



STOREY COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING

2/4/2025 10:00 AM
26 SOUTH B STREET, VIRGINIA CITY, NV

MEETING MINUTES

JAY CARMONA
CHAIRMAN

CLAY MITCHELL
VICE-CHAIRMAN

DONALD GILMAN
COMMISSIONER

ANNE LANGER
DISTRICT ATTORNEY

JIM HINDLE
CLERK & TREASURER

Roll Call

- Commissioners Carmona, Gilman, and Mitchel Present – quorum established

Total Attendance: 25

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

Commissioner Jay Carmona called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

2. CONVENE AS THE STOREY COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

4. PUBLIC COMMENT (No Action): Lee Sterrett, member of the Carson Water Subconservancy District for Storey County, gave an update on his recent attendance at a conference, including issues of water law, water management and groundwater rights retirement.

5. DISCUSSION/FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: Consideration and possible approval of the agenda for the February 4, 2025, meeting.

Public Comment: None

Motion: I, Commissioner Mitchell, move to approve today's agenda as presented. **Seconded by:** Donald Gilman. **Vote:** Motion passed unanimously.

6. DISCUSSION/FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: Consideration and possible approval of the minutes from the January 7, 2025, meeting.

Public Comment: None

Motion: I, Commissioner Mitchell, move to approve the minutes from our Jan 7, 2025, meeting as presented. **Seconded by:** Donald Gilman. **Vote:** Motion passed unanimously.

7. CONSENT AGENDA FOR POSSIBLE ACTION:

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

- A. Cosco Fire Protection Inc. – Contractor / 3620 West Reno Ave, #K ~ Las Vegas, NV
- B. Empire Southwest LLC– Out of County / 3300 St Rose Pkwy ~ Henderson, NV
- C. Inside Out Construction LLC – Contractor / 1940 Currant Ct. ~ Gardnerville, NV
- D. M.A. Mortenson Company – Contractor / 700 Meadow Ln. North ~ Minneapolis, MN
- E. Reed's Garage – General / 351 N. C St. ~ Virginia City, NV
- F. Staffing Technical Services Inc. – Out of County / 528 W. Roosevelt Rd. Ste. 101 ~ Wheaton, IL

II. Approval of claims in the amount of \$6,231,231.49.

Public Comment: None

Motion: I, Commissioner Mitchell, move to approve today's Consent agenda as presented. **Seconded by:** Donald Gilman. **Vote:** Motion passed unanimously.

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

Fire District

- Fire Chief Jeremy Loncar said that on Jan. 31 he attended the Fire Academy graduation ceremonies for 3 new Storey County fire fighters.
- Next week he will attend the Ignites Symposium, which will cover many subjects including issues with homeowner's insurance coverage.
- The Nevada Fire Chiefs Association has 15 bills they are monitoring.
- The district will have prescribed burns tomorrow through Thursday in the Highlands. These are small pile burnings. They will keep the public informed through social media.

Operations and Projects

- Coordinator Mike Northan said the Lockwood Senior Center project was progressing well.

- The Fairgrounds project bid was suspended due to the Buy American, Build American Act. Mr. Northan said he needs to coordinate with other agencies before resuming the process.

Emergency Management

- Director Adam Wilson gave a progress review of the department covering 2023-2024. In July 23, this was a one-person shop, now we are certified in the state. We have worked on regional cooperation. He said his department:
 - Brought emergency planning in-house, saving \$180,000 per year.
 - Held numerous community outreach meetings.
 - Conducted tabletop emergency management exercises.
 - Successfully applied for grants for fire district and sheriff's office.
 - Assisted Carson City on Nevada Day.
 - Increased software capabilities improving mass communication.
 - Helped with the Davis Fire and with power outages in the Highlands.
 - Received grants for first-aid kits in county vehicles.
 - Updated the hazard mitigation plans.
 - Created a safety committee.
 - Worked with various agencies and groups, including the Storey County School District, the Fire District, and Community Chest.
 - Created an evacuation and shelter manual.
 - Conducted training on active shooter situations.
 - Created a long-term recovering plan manual and storm disaster recovery process.
 - Partnered with business and other local governments to expand preparedness.
 - Has attended conferences and symposia to enhance knowledge and capability.

Health and Community Services

- Stacy York said her department served 5,510 congregate meals, 25,071 home-delivered meals, and 20,000 meals between the schools and the jail.
- The kitchen in VC produces over 50,000 meals a year
- Homemaker hours have remained consistent at 600 a year
- Transportation has provided 3,200 rides for 160 different people.
- Food pantries in VC served 105 people in 2024, an increase from 50 in 2023; Mark Twain served 169 people, an increase from 114, and Lockwood served 250 people, an increase from 205.

Public Information

- Public Information Officer Julia Moreno-Fritz said the Storey County commercial is airing on Nevada Newsmakers
- She is working on Google ads and will be writing stories for the Comstock Chronicle.

County Manager

- County Manager Austin Osborne said the Storey County housing plan is complete and will be sent to the governor. He said there is a substantial amount of housing built along I80, and the county included information on “attainable” housing.

Planning Commission

- Commissioner Lee Sterrett expanded on his public comment regarding his attendance at the meeting of the Nevada Water Resources Association. He said there are 256 groundwater basins in Nevada as of 2019, and 50 percent were fully or over-committed. Nevada received a \$25 million dollar grant to buy back water rights in basins which were over-committed and over-pumped. The grant was for 2,500 acre-feet of water rights, which were then retired.

Community Chest

- Eric Schoen said the expansion of the early childhood education center was nearly ready after sprinklers and fireproof doors are installed.
- The Community Chest receives federal funding, and if those funds are delayed or cut, the organization has funds to keep operations going for at least six months. The CCI is developing contingency plans if funds are cut, and all programs remain open.

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

10. DISCUSSION/FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: Consideration and possible approval for the County Manager to sign and enter into a contract with Actalent for the provision of temporary construction staffing services to help meet project deadlines not to exceed \$165,000.

Human Resources Manager Brandie Lopez said she wants to establish a relationship to meet demands and time limits the County is currently experiencing with existing contracts and grants. This is for temporary labor. The County can adjust the workforce as needed. This is a new company.

County Manager Austin Osborne said to get the projects done and meeting the timelines of the grants, we looked at other companies and looked at doing it in-house, and Actalent provided the best return on money and effort.

Public Comment: None

Motion: I, Commissioner Mitchell, move to approve the County Manager to sign and enter a contract with Actalent for the provision of temporary construction staffing services to help meet project deadlines not to exceed \$165,000. **Seconded by:** Donald Gilman. **Vote:** Motion passed unanimously.

- 11. DISCUSSION/FOR POSSIBLE ACTION:** Consideration and possible approval to authorize the County Manager to approve and sign a contract addendum between Storey County and Cintas Corporation No. 2, doing business as Cintas First Aid & Safety, for an additional AED to be located at the Storey County Community Development Office.

Administrative Officer Lisa Maciel said this is to add another AED to the development office. The closest one to this office is at Public Works.

Public Comment: None

Motion: I, Commissioner Mitchell, move to authorize the County Manager to approve and sign an addendum to the contract between Storey County and Cintas Corporation No. 2, doing business as Cintas First Aid & Safety, to add an additional AED to the contract to be placed in the Community Development Office. Under this contract, Cintas will supply Storey County with Automatic External Defibrillators, along with related products and services for an additional \$126.00 per month. **Seconded by:** Donald Gilman. **Vote:** Motion passed unanimously.

- 12. DISCUSSION/FOR POSSIBLE ACTION:** Consideration and Possible approval of Grant of Easement file 2025-017 from Storey County to NV Energy for Utility Facilities within the C Street Right-of-Way near Flowery Street, Virginia City, Storey County, Nevada to facilitate project development.

Planning Manager Kathy Canfield said this is a request from NVEnergy to provide service, between an area that NDOT considers their right-of-way and private property.

Public Comment: None

Motion: In accordance with the recommendation by staff, I, Commissioner Mitchell, move to approve Grant of Easement 2025-017 from Storey County to NV Energy for Utility Facilities within the C Street Right-of-Way near Flowery Street, Virginia City, Storey County, Nevada to facilitate project development. **Seconded by:** Donald Gilman. **Vote:** Motion passed unanimously.

- 13. DISCUSSION/FOR POSSIBLE ACTION:** Discussion and possible approval of County staff regarding pending federal appropriation requests for federal fiscal year 2025, and dependent on the passage of the 2025 federal fiscal year budget, federal appropriation proposals for federal fiscal year 2026.

Grants Manager Sara Sturtz said the county submitted 4 requests. Two were included in 2025 - the mobile emergency command center and Divide water project. If Congress passes another continuing resolution after March 14, we will seek to prepare for either re-submitting

these as well as requests for Piper's Opera House, the public safety complex, the Silver City water main line replacement, and the Courthouse earthquake retrofit.

Public Comment: None

Motion: I, Commissioner Mitchell, move to approve County staff to proceed with submitting the 2026 federal appropriation requests for the Virginia City Public Safety Complex, Silver City Water Main Line Replacement, Courthouse Earthquake Retrofit, and the resubmission of the Historic Piper's Opera House West Wall Restoration and A Street Roadway Improvement, and, if a continuing resolution necessitates resubmission of 2025 requests, to submit the Mobile Emergency Command Center, Divide Water Main Replacement, the Historic Piper's Opera House West Wall Restoration and A Street Roadway Improvement, and the Virginia City Public Safety Complex. **Seconded by:** Donald Gilman. **Vote:** Motion passed unanimously.

- 14. DISCUSSION/FOR POSSIBLE ACTION:** Consideration and possible approval to authorize Storey County Business Development to reallocate an amount not to exceed \$4,000 of budgeted and available funds from the Professional Services account to host regional attendees at the National Association of Counties annual Legislative conference.

Business Development Officer Lara Mather said this happened last year, with the Nevada Association of Counties as the host, and Storey County as the sponsor. It allowed us to have a captive audience of Nevada staff, officials and elected representatives and was very successful. Ms. Mather has reached out to host another dinner the first week of March.

Public Comment: None

Motion: I, Commissioner Mitchell, move to approve the authorization for Storey County Business Development to re-allocate an amount not to exceed \$4,000 of budgeted and available funds from the Professional account to host regional attendees at the National Association of Counties annual Legislative conference. **Seconded by:** Donald Gilman. **Vote:** Motion passed unanimously.

- 15. DISCUSSION/FOR POSSIBLE ACTION:** Consideration and possible approval to authorize Storey County Business Development to author and submit a letter supporting SB5 to make the Lieutenant Governor's Office of Small Business Advocacy (OSBA) a permanent fixture within the Office of the Lieutenant Governor.

Ms. Mather said OSBA was created in the 2021 legislative session. The original bill has a 2-year sunset. SB5 takes that bill and gets ride of the sunset date. She has worked with this office, providing resource fairs, town halls and forums. She said it is an important resource.

Commissioner Mitchell was unsure about how much regulatory friction could come about in the future. Ms. Mather said there was talk of moving this under GOED, but Staff wants it to stay under the Lt. Governor's Office to avoid conflict.

Public Comment: None

Motion: I, Commissioner Mitchell, move to authorize Storey County Business Development to author and submit a letter supporting SB5 to make the Lieutenant Governor's Office of Small Business Advocacy (OSBA) a permanent fixture within the Office of the Lieutenant Governor. **Seconded by:** Donald Gilman. **Vote:** Motion passed unanimously.

16. DISCUSSION ONLY: Storey County FY25 2nd Quarter Financial Review.

Comptroller Jennifer McCain said this is a final financial review of the second quarter. At midpoint the General Fund is tracking at 82 percent of revenue, slightly higher than last year. Ad valorem is at 79 percent. We expect that to level off in the 3rd and 4th quarters. One of the highest is building permits, now at 148 percent collected. This is due to Tesla paying for building permits now and an increased number of data centers. Countywide revenues are at 65 percent collected with most funds performing as expected. General Fund expenditures are 42 percent of plan. Of the expenditures, 41 percent are wages, and 32 percent are benefits. With merit wage increases coming soon and new benefit negotiations, those may increase before fiscal year-end. All departments are trending at or below expectations.

Ms. McCain said most funds were reported as anticipated, except earned interest which the Clerk & Treasurer's Office is working to get up to date. She enumerated specific funds and their current needs, but said some higher numbers do not worry her department. All departments and funds are actively monitored.

Public Comment: None

17. DISCUSSION ONLY: County Manager to provide a quarterly report to the board.

County Manager Austin Osborne said this is a quarterly report on what is going on administratively.

- Legislative matters: working with Julia and the team to implement commercials and online promotion. We are putting booklets together for the Legislature.
- Community Development: code enforcement is a new activity in the office. About 33 average nuisance complaints per month are received, 2.66 per month are abated, 12.5 percent of them are complying, and 33 percent are in the criminal nuisance prevention program. Building inspections are up and the county may have to adopt the new International Code Council regulations.
- Capital Improvement Plan: projects totaling multi-millions of dollars are being scheduled so Treasury/Comptroller can prepare to have money on hand. Staffing and contract

assistance requirements are being planned. He said the jail project must be done, water infrastructure and the Road Improvement Plan. We are doing a facilities' needs assessment, looking at future needs, and developing a plan.

- Piper's Opera House: we are still working with the respondent on that, and what is complicated about that is that there are major key structural elements that are not part of rehabilitation, but beams and pillars, and all this has contract implications.
- County Transfer Station: based on the school district's unified schools plan, the County is investigating a plan to move the Transfer Station to the old dump off of Six Mile Canyon. There are Nevada Division of Environmental Protection issues, Superfund matters, and ingress/egress safety issues to be overcome.
- Budget: departments are planning next year's needs. We are looking at bringing in a staff engineer, as everything is getting more complex.
- Comstock Cemetery Foundation: the Memorandum of Understanding is still in place and we need to do an expansion of the area available as there are only 35 plots left.
- Marlette Water Plan: we are in discussions with the state and still have an MOU in place.
- Planning Department: the housing needs assessment is being done, along with updating zoning and other ordinances.
- Capital Improvement Plan: a few major projects include for Virginia City are the broadband project, water system upgrades, B Street waterline and paving project, and O Street drainage. For TRI Center, Station 75, Emergency Management office, Electric Avenue traffic signal, and flood mitigation planning. For the Highlands, the Lousetown Road Project, the community center cleanup and upgrade and broadband will be next. For Lockwood, the sheriff's substation is done, the community center and flood mitigation planning. For Mark Twain, drainages and culverts and roads. A reader board will be at the community center, which will be rehabilitated, and then the truck turn-around.

Public Comment: None

18. RECESS TO CONVENE AS THE STOREY COUNTY WATER AND SEWER BOARD

- 19. DISCUSSION/FOR POSSIBLE ACTION:** Consideration and possible approval to purchase 3 new Laser Turbidimeters and 4 new SC4500 Controllers for the water filters at the Water Treatment Plant in the amount of \$32,281.35 with SCADA programming not to exceed \$5,000 for a grand total of \$37,281.35.

Public Works Director Jason Wierzbicki said the County's turbidimeters are obsolete. New ones will measure the particulates in the water to optimize water filter performance and chemical dosage and disinfection.

Public Comment: None

Motion: I, Commissioner Mitchell, move to approve the purchase of 3 new Laser Turbidimeters and 4 new SC4500 Controllers for the water filters at the Water Treatment

Plant in the amount of \$32,281.35 with SCADA programming not to exceed \$5,000 for a grand total of \$37,281.35. **Seconded by:** Donald Gilman. **Vote:** Motion passed unanimously.

20. DISCUSSION ONLY: Water-Sewer FY25 2nd Quarter Financial Review.

Comptroller Jennifer McCain said funds are trending as we expected at about 50 percent of plan. Water is at 52 percent collected for services; Sewer is at 48 percent. Overall, there is a concern the budget for rates is not supporting ongoing operations. Expenses for both of these funds are trending slightly below expectations, with 64 percent available in the Water Fund and 61 percent available in the Sewer Fund. Wages and benefits are tracking as expected. We are always trying to increase the ending fund balances for both funds.

Public Comment: None

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

22. DISCUSSION ONLY: Fire District FY25 2nd Quarter Financial Review.

Ms. McCain said for the second quarter review, the Fire District has collected almost 90 percent of the planned budgeted revenue, but that will level out due to Ad Valorem collection, just like the County budget. There is a significantly high collection rate for building permits due to Tesla now paying for permits and increased data facilities. This, however, can change at any time. Expenses are tracking to plan at 38 percent usage, as expected. Transfer and budget augmentations still must be addressed. The Fire District Capital Fund will have a deficiency due to the recent property acquisition for the TRIC station. Mutual Aid fund for out-of-district fires revenues are tracking to plan. The Capital Fund has large pieces of equipment that are on order which will roll over in to future fiscal plans until more reasonable delivery dates are set. We will still need transfers and augmentations for this fund. We expect to see significant changes to these plans as the chief builds out on the new property.

Public Comment: None

23. DISCUSSION/FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: Consideration and possible approval for policy P603 Sick Leave and policy P602 Annual Leave with modifications allowing leave buyout amounts at the time of retirement to be utilized to purchase PERS service credits.

Fire Chief Jeremy Loncar said on both policies, if approved, the effective date would be today. There are a lot of retirements coming up. Involved HR consultant Jeanne Green on this. New firefighters mean cost savings.

Public Comment: None

Motion: I, Fire Commissioner Mitchell, move to approve the modifications to policy P603 Sick Leave and policy P602 Annual Leave. **Seconded by:** Donald Gilman. **Vote:** Motion passed unanimously.

24. DISCUSSION/FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: Consideration and possible approval to dispose of by means of auction, donation, sale, or trade-in, of a 2006 Yukon and a 2006 Ford F350 Dozer tender.

Chief Loncar said both units need replacement. He said the Yukon went to the County for an emergency management vehicle. Dozer tender is going to auction. It has been a money pit.

Public Comment: None

Motion: I, Fire Commissioner Mitchell, move to approve the disposal of a 2006 Yukon and a 2006 Ford F350 Dozer tender by means of auction, donation, sale, or trade-in. **Seconded by:** Donald Gilman. **Vote:** Motion passed unanimously.

25. RECESS TO CONVENE AS THE STOREY COUNTY HIGHWAY BOARD

26. DISCUSSION/FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: Election of Secretary to the Board of Storey County Highway Commissioners for the term of one year.

County Manager Austin Osborne said this is to choose which of you would like to serve. Commissioner Mitchell is the incumbent.

Public Comment: None

Motion: I, Commissioner Mitchell, move to elect myself as the Secretary to the Board of Storey County Highway Commissioners for the term of one year. **Seconded by:** Donald Gilman. **Vote:** Motion passed unanimously.

27. DISCUSSION ONLY: Report of Public Works Department regarding roads and highways throughout Storey County.

Public Works Director Jason Wierzbicki said he:

- Met with DOWL over last few weeks regarding the full reconstruction on B street and Union Street. There is no base under any of these roads. The cost was \$3.3 million and is now \$4.7 million.
- We are working on the Six Mile Canyon Turnaround Project.
- We are working on the Road Capital Improvement Program for the next 4 years.

Public Comment: None

28. RECESS TO RECONVENE AS THE STOREY COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

29. DISCUSSION/FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: Discussion and possible consideration approving the Storey County Sheriff's Office receipt of a Grant from the State of Nevada Department of Public Safety, Office of Criminal Justice Assistance in the amount of \$30,836.64, Federal Award# 1 SPBJA-21-GG-00252-MUMU, to be used for travel and equipment purchase of 2 drug detection K9s and miscellaneous costs associated with this purchase.

Sheriff Mike Cullen said this the first part of two-part grant, awarding \$30,836.64 from the Nevada Department of Public Safety, Office of Criminal Justice Assistance to purchase 2 drug detection K9s, and related travel and misc. costs associated with this purchase. These funds will be used along with other grant funds to establish our drug detection K9 program. The unbudgeted revenues and expenses for this grant will be accounted for in the County's Grant Fund and may possibly create the need for an augmentation or transfer at the end of the year.

Commissioner Gilman supported the program, but asked, this is for 2 canine units. The existing dog is donated. He said he has worked with canines and thinks dogs de-escalate situations. He noted a lot of drug issues along USA Parkway.

Commissioner Mitchell asked how the canines would be used. Sheriff Cullen reiterated they were drug detection dogs, which currently must be requested for support from regional law enforcement agencies, causing a delay. He said they could be used for businesses, schools or anyone else who asks for assistance. They could also be used for traffic stops.

As to ancillary costs, Sheriff Cullen said the grant is re-occurring. We will have a line-item of \$5,000. We are happy with the donations for the existing dogs for food and care. He said there may have to be modifications to vehicles to accommodate the new dogs.

The sheriff also said that the Courts have ruled that if the dog hits on a vehicle, that gives the deputy probable cause to search the vehicle without a warrant. He said a fentanyl drug house was raided, just 20 feet from the middle school.

Commissioner Carmona asked about the conditions for the grant. Sheriff Cullen said the funds must be spent quickly. He heard of three dogs, but Sheriff Cullen said Lux is the only volunteer dog. Deputy Jessup has paid for training himself. He said that if the grants end, the dogs could be retired, most likely staying with their handlers, but younger, newer dogs last longer. There are two vehicles capable of carrying dogs. The grant funds are for the one-time purchase of the dogs and the training to get them started.

Commissioner Carmona was concerned about handler costs or other costs. Sheriff Cullen said that was included in the grant. Commissioner Carmona said he would like to see better numbers for any risks to the county, including modification for cars, POOL/PACT insurance.

In response to questions from Commissioner Gilman, Sheriff Cullen said the dogs would belong to the county, and if the grant was discontinued the dogs could be retired.

Commissioner Mitchell suggested continuing the item for more information.

Comptroller Jennifer McCain said there could be unbudgeted costs, such as 5 percent to the deputy that becomes the handler \$3,000 per person or more. She also asked when the dogs would be ready and if revenue would come from this investment. Sheriff Cullen said the dogs will be ready when they are purchased, then training for the officers and should be ready by mid-summer. He said dogs are a deterrent, but not a revenue source. He said they were lifesaving, as that day meth and fentanyl were found on an employee at Tesla. He noted other cases as well.

Public Comment: None

Motion: I, Commissioner Mitchell, move to continue this item to our next scheduled commission meeting and ask the sheriff to provide a cost breakdown as to what the fiscal impact would be should these grants not be in the picture, and any other anticipated ongoing costs. **Seconded by:** Donald Gilman. **Vote:** Motion passed unanimously.

30. DISCUSSION/FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: Discussion and possible consideration approving the Storey County Sheriff's Office to receive a grant from the State of Nevada Department of Public Safety, Office of Criminal Justice Assistance in the Amount of \$15,000, Federal Award Number 1 SPBJA-22-GG-00625-MUMU to be used for training and travel and misc. equipment indicated as other for deputies assigned to the Storey County Sheriff's Office Drug Initiative Program.

Sheriff Cullen said this is part two of what we just finished discussing.

Public Comment: None

Motion: I, Commissioner Mitchell, move to continue this item as well to our next regularly scheduled meeting on Feb. 18, 2024, for consideration. **Seconded by:** Donald Gilman. **Vote:** Motion passed unanimously.

31. DISCUSSION/FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: Discussion and consideration approving the Storey County Sheriff's Office to receive one Humvee 4-wheel-drive vehicle Serial Number 1 4016NV00004 from the Douglas County Sheriff's Office through the State of Nevada 1 033

LESO program for use as a Search and Rescue Vehicle as well as use in parades and for community outreach events.

Sheriff Cullen said Douglas County had this vehicle and it is now offered through the state. He wanted to fix it up and use it for search and rescue, along with the Fire District. He plans on using the United We Stand grant to pay for it. The commissioners discussed costs, and Sheriff Cullen said he was also concerned, but planned on using it for public events as well as search and rescue. He said he would rather a free vehicle get banged up rather than one the County paid for. He said some OHVs are limited in use for search and rescue. This vehicle can carry quite a few people along with equipment and can pull a vehicle out of a difficult area. He said much of the work will be done by volunteers.

County Manager Austin Osborne said it was important to make sure auxiliary vehicles are not a burden on the shop.

Commissioner Carmona said he didn't like Humvees as they were expensive to maintain. He was concerned about the impression more vehicle/equipment purchases leave on constituents.

Commissioner Gilman suggested continuing this to the next meeting.

Public Comment: None

Motion: I, Commissioner Mitchell, move to continue this item regarding the donation of a Humvee vehicle to the Sheriff's Office from the Douglas County Sheriff's Office to our next regularly scheduled meeting on Feb. 18. **Seconded by:** Donald Gilman. **Vote:** Motion passed unanimously.

32. DISCUSSION/FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: Consideration and possible approval to re-appoint Scott Jolcover to a 4-year term on the Storey County Board of Equalization.

Clerk & Treasurer Jim Hindle said this is to address the re-appointment of Scott Jolcover to a four-year term to the board, which hears appeals to property assessments.

Public Comment: None

Motion: I, Commissioner Mitchell, move to reappoint Scott Jolcover for a 4-year term on the Storey County Board of Equalization. **Seconded by:** Donald Gilman. **Vote:** Motion passed unanimously.

33. DISCUSSION/FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: Consideration and possible approval to accept a quote from Coons Construction for site improvements at 800 South C Street to provide sidewalk widening for ADA compliance, bollards for building protection, and a flagpole in

an amount not to exceed \$21,478.00 and to authorize the County Manager to sign the contract for construction.

Operations and Projects Coordinator Mike Northan said this work will improve ADA compliance, vehicle barriers for security and a flagpole. This was budgeted in the Capital Improvement Plan and the contract underwent review from the District Attorney's Office.

Comptroller Jennifer McCain said this was budgeted for \$15,000 and the balance will be absorbed into the Justice Court's Special Revenue Fund.

Public Comment: None

Motion: I, Commissioner Mitchell, move to accept the quote from Coons Construction for site improvements at 800 South C Street to provide sidewalk widening for ADA compliance, bollards for building protection, and a flagpole in an amount not to exceed \$21,478.00 and to authorize the County Manager to sign the contract for construction. **Seconded by:** Donald Gilman. **Vote:** Motion passed unanimously.

34. DISCUSSION/FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: Update, discussion, and provide direction to county staff and lobbyists regarding upcoming bills and legislation affecting Storey County including, but not limited to, the following: SB69 Storey County bill adjusting tax abatement programming, SB78 amending regulations related to the Comstock Historic District Commission; AB77 tax abatements; BDR S-404 V&T Railway, AB14 voter registration of candidates; AB70 energy; AB96 master plans contents; AB64 open meeting law; AB66 addition of district judges; proposals relating to the number of required planning commissioners; and other bills and BDRs potentially affecting Storey County.

County Manager Austin Osborne said there is no new news on these, but it is a standing item.

- SB69 does have a hearing scheduled for Feb. 13 before Revenue and Finance and Storey County will give a presentation. Commissioner Mitchell said meetings have been set up.
- Mr. Osborne said SB78, the Comstock Historic District bill, will not apply to the CHD. We don't have that in writing, so we are still following and discussing possible County control with state and other counties. Commissioner Mitchell wants to oppose SB78, because if there is one thing you want to change, it is seen as opposition, so he wants it on the record.
- Mr. Osborne said the legislative team is monitoring conversations regarding NDOT, but are getting hints of revenue-sharing. This is not currently in any bill being considered.
- AB77 deals with abatements. Commissioner Gilman said he dislikes one element of the bill that gives GOED final approval of applications. Mr. Osborne is taking note of this as part of direction from the board. Mr. Osborne said if a bill came that would block a company from coming to Storey County that we would oppose it, and the commissioners agreed.

- For the last 12 years, we have worked with Quad Counties; Lyon, Douglas, Storey and Carson City, but to maintain coordinated communications with these counties, as we all have similar issues.

Commissioner Mitchell noted the V&T bill was AB32 by Carson City: we supported the bill draft request. He said some bills will impact judicial positions, as Carson City will now add another judge. Clerk & Treasurer Jim Hindle said he has had several meetings, and it will financially impact Storey County. Mr. Osborne said a new District Court in the County would cost \$50 million. The jail program is just a jail and some offices. Part of the building facilities' assessments is to build a new District Court, or if the Courthouse is used for only the first district court.

Commissioner Mitchell asked to line-item the NACO bills at the next meeting. Mr. Osborne said yes, and that all our elected officials are monitoring their own bills as well.

Public Comment: None

Motion: I, Commissioner Mitchell, move to direct staff and lobbyists to represent Storey County on known BDRs, bills, and other potential legislation affecting Storey County as follows: to take the discussion and notes from that discussion on the record today and implement it. **Seconded by:** Donald Gilman. **Vote:** Motion passed unanimously.

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

- A. 24/7 Rapid Repair Services– Out of County / 8368 Almadine Dr. ~ Sacramento, CA
- B. ABS Facility Services – Contractor / 560 S. Promenade Ave. Ste 101 ~ Corona, CA
- C. Amundson Roofing – Contractor / 300 395 US Highway ~ New Washoe City, NV
- D. Blusky Restoration Contractors LLC – Contractor / 9110 E. Nichols Ave. Ste. 180 ~ Centennial, CO
- E. Buck's Plumbing & Heating – Contractor / 275 Gallaway Ln. ~ Reno, NV
- F. EPC Services Company – Contractor / 1241 S 31st St. W. ~ Billings, MT
- G. GGRM Law firm – General / 420 USA Parkway # 106 ~ McCarran, NV
- H. I.S.E. Plumbing, Heating & Air – Contractor / 3551 Penn National Dr. ~ Reno, NV
- I. Keller North America, Inc. – Contractor / 7550 Teague Rd. Ste. 300 ~ Hanover, MD
- J. Kroeker Inc. – Contractor / 4627 S. Chestnut Ave. ~ Fresno, CA
- K. Masterfield Construction – Contractor / 1455 Deming Way # 12 ~ Sparks, NV
- L. Mini Mart – General / 580 E. Sydney ~ McCarran, NV
- M. Treats Galore LLC – Out of County / 575 Magistrate Ct. ~ Reno, NV

Public Comment: None

Motion: I, Commissioner Mitchell, move to approve the second readings of business licenses under Item #35 listed as A-M. **Seconded by:** Donald Gilman. **Vote:** Motion passed unanimously.

36. PUBLIC COMMENT (No Action): None

37. ADJOURNMENT OF ALL ACTIVE AND RECESSED BOARDS ON THE AGENDA

Commission Chairman Carmona adjourned the meeting at 12:48 p.m.

38. 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 Firefighters' Association IAFF Local 4227. This meeting will commence immediately following the regular commission meeting.

39. 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 closed session with the Board of Storey County Fire Commissioners

Respectfully submitted,



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Clerk & Treasurer