



STOREY COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING

TUESDAY, OCT. 4, 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

JIM HINDLE
CLERK-TREASURER

Roll Call: Chairman Jay Carmona, Vice-Chairman Clay Mitchell, Commissioner Lance Gilman, Clerk/Treasurer Jim Hindle, District Attorney Anne Langer, Recorder Dru McPherson, Assessor Jana Seddon, Communications Director Becky Parsons, Chief Deputy Tony Dosen, Battalion Chief Shane Dixon, Projects Coordinator Mike Northan, Honey Menefee, Community Relations Director, Stacy York, Senior Center Director, Jeannie Green, Human Resources, Austin Osborne, County Manager, Keith Loomis, Deputy District Attorney, Linda Ritter, VCTC, Comptroller Jennifer McCain, Planning Manager Kathy Canfield, Joe Sloan, Sloan, Vasquez & McAfee, Cole Mortensen, NDOT

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

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Carmona at 10:00 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 the October 4, 2022, meeting.

Public Comment: None

Motion: I, Commissioner Mitchell, move 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 September 6, 2022, meeting.

Public Comment: None

Motion: I, Commissioner Mitchell move to approve the minutes for our Sept. 6, 2022, meeting as presented. **Seconded by:** Commissioner Gilman, **Vote:** Motion carried by unanimous vote.

5. DISCUSSION/FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: Consideration and possible approval of the minutes for the September 7, 2022, meeting.

Commissioner Mitchell noted that during board comment I believe you mentioned Dave and Carolyn Dates, and it came through as Gates.

Public Comment: None

Motion: I, Commissioner Mitchell move to approve the minutes for our Sept. 7, 2022, meeting as with noted correction. **Seconded by:** Commissioner Gilman, **Vote:** Motion carried by unanimous vote.

6. CONSENT AGENDA FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

- I For possible action, approval of business license first readings:
 - A. Ace of Spades – Home Business / 2385 Cartwright ~ Reno, NV
 - B. AJ Construction LLC – Contractor / 1895 US Hwy 50. ~ Silver Springs, NV
 - C. Artharness – Home Business / 2020 Morgan Rd. ~ Reno, NV
 - D. Bert’s Boilers LLC – Contractor / 2770 Esaw St. ~ Minden, NV
 - E. Bighorn Tree Care – Home Business / 21961 Clemens Rd. ~ Reno, NV
 - F. Easy Bay Restaurant Supply Inc. – Contractor / 49 4th St. ~ Oakland, CA
 - G. Hernandez Electric LLC – Contractor / 340 Freeport Blvd # 1 ~ Sparks, NV
 - H. J St. Welding and Fabrication – Home Business / 45 S. I St ~ Virginia City, NV
 - I. JT Logistics – General / 1500 Waltham Way ~ McCarran, NV
 - J. Omni Cable, LLC – General / 1500 Waltham Way ~ McCarran, NV
 - K. PC Exploration – Contractor / 536 Galveston St. ~ W. Sacramento, CA
 - L. Polaris Processing LLC – Out of County / 212 Pine St. ~ Lake Charles, LA
 - M. Shakespeare Unlimited – Contractor / 312 Stewart St. ~ Reno, NV
 - N. United Taiyo, LLC – Out of County / 8550 W. Charleston Blvd. Ste 102 ~ Las Vegas, NV
- II. Consideration and possible approval of revision of Personnel policies 302, Source of Candidates; Open Recruitment; Promotion; Transfer and Eligible List to Vacant Position and 402, Reclassification and Reallocation.

Public Comment: None

Motion: I, Commissioner Mitchell move approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

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

7. PUBLIC COMMENT (NO ACTION)

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

Mike Northan, Operations Coordinator, Public Works

- Work is continuing on Six Mile Canyon Road.
- The Roads, Buildings and Ground Crews are getting ready for winter.
- Working on sheriff's office substation in Lockwood. Will probably replace the modular building with another modular building.
- VCH fire station contracts are being signed now, hope to start construction soon.
- Looking at maintaining traffic signals at USA Parkway and I80.
- Working with Stacy York on various senior center projects.
- Thanked the county for taking a project management professional certification class.

Honey Menefee, Community Relations Director

- Attended NACO conference which included two members of the Porter Group, lobbyists for Storey County. Thanked all for making them feel welcome.
- Attended an infrastructure conference in Las Vegas with Lara Mather and Clay Mitchell. Went to a workshop on board band action teams. Also met with a representative of the Governor's Office.
- Met with NDEP, with several water projects in the Capital Improvement Plan. Working with Jason Cooper on completing them with federal funding.
- Lara Mather was able to speak with her representatives regarding funding for projects. She met with Sen. Rosen. All the projects are forefront of her mind and want to keep Storey County fresh in her mind.

Commissioners thanked them for all their traveling and doing a good job.

Linda Ritter, VCTC Acting Director

- The Outhouse Races were this past weekend. Had 28 competitors and it was well attended.
- Are into Hauntober, which lasts the month of October. Our Cemetery Gin Hunt for Spirits event will be Oct. 8, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. will be a scavenger hunt with saloon crawl.
- Working on firming up events for 2023.

Jennifer McCain, Comptroller

- Reported on trip to Washington DC with Lara Mather on the recommendation of the Porter Group. Spoke with Rep. Amodei, Rep. Titus and staff from other legislators about the infrastructure grant requests.
- Spoke to legislators about water projects and the drought and noted that southern NV was looking to buy water rights in the North, something that needed watching.
- Had meetings on roads and highways and came to believe that highways should be done in bits and pieces, rather than all at once.
- Attended a panel for grants in general and emphasized that getting grants successfully required someone devoted full-time to it. Suggested use of a “grant hustler”.
- Praised Kris Thompson, who was a member of the lands panels and talked about TRIC.
- Attended the CFOA fiscal officers meeting and mentioned that people need to ensure protecting their home as well as their identity, as home title theft has become a problem.

Commissioner Gilman praised Ms. McCain’s report and noted it was very valuable to be with the state’s Washington leadership.

Commissioner Mitchell thanked her for a very thorough report.

Dru McPherson, Recorder

- Noted that the Storey County recorder’s office has a fraud guard and email alert. Sign up at storeycounty.org/recorder
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James Deane, IT Director

- IT is going live with the website in the next 30 days. They can make changes. They will go live with a new look and feel in the next 30 days.
- Using switchcard track, will be operational with Switch by the end of the month.

Keith Loomis, Assistant District Attorney

- Sierra Nevada has filed a suit. Storey county is named in that suit. This will be brought before you.

Ann Langer, District Attorney

- Explained a program regarding nuisance laws that began in 2018 and has cut the number of those not in compliance.

Austin Osborne for Pete Renaud, Community Development Director

- Housing permits have increased by 48, mostly in the Highlands and Virginia City. Construction permits are 128, building permits 309 and business licenses 110.

County Manager Austin Osborne

- The county has \$16 million in grant applications, and we are looking to manage those.
- The fiscal analysis is nearly complete and will be ready for the board shortly.
- Thanks to the VCTC and everyone on staff who volunteered with the NACO conference. It was a huge hit. A conference center is needed.

Commissioner Mitchell also thanked the local businesses as well as staff.

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

Commissioner Mitchell said it has been a good week, a lot of progress had taken place and he was looking forward to some of the things that will come from issues mentioned in the staff reports.

Commissioner Carmona praised the VCTC and county staff as well as businesses for helping during the NACO conference. He also noted that that longtime residents Mike Conner, who left children and grandchildren passed away, as well as Mr. Carmona's neighbor, Greg Stafford, an original Highlands resident. and Pam Trabert-Rumfeld have passed away. I think it is important to note when folks pass away in Storey County.

10. RECESS TO CONVENE AS THE STOREY COUNTY HIGHWAY BOARD**11. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION:** Presentation by the Nevada Department of Transportation (NDOT) regarding the county consultation process, NDOT annual work program within the county, and the One Nevada process.

Cole Mortensen, deputy director for NDOT, offered a PowerPoint with new guidance for rural engagement, including analysis, prioritization of projects, what we have on our list and some other initiatives. Also, county workshops are done with agency staff and work on developing those needs.

There are 25 miles of Nevada/US highways in Storey County and about \$600,000 in gas and diesel taxes generated from that.

NDOT goes to cities and counties to see what their priorities are and see what fits. The One Nevada process is to analyze and monitor funding and committing funding to projects.

NDOT developed a data-driven process to prioritize projects but is about \$600 million underfunded for what is needed. Look at if projects enhance safety, optimize mobility, preserve infrastructure, transform economies, connect communities, and foster sustainability.

Look at and evaluate each need, based on project readiness and a harmonization at the end to keep the statewide balance. Workshops are done each year. Next one will be spring 2023.

In Storey County NDOT has removed trash, improved signage on Geiger Grade, guardrail improvements on Geiger Grade and evaluated the Lockwood Interchange on I80. For the 2023-2024 program, there is \$592,000 to be spent in Storey County, including medium barrier rail on USA Parkway, center line rumble strips and repairs on the V&T bridge over 235.

NDOT is doing a passing and climbing lane study throughout the state to curb some of the trends in unsafe passing.

NDOT is planning to work with local agencies to create local road safety plans, which opens funding. In 2020, Storey County had 122 crashes, one fatality and 36 injury crashes.

Bipartisan Infrastructure law allows the federal program to increase 10 to 12 percent, unfortunately we have 17 percent inflation increase. Forty percent is competitive grants and we have seen those be awarded. Must have safety, resilience, and equity.

Commissioner Gilman asked if Mr. Mortensen was aware of the county's plans for a bill draft on making the I80 Corridor a safety corridor. He said I80 must be improved, as it is carrying an inordinate amount of traffic and it takes years to get something done. We are looking at that as a very dangerous corridor today as there is no enforcement. NHP does not have the funds to patrol that. There is no enforcement. Haul trucks are not covering loads, blowing rock and sand onto cars, folks are following way too close. Interchanges have short merge lanes. People are playing doge the truck and slamming cars into short spaces. We are looking forward to your support in doing something in the short term that will enhance safety.

Mr. Mortensen said NDOT would look forward to working with the county, but it is difficult to expedite a project that large. NHP is not underfunded, it is just that they can't hire anybody. They are understaffed by more than 50 percent. Just saying a safety corridor without knowing what that is, it is difficult to commit to that. NDOT has 410 vacancies.

Commissioner Mitchell thanked NDOT staff at the Virginia City yard, saying they did a great job. The annual work program seems to match the gas tax revenue, is that accurate?

Mortensen said it was not always the case. From 2021-2024, \$9.3 million would be invested, more than the tax revenue generated here. Gas tax revenue mostly comes from Clark County, then Washoe County, then the rest of the state. Some communities don't generate enough revenue and must pull from larger areas. It is not necessarily a goal to have revenues and expenditures measure up.

Commissioner Mitchell asked what the prioritization was.

Mr. Mortensen said we look at it from several ways, how many lane miles. It goes to One Nevada Prioritization Process. Highway 395 north, I80, and the one that came up to be more important was the Spaghetti Bowl. We did a huge study in Northern

Nevada to find out where to best invest funding. The one that came out to be the best is the Spaghetti Bowl, then look where we can fit I80 into the process.

Commissioner Mitchell asked how the median, rumble strips, the guardrail and bridge were prioritized.

Mr. Mortensen said safety was the main reason to prioritize.

Public Comment: None

Mr. Osborne said there were three motions the commissioners could pick from: 1. To accept the presentation as is; 2. To accept the presentation with commissioner comments included in the record; or 3. To reject the presentation.

Motion: I, Commissioner Mitchell, move to accept the Nevada Department of Transportation (NDOT) Infrastructure Work Program and for other elements to include the comments and discussion that happened in this meeting in relation to the report. Further, as part of this motion, we attach by reference the bill draft resolution related to safety on the I80 Corridor. **Seconded by:** Commissioner Gilman. **Vote:** Motion carried by unanimous vote.

12. DISCUSSION ONLY: Report of Public Works Department regarding roads and highways in Storey County.

Mr. Northan said that work was continuing Six Mile Canyon Road and engineering and design work for Electric Avenue was underway

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

14. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION: Consideration and possible approval authorizing the County Manager to approve and sign an agreement with Sloan Vazquez McAfee for approximately \$97,000 to assist the county in developing and executing an RFP, public and community engagement, and negotiation and development of a successor franchise agreement for the collection, transfer, processing, and disposal of municipal solid waste and recyclables in Storey County.

Mr. Osborne noted that the current contract with Waste Management Inc. expires in two years. The public had asked to go through vetting and allowing communities to discuss what they would like to see, then get an RFP and see what is available. A contract worth \$97,000 with Sloan Vasquez McAfee Group, which did this for Carson City, was proposed. This would include critique of existing agreement, community workshops. commissioner workshops, a draft, then go to get proposals, then negotiation contract. That would provide another year to mobilize.

Joe Sloane, with Sloan, Vasquez & McAfee, said we are a small firm that specializes in this subject. We came to this practice from the private sector. We had responsibility for bottom line managing of waste companies. We understand the operational aspects of all services that need to be required. Also understand costs. Put us in a good position to advise you on proposals you will receive. We did the process for Carson City and Washoe County and on the I80 Corridor.

Commissioner Carmona said he was thankful for taking this route. Saw Lyon County go through issues when they went out to bid. Glad we are reaching out to professionals with this.

Public Comment: None

Motion: I, Commissioner Mitchell move to authorize the County Manager to approve and sign an agreement with Sloan Vazquez McAfee for approximately \$97,000 to assist the county in developing and executing an RFP, public and community engagement program, and negotiation and development of a successor franchise agreement for the collection, transfer, processing, and disposal of municipal solid waste and recyclables in Storey County. **Seconded by:** Commissioner Gilman, **Vote:** Motion carried by unanimous vote.

15. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION: Update on progress of action items identified in the Storey County Hazard Mitigation Plan as required by participation in the National Flood Insurance Program, Community Rating System.

Planning Manager Kathy Canfield explained that Storey County belongs to the National Flood Insurance Program and is audited each year. The county must provide an update to the community on our hazard mitigation plan. The update is on the website and social media, and this meets the FEMA requirements. No action is needed.

Commissioner Mitchell asked about the project's impacts, and if it was a requirement of the National Flood Insurance Program.

Ms. Canfield said this indicates where the county is reaching its goals, such as updating ordinances and codes. If we didn't participate in the flood program, we could lose out on getting emergency funding, people would not be able to purchase insurance for flood. It also makes grant funding harder. The big picture is to address flood impacts to our communities, and what we can do to help our citizens. FEMA has mapped areas with a high probability of flooding. The county is trying to come up with ideas to alleviate flooding issues in Lockwood. We have homes and a fire station located in areas with a potential for flooding. We got a grant through NDEP to do a planning study for Long Valley Creek. Since we get audited, we give our plan to FEMA.

Public Comment: None

Motion: I, Commissioner Mitchell move to approve modifications to the Master Services Short Form Contract with NV Energy, Exhibit D previously approved on March 1, 2022, to change the language of “Ram 5500” to "tow vehicle", with no financial impact to the Fire District or change in funding from NV Energy. **Seconded by:** Commissioner Gilman, **Vote:** Motion carried by unanimous vote.

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

17. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION Consideration and possible approval of modifications to the Master Services Short Form Contract with NV Energy, Exhibit D previously approved on March 1, 2022, to change the language of “Ram 5500” to "tow vehicle", with no financial impact to the Fire District or change in funding from NV Energy.

Battalion Chief Shane Dixon said this was needed because the fire district was having difficulty finding an available RAM 5500, and they are looking for another model at the same price, so the wording must be changed.

Public Comment: None

Motion: I, Commissioner Mitchell move to approve the modifications to the Master Services Short Form Contract with NV Energy, Exhibit D to reflect “tow vehicle” instead of “Ram 5500”. **Seconded by:** Commissioner Gilman, **Vote:** Motion carried by unanimous vote.

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

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

- A. American Lawn and Landscaping LLC – Contractor / 1144 Spruce Meadows Dr. ~ Sparks, NV
- B. Anrak Corporation - Contractor / 5820 Mayhew Rd. ~ Sacramento, CA
- C. Any and All Property Cleanout – Home Business / 1822 Harte Rd. ~ Reno, NV
- D. Designworx – Home Business / 3900 Stovepipe ~ Reno, NV
- E. Espresso Plus – Food Truck / 279 E. 6th Ave ~ Sun Valley, NV
- F. Focus Concrete LLC-Contractor/1220 S. Commerce St. Ste 120~Las Vegas, NV
- G. Go Green Construction Inc. – 755 Hwy 40 West ~Verdi, NV
- H. MMR Technical Services, Inc. – Contractor / 15961 Airline Highway ~ Baton

- Rouge, LA
- I. Palomino Valley Construction LLC – Contractor / 5204 Eagle Pl. ~ Reno, NV
 - J. Precision Build Solutions, LLC – Contractor / 12781 US Highway 41 S. ~
Gibson, FL
 - K. The Pizza Place – General / 1 Electric Ave. ~ Sparks, NV
 - L. Wilbanks Engineering, PLLC – Professional / 180 Gooseberry Dr. ~ Reno, NV

20. PUBLIC COMMENT: (No action)

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

Chairman Carmona adjourned the meeting at 11:37 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

By: _____


Jim Hindle, Clerk-Treasurer.