



STOREY COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING

TUESDAY, AUGUST 2, 2022, 10:00 A.M.

DISTRICT COURTROOM
26 SOUTH B STREET, VIRGINIA CITY, NEVADA

MEETING MINUTES

JAY CARMONA
CHAIRMAN

ANNE LANGER
DISTRICT ATTORNEY

CLAY MITCHELL
VICE-CHAIRMAN

LANCE GILMAN
COMMISSIONER

DOREAYNE NEVIN
CLERK-TREASURER

Roll Call: Chairman Jay Carmona, Vice-Chairman Clay Mitchell, Commissioner Lance Gilman, County Manager Austin Osborne, Clerk/Treasurer Doreayne Nevin, Deputy District Attorney Keith Loomis, Sheriff Gerald Antinoro, Recorder Marney Hansen-Martinez, Project Manager Mike Northan, Public Works Director Jason Wierzbicki, IT Director James Deane, Assessor Jana Seddon, Emergency Management Director Lara Mather, Honey Menefee, Community Relations Coordinator, Senior Center Director Stacy York, Acting Human Resources Director Jeannie Green, Comptroller Jennifer McCain, Community Development Director Pete Renaud, USGS hydrologist David Smith.

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

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Carmona at 10:24 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 August 2, 2022.

Public Comment: None

Motion: I, Commissioner Mitchell moved to approve today's Agenda as presented. **Seconded by:** Commissioner Gilman, **Vote:** Motion carried by unanimous vote.

4. DISCUSSION/FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: Consideration and possible approval of the minutes for the July 11, 2022, special meeting.

Public Comment: None

Motion: I, Commissioner Mitchell move to approve the minutes from the July 11 special meeting as presented. **Seconded by:** Commissioner Gilman, **Vote:** Motion carried by unanimous vote.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

- I For possible action, approval of business license first readings:
 - A. Bradstreet Investments LLC – Home Business / 350 Prospector ~ Dayton, NV
 - B. HM Drywall & Paint LLC – Contractor / 230 Richards Way ~ Sparks, NV
 - C. Melissa Hackworth – General / 88 Megabyte Dr. ~ Sparks, NV
 - D. Membrion Inc. – Out of County / 3257 17th Ave W. Bldg 3 ~ Seattle, WA
 - E. Rocky Brands US LLC – General / 425 E. Sydney ~ Sparks, NV
 - F. Thyssenkrupp Industrial Solutions (USA) Inc. – General / 75 Germany Cir. ~ Sparks, NV
 - G. Wood & Coal Studio LLC – Home Business / 3095 S. D St. ~ Virginia City, NV
- II Consideration and possible approval of Personnel Policy 701, Health Insurance Coverage. The revision of this policy provides coverage for dependents of elected officials.
- III Approval of claims in the amount of \$2,318,560.10

Public Comment: None

Motion: I, Commissioner Mitchell move to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.
Seconded by: Commissioner Gilman, **Vote:** Motion carried by unanimous vote.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT: (No action) None

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

Sheriff Gerald Antinoro

- We all know Hot August Nights are going on; they had their events here Friday and Saturday. There were a few issues that occurred that we probably should meet about before next year's event to see if we can prevent them from happening next year. We did this last year but there didn't seem to be a whole lot of follow-ups with VCTC that led to issues here. I will be going to the VCTC meeting and we can discuss them there or have an actual meeting with the HAN people at some point before next year to prevent some of the issues.
- Last meeting there was the resolution to move forward to working with the state on the 180 corridor. I met with representatives of Highway Patrol and the majority of what is happening is lack of staffing. They have one trooper patrolling USA Parkway. Between staffing issues and transfers and just a flat-out shortage of personnel. They are only responding to things that happen. They really don't have a lot of enforcement. So, like everybody else, they are just having issues with staffing.
- Last thing is tonight is National Night Out down at Louise Peri Park, from 5 to 8.

Chief Jeremy Loncar

- Capt. Thompson will be retiring. Have two open positions that we were able to fill so we are back on full staff.
- One engine is still out on assignment. We have been pulling them all back, gearing up for the season when Nevada starts to experience its wildfires. We will keep sending resources out, but they will be limited resources to help protect the home front.

Lara Mather, Emergency Management Director

- Our third wildland fire smoke sensor was installed at the fire station in Lockwood. I did an interview on it with Channel 8 news. Storey County is the first county in the state to have those installed, they are a new technology, so they are fixing a few bugs that have come up, but once the bugs are fixed, we are really looking forward to seeing the data that comes out from them. They are programmed to sense certain chemicals from smoke that is coming. People with COPD are highly sensitive to chemicals.
- Our federal appropriations, three have moved on to the next level. That is the Lockwood senior center, the Virginia City Fire Station, and the fairground upgrades. That doesn't mean our other three projects are not going to go through the next steps, they are going to continue to monitor those for us.
- Regarding business development, I am continuing to meet with everybody I can, so anyone who is associated with bringing businesses to Storey County, retaining businesses in Storey County, all the things that can help Storey County become a great community for people who work here and live here, I am continuing to meet and connect and learn as I go.

Honey Menefee, Community Relations Coordinator

- Reminded the board of the Community Project Grant Cycle which is open but will close on August 19. Anyone with questions should contact Honey Menefee at 775-847-0986, hmenefee@storeycounty.org, or go to the office at 10 South B St.

Comptroller Jennifer McCain

- Our financial audit for FY 22 has begun. We are in very good shape to have that completed on time this year. I'll keep you posted on any changes as we go along. This must be approved by the month of December.
- We met with Tyler for previously approved Executime software that we're implementing for the payroll system. This system will eliminate paper timecards for our future. We'll be able to customize this product by department, and we will be streamlining the payroll process. It is scheduled to be a 6- to 12-month implementation process.

Pete Renaud, Community Development Director

- Chris Hannum abated 70+ nuisances in less than two years.
- We are doing TCO for one of the warehouses on Waltham Way.
- Next week we will do a C of O for the cast project on Peru, that is the aluminum recycling plant.

Stacy York, Senior Center Director

- On August 15 the Mammovan will be in the parking lot on Carson Street across from the health center.
- On Sept. 16 at 6 p.m. the senior center will host an enchilada cookoff.
- We are looking for homemakers for Lockwood and Virginia City, to clean seniors' homes.

Keith Loomis, Assistant District Attorney

- Cetus Mortgage bankruptcy case settlement will be before you at the next meeting.

Austin Osborne, County Manager

- VCTC will be providing an update at the next meeting regarding Hot August Nights.
- Lara and I are working on the white paper, a fiscal analysis for the region, probably have that ready for the public and the board to look in the next couple of months.
- The Lockwood Senior Center team, which is all department heads that are involved in it with Loomis and Associates, we have had our second or third meeting. We are putting rooms together and all the needs that building will have. The Lockwood Community Center and Senior Center are involved as well.
- The Lockwood version of the Strategic Plan for the county workshop will occur at 5:30 August 18 at Louise Peri Park.

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

Commissioner Lance Gilman said he would like to reach out to Sheriff Antinoro and thank him for the follow-up with the Nevada Highway Patrol. It confirms what we have been suspecting. The I80 corridor has been running with not a lot of oversight. The issues we discussed at our last meeting are very prevalent, and the enforcement is not out there. It appears that we are not going to see an improvement or construction project, or other lanes, we are not going to have an enhanced corridor for many years. The enforcement is challenging at this point. All the more reason for us as a county to change our approach and address a safety corridor. We can pull everything back such as speed limits and lane usage and covering loads of sand and rock that are blowing over everybody's car. It is past time to do that, and I am appreciative that Sheriff Antinoro took an aggressive approach to see what the problem was.

Commissioner Jay Carmona noted the passing of Gary Greenlund, instrumental in the Comstock Cable, and obviously to the music scene. He was, as I have been told, quite a banjo player. Sad to see that he has passed away. Also, Virginia City resident Will Rounds, he was a war veteran, a Silent Rider, and a Clamper. On a less somber note, Hot August Nights kicked off last Friday, they brought a few hundred participants to town and even more spectators. We had some great cars up here. I had the opportunity to join the competition up here and enjoyed meeting the great folks that came to town. Hot August Nights is running through this Friday in Reno.

9. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION: Consideration and possible approval of colocation facilities agreement and Service Order with Switch. The agreement provides that Switch will supply a cabinet within its server facility at the TRI Center within which the County can place its

networked information technology equipment. Switch will also provide power and internet connectivity services. The County will be billed a minimum monthly recurring charge of approximately \$1,193.00 per month. Added to the monthly recurring charge will be the county's data usage rate which will be billed at the rate of \$2.50 per megabyte for the month in which the data usage rate is calculated. There will also be an initial nonrecurring charge of \$2,875.00 and a security deposit of \$1,193.00. The agreement will terminate on June 30, 2027.

Assistant District Attorney Loomis first made a correction to there's an error in the titled "added to the monthly recurring charge will be the county's data usage rate which will be billed at the rate of \$2.50 per megabyte for the month the data usage rate is calculated." That is not correct. We spent some time working this out with Switch.

James Deane, IT Director, said the 2.50 per month charge is only if we are going to be bursting and using a high rate of bandwidth. It is a contingency if we have a major need to use a high level of bandwidth. We're not being charged that \$2.50 per megabyte for standard usage. We are going to throttle back our port speed and use the approved rate of 100 megabit and that \$2.50 is not going to be billed unless we have some major event or emergency or something like that. It is available for our use, but we do not intend to be using it at all.

Commissioner Gilman said he was glad we were joining with Switch and that it would be a good long-term benefit to the county

Commissioner Mitchell asked if the rate per megabyte or for a certain speed.

Mr. Deane said it was a rated speed, so if the county were to push data up from the Courthouse which has a 1,000-megabit connection, we could saturate that line and incur charges. It's not a megabit, like you would think a one-megabit file, it is megabits per second, and it is a measurement of bandwidth. We are not going to be incurring charges for basic usage at 1,000 megabits or less. We can cap that on a logical level on our switches. We will not exceed that unless we absolutely need to, it's an emergency or we must pull some large backup data. Something out of the ordinary. It's a contingency, it is an available bandwidth that we can burst to, but we will not be getting billed for that unless we utilize that bursting service, which we do not intend to.

Commissioner Carmona asked if we are going to have this facility at Switch, is this going to be our backup servers? This isn't going to be where we are pulling primary information from.

Mr. Deane said that was correct. Our website is not hosted there, that's with a third party. It is to augment our backup system so we will have some offline stuff that is off our network so in case of a major ransomware attack or something creepy like that. We can leverage the Switch data center to restore our backups instantaneously.

Commissioner Carmona said so we are taking it out of Storey County, and we are going to house it at Switch.

Mr. Deane said that was correct. That is hardware that we own. Essentially Switch is a brilliant rate Internet-connected, air-conditioned redundant power data center. They don't go down. It would take a nuclear warhead to get that system offline.

Public Comment: None

Motion: I, Commissioner Mitchell move to approve the co-location facilities agreement between Switch and Storey County and the associated service order. **Seconded by:** Commissioner Gilman. **Vote:** Motion carried by unanimous vote.

10. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION: Consideration and possible approval to authorize the County Manager to accept a bid for repairs to the historic Courthouse iron fence including approximately \$12,000 for cast iron mold creation by Boyens Design, and to seek and accept a bid up to approximately \$18,000 for foundry iron work by a qualified foundry in accordance with the fiscal-year 2023 budget and capital improvement plan.

County Manager Austin Osborne said this is to repair the historic Courthouse fence on the north side of the building. Repairing anything historic is much more challenging and expensive than replacing modern equipment. In this case, the total project cost is \$30,000 maximum. There was an estimate that was made last year, and that amount was put into the Capital Improvement Plan and into the budget, so this does conform to both. It is divided into two parts. The first is complicated, it's the mold, and we had a hard time finding folks who do this kind of work anymore. We were able to find Nick Boyens, who is an independent operator who creates molds for these old historic structures that are cast. Second part is the foundry work. As for going out to bid on these, it is not easy to go out to bid on folks who do this kind of work, but we did look at different options and Mr. Boyens has done work on the Comstock, he is familiar with the intricate work that exists up here, and this fence is unique. As far as the foundry work goes, there were three foundries that were explored, one was good, but they only do gray metal, one is not recommended, and the third one is good and they do ductile iron, which is much stronger than gray iron. The current fence is gray iron, and you can see it is all busted up. A tree has fallen on it and people at the bars have fallen on it. It is recommended that we go to ductile iron. There are about 30 panels involved and one of the reasons it's so expensive is not like you have a panel that you repeat, you have an in-panel and out-panel and a different one that is a third panel, and then it repeats. There must be three separate molds, and then you can have as many panels as you want. A positive of this is that once the molds are done, we own the molds forever. We could take them to a foundry and create as many panels as we want to possibly use at the cemetery and other historic buildings so it is a benefit that might last into the future. SHPO is involved in this process, they're aware of what is happening, and they support it. We are working with them on the details.

Commissioner Gilman asked if the Comstock Historic District Commission has been involved in the process as well.

Public Comment: None

Motion: I, Commissioner Mitchell move to approve authorizing the County Manager to accept a bid for repairs to the historic Courthouse iron fence including approximately \$12,000 for cast iron mold creation by Boyens Design, and to seek and accept a bid up to approximately \$18,000 for foundry iron work by a qualified foundry in accordance with the fiscal-year 2023 budget and capital improvement plan. **Seconded by:** Commissioner Gilman. **Vote:** Motion carried by unanimous vote.

11. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION: Consideration and possible approval to authorize the County Manager to approve a contract modification with the United States Geological Survey (USGS) to continue a five-year program, and extends the period of performance from June 30, 2023, to September 30, 2023, of voluntary monitoring of groundwater levels and quality, aquifer conditions, and other geotechnical review in the “Highlands” area, Storey County. Funding for the modification to this agreement between Storey County and the USGS remains unchanged.

County Manager Austin Osborne introduced David Smith of USGS who has been monitoring the water in the Highlands for five years.

David Smith, USGS hydrologist recapped a couple of items, recapping the deliverables for the project today, the status and plans. In 2016 we brought the issue of declining groundwater levels to Storey County. We started to look at this information and presented a project to begin to understand the problem. From this we learned early on that between 1 and 4 or 1 and 5 wells up there have been deepened or replaced. With that project we created five different tasks.

- The first task was water level network. Originally, we planned on 15 wells in that network with core measurements. We were able to extend that to 65, due to the number of volunteers and the proximity of the Highlands. That’s 1,100 measurements we have collected since the beginning of the project in 2017. All that data is available online, transparency with it the entire way, sharing it with the community with many presentations. As a courtesy, we have also measured some wells for homeowners, who may be close to a well that’s in the network, to give them an idea of how their well is changing with wells that are adjacent to their properties or within proximity. In 2022 we extended an additional year of monitoring due to the climatic conditions we were observing. We thought it was necessary to change one of the tasks from geophysics to monitoring, due to the exceptional drought to try to get that into this study.
- Task 2 is water level change or information maps. First task was digitizing a 1984 Master’s thesis where we have a surface of the water level in the Highlands from 1984, and we can difference that with the water level that we have collected between 2016 and 2022. With that we will have two additional maps that will come out, and part of that project was additionally the collection of high accurate GPS for those wellheads. Task 3 was aquifer properties. This is what we have just completed this year. The first week of June we collected four aquifer tests. One was at the VC Highlands fire station, and we plan to collect an additional four more with our last mission in September. The preliminary results from these indicate very little storage but it matches up with the literature values for what a fractured aquifer system is, so it’s good to confirm that information.
- We originally had a geophysics portion in this project, for the aquifer properties, and we transitioned that in 2022 to monitoring. When the study was originally created, we

thought there might be more value in adding that. Quickly we learned that the logistics for that would be difficult because we would be relying on a homeowner to drill a well and allow us to measure it. But then we also realized we are going to spend a lot of money for one point when the aquifer system up there is very varied.

- Task 4 is to recharge along Lousetown Creek. In 2018, when we used to receive rain, we collected measurements when there was flow from within the channel. We were able to determine from two different point measurements what the losses were in the creek and how those recharge the aquifer system along with continuous measurements in the groundwater well.
- Task 5 is our last task which will be completed this year is reporting. We will be able to have a completed draft and be able to get back to the Storey County manager and to the county planner as a courtesy copy for their review and input on the study. Once a report is out, we will present the findings to the commission and to the public at the VC Highlands Fire Station, so it won't be a secret that the report is out. We will be out there with the message.

With this, we realize that the original contract was set up to end aligned with the state fiscal year and so the three-month extension is to align that with the federal fiscal year. It is just an accounting thing as our year starts Oct. 1. For the current status, from the beginning of the project to the end, I'll summarize some of the trends we have seen in the wells in the Highlands. Surprisingly, some of the trends are not all down. Initially, the story was all the water levels are crashing and the data we have collected has shown that is not the case. Increases and decreases are observed. With our network of 65 wells, if we look at the period of 2017 to 2022, this is what we have seen for change:

- For the wells that are increasing, there are four wells that have increased more than 50 feet, a maximum of 137 feet during the duration of the study. The average increase is about 20 feet.
- For wells that are decreasing, and it is almost down the middle for those 65 wells, the number of increases and decreases. For wells that are decreasing, there are five wells that have decreased more than 50 feet. Maximum decline during the study, is 194 feet of decline. The average decline for those wells during that period, was 40 feet.
- If we look at general statistics for the monitoring wells during that time, the average decline is -5 feet for the entire network, but the median, if it were the central tendency, is an increase of 2 feet.

That is kind of a summary of statistics on where we are at with the program. And we are on Task 5 with the summarizing, with the maps, with the properties, relating that all together in a package for the report. Future plans are max measurements for our network in September of 2022, and this was set up so that we could use those measurements within the report. We are looking with the planning commission and Austin to be able to generate a future monitoring plan with the county. Next quarterly measurement would be in January of 2023, so there is time to set that up for urgency and we are going to be working with them to figure that out. The USGS still plans on contributing 50/50 matching funds pending their availability.

Commissioner Mitchell asked if the monitoring that was being done was a large enough sample size to draw conclusions about what's happening because it seems like there is a broad range of results.

Mr. Smith said from the beginning to the end the one thing that is surprising to me is how varied it is from parcel to parcel. There are the cases where adjacent parcels, one well was drilled in the 80s, the water level hasn't changed at all, and the immediate parcel over has declined 200 feet. That speaks to the variability or the heterogeneity of the system up there. We have a very dense network of volunteers in the area and the map will generally represent the changes that occur in those areas. But there might be a caveat that there may be a house that is next door to it that change isn't possible. It is about as dense as it is going to be.

Commissioner Mitchell asked if the monitoring started in 2017.

Mr. Smith said it was the 2017 water year but may be 2018 too.

Commissioner Mitchell said he recalled 2017 as a heavy water year and wondered if it gave the study a skewed starting point.

Mr. Smith said in a study like this you are always hoping for years that match the current climate conditions. For the past 15 years it has been a very much above normal water year. Then trending to much below for a 3–4-year period. Then you will see that peak again. It is interesting having period of drought and understanding what the worst conditions are, and the amount of change you would see in different wells for the Highlands during those conditions. We don't want to see drought, but it is good for the study to observe that during the monitoring period.

Commissioner Carmona thanked Mr. Smith for what he and his team are doing in the Highlands. There has been a massive influx into the Highlands, per last report there were 40 active building permits. We are getting an influx of new residents, which means new wells. I heard there were two wells that went dry in the last two weeks out there. So, I can definitely support continuing this study for as long as we can. I think we are about half built out right now.

Public Comment: None

Motion: Based on the recommendations by staff, I, Commissioner Mitchell move to authorize the County Manager to approve a contract modification with the United States Geological Survey (USGS) to continue a five-year program, and extends the period of performance from June 30, 2023, to September 30, 2023, of voluntary monitoring of groundwater levels and quality, aquifer conditions, and other geotechnical review in the "Highlands" area, Storey County. Funding for the modification to this agreement between Storey County and the USGS remains unchanged. **Seconded by:** Commissioner Gilman. **Vote:** Motion carried by unanimous vote.

12. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION: Consideration and possible approval of the Devnet Contract Renewal - 5 years for the Assessor and Treasurer collections.

Assessor Jana Seddon said we spoke about this contract in April. This is the same contract; nothing has changed.

Public Comment: None

Motion: I, Commissioner Mitchell move to approve the renewal of the Devnet Contract for 5 years for the Assessor and Treasurer collections functions. **Seconded by:** Commissioner Gilman. **Vote:** Motion carried by unanimous vote.

13. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION: Consideration and possible approval directing the Comptroller to sign the Tyler Service Agreement to move from an on-premises environment to a hosted environment in the amount of \$40,100 annually.

Comptroller Jennifer McCain said that she could talk about the financial aspect of this, and Mr. Deane was available to discuss the technical side of it. Mr. Loomis has reviewed the contract. The cost for this will be slightly higher than our current support costs through Tyler for our financial services. This is also taking some of the load off our IT system and putting it on Tyler. The total amount of our support last year was approximately \$33,800. Reflected in the item that you see is not including \$2,157 which is ... we are currently implementing a module which we paid for back in 2018, which will alleviate some of the work on the auditor's side. The additional money is \$7,147, however moving our financial to a Tyler-hosted environment will save money in various supplemental areas that we don't track, such as direct expense in financial software, such as hardware. We did budget \$130,000 for additional hardware in case this process wasn't going to move forward this year. There is also a savings in manpower related to IT, which will allow them to focus on other areas. Another supplemental cost that we came up with is the power to the server and the air conditioning to keep those rooms where they need to be. Devnet is still staying the same area where these items are housed.

Public Comment: None

Motion: I, Commissioner Mitchell move to approve the Comptroller to sign the Tyler Service Agreement to move from an on-premises environment to a hosted environment in the amount of \$40,100 annually. **Seconded by:** Commissioner Gilman. **Vote:** Motion carried by unanimous vote.

14. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION: Consideration and possible approval to give County Manager authority to renew option in the lease between Canyon General Improvement District (Canyon GID) and Storey County regarding Canyon GID-owned land in Lockwood. The Sheriff's Office maintains a substation on the leased land. Exercise of the option would extend the lease for an additional ten years at a rate of \$500.00 per month.

Assistant District Attorney Keith Loomis said that we have a lease with Canyon GID that was good for 10 years, at \$6,000 per year or \$500 per month. There is located on the land we lease a sheriff's substation, it's a modular unit that can be removed if required. What we are looking at is whether to go ahead with a stick-built sheriff's substation at that location. That may not work out well if what we have is a 10-year lease left, because part of the lease says we must remove anything we put on there and return the property to its original condition. If we do build something on there the GID gets it free and clear. What we are proposing is to go ahead and extend the lease for the 10-year period. There is a provision that we can opt out at any time with 120 days' notice to the other side. We are going to negotiate something with the GID so that we

can work out something that would make a stick-built substation a feasible option for that location. If we can't, then we can cancel the lease.

Commissioner Gilman said he agreed with the direction staff is taking.

Public comment: None

Motion: I, Commissioner Mitchell move to approve the granting of authority to County Manager to renew the existing lease between Canyon General Improvement District (Canyon GID) and Storey County regarding Canyon GID-owned land on which is located the sheriff's substation.

Seconded by: Commissioner Gilman. **Vote:** Motion carried by unanimous vote.

15. DISCUSSION/FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: Consideration and possible approval of ten-year maintenance work to the elevators in the Courthouse and Piper's Opera House. This is required maintenance at ten-year intervals. The estimated cost for this work is \$19,500.00 as quoted by Otis Elevator.

Public Works Director Jason Wierzbicki this proposal is to be able to change the oil in the courthouse and piper's opera house elevators at a cost of \$9,750 each. Would be an additional \$2,500 each per unit for oil disposal but since we have a recovery tank at the shop, we're saving \$5,000 between both elevators. This is something that is required every 10 years for the normal operation.

Public Comment: None

Motion: I, Commissioner Mitchell move to approve the required ten-year maintenance work to the elevators in the Courthouse and Piper's Opera House at an estimated cost of \$19,500.00.

Seconded by: Commissioner Gilman. **Vote:** Motion carried by unanimous vote.

16. DISCUSSION/FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: Consideration and possible approval of a Vactor Truck in the approximate amount of \$600,000.00. This purchase was previously approved during budget hearings out of the Equipment Acquisition Fund in this current budget year.

Mr. Wierzbicki said we got a rough quote of \$585,357. We are still trying to finalize this quote and have something hard by August 14, because by then prices go up between 10 and 20 percent.

Commissioner Mitchell asked what if the truck finalizes above \$600,000?

Mr. Wierzbicki said his original motion was approximately, now it says not to exceed.

Comptroller McCain said the truck was originally put in the budget at \$650,000. I wouldn't have a problem if you have a motion "not to exceed" that but recommending getting the lowest bid possible.

Commissioner Mitchell asked if he should use "not to exceed" or "approximately."

County Manager Osborne said Mr. Loomis had always suggested in the past to use approximate.

Mr. Loomis said the reason I recommended using the word approximate is we don't want to get hung up if it is just a little bit over. If it was a lot over, then we would bring it back to the board for further consideration. What Jennifer is saying is we have a budgeted amount of \$650,000. That's the appropriation that is available. Maybe we should say "not to exceed \$650,000" that is the comptrollers advice.

Public Comment: None

Motion: I, Commissioner Mitchell move to approve the purchase of a Vactor Truck not to exceed the amount of \$650,000.00. **Seconded by:** Commissioner Gilman, **Vote:** Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

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

18. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION: Consideration and possible approval of the modified FY2022 – 2028 Storey County Fire Protection District Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) including facilities and infrastructure, plans and studies, staffing, and equipment and vehicles.

Fire Chief Jeremy Loncar said the reason bringing this back is that these documents are ever-changing, ever-revolving based off needs and grant availability. As grants come up, these things can be shifted forward or even pushed back as needed. In this update, we also wanted to include our facilities, which mirror's the county's facilities we submitted to them. No changes there. One thing I'll note about the facilities, one of the wild cards is Station 71 funding. If we get that money awarded to us, we know that there are timeframes in which we do need to act upon. Included within this is notes on how we are going to fund this part of the facilities. I included the financial note that anything above 25 percent of the ending fund balance, that we can start earmarking those funds. If we are very frugal in our spending through the year, and we have extra money, we can start locking that up that's above our ending fund balance to start applying it to these Capital Improvement items. That can fund our growth and our changes. The other two changes that were in here, one in our vehicles, and this is all still tentative to change, we were approved to purchase a Type 3 engine. We are just struggling to get it. We are going to put in an order and we're going to wait. Possibly in our next budget year or the one after that, we may receive it. That is just a sign of the times today. Type 5 engines are still readily available and we're still looking at a year to a year and a half. It's about adjusting things, what we can get and when we can get them. The last change I want to note is staffing. I did put in conjunction with the possibility of staffing Station 73. We don't have a heavy demand for calls down there, however it is our due diligence to get a station closer to our residents down there. It will provide faster response times and hopefully save some lives. Those were the major changes in this. Next year we'll come back, we'll update it, I'll brief you on some of the changes. And seek your approval to continue to stick to this plan and adapt as needed.

Commissioner Mitchell asked if Station 73 is in the Mark Twain area and Chief Loncar said it was. Commissioner Mitchell also asked what conditions would trigger the need for a fire station out at Painted Rock?

Chief Loncar said if we're looking at Station 76, which is in the Painted Rock area, that was put on there just because of the interest we are having around the area. Another thing that can change dramatically is because it's all based off growth. TRI is growing immensely so what those triggers are exactly, we just must wait and see what happens. One station I put in is Station 77, and that's the north end of TRI that is by the county line. We can see that's where the growth is moving. Since more businesses are coming in that area, before too long we need to talk seriously about what is put into place under the TRI Capital Improvement plan and when we do hit those triggers. We are not there now but could possibly be moving into next year. These are tentative dates, but we are identifying where we are going to need a station based off this growth.

Commissioner Mitchell asked if the district planned to move out of or replace Station 75 in TRI.

Chief Loncar said Station 75 is in TRI and we talked about some different options. It is to relocate it. If we can relocate and move out of the existing building, we can get within our radius we need for our insurance services. That is based off response. Moving out of there to a new location down by Waltham, would put it in that response range, which we need to be to keep people's insurance down low.

Commissioner Mitchell asked if that was not an either/or with Station 77.

Chief Loncar said that we must move out and get further because of that response range. Within the industrial area, those response ranges are getting smaller. Because of the inherent hazards, the chemicals, the larger structures, they do shrink a little bit based off demand.

Commissioner Mitchell asked if it was typical for staffing to come out of the Capital fund.

Chief Loncar said that would not be out of the Capital fund, it would be out of the Operating fund.

Public Comment: None

Motion: I, Fire Commissioner Mitchell move to approve the modifications in the FY2022 – 2028 Storey County Fire Protection District Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) including facilities and infrastructure, plans and studies, staffing, and equipment and vehicles. **Seconded by:** Commissioner Gilman. **Vote:** Motion carried by unanimous vote.

19. DISCUSSION/FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: Consideration and possible approval of Resolution No: 22-658, annually updating mitigation rates for the deployment of emergency and non-emergency services by the Storey County Fire Protection District for incidents outside of Storey County, large-scale hazardous materials incidents, motor vehicle accidents, and negligent or criminal fires.

Chief Loncar said this is our annual billing rates and it is important to bring this back every year because these are the rates that we bill some of our cooperators like the Bureau of Land Management, State of California, on these wildland assignments and other needs. There are hazard needs where we could send people outside of the district. It's imperative that we continually modify these rates. What we are billing now is what we are paying out as well. That way it does not cost the taxpayers inside of Storey County any money. We are ensuring that we are recovering our costs while being good providers of assistance to our cooperators. Large-scale hazardous materials incidents could easily happen within our county that could have a huge financial burden on the fire district.

Public Comment: None

Motion: I, Fire Commissioner Mitchell move to approve Resolution No: 22-658, annually updating mitigation rates for the deployment of emergency and non-emergency services by the Storey County Fire Protection District for incidents outside of Storey County, large-scale hazardous materials incidents, motor vehicle accidents, and negligent or criminal fires. **Seconded by:** Commissioner Gilman. **Vote:** Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Public Comment: None

20. DISCUSSION/FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: Consideration and possible approval of the annual Cooperative Agreement and Operating Plan between the Storey County Fire Protection District and Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District.

Chief Loncar said we declare those rates and this time of year we renew our operating agreements. I will be bringing more to the board.

Motion: I, Fire Commissioner Mitchell move to approve the Cooperative Agreement and Operating Plan between the Storey County Fire Protection District and Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District. **Seconded by:** Commissioner Gilman. **Vote:** Motion carried by unanimous vote.

21. RECESS TO CONVENE AS THE STOREY COUNTY HIGHWAY BOARD

22. DISCUSSION ONLY/NO ACTION: Report of public works department regarding roads and highways in Storey County.

Mr. Wierzbicki said the only update is last week with Farr West Engineering, did a site visit along Electric Avenue to assess our plan of attack on that road. It's going to be extensive.

Commissioner Carmona discussed I80, one of the major issues is staffing with highway patrol. There is a staffing shortage with law enforcement across the state and across the nation. Highway patrol is down 45 positions. Storey County will do what we can, but it is not our jurisdiction.

Public Comment: None

23. ADJOURN TO RECONVENE AS THE STOREY COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

24. DISCUSSION/FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: Consideration and possible approval to modify the scope of work of a previously awarded county non-profit grant to Comstock Community Television allowing funds to be applied toward operating and equipment expenses.

Lara Mather, Business Development Officer, said that when nonprofits request funds from the county they must be very specific about what they spend those funds on. Typically, that is a broad range of items, so the nonprofits can use these funds for whatever it takes to run their organization. When Comstock Community Television submitted their application, they were very specific. They listed equipment only, so they are asking if we can amend that so they can use it for other costs and not just equipment.

Commissioner Gilman clarified that it was not amending the amount, but it was amending the items where it can be applied.

Ms. Mather said that was correct, they are just asking us to be a little broader on what they can spend it on.

Public Comment: None

Motion: I, Commissioner Mitchell move to approve the requested modification for scope of work of a previously awarded county non-profit grant to Comstock Community Television allowing funds to be applied toward operating and equipment expenses. **Seconded by:** Commissioner Gilman, **Vote:** Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

25. DISCUSSION/FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: For consideration and possible approval of business license second readings:

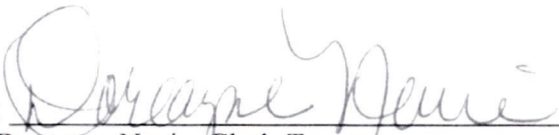
- A. Bluth Development LLC – Contractor / PO Box 18983 ~ Reno, NV
- B. CASS NV, LLC – General / 2455 Peru ~ Sparks, NV
- C. Joe Kelley Construction Co. – Contractor / 12550 Lake Station Place ~ Louisville, KY
- D. NV Energy – Contractor / 6100 Neil Rd. ~ Reno, NV
- E. Ruiter Construction, LLC – Contractor / 3355 Palms Center Dr. ~ Las Vegas, NV
- F. The Paper Chaser – Home Business / 21435 Saddleback Rd. ~ Reno, NV
- G. Walker Cellular, Inc. – Contractor / 150 Flocchini Cir. ~ Lincoln, CA
- H. Wire Me Electric, Inc. – Contractor / 1380 Greg St. Ste. 237 ~ Sparks, NV

Motion: I, Commissioner Mitchell move to approve the second reading of business license listed as A through H. **Seconded by:** Commissioner Gilman, **Vote:** Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

26. PUBLIC COMMENT: (No action) None

27. ADJOURNMENT of all active and recessed Boards on the Agenda: Chairman Carmona adjourned the meeting at 11:39 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

By: 
Doreayne Nevin, Clerk-Treasurer.