll Call: Chairman Jay Carmona, Vice-Chairman Clay Mitchell, Commissioner Lance Gilman, County Manager Austin Osborne, Clerk/Treasurer Vanessa Stephens, Deputy District Attorney Keith Loomis, Sheriff Antinoro, Recorder Marney Hansen-Martinez, Justice of the Peace Eileen Herrington, Project Manager Mike Northan, District Attorney Anne Langer, Communications Manager Becky Parsons, Public Works Director Jason Wierzbicki, IT Director James Deane, Assessor Jana Seddon, Senior Planner Kathy Canfield, Emergency Management Director Lara Mather, Senior Center Director Stacy York, Tourism Director Deny Dotson, Human Resources Director Tobi Whitten, Community Chest Director Erik Schoen, Comptroller Jennifer McCain, Community Development Director Pete Renaud

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

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Carmona at 10:01 A.M.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Carmona led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. DISCUSSION/FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: Consideration and possible approval of the Agenda for February 15, 2022.

Public Comment: None

Motion: I, Commissioner Mitchell, move to approve today's Agenda as presented, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by:** Vice Chairman Mitchell, **Seconded by:** Commissioner Gilman, **Vote:** Motion carried by unanimous vote, **(Summary:** Yes=3)

4. DISCUSSION/FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: Consideration and possible approval of the Minutes for January 4, 2022.

Vice Chairman Mitchell: On page 12, in the first large paragraph, his comment reads "meaning we have the ability to consider candidates that we might not. He does want people to be disappointed...." This should be he does NOT want people to be disappointed. Two paragraphs down, it states "It would be considered at the February 4th meeting" - this should be the February 1st meeting.

Public Comment: None

Motion: I, Commissioner Mitchell, move to approve the Minutes for January 4, 2022 with the two noted changes, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by:** Vice Chairman Mitchell, **Seconded by:** Commissioner Gilman, **Vote:** Motion carried by unanimous vote, **(Summary:** Yes=3)

5. CONSENT AGENDA

I. Approval of claims in the amount of \$889,981.16.

II. Consideration and possible action, approval of business license first readings:

- A. Atlas Copco Compressors LLC – Out of County / 6 Century Dr. Ste. 310 ~ Parsippany, NJ
- B. Atlas Mechanical, Inc. – Contractor / 8260 Camino Santa Fe Ste. B ~ San Diego, CA
- C. Coastal Steel Structures – Out of County / 631 Lucerne Ave. ~ Lake Worth, FL
- D. JLH Inc. – General / 2777 USA Parkway Ste. 107 ~ McCarran, NV
- E. Nice Cream Nitro LLC – Food Truck / 2301 Cordilla Ct. ~ Reno, NV
- F. Vertiv Corp – Out of County / 1050 Dearborn Dr. ~ Columbus, OH

Public Comment: None

Motion: I, Commissioner Mitchell, move to approve today's Consent Agenda as presented, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by:** Vice Chairman Mitchell, **Seconded by:** Commissioner Gilman, **Vote:** Motion carried by unanimous vote, **(Summary:** Yes=3)

6. PUBLIC COMMENT (No Action)

Ivy Landgraf, student from the Highlands:

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

- One of the Comstock "legends", David Toll, passed away. He spent the last 50+ years chronicling life on the Comstock. He had just released a new book - he will be missed.

Jason Wierzbicki, Public Works Director:

- They are trying to keep roads sanded this morning and keep people from sliding off the hill.
- In the next 2 or 3 weeks, they should be getting the 2021-22 Road Rehab project out to bid.

Mike Northan, Project Coordinator:

- Lockwood Tower Road retaining wall re-hab project is out to bid. He is actively soliciting contractors to get some interest in this project.
- Highlands Fire Station No. 72 apparatus building: Waiting on finals for electrical design - then out to bid as soon as possible.
- TRI Government building re-roof project is also going out to bid within the next week.
- Next month he will present all contracts awarded at a Commission meeting.

Lara Mather, Emergency Management Director:

- The Governor has rescinded the mask mandate - with a few exceptions. Good news!
- (The County's) covid numbers are declining pretty rapidly - going from 40 to 60 to 38 to 24 cases.
- Caution to those with underlying conditions - even though numbers are declining, they are still higher than last year. The Omicron variant has spiked so highly.
- We have received about 900 home tests which have been passed out to citizens and employees of Storey County. An additional allotment has been received which will be handled out at the Mark Twain Community Center this Thursday, February 17th, 12:30 to 2 pm.
- One of the Community Project Grants was closed out with the delivery of 60 chairs and 9 tables to the VC Highlands Community Center.

Commissioner Gilman: He is running into so many people who have had Omicron covid and it's been pretty mild. Are there any hospitalization statistics that go along with the Omicron?

Ms. Mather: The State is tracking those numbers. They are finding that fewer people are being hospitalized with the Omicron variant. As with other variants, it tends to be the un-vaccinated that have the stronger symptoms and are more likely to be hospitalized. The numbers exist but she does not have them.

Commissioner Gilman: He's getting the impression that we're reporting a lot of incidences but not a lot of hospitalizations. He's not sure that information is important to all of us. He would like to see more of it but it's not necessary for you to track it down for Storey County.

Ms. Mather: That is the trend - that is what health officials are finding that the Omicron variant tends to be less severe. This is what we are seeing and one of the reasons we are tending to "phase out" of this as far as an emergency.

Vice Chairman Mitchell: Thank you Lara for making a special effort to get down to Mark Twain with the tests. It's difficult for some of the senior residents.

Ms. Mather: Absolutely. She encourages anyone in the County to reach out to her with any questions or concerns.

Jennifer McCain, Comptroller:

- Thank you to Public Works - Irving Powers and crew, along with Rudy and Tyler - for the amazing job at her office getting rid of the dangerous steps and removing a large, dead tree.
- Budget process update:
 - All department budgets were due yesterday. They have been received and we're preparing to move forward.
 - The tentative budget will be presented at the first meeting in April.
 - If anyone has any comments or concerns, or wants anything included in the budget, please contact her.

James Deane, IT Director:

- Commended his staff for keeping "all of the plates spinning" over the last two months during his recovery.
- Riley Beckwith has been promoted to a Tech 1 position. This position will be filled early next month.

Vice Chairman Mitchell: It's great we are able to move (Riley) up internally.

Chairman Carmona: Congrats to Riley.

Pete Renaud, Community Development Director:

- Still receiving applications for permits and staying busy with plan review.
- He is working on a new, simplified construction packet for the website.

Stacy York, Senior Center Director:

- Covid vaccine clinic will be held at Virginia City Senior Center on March 1st - 3 to 4 PM.

Anne Langer, District Attorney:

- Regarding Long Valley Road - After a trial, the road signs have to be removed within the next 30 days. The road sign from the county road is going to be taken down. A sign designating Long Valley Road is going to be put up. She will provide updates in the future.

Austin Osborne, County Manager:

- The Legislative interim season has not and will not end. Our white-paper and fiscal analysis is still on-going. The scope of that document is being expanded based on expanded deadlines.
- Working closely with our government relations folks in Carson City and Washoe County. We will be budgeting for the next coming year even before the season begins for these sorts of matters.

8. BOARD COMMENT (No Action - No Public Comment): None

9. DISCUSSION/FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: Authorize the County Manager to approve and sign a contract between Storey County and Walker and Associates for consultation in water resource planning with focus on potential negotiations with the State of Nevada regarding allocation and acquisition of water and/or water system components of the Marlette Water System, at an hourly rate of \$100 and not to exceed \$20,000 on a time and materials basis, and for a period from March 1, 2022, to July 1, 2023.

Mr. Osborne explained the State of Nevada owns the water brought up to the Comstock through the Marlette Water System and is managed with a 10-year agreement through the Carson City Water Agreement. Currently working under a Memorandum of Understanding to the 2002 agreement allowing the parties to negotiate a successor agreement. The partners Carson City, Storey County (Virginia City Water System), and Truckee Meadows Water Authority (TMWA) are involved in discussions. After discussions and negotiations, it will go to the State to negotiate the 2022 agreement. A water master plan is being worked on for the entire south end of the County - the Highlands, Virginia City, Gold Hill, Silver City (Lyon County), and Mark Twain. This water master plan will be the foundation for bargaining the next agreement. Carson City and TMWA are also building their master plans. These master plans will be integrated into the State's Master Plan.

This contract with Steve Walker (Walker & Associates) will be \$100/hour with a \$20,000 cap, ending on July 1, 2023. This is on an "as needed" basis to help negotiate an agreement, to make sure the County's best interests are looked at especially having all of these different parties at the table. This contract will bring Mr. Walker to the table with his 30 years of experience - a foremost expert in these matters in the region.

Steve Walker reviewed his background in water management including working with Carson City Public Works Department on several issues including water contracts and representing them in the Legislature regarding water issues. He also worked with Washoe County in water management. He has been working with Storey County for years on the Master Plan to figure out its water future and how (the County) plans to allocate resource from Marlette Lake. He has worked on that system and knows the basic layout. He is familiar with the Franktown Decree where Storey County is recognized as "first in time, first in place" in that decree where the County needs to make sure to take advantage of that position. The decree says the County has 7,000 acre feet of water. That is not being used right now. He looks forward to working with the County. He emphasized there is separation between the

Walker & Associates contract for lobbying and this contract for water resource planning which is strictly on the technical and research issues associated with Storey County's water resources.

Public Comment: None

Commissioner Gilman: Storey County is focused on making plans and changes, upgrading the system in the Highlands, Mark Twain and areas that have suffered problems. What's the probability of our securing additional water from Marlette to cure some of these plans?

Mr. Walker said he would go back to the resource. He thinks (the County) is using 200 acres of a resource that produces 20 times that. Carson City has started using this resource again after quitting use two years ago when taking water from Douglas County. Putting a water system into an area that is largely using individual wells and septic as a water supply is tough. The ability to finance installation of a system has been lost. There would need to be a capital improvement plan and rates. (The County) has the resource but a plan would have to be developed and the money found to put in the infrastructure. He worked on water issues in the Highlands 20 years ago - it hasn't changed. It's time to look at that. If the resources aren't look at and try to get water to those sites - it's use it or lose it on the system.

Commissioner Gilman: We're in the process of updating the Capital Improvement Plan and anticipate having financial resources to do some of those upgrades as part of the planning process. Assuming the capital is available, what's the probability of successfully securing additional water rights.

Mr. Walker: The water rights and the water resource is already there -Virginia City is first in time/first in place in the decree. The real challenge is the infrastructure, not the water rights.

Vice Chairman Mitchell: Are there potential legal impediments to expanding the scope of the water system beyond the Comstock? Is this part of discussion that would need to happen?

Mr. Walker: To expand the Marlette Lake resource beyond the area of beneficial use right now, there would be some issues. The basic issue is over - the implementation of the inter-basin transfer. The whole system is the Truckee River Watershed. Mr. Walker said if you had to do an inter-basin transfer now there wouldn't be much of a chance. But it's already done and (the County) is in the Carson River watershed. He thinks (the County) is in pretty good shape because the inter-basin transfer was recognized in 1877.

Vice Chairman Mitchell: Is TMWA a more recent participant in these discussions - how far back does their involvement go in Marlette System discussions?

Mr. Walker: TMWA, has been a more recent participant in discussions. He thinks they're saying they are a resource that hasn't been used. They're building a new water-treatment plant. Mr. Walker explained what happens when you take an agricultural water-right and convert it to a municipal

water-right you only get to use the consumptive use portion to require return flow. He assumes if you build a **inaudible** water-treatment plant, it would be very efficient to use all of the water resources - not let some pass. But the return flow has to be into the Truckee River and the Marlette Lake resource could be used for that. He thinks that's part of the strategy. On an abundant water year, Marlette Lake "spills" into (Washoe) lake itself where they and TCID have the top six feet of storage.

Chairman Carmona: You said there is over 4,000 acre feet of water in Marlette Lake?

Mr. Walker: There's about 3,000 acre feet in Marlette Lake, in the basin and the watershed that drains in there - that's an estimate of the perennial year. Something that needs to be addressed is an agreement between the State of Nevada and NDOW to use Marlette Lake as a Lahontan trout rearing facility. There's an agreement that the water has to be a certain level at that time. How does the fishery use affect the natural resource of the lake? The natural gas fuel pump station put in years ago, creating enhanced the ability to use the resources versus the old diesel pump engine. Basically, that resource has never been fully used because of two issues - the pumping and the fishery.

In the system, Storey County's basic right is 10 CFS, 365 days a year - about 7,100 acre feet of water. This is way more than you are using.

Mr. Carmona: You say Virginia City is using about 200-acre feet a year?

Mr. Walker: I think the agreement with the State is to deliver 400. (The County) has capacity issues on its side - the number one job that needs to be solved.

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10. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION: Consideration of letters of interest and the appointment of a qualified person to fill the expected upcoming vacancy in the office of the Storey County Clerk/Treasurer. Upon the incumbent's resignation from Clerk/Treasurers Office, the candidate appointed by the Board will serve until January 2, 2023.

Anne Langer served as legal counsel for this item.

County Manager Osborne explained the purpose of this item is for temporary fillment of a vacancy in the Clerk/Treasurer's office. The current Clerk/Treasurer assisted in the posting of this position to ensure proper NRS requirements/descriptions were included. It stated in the duties, that this is a

finance job, a clerk of the Court and this Commission, and other Commissions. It is the District Court dealing with voting and other matters. The posting was clear that this is an appointment lasting until January 2, 2022. Three letters of interest were received - Dore Nevin, Jim Hindle, and Jason Virden. A screening interview of all candidates was done to make sure the scope of duties of the job were completely understood. Also, that it is a temporary job lasting until a set date, and is not to be assumed to be further employment beyond that point. Residency requirements were also met. All three applicants indicated they understood the requirements and they all qualify. And that this is an interim position lasting until January 2, 2023 - not 2022. The permanent person will be decided by the voters of the County.

Mr. Hindle and Mr. Virden are here in person - Ms. Nevin is here via zoom.

Vice Chairman Mitchell asked if County Clerk Vanessa Stephens could give a breakdown of the job, with the focus area.

Ms. Stephens read a list of duties office is responsible for. Among other things: Clerk to the Board of County Commissioners, Board of Equalization Debt Management, District Court Clerk - a pretty big function, ex-officio Tax Collector, Registrar of Voters. The office issues marriage licenses, fictitious firm names, notary bonds, powers of attorney, and oversees investments for the County. Also, collects and apportions County revenue, conducts reconciliation of cash accounts, oversees the County's purchase card system, serves as treasurer to the Virginia City Tourism Commission, reconciles the V&T Railway Commission funds, and monthly & quarterly disbursements to the State. They maintain a large variety of the County's permanent records -back to the 1800's. The office is part of the annual budget process, the EOC team. They handle a large number of public record requests weekly. The office is responsible for updating and maintaining the County codes. Most recently, DMV has been added. An election year takes a big "chunk" of time. The Clerk to the Board happens every two weeks, with an agenda packet; collection of and disbursement of funds happens daily. That, along with the DMV function, takes a lot of time.

Commissioner Gilman: This is an appointment for the balance of this year. Anyone of these applicants are free to run in the election process - one of them will be selected for the interim but all of them, among others, could sign up in March to be a part of the voting process. He assumes the majority of responsibilities for the balance of this year will be focused on the election and election issues.

Ms. Stephens: That will be a large part of it. The conflict will be, if you choose to run for office and hold that office, how much you touch the election is limited - no programming or auditing, anything like that. Leaving the rest of the office to get the election done and whoever is on the ballot to manage everyday functions.

Commissioner Gilman: Do you see any changes or amendments to the process with what is being seen nationally - that would affect the County's process?

Ms. Stephens: We have had the full change - now it's two elections. We are doing a complete mail-in election and then in-person voting. We went through that last year. Deadlines have changed and same-day voting makes it quite a pinch - knowing people can walk-in and register to vote at any time. That will be the biggest challenge.

Vice Chairman Mitchell: Understands that at the State level, some regulations are still being finalized - we're still waiting for the final word on those?

Ms. Stephens: Yes.

Vice Chairman Mitchell: We have to wait to the last minute to get those.

Chairman Carmona: What happens if two people in that office run for that position? Currently there are three in that office - will outside people be brought in?

Ms. Stephens: Yes. This is normal anyway - outside people are brought in to help get everything together. High school kids are used to help prepare the election. If there are multiple candidates, you would have to bring in a little more outside help.

Chairman Carmona: There are people schooled in how to do this?

Ms. Stephens: It's teachable.

Chairman Carmona: Professionals too?

Ms. Stephens: Yes.

Vice Chairman Mitchell: Could you take the duties and group them - clerk functions, financial-treasurer functions, and election functions. Specifically in a year like this.

Y'sMs. Stephens: In a year like this, it's broken into thirds.

Chairman Carmona: Would like to hear from each candidate - we have had time to look at their applications. Then public comment and maybe questions for the candidates. He would like to hear opening statements first, and if there are specific questions, we can ask each candidate.

(Via zoom) Candidate Doreayne Nevin gave an opening statement outlining her background as the Deputy County Clerk and stating she would run the office as they have done in the past.

Candidate Jason Virden thanked the Board for this opportunity. Mr. Virden presented his opening statement and reviewed his background including 35 years of business and accounting experience.

Candidate Jim Hindle thanked the Board for their consideration. Mr. Hindle discussed the challenge and charge of this office as well as his background, including serving on the Planning Commission, and what he sees for this office.

Chairman Carmona asked if any of the public in the courtroom and/or on zoom, had a questions or comments for the candidates.

Vice Chairman Mitchell suggested that any questions or comments (for the candidates) from the public be directed to the Board.

Keith Loomis stated, in a private capacity not as a part of the District Attorney's Office, this is not a legal issue. It is a political issue he thinks is coming before the Board and he would like to provide information relevant to the decision to be made.

Mr. Loomis said he has known Jim Hindle for about seven years working with the Planning Commission where he has been Chairman and has done a fine job. Mr. Loomis' concern is the job of managing the elections. Mr. Loomis reviewed Mr. Hindle's background as an elector for the Republican Party and his commitment to vote for Donald Trump as President if he won the Nevada election. Hindle, and other electors, became claimants in the lawsuit brought against the State of Nevada on whether that election was valid and had credibility. The election contest was dismissed. An appeal to the Nevada Supreme Court was filed upholding Judge Russell's decision. On December 20th, the day the electors were to cast their votes, Mr. Hindle and the slate of electors appeared certifying they cast their votes for Donald Trump. That document was forwarded to the United States Government. Some of the individuals are now going to be subpoenaed for hearings in front of Congress. The Department of Justice is looking at these activities for possible prosecution.

Mr. Loomis felt this should be brought to the attention of this Board. He thinks Mr.Hindle would be fine as a Clerk/Treasurer in handling public record requests, financial things. Mr. Loomis' concern is purely on elections.

Vice Chairman Mitchell said he would like to give Mr. Hindle a chance to respond.

Public Comment: None

Chairman Carmona to Mr. Hindle: You're a concerned resident of Nevada, you don't live in Storey County. Just to clarify.

Mr. Hindle said Mr. Loomis bring up some good points. The timeline cited by Mr. Loomis is accurate. Mr. Hindle explained the right to re-dress against the Government. He is part of a team that highlighted 122,918 specific votes that were questionable. The case was dismissed on technicalities.

He reviewed the many times in the past that this (redress) has happened and cited specific cases. He discussed his role as Clerk when it comes to elections and reviewed his background running meetings and being objective.

Mr. Hindle hopes he addressed the issue brought up and concerns as to how his role in the election would be. A candidate needs to be at "arms length", but you still need to make sure, as the interim Clerk, the process is being implemented perfectly.

Recess called at 11:20 am

Meeting reconvened at 11:25 am

District Attorney Anne Langer: For the record, she wants to make sure it is understood that Mr. Loomis is here today with his statement in the capacity of a private citizen to make a political statement - having nothing to do with his capacity of being the Chief Deputy District Attorney for her office.

Vice Chairman Mitchell suggested asking each candidate their thoughts on election integrity, if it's an issue in Storey County, and their ideas to ensure continuing election integrity or to improve election integrity.

Chairman Carmona: Do you feel we have a thorough answer from Mr. Hindle regarding election integrity?

Vice Chairman Mitchell: Since the focus on the last one was specific to a conversation - the right thing would be to let him address that question specifically.

Chairman Carmona: Okay. We will start and continue with the order - Dore, Jason, and Jim.

First question: Do you think there is an election integrity issue in Storey County?

Dore Nevin: She has worked 4 elections and feels there has never been an issue with anything. We run it professionally, smoothly, run a clean election and have never had a problem.

Chairman Carmona clarified: The State implemented rules and regulations such as mail-in balloting. Do you feel there are concerns with the State's rules and regulations?

Ms. Nevin answered what the law is, she will follow.

Chairman Carmona asked what the options would be if there were concerns. Paper ballots, looking at other voting machines - any recommendations to the Commission?

Ms. Nevin answered: This time on voting machines, doesn't think there is enough time. This would be something to talk about after the election. There has never been a problem. If it's mail, if it's machines, she will follow.

Mr. Virden: Thinks confidence in County residents has been shaken by national issues. He feels concern with mail-in ballots. Being able to mail-in and still go in person - casting two votes. He would focus on, using his auditing experience, making sure no duplication of voting is happening in this County in any shape or form.

Mr. Hindle questions the mail-in ballot system. The root of the problem is voter-registration rolls - only allowing certain activities in order to purge people who have moved, died, or are inactive. Mail-in ballots will go to everyone in the County on the active voter registration list. Regulations are being written but may not be issued in time to review voter registration rolls or take action. As to voter integrity in Storey County, he has great praise for the team doing the elections. There were some concerns with voters that were submitted to the Secretary of State. The Clerk/Treasurer was very open in meeting with him to go through questions. She had very good answers for some, and frustration that the Clerk/Treasurer does not have investigative powers. All the Clerk/Treasurer can do is highlight issues to the Secretary of State. This is a responsibility of the Clerk/Treasurer to keep the voter roles as clean as can be.

Vice Chairman Mitchell: For all three candidates, what are some of the top priorities if appointed?

Dore Nevin: The top priority would be to run the Clerk/Treasurer's Office as they have been doing. Going by the statutes. We have always run a clean election. There's a lot more to that office than just the election and we will always go by the law. We do not have say on how the elections will be run - it's set by statute.

Mr. Virden: His top priority is to get acclimated to the position. Make sure he has a full understanding of all the statutes. Not being a politician, he is coming in with a lot of business sense - running companies. He needs to sit down and learn the position - making sure he understands all the moving pieces. That's his number one top priority.

Mr. Hindle: There are a couple of priorities. First, getting acclimated - understanding ins-and-outs. The summary description put out - it's a lot more complex than people think, especially the finance aspect. Priorities need to be addressed in making sure we are managing our bank accounts correctly with fees and processing, and expeditious deposits. A lot of work has been done and there's been a lot of comfort with the process that's been done. He understands there are issues with the bank of record, with some fees and action - there needs to be some negotiation done. We need to work with our investment advisors to ensure our funds are well-placed and not at risk and are earning the most they can in the current environment. We also have to look at elections - Dore is correct. It's a big aspect of the role this year. Any interim coming in would have to make sure that it is being scheduled and executed properly. At the same time, make sure the office is able to take care of other business - reporting, collecting property taxes, the District Court will still be in session. All have to be

managed. It goes with leadership. Any transition is making sure staff understands the personality of the person coming in, expectations, as well as to help and support. Anyone coming into this role is going to rely heavily on the experienced and capable staff that are there, making sure they fit in well and build on that environment. And make that environment one of trust such that everybody can do the job they know they can do as opposed to who's this new person coming in and watching chaos and transitional turmoil. The objective is to reduce that to a minimum and get on with the on-going business of the office.

Commissioner Gilman: If you were to get this job, would you continue your activities on the State and/or Federal level in the election process as you have in the past.

Mr. Hindle: At this point, yes. To the extent that I have been able to fulfill that. Activity in the party, local party, and politics. In this office, in fulfilling the duties and responsibilities to the public, the office would be number one. And make sure they are not compromised by any activity that I would take on. I don't believe there is anything that would bind me to not continue to pursue what I personally believe is our constitutional right to be involved in the political process that selects our government. I would manage myself to make sure there would be no spill-over or anything that could affect any role responsibility or the public's trust in the office of Clerk/Treasurer. That would be number one.

Commissioner Gilman: But there could be some "cross-over" potentially.

Mr. Hindle: There could be - but I see that as separate. That would be a very strong role of my own accountability to myself and my principles, to make sure bias that I have does not unduly or inappropriately influence any activity within the office.

Commissioner Gilman: For each candidate - if you're not selected and appointed this position, what would be your intentions for the election process starting in March?

Mr. Hindle: My intention would be to study and run for this office. I believe it is an important one for this county. I believe that you "put your money where your mouth is". Not bringing my biases or political inclinations in - managing the office by statute and by the latitude and responsibility that the regulations provide. There is the responsibility to bring my personality and principles. And to step up and help this County provide to the expectations of the citizens of this County for this office.

Mr. Virden: My plan is to run for the office if not appointed.

Ms. Nevin: Yes, I am committed enough to definitely run.

Vice Chairman Mitchell said there is a lot going on this year with elections, budget planning, labor negotiations, expiring abatements. With this office being up for election, this is a unique situation - while being the Registrar of Voters, there is also the responsibility to keep it at arms-length - so there's no impropriety running the election. Each candidate, if you were to run, how would you balance a candidacy with running for office with all that this position will have to take on this year?

Ms. Nevin: The job has to be done - I would follow the criteria of what I can and cannot do. The job would be number one.

Mr. Virden: My approach would be -you could be doing the job very well, running is secondary. Doing a really good job in this interim position is going to be campaigning - sending the message of what you can do. Hopefully the community will learn about me, understand my drive, what I can get done. That will help me in campaigning during that time.

Mr. Hindle: This job is having "a lot of balls in the air" to begin with. Time management, priority management, effective team building and making sure the team has good direction - that part of the pre-requisite for the job. Add on the ability to keep this organization humming is first and foremost, and clearly, whoever is running and doing the job at the same time, there will be some weekends dedicated to public service not so much taking care of other things.

Vice Chairman Mitchell said he is curious to hear from each candidate their openness to, within proper guidance/parameters from the State, exploring and implementing payment systems that allow us to accept payments in digital or crypto-currency.

Mr. Virden: He will be open to working with the State, everybody in the organization that's around him - part of this position is having "ears wide open". It will be a lot of listening on his behalf when he gets started. He would have to do some real research before authorizing something like that - crypto-currency would probably be the most researched. He knows the least about that. Electronic funds transfer, things like that, are pretty standard - that doesn't concern him. Getting into crypto-currency he would have to more research.

Mr. Hindle: This has been a topic in a lot of different forms. As Mr. Virden said, there needs to be some research by the County in taking payment in crypto-currency. Not wanting to sound negative, but very cautious - there is a huge risk to the County taking payment in crypto-currency which are very volatile. Taking payments for a specific revenue stream that we planned on and bring it in in crypto and crypto drops by 40% within the next period - 40% of our revenue is gone. Unless we convert it into U.S. dollars. If people want to bring crypto to us, we have to be very careful. In the interim, the guideline we have been pursuing is that, if you have crypto that's great, but we require you to convert it and pay us in U.S. dollars. We have to make sure we're managing the risk to the County, to our cash flow, and our investments. This can be very volatile at any point in time but could be very beneficial as well. And also have significant impact on the cash we have available to fund the County's operation.

Ms. Nevin said she was unable to hear the question.

Vice Chairman Mitchell repeated the question regarding crypto-currency.

Ms. Nevin replied we don't accept it now. It would take research and training on her part. She does not feel comfortable until she has the training and the knowledge of it.

Vice Chairman Mitchell: He likes to ask the same question to all the candidates. But we have three candidates from different backgrounds so he would like to ask each a variation of the same question. For the two gentlemen, from the private sector - describe recent experience, something you can bring to apply to this job. For Ms. Nevin, something she has learned from the time she has been working in the office that has shaped how she would approach the job.

To Ms. Nevin: Share a lesson or something of value you have learned in your time working in this office or with the County - maybe something that particularly qualifies you or would be beneficial for this position.

Ms. Nevin: One thing I have learned in the last ten years is that working for Storey County you learn something new every day.

Mr. Virden: He comes from the private sector. One of the latest things, he was part of the mergers/acquisitions for a private equity group. He was Vice President of operations - President of the company. He had to do due diligence during the pandemic uploading over 1,200 documents for review at a financial level. He learned the ability to dig deep into financial situations to know exactly what you're getting. It worked out well for the owner of the company. The financial ability to really dig into facts is what he would bring to this table and would be very valuable.

Mr. Hindle: In a back-handed way, he has been blessed to be confronted with a lot of difficult situations through his career. The biggest learning experience is primarily working with people. Working with a team, you have to have clear expectations, set that team up. Being able to make sure people are trained and feel confident in the job. Unexpected consequences and situations always come up. If something is going bad, let's talk about it early. Whether you're working in a public or private sector. This allows people time to be confident in decisions being made and allows them to see how you're making those decisions and that you're coming up with the best way to go about the solution that brings the most people along to get the job done well and in the best interest of all parties.

Commissioner Gilman suggested the Board members share their thoughts - perhaps that will evolve in an "end game".

Chairman Carmona agreed.

Commissioner Gilman commented, after listening to these (applicants), he feels (the Board) cannot make a bad decision. Each one is qualified in a little different position. We are not electing a department head for a four-year term. Our responsibility is to cover the position for about nine months. At the end of that period, the voters will decide who is elected to a full term. He has been thinking about what would be a wise decision to "take the reins" for nine months. He does not see this being a time when far-reaching decisions are being made, or delving into the character/capability of a person for a four-year term. We just need to "stay the course" and then let the voters decide.

Anyone of the folks looking at this position are capable of covering nine months. Two of them will have quite a learning curve to get up to speed on what the County is doing, what's happening at the desk. We have a department that has been very successful. Vanessa has done an incredible job. Dore has worked with her for ten years and has seen it grow and change and has adapted. For the County's operation for only nine months, he sees it prudent to leave it in the hands of the folks who have been doing it. Let the voters decide in nine months who they would like to put in the position for a four-year term.

Vice Chairman Mitchell: He is thrilled there are three exceptionally qualified candidates. Not particularly normal in a place like this. He is grateful to each of them "throwing their hat into the ring" - willing to take on this responsibility. His thoughts are similar to (Commissioner Gilman). The continuity of the operation of the County is at the "top of the list". As much as possible, the voters should be the ones to make the decision. Our job is to get to that point where they can make that decision going forward. It's likely that policy changes or decisions on how things are being done are not going to happen until next year. He is leaning, as well, towards having Dore step into this position. He has one concern - that we are in a particularly tight labor market. Given how busy it's going to be over the next year, adding in candidacy's, he is concerned that this takes this department to a level of staffing that may be difficult to continue its operations. Meaning, Dore would be stepping into a position that would leave a position open in a fairly small office where capacity would be stretched further. This is not necessarily a reason not to make that decision, it's just on his mind.

Chairman Carmona: He sees what is being said. If Dore is appointed to that position, who becomes the assistant deputy? Does someone have the answer?

Vice Chairman Mitchell: That would be a decision for the interim clerk to make - they manage their office. Are there options - just so we understand how that office will accomplish all the things they need to when basically down a person.

Ms. Stephens: The office is budgeted for the three people and the department head. As soon as that vacancy is created in a deputy position and advertised for, that person comes in and goes right to DMV school. They can come in and take the DMV functions and the other deputies can work on supporting the new clerk. Keep in mind, Dore is a wealth of knowledge. Whether it's her or someone else, she's the one training or doing it. We have been working hard to get everybody trained for this transition.

Mr. Osborne: We run into these situations. Clerk/Treasurer Stephens made a good point on how she would handle this. It appears all three of these folks would run for this office permanently - whether appointed or not. The three applicants would not be allowed to participate in the election. There is temp work - we do have those options. Including looking at counties that can provide services. I look to Vanessa for this. In election season in an urgent situation, it is understood that there are shared resources with other counties and other Clerk/Treasurer's.

Vice Chair Mitchell: A pitch to the community, be as involved as you can in supporting the election process.

Chairman Carmona: Sees where you both are coming from. We are cursed with the continuity of government and doesn't know if his thoughts are different. The issue of putting in someone new temporarily - he sees the logic and he does not have a valid argument against that. He thinks we have qualified candidates. Leaving it up to the voters, he has taken that approach many times, and does not see an issue with it. If you want to leave things status quo, he will not be a roadblock.

Commissioner Gilman said he generally believes that's a wise decision. It's a safe road for us and a good road for the county. He thinks time can evolve the (election) process for us. It might be prudent to stay the course of what we have now and let that unfold as well.

District Attorney Anne Langer: Again, for the record, Mr. Loomis is there as a private citizen, so he was not advising on the election. It was his political opinion that he chose to make a statement before the Board today as a private citizen, and not as advising you as a Deputy District Attorney.

Motion: I, Commissioner Mitchell, move to appoint Doreayne Nevin to fill the expected vacancy in the Storey County Clerk/Treasurer's Office upon the vacation of that office by the incumbent until January 2, 2023, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by:** Vice Chairman Mitchell, **Seconded by:** Commissioner Gilman, **Vote:** Motion carried by unanimous vote, **(Summary:** Yes=3)

Chairman Carmona thanked everyone for their patience in this procedure.

District Attorney Langer: Mr. Loomis is now back in his capacity as Deputy District Attorney and will take the meeting from here.

Meeting recessed at 12:25 PM

Meeting reconvened at 12: 29 PM

11. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION: Erik Schoen, Executive Director of Community Chest, Inc., to present the agency's 2021 annual report.

Mr. Schoen presented the Community Chest, Inc. annual report and referenced their 30-year report. This year, with covid, needs have escalated. There has been a huge increase in domestic violence with 100% increase in one year. There has been a big increase in library card holders, even with the library mostly closed. People are looking for options including using virtual options. The Early Childhood Education Center continues to run at max Covid capacity. They are looking to increase this by 10 with the lifting of the restriction. There is a waiting list and they need to hire additional staff. They are looking into converting the old location (pink house) on C Street to an infant care center. Having an Early Childhood Education Center affects whether or not parents can go to work. All services have increased including food assistance and the Angel Tree program.

Every three years they update the Community Needs Assessment. Focus groups of stakeholders and residents are put together, as well as on-line surveys. They had the most participation ever, but still could use a lot more.

Mr. Schoen reviewed the results of the surveys. With increases in items such as rent and health care, it makes it hard to afford other necessities. Affordable housing, childcare, and food nutrition were the top three needs on the survey.

Chairman Carmona asked if rental assistance was not a better solution to affordable housing. Something he has been thinking about.

Mr. Schoen said he is not proposing any potential solutions - just highlighting what people are saying. That affording rent, mortgage, or finding something, has become difficult.

Chairman Carmona: In talking to realtors were going to have a serious situation here shortly - we're there and it's going to get worse.

Mr. Schoen: These are conversations we need to be having. It's been a decade of "under-building" with the recession - compounded with other factors.

Commissioner Gilman: With the cost of affordable housing - everyone is concerned and how do we change it. 35%, or more, of the cost of a home build is community regulations. Inflation is taking the cost of materials into the stratosphere. Cost of goods and requirements are opposed to affordable housing.

Mr. Schoen: Talking to developers, if we were to waive any County fees we could, would that help to build affordable housing? That doesn't touch it. The cost of building right now is so high.

Commissioner Gilman: It's the regulatory environment that's driving all of this.

Vice Chairman Mitchell: It's a big conversation. Is there a way with a public/private partnership potentially taking the cost of land out of that equation? Providing land for building to happen. He doesn't know if even that would allow projects to get where they should be on a percentage of income paid for housing that makes it affordable.

Mr. Schoen: Stacy shared stories from seniors on fixed incomes getting priced out of their homes when a new landlord buys property and increases rents. People who had lived in Storey County can no longer afford rent or find an affordable rate. Several seniors have been very much affected by this. Who is responsible for this large conversation? How do we take care of everyone the best we can?

Mr. Schoen called the Board's attention to the Community Chest 30-year report. From a small start, here they are 30 years later with a staff of almost 50 people, dozens of programs, and funding streams. Feel free to follow up with him with any questions.

Vice Chairman Mitchell asked what can be done to help.

Mr. Schoen said, as an agency, they feel very supported by all of you. Their work is equally as important alongside the work done by the Sheriff, Fire, and the rest. It's all part of having a healthy, vibrant community. He appreciates that (the Board) shares this perspective - supporting them when funds are needed, supporting their programs. He hopes everyone has the same awareness that these services are necessary. A healthy, functioning library; a place for kids before and after school.

Vice Chairman asked what are the constraints? The biggest things holding you back from being able to do more?

Mr. Schoen: There's a really constrained labor market right now. The price of labor has increased. There have been two mental health positions open for six months - he can't find anyone to fill those. Whether it's janitorial or admin, finance, business - it's really hard to find someone right now. This has been a challenge. Every organization is in a particular phase of growth. We are moving from where we've been - from smaller to mid-size, and having to manage that growth and learning curve - as well. When Covid hit, we wondered if funding was going to "dry up". Fortunately, the PPE loan came through as well as other stimulus funds. The concern is what happens afterwards - managing what is sustainable so we don't have to let a quarter of our workforce go.

Vice Chairman Mitchell: With that "glut" of money, costs are going up too. Maybe there's a way, instead of directly expanding the early childhood education, to mentor and help people set up small, in-home operations. It may be too complex to administer but may be worth looking into. You get potentially multiple benefits out of expanding your current operation.

Mr. Schoen: Appreciates any creative thinking like that.

Vice Chairman Mitchell: It seems that it may fit the needs of the community.

Chairman Carmona: Keep up the great work.

Mr. Schoen: He's not going anywhere - he's super passionate about this and Storey County.

No action taken.

12. DISCUSSION ONLY: Discussion by VCTC Director Deny Dotson regarding Virginia City Tourism Commission (VCTC) approval or possible approval to explore possible purchase of shuttle bus or other transportation not to exceed \$105,000, for the purpose of transporting visitors to and from events and sites in Virginia City.

Mr. Dotson explained one of the biggest challenges in Virginia City over the years has been transportation and parking. There have been parking improvements over the years with more on the way. Transportation is next, especially with added parking at the fairgrounds, the freight depot, Pipers Opera House, and Gold Hill Depot. There are challenges in walking up to town from these locations. Transportation is something that is necessary.

In January, the VCTC approved \$100,000 to purchase a vehicle. With the growth in the last ten years, especially last year, the problem needs to be addressed. There are a few large events scheduled at the fairgrounds and a lot of people will have to be moved.

A vehicle has been found. The County's mechanic has vetted this vehicle. It is 24-passenger shuttle (not a trolley). The goal is to have it available in addition to what we have been doing, - including hiring another shuttle, using trolleys and school buses. Mixing in facilities with weddings, conventions, conferences - this will be a vehicle that is very handy for us to use.

This vehicle will require a Commercial Drivers B License with a P endorsement. Two staff members currently have this, a couple of others are going to get certification. Programs are being explored to use Storey County certified volunteers to help with some irregular scheduling this first year.

This item was not budgeted, however there was money from the Black & Howell Visitors Center project for engineering and architectural work that is not being done this year.

The goal is to pick up the vehicle and debut at the Rocky Mountain Oyster Fry.

Public Comment:

Sheriff Antinoro: His concern is it seems like we would be "putting the cart before the horse". Over the years, there have been different events where they tried to arrange transportation, park vehicles somewhere else, move them around the community and still ended up with a cluster as to traffic movement. There was very little engagement with the transportation services. That's why the golf cart was a "hit and miss" venture. We do not have the parking component to have people parking everywhere. There have been a lot of complaints - especially around the fairgrounds - people parking on private property, blocking driveways. We should fix the actual problem before we have the transportation and people still don't know where to park. He does not know if this will have any impact at all or create more of problem without the parking component being addressed.

Chairman Carmona: He has had this conversation. He would like to have, at least, the signage being addressed as quickly as possible so that law enforcement can actually do something about it. When tickets are issued, they are thrown out because there is not proper signage. The Sheriff has a valid point. We need proper signage to help address this issue. Thank you for bringing up the parking issue Sheriff.

Commissioner Gilman: We could perhaps put vehicles further out if we had transportation. He agrees 100% on the parking. Looking at this bus, not knowing if it's new or used, he has a 16 passenger that he will donate to the VCTC. Also, the Air Races own several trolley-type vehicles they only use one week a year. They're pulled by farm tractors which are small and not very expensive. He talked to them during the last air races, and they are willing to talk about allowing us use those if (the VCTC) liked them and they worked within our community.

Vice Chairman Mitchell: Certainly, with events it makes sense - what kind of partnership with hotel properties and other people in town, who else might be involved that's beneficial on both sides.

Mr. Dotson: The term used earlier was a public/private partnership. (Vice Chairman Mitchell) is right on how we envisioned this being used - partnering with other stakeholders in Virginia City - "a pay to play". Silverland is very interested as well as other properties and hotels. Maybe put sponsored logos on the side and that would be scheduled stops on the weekends. We're looking at multiple venues and staff coming in. When someone rents the fairgrounds, this will be built into the backend to cover the cost of the shuttle. Special events and heavy volume weekends will be the target market this first season. Then re-address to make sure there is coverage with labor and adjust accordingly. This is a need in Virginia City - not meant to compete with anyone. When there's activity at the fairgrounds, we message everyone to park in town so merchants can benefit. There's a free shuttle that can take them back and forth. This did not happen during the Monster Truck event that started at 7PM. The parking lots in town were not used. Had they worked with the promoter - which they are - they would communicate this information in advance. This is a first step in a vital piece for Virginia City. (VCTC) is creating a "tool kit" for them to know what's available.

Vice Chairman Mitchell: It appears this is fully within the VCTC's purview. It would like to understand implications as far as maintenance goes and anything that "bleeds over" into (the County's) purview.

Mr. Dotson: As far as the purchase, it's coming out of the VCTC's separate fund. This coming fiscal year, there are items regarding maintenance, fuel, and sponsorship - putting in a little revenue hoping to find partners to work in town.

Vice Chairman Mitchell read a public comment from Rebecca Clark (on Zoom):
I think the shuttle bus is long overdue. I'm excited to see how it benefits the town during events.

Chairman Carmona explained why this (item) is on the agenda. The funds were earmarked for something else. Since they were being used for another purpose, legal (as well as Comptroller) thought it best to be brought to (the Board's) attention so that everybody is aware where these funds went and why they were redirected. There was a question, since the VCTC Board already approved, why are we hearing this.

Vice Chairman Mitchell: So, is the entirety of this funding being moved over from Black & Howell engineering, or coming from other places in the VCTC budget?

Mr. Dotson: In the VCTC budget, Black & Howell was budgeted under capital expense. This expenditure will be completely out of capital expense.

Comptroller Jennifer McCain: She was a driver for getting this on the budget. (The Commission) signed the budget for specific items. The Black & Howell budget was approximately \$300,000 - only one-third is going to this purchase. One concern is a discrepancy in the amount of money - what's written is \$105,000 - she understands the VCTC Board approved \$100,000. Is this a typo - or is Mr. Dotson going back to the VCTC Board for approval of the \$5,000?

Mr. Dotson: It was a number "not to exceed" - the price had not been finalized. It turns out we are getting a governmental rate - the actual price is around \$93 to 95,000. An additional cost included in that motion was travel cost for Mr. Dotson. The County's master mechanic already did a video inspection, so that is not included. We will not come anywhere near the \$100,000.

13. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION: Consideration and possible action directing the Comptroller to notify the Nevada Department of Taxation that Storey County will not be changing the property tax rate for Fiscal Year 2022-2023.

Comptroller McCain: This is a housekeeping issue. We have to inform the Department of Taxation if we are planning any changes to the tax rate for Fiscal Year 2022-2023. She has drafted a letter informing them there are no changes. The actual tax rate is set for July, beginning the new year.

Public Comment: None

Commissioner Gilman: When was the last property tax increase in the County? We have been static for how long?

Ms. McCain: Does not know the answer. The Clerk/Treasurer may know. She has hard time finding some of these Resolutions.

Ms. Stephens: She would have to go back and look.

Commissioner Gilman: He's been told it's been a lot of years. It might be nice to have that out in public that we've maintained that property tax value for a long time.

Ms. McCain: Good point - we'll look into that.

Motion: I, Commissioner Mitchell, hereby approve the Comptroller to notify the Nevada Department of Taxation that Storey County will not be proposing any change of the property tax rate for Fiscal Year 2022-2023, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by:** Vice Chairman Mitchell, **Seconded by:** Commissioner Gilman, **Vote:** Motion carried by unanimous vote, **(Summary:** Yes=3)

14. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION: Consideration and possible approval for the Comptroller to sign an engagement letter with Christiansen Accounting for the Tahoe Reno Industrial Center-Public/Private Partnership Audit for years ending June 30, 2020, and 2021 with a cost not to exceed \$25,000.

Comptroller McCain explained this is an audit the County should be doing every year. An audit was completed last year covering 2017, 18, and 19. These two years will bring us up to date. (The auditor) goes through a variety of our revenue streams and a calculation formula that is in the TRI Agreement. The goal is to come up with the annual amounts for the payback for the infrastructure in the Park. This agreement does not stipulate how much the bill would be. That will come at a later date. This is for her to get started and see how much work this project will entail.

Public Comment: None

Vice Chairman Mitchell: Does this audit help us get "a grasp" on what portion of our sales tax comes from TRI versus the rest of the County?

Ms. McCain: No. This audit gives us an idea of what we presume in an agreement with TRI folks of what it most likely is - not a definite answer. She was not involved in that agreement, but from her research this calculation was created to give us our best guess of what the sales tax is.

Vice Chairman Mitchell: The purpose of the audit is to reach an agreeable understanding of an estimation on how to "divi" up the funds to meet the obligation we have.

Ms. McCain: Correct. The second part of that calculation is how much of that sales tax and property tax Storey County keeps to keep our wheels turning and make sure the County runs smoothly. A percentage of what's left over goes towards that liability.

Mr. Loomis: There was a lot of discussion in going through Stipulation No. 4, amending the Development Agreement to figure out how to get to the sales tax figure. We have a figure, subject to revision if certain things happen. We'll see how it goes.

Motion: I, Commissioner Mitchell, move to approve the Comptroller to sign an engagement letter with Christiansen Accounting for the Tahoe Reno Industrial Center-Public/Private Partnership Audit for years ending June 30, 2020, and 2021 with a cost not to exceed \$25,000, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by:** Vice Chairman Mitchell, **Seconded by:** Commissioner Gilman, **Vote:** Motion carried by unanimous vote, **(Summary:** Yes=3)

15. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION: Consideration and Possible Action of Grant of Easement to NV Energy for utilities within a portion of the South E Street Right-of-Way, Virginia City, Storey County, Nevada, planning case 2022-03.

Senior Planner Kathy Canfield: This is a request from NVEnergy for an easement in the E Street right-of-way owned by Storey County. A house is being built and electrical service needs to be extended. An easement is needed to put their lines in. This has been done in other places around town. Staff recommends approval.

Public Comment: None

Motion: In accordance to the recommendation by staff, I, Commissioner Mitchell, move to approve a Grant of Easement 2022-03 to NVEnergy for utilities within a portion of the South E Street Right-of-Way, Virginia City, Storey County, Nevada, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by:** Vice Chairman Mitchell, **Seconded by:** Commissioner Gilman, **Vote:** Motion carried by unanimous vote, **(Summary:** Yes=3)

16. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION: Consideration and possible action, Business License Second Readings:

- A. A W Farrell & Son, Inc.– Contractor / 3649 Lakeshore Dr. East ~ Dunkirk, NY
- B. Get Trash'd Removal Service – Home Business / 2569 Cartwright Rd. ~ Reno, NV
- C. Lobo Roofing, Inc. – Contractor / 422 13th St.~ Sparks, NV
- D. Michels Construction, Inc. – Contractor / 817 Main St. ~ Brownsville. WI
- E. Victory Woodworks, Inc. – Contractor / 340 Kresge Ln. ~ Sparks, NV

Public Comment: None

Motion: I, Commissioner Mitchell, move approve to approve second reading of business licenses A. through E., **Action:** Approve, **Moved by:** Vice Chairman Mitchell, **Seconded by:** Commissioner Gilman, **Vote:** Motion carried by unanimous vote, **(Summary:** Yes=3)

17. PUBLIC COMMENT (No Action) None

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

Chairman Carmona adjourned the meeting at 1:20 PM

19. CLOSED SESSION: Call to Order Closed Session meeting pursuant to NRS 288.220 for the purpose of conferring with county management and legal counsel regarding labor negotiations with the Storey County Employees' Association Comstock Chapter, AFSCME Local 4041. This meeting will begin immediately following the general meeting of the Board of Storey County Commissioners

Respectfully submitted,

By: _____

Dore Nevin, Clerk/Treasurer