



STOREY COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING

1/3/2023 2:00 PM
26 SOUTH B STREET, VIRGINIA CITY, NV

MEETING MINUTES

JAY CARMONA
CHAIRMAN

CLAY MITCHELL
VICE-CHAIRMAN

LANCE GILMAN
COMMISSIONER

ANNE LANGER
DISTRICT ATTORNEY

JIM HINDLE
CLERK-TREASURER

Roll Call: Commission Chairman Jay Carmona, Commission Vice-Chair Clay Mitchell, Commissioner Lance Gilman, County Manager Austin Osborne, Recorder Dru McPherson, Sheriff Mike Cullen, Judge Eileen Herrington, Deputy District Attorney Keith Loomis, Comptroller Jennifer McCain, IT Director James Deane, , Fire Chief Jeremy Loncar, Operations and Project Manager Mike Northan, Communications Director Becky Parsons, Emergency Management Director Mike Bullian, Business Development Manager Lara Mather, Community Relations Director Honey Menefee, Community Development Director Pete Renaud, Senior Center Director Stacy York

1. SWEARING IN OF NEWLY ELECTED OFFICIALS

Five elected officials sworn in by Judge James Todd Russell.

2. CALL TO ORDER REGULAR MEETING AT 2:00 PM

Commissioner Carmona called the meeting to order at 2:33 PM

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

4. **DISCUSSION/FOR POSSIBLE ACTION:** Election of Chairman to the Storey County Board of Commissioners for the term of one year in compliance with NRS 244.070 and County Code 2.04.008.

Commissioner Lance Gilman nominated Commission Chairman Jay Carmona to be the chairman for another year.

Public Comment: None

Motion: I, Commissioner Gilman, move to appoint Jay Carmona as chairman. **Seconded by:** Clay Mitchell. **Vote:** Motion passed unanimously.

5. **DISCUSSION/FOR POSSIBLE ACTION:** Election of Vice-Chairman to the Storey County Board of Commissioners for the term of one year in compliance with NRS 244.070 and County Code 2.04.008.

Commissioner Lance Gilman nominated Commissioner Clay Mitchell to be the vice chairman for another year.

Public Comment: None

Motion: I, Commissioner Gilman, move to appoint Clay Mitchell as chairman. **Seconded by:** Jay Carmona. **Vote:** Motion passed unanimously

6. **DISCUSSION/FOR POSSIBLE ACTION:** Consideration and possible approval of the agenda for the January 3, 2023, meeting.

County Manager asked to continue #14 to the Jan. 17th meeting, and to move #10 to the end of today's agenda immediately after #21.

Public Comment: None

Motion: I, Commissioner Mitchell, move to approve the Jan. 3, 2023, agenda with noted changes. **Seconded by:** Lance Gilman. **Vote:** Motion passed unanimously.

7. **DISCUSSION/FOR POSSIBLE ACTION:** Consideration and possible approval of the Minutes from the December 6, 2022, meeting.

Public Comment: None

Motion: I, Commissioner Mitchell, move to approve the Dec. 6, 2022, minutes as presented.

Seconded by: Lance Gilman. **Vote:** Motion passed unanimously.

8. CONSENT AGENDA FOR POSSIBLE ACTION:

I. For possible action, approval of business license first readings:

- A. Advantage Heating & Air Conditioning LLC – Contractor / 7665 Town Square Lane ~ Reno, NV
- B. Engineered Structures, Inc. – Contractor / 330E. Louise Dr., Ste. 300 ~ Meridian, ID

II. Approval of claims in the amount of \$1,238,382.19

Public Comment: None

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

Seconded by: Lance Gilman. **Vote:** Motion passed unanimously.

9. PUBLIC COMMENT (No Action): None

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

Commissioner Mitchell expressed appreciation to all who helped with the difficult weather, praising communities for pulling together.

Commissioner Carmona thanked residents for sharing supplies, also thanked law enforcement, the Fire District and Public Works.

12. DISCUSSION/FOR PUBLIC ACTION: Discussion and possible approval of appointments to serve on state, county, and regional boards, and committees for the 2023 calendar year.

County Manager Osborne said the board assignments would be the same.

List of Storey County Board and Committee Appointments for 2023:

1. Legislative Representative – Clay Mitchell and Austin Osborne with others, including department heads and staff as needed
2. Nevada-NACO – Jay Carmona with Lance Gilman as alternate.
3. Nevadaworks – Lance Gilman with Austin Osborne Lara Mather as alternate
4. Friends of Storey County Senior Center Board – Lance Gilman
5. Storey County Safety Committee – Jeff Holman, Chris Hannum, Committee Chair
6. Comstock Cemetery Foundation Board – (vacant until MOU completed) Honey Menefee
7. Carson Water Subconservancy District – Jim Hindle with Austin Osborne as alternate

8. State Land Use Planning Advisory Council (SLUPAC) – Kathy Canfield
9. Natural Resources Conservation Services (NRCS/USDA) – Kathy Canfield
10. Washoe-Storey Conservation District – Kathy Canfield
11. Truckee River Flood Management Authority, Technical Advisory Committee – Lance Gilman with Kathy Canfield as alternate
12. Comstock Historic District Commission – Clay Mitchell
13. Nevada Commission for the Reconstruction of the V&T Railway – Clay Mitchell
14. Saint Mary’s Art Center – Jay Carmona
15. Historic Fourth Ward School and Museum Board – Jay Carmona
16. Economic Development Authority of Western Nevada (EDAWN) – Austin Osborne
17. Western Nevada Development District (WNDD) (Elected official seat) – Clay Mitchell
18. Western Nevada Development District (WNDD) (Appointed official seat) – Honey Menefee
19. Northern Nevada Development Authority (NNDA) (elected official seat) – Clay Mitchell
20. Northern Nevada Development Authority (NNDA) (appointed official seat) – Lara Mather
21. Storey County Wildlife Advisory Board – Rob DuFresne, Greg Hess Sr., Greg “Bum” Hess, Casey Kelly, and Rich Bacus
22. Virginia City Tourism Commission: Paul Hoyle (hotel representative); Ron Gallagher (at large representative); Angelo Petrini (business district representative); A. Perry (motel representative); and Jay Carmona (county commission representative).
23. Nevada Rural Water Association – Jason Wierzbicki

Public Comment: None

Motion: I, Commissioner Mitchell, move to approve the appointments recommended by staff in the revised enclosure herewith to serve on state, county, and regional boards & committees for the 2023 calendar year. **Seconded by:** Lance Gilman. **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously.

- 13. DISCUSSION/FOR PUBLIC ACTION:** Consideration of letters of interest for appointment of a planning commissioner to serve a term representing Precinct 2 Virginia City/Gold Hill District, on the Storey County Planning Commission.

Planning Manager Kathy Canfield recommended Lee Sterrett to be appointed to the open position of Planning Commissioner out of two candidates.

Andy Stroud told the commissioner he was a 30-year resident with expertise in water rights and wanted to give something back to the community. Lee Sterrett echoed those sentiments.

Public Comment: (None)

Motion: In accordance with the recommendation by staff, I Commissioner Mitchell, move to appoint Lee Sterrett to represent Precinct 2 Virginia City/Gold Hill District and on the Storey County Planning Commission. **Seconded by:** Lance Gilman. **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously.

15. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION: Consideration and possible approval to proclaim January 2023 “National Radon Action Month” in Storey County.

Community Relations Director Honey Menefee said that January is Radon Action Month and soon UNR Extension would have free radon testing kits for residents, through Feb. 28, 2023. The proclamation was read into the record.

Public Comment: None

Motion: I, Commissioner Mitchell, move to approve the proclamation of January 2023 as “National Radon Action Month” in Storey County. **Seconded by:** Lance Gilman. **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously.

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

17. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION: Update, discussion, and provide direction to the Fire Chief and appropriate Fire District Staff along with professional services, regarding BDRs and bills proposed or anticipated in the 2023 Nevada Legislative Session, and other properly related matters.

Fire Chief Jeremy Loncar said the Fire District has been active in the Legislative Session to follow bills and bill drafts, and his staff would bring information to the board and be active monitoring the legislative session.

Commissioner Mitchell said the county was in a unique position to provide wisdom and experience, and he supported playing a role with the Fire District and County.

Public Comment: None

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

18. RECESS TO CONVENE AS THE STOREY COUNTY HIGHWAY BOARD

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

County Manager Austin Osborne, speaking for Public Works Director Jason Wierzbicki, said snow removal is being disrupted by unmarked trench plates in the Tahoe Reno Industrial Center. One snowplow almost rolled and the 450 is out of service. Two plows are available for the south and one for the north end of the county. People are working 10-hour days and they are tired. He asked for patience from residents and encouraged residents to try and help each other.

Public Comment: None

Report heard and no Board action taken

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

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

- A. Accent Specialty Inc. – Contractor / 994 Glendale 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

Public Comment: None

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

10. DISCUSSION ONLY (No Action - No Public Comment): Committee/Staff Report

Sheriff's Office

- The deputies were busy during the snow aiding motorists and residents.

Fire Chief Jeremy Loncar

- The district has been severely taxed by the weather and is watching the next storm to find ways to do things better.

Business Development Officer Lara Mather

- Is working with the new Emergency Management Director and county staff as well as businesses to improve response during storms.
- Is working with the state Department of Emergency Management, which expects severe weather all month and is monitoring and reporting further developments.

Emergency Management Director Mike Bullian

- Introduced himself and reviewed his background in law enforcement and public safety

Judge Eileen Herrington

- Reported that she attended a judicial conference and may propose improvements to procedures using electronic equipment in her department.
- Still working with the state on processing civil infraction changes. Communication between agencies has been problematic. Has gone to the jail to hold hearings as transportation has been a problem.

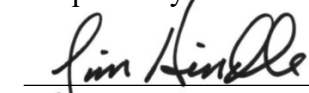
County Manager Austin Osborne

- Expressed gratitude to county workers and citizens for the service they provided during the storm.

22. PUBLIC COMMENT (No Action) None**23. CORRESPONDENCE:** Fulcrum Energy Corp. Press release and letter to the Governor's Office of Economic Development**24. ADJOURNMENT OF ALL ACTIVE AND RECESSED BOARDS ON THE AGENDA.**

Chairman Carmona adjourned the meeting at 3:34 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Jim Hindle
Clerk/Treasurer