



# STOREY COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING

12/20/2022 10:00 AM  
26 SOUTH B STREET, VIRGINIA CITY, NV

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## **MEETING MINUTES**

JAY CARMONA  
*CHAIRMAN*

CLAY MITCHELL  
*VICE-CHAIRMAN*

LANCE GILMAN  
*COMMISSIONER*

ANNE LANGER  
*DISTRICT ATTORNEY*

JIM HINDLE  
*CLERK-TREASURER*

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**Roll Call:** Commission Chairman Jay Carmona, Commission Vice-Chair Clay Mitchell, Commissioner Lance Gilman, County Manager Austin Osborne, Deputy District Attorney Keith Loomis, Comptroller Jennifer McCain, IT Director James Deane, Sheriff Gerald Antinoro, Fire Chief Jeremy Loncar, Public Works Director Jason Wierzbicki, Operations and Project Manager Mike Northan, Communications Director Becky Parsons, Business Development Manager Lara Mather, Community Relations Director Honey Menefee, Recorder Dru McPherson, Community Development Director Pete Renaud, Senior Center Director Stacy York, Mary Walker, Walker and Associates, Steve Walker, Walker and Associates, Will Adler, Silver State Government Relations, John Strahan, VFW 8071, Joe Costanza, Dipietro & Thornton.

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### **1. CALL TO ORDER REGULAR MEETING AT 10:00 AM**

Commissioner Carmona called the meeting to order at 10:03 AM

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

### **3. DISCUSSION/FOR POSSIBLE ACTION:** Consideration and possible approval of the Agenda for the December 20, 2022, meeting.

Public Comment: None

**Motion:** I, Commissioner Mitchell, move to approve the Dec. 20, 2022, agenda as presented.  
**Seconded by:** Jay Carmona. **Vote:** Motion passed 2-0 with Lance Gilman absent.

**4. CONSENT AGENDA FOR POSSIBLE ACTION:**

- I. For possible action, approval of business license first readings
  - a. Accent Specialty Inc. – Contractor – 994 Glendale St. Ste 3, Sparks NV
  - b. Evolution Industries – Contractor – 2775 Hwy 40 West, Verdi, NV
  - c. Jackson Unlimited LLC – Contractor – 989 Rubio Way, Gardnerville, NV
  - d. Lippert Chuckwagon LLC – Food Truck – 294 Andrea Way, Fernley NV
  - e. Wickware LTD. – Contractor – 1810 Lake Ave., Silver Springs NV.

II. Approval of claims in the amount of \$4,903,630.81

Commissioner Mitchell requested that Item III be considered separately. Deputy District Attorney Keith Loomis said that would be OK without taking Item III off the agenda, but the commissioners should approve Items I and II, then proceed to Item III.

Public Comment: None

**Motion:** I, Commissioner Mitchell move to approve items I and II on the Consent Agenda as presented. **Seconded by:** Jay Carmona. **Vote:** Motion passes 2-0.

**III.** Consideration and possible approval of Password Policy 031 update to include increasing the minimum length of passwords and would require changing existing passwords every 90 days. This update is in line with CISA and Homeland Security recommendations.

Commissioner Mitchell said the new policy would be a burden to employees who could have trouble remembering multiple passwords, or longer passwords, and changing them frequently. He suggested increasing the time to change passwords to every 180 days and to lessen the length of the passwords. Commissioner Carmona suggested employees keep their passwords in their phones. Clerk-Treasurer Jim Hindle also said that he believed that the new policy would be burdensome to employees and asked if it would also apply to vendors applications?

IT Director James Deane said the changes were based on Homeland Security recommendations but could be altered at the county's discretion. They would not apply to vendor applications. He said shorter passwords that only changed once a year was not sufficient to protect county information from hacking, however he agreed it was burdensome. He said it would not apply to every password that is used – essentially applying to only desktop and network login. He also said the new agreements with Tyler Technologies would require similar password protocol. He did not object to altering the timeframe of when passwords could be changed.

Public Comment: None

**Motion:** I, Commissioner Mitchell, move to approve the update to Password Policy 031 to increase the minimum password length and require changing passwords every 180 days.

**Seconded by:** Jay Carmona. **Vote:** Motion carried 2-0. Commissioner Gilman being absent.

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

**Commissioner Lance Gilman joined the meeting at 10:21 a.m.**

**6. DISCUSSION ONLY (No action, no public comment):** Committee/Staff Reports.

**Sheriff Antinoro**

- Noted the passing of Nancy Kilian of the Virginia City Highlands, who was a member of the CERT Team and a wild horse advocate.
- Noted that this was his last commission meeting, and he wished the county the best going forward.

**Fire Chief Jeremy Loncar**

- U-Call, We-haul trailers are still available for residents to use.
- The Adopt-a-Hydrant program for people with hydrants in front of their homes, the Fire Chief asked that residents clear snow from them three feet square, if possible.
- There will be slash pile burning on North Lousetown, conditions permitting.

**Lara Mather, Business Development Director**

- The Omnibus bill includes the three projects Storey County submitted, including the Lockwood Community Center, the Fire Station in Virginia City and the Virginia City Fairgrounds.

**IT Director James Deane**

- The IT department is still having difficulties with AT&T fixing problems with the fiber optic system and are getting quotes from other vendors. AT&T has been uncooperative.

**County Manager Austin Osborne**

- Thanked county staff for the county holiday party, which was well-attended.

**7. BOARD COMMENT (No action, no public comment):**

Commissioner Lance Gilman wished all a Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays

Commissioner Clay Mitchell said he would be bringing up snow removal and parking issues at a future meeting.

Commissioner Jay Carmona noted the passing of Anthony Herman of Mark Twain, James Olson of Rainbow Bend. He also praised Sheriff Antinoro and congratulated him on his retirement. The sheriff was presented with a plaque.

**8. DISCUSSION/FOR PUBLIC ACTION:** Public hearing on plan for expenditures of infrastructure tax revenues.

Comptroller Jennifer McCain said that items at the top of the list for infrastructure tax revenues were catching up on sewer bond payments, water tank rehabilitation and B Street waterlines, roads projects and contributing to the Highlands Community Center and Lockwood substation.

ter lines, road projects, contributing to highlands community center and Lockwood substation. She said only the sewer bond payments were definite amounts.

Public Comment: None

**Motion:** I, Commissioner Mitchell, move to approve the plan for infrastructure tax revenues. **Seconded by:** Lance Gilman. **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously.

**9. DISCUSSION/FOR PUBLIC ACTION:** Update, discussion and possible direction to county staff and lobbyists regarding BDRs and bills proposed or anticipated in the 2023 Nevada Legislative Session, and all other properly related matters.

Mary Walker of Walker and Associates said that her office monitors about 500 of 1,300 bills at the Legislature, and most involve impacts on local governments. She mentioned AB 424, requiring a court appearance for suspects within 24 hours of arrest, which is difficult for rural counties with limited staff. SB20 would allow a county commission to choose a replacement for a member instead of the Governor appointing one. SB85 involves unfunded mandates. AB52 impacts the Open Meeting law. SB22 involves requirements for legal advertisements.

Steve Walker of Walker and Associates spoke on four bills: AB20, which revises a state revolving loan fund for conversion of septic to community systems, AB34 involving publication of legal notices and AB47 which allows ATV trails along roadways.

Will Adler, of Silver State Government Relations said BDR 535, on regional innovation zones, could be brought back.

Public Comment: (None)

**Motion:** I, Commissioner Mitchell, move to direct county staff, lobbyists, and professional services to continue appropriate research, analyses, and action on BDRs and bills in the Nevada legislature which will best protect and represent the county. **Seconded by:** Lance Gilman. **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously.

- 10. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION:** Update, discussion and provide direction to county staff and lobbyists, including a 2022 letter to legislative leaders as per Assembly Bill 240 from the 2019 legislative session pertaining to orderly growth and regional coordination among Storey, Lyon, Carson City, Douglas, and Washoe counties.

County Manager Austin said AB240 requires collaboration with other cities and counties and created a letter to that effect. The county has worked with Reno/Sparks, Carson City, Washoe and Lyon Counties, Fernley, and Fallon. This is critical and establishes a baseline for Storey County.

Public Comment: None

**Motion:** I, Commissioner Mitchell, move to direct county staff and lobbyists to continue communicating with appropriate legislative leadership, and with neighboring county and city jurisdictions per Assembly Bill 240 from the 2019 legislative session. **Seconded by:** Lance Gilman. **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously.

- 11. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION:** Review and possible approval of the Storey County Audited Financial Statements for fiscal year ending June 30, 2022, completed by DiPietro and Thornton.

Comptroller McCain said that the county had a good fiscal year, with conservative spending and higher revenues.

Joe Costanza of DiPietro and Thornton, said the audit had a clean opinion and accurately reflects the financial situation. He praised the cooperation from staff. He noted that the TRI GID was listed as a component unit and that may change in their fixed assets. He said there was no liability in the TRI GID, and it only was set off to the side because the county commissioners make up the TRI GID board. He also mentioned a change in the wording on lease liability, which used to be counted as an expense. He also warned that the liability for PERS needs to be kept on the books in case it goes out of business. Next year would probably bring greater pension expenses. He said it was a good year for Storey County and the county was financially sound.

Public Comment: None

**Motion:** I, Commissioner Mitchell, hereby approve the Storey County Audited Financial Statements for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2022. to approve **Seconded by:** Lance Gilman. **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously.

**12. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION:** Consideration and possible adoption of Ordinance 22-323 adopting portions of the NRS which are defined as civil infractions and amending portions of the Storey County Code addressing traffic and parking regulations as civil infractions rather than misdemeanors. This matter is in accordance with changes made in the 2021 Nevada legislative session.

Deputy District Attorney Loomis said he went over most provisions and there was a dispute between the courts and the Nevada Department of Public Safety of whether to use NOTs, or Nevada Offense Codes. He said District Attorney Anne Langer and Judge Eileen Herrington ask the board to table the consideration of this ordinance since they are not sure which codes are going to be applied. Mr. Loomis explained that ordinances must be voted up or down with in 35 days from first hearing which means the Board is consulted to reject the ordinance and then it can be brought back later for consideration once the direction of codes is known.

Public Comment: None

**Motion:** I, Commissioner Mitchell, move to deny Ordinance 22-323 adopting portions of the Nevada Revised Statutes which establish as civil infractions what were previously defined as misdemeanors and amending the provisions of the Storey County Code to make conforming changes to become effective on January 1, 2023. **Seconded by:** Lance Gilman. **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously.

**13. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION:** Consideration and possible approval to add 501(c) 19 nonprofit organizations to the Storey County Nonprofit Program Support Application.

Business Development Director Lara Mather said that the current application has wording that only includes 501c3 nonprofits, and that 503c19 organizations that aid veterans should also be included. This does not promise funding for 501c19 organization but allows them to apply for grants.

County Manager Osborne asked that the motion include wording that any 501c19 organization that aids residents would be included.

Public Comment: VFW Post #8071 members John Strahan and Kris Thompson thanked the county commissioners and Mr. Loomis and Ms. Mather for bringing this issue forward.

**Motion:** I, Commissioner Mitchell, move to approve the addition of 501(c)19 nonprofit organizations to the Storey County Nonprofit Program Support Application for the purpose of providing a benefit to Storey County residents. **Seconded by:** Lance Gilman. **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously.

**14. DISCUSSION/FOR POSSIBLE ACTION:** Consideration and possible approval of Task Order 50 with Farr West Engineering addressing NDEP's chlorine contact times questions and engineering to redesign piping and adding valves at Hillside tanks in the amount not to exceed \$20,000.

Public Works Director Jason Wierzbicki said this project will increase chlorine contact times answering all questions by NDEP. This is the design aspect and reporting side of it.

Public Comment: None

**Motion:** I, Commissioner Mitchell, move to approve the Public Works Director to sign Task Order 50 with Farr West Engineering addressing NDEP's chlorine contact times questions and engineering to redesign piping and adding valves at the Hillside Tanks in the amount not to exceed \$20,000. **Seconded by:** Lance Gilman. **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously.

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

- A. Bertani LLC – Contractor – 3125 Cantara Circle, Sparks NV
- B. Bjorkman Construction Inc. – Contractor – 3112 Skye Terrace, Sparks NV.
- C. Building Zone Industries LLC – Contractor – 1233 Old Hwy 91, Kanaraville, UT
- D. CMC Steel Fabricators Inc. – General – 635 Denmark Drive, Sparks NV
- E. Disruption Road Tour – Home Business – 1050 Delta Drive, Reno NV
- F. Good' Old Boys – Home Business – 451 Canyon Way, #74, Sparks NV
- G. Things, Things, and Things LLC – General – 122 South C St., Virginia City NV
- H. Western Single Ply – Contractor – 3442 Neeham Road, North Las Vegas, NV

Public Comment: None

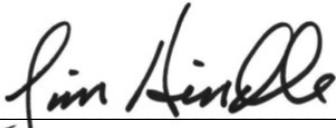
**Motion:** I, Commissioner Mitchell, move to approve the business license second readings listed as A through H. **Seconded by:** Lance Gilman. **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously.

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

**17. ADJOURNMENT OF ALL ACTIVE AND RECESSED BOARDS ON THE AGENDA.**

Chairman Carmona adjourned the meeting at 11:43 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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Jim Hindle  
Clerk-Treasurer