



STOREY COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING

2/18/2025 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: 52

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

Commission Chairman Jay Carmona called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.

2. CONVENE AS THE STOREY COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

4. PUBLIC COMMENT (No Action): None

5. DISCUSSION/FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: Consideration and possible approval of the agenda for the February 18, 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 21, 2025, meeting.

Public Comment: None

Motion: I, Commissioner Mitchell, move to approve the minutes from our January 21, 2025, meeting as presented. **Seconded by:** Donald Gilman. **Vote:** Motion passed 2-0.

7. CONSENT AGENDA FOR POSSIBLE ACTION:

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

- A. American Document Destruction – Out of County / 480 Coney Island Dr. ~ Sparks, NV
- B. Amfabsteel Inc. – Contractor / 100 Calle Industrial ~ Bernalillo, NM
- C. Baobab Press – Home Based / 96 A St. ~ Virginia City, NV
- D. Beyond Estate Sales LLC – Out of County / 1965 Woodhaven Ln ~ Sparks, NV
- E. California Erectors Inc. – Contractor / 4500 California Ct. ~ Benecia, CA
- F. Comstock Construction Services Inc. – Out of County / 115 Territory Rd. ~ Dayton, NV
- G. Danny Couste Construction LLC – Contractor / 94 Paul Way ~ Carson City, NV
- H. Fire Suppression Technology’s Inc. – Contractor / 216 F St. ~ Waterford, CA
- I. KD Electric – Contractor / 681 Watson Way ~ Sparks, NV
- J. MJB Construction Co. – Contractor / 5795 Tappan Dr. ~ Reno, NV
- K. Reid Services LLC – Out of County / 425 College St. ~ Rockmart, GA
- L. Schindler Elevator Corporation – Contractor / 20 Whippany Rd. ~ Morristown, NJ.
- M. Schumway’s Mobile Home Setters – Out of County / 5309 Torobie Cir. ~ Sun Valley, NV
- N. XP Electric LLC – Contractor / 2266 Hayfield Ln. ~ Fernley, NV

II. Justice Court Quarterly Report Q1 III Justice Court Quarterly Report Q2.

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

- Chief Jeremy Loncar said slash pile burning will be done today through Thursday, in the Highlands.

Public Works

- Operations and Projects Coordinator Mike Northan said snow removal on B, D, and E is ongoing. C Street will be done at 4:00 a.m. Wednesday to coordinate with NDOT. He said all residents need to move their cars before then.
- Roads plans are in development.

Operations and Projects

- Mr. Northan said there were rain delays with the Lockwood Senior Center Project, but it should be completed in August.
- We are working on an RFQ for Station 71, TRIC substation and the Virginia City Jail Project.
- We have an RFP ready for the Water Tower maintenance program.
- Staff are working with NVEnergy and USDA on the Fairgrounds Project.

Emergency Management

- Director Adam Wilson said he attended the Nevada Emergency Planning Summit.
- The first week of March he will speak at the Carson Water Subconservancy District meeting on the watershed.
- On Feb. 25, his department, along with the Sheriff's Office and Fire District, will hold a public safety town hall at Piper's Opera House.
- He said he is meeting quarterly with the State Insurance Commissioner on how the County can help mitigate the problem of insurance cancellations.
- The State will start staging emergency operations in each of the regions.
- Mr. Wilson said the state is moving to standardized language on evacuations, which caused a problem at the Davis Creek Fire.
- The Occupational Safety and Health Administration has issued new compliance rules on heat and illness, which they will begin to enforce this April.

VCTC

- Tourism Director Todd Tuttle said he and Leah Krise went to the American Bus Association meeting in Philadelphia and received a very positive response. Next year's ABA meeting will be held in Reno, where Mr. Tuttle expects a large response.
- There were 484 attendees at the Devil Made Me Do It Saloon Crawl on Feb. 15.
- On March 15 will be the 34th Rocky Mountain Oyster Fry, the St. Patrick's Day Parade and the St. Paddy Made Me Do It Saloon Crawl.
- On Saturday, April 12 will be the Father-Daughter Day at Piper's Opera House and it is nearly sold out.
- The 45th Virginia City Grand Prix will be April 26-27.

Health and Community Services

- Director Stacy York said her department was working with the National Association of Counties, and the National Association of County Human Services Administrators to focus on collective experience to respond to challenges. She handed out information to each of the commissioners.

Community Development

- Director Pete Renaud said using our Waste Management agreement on containers for nuisance complaints to get properties cleaned was working and staff were supervising to ensure that debris that was not permitted was not deposited into the containers.

Clerk-Treasurer

- Clerk-Treasurer Jim Hindle said that this is the first County Commission meeting to be live streamed on YouTube, and that there were already 16 viewers online. He asked for feedback from residents. He said the meetings were recorded, so residents can review past meetings via the YouTube Channel - @storeycountyclerk. This is not a two-way system, but a broadcast, so to participate in the meetings, residents must attend or submit comments in advance.
- There will be a judge added to the First Judicial District Court in 2026 due to Carson City's expanding population and an increase in civil, criminal and family court cases. Budgets are being adjusted to address expected increased expenses.
- The Vehicle Registration Service/County DMV is expected to open in the second week of March. This is for Storey County residents only and fees must be paid by credit card.

9. BOARD COMMENT (No Action - No Public Comment)

- Commissioner Mitchell thanked Public Works and neighbors for helping with snow removal.

10. DISCUSSION/FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: Consideration and possible approval for a Justice Court Security Enhancement through Trial Court Improvement (TCI). Storey County has received a grant of \$25,000.00 from the AOC Grant Program, leaving a balance not to exceed \$12,455.04.

County Manager Austin Osborne said Justice Eileen Herrington received a grant to contribute to a program that enhances cameras and security systems.

Public Comment: None

Motion: I, Commissioner Mitchell, move to approve a Justice Court Security Enhancement through Trial Court Improvement (TCI). **Seconded by:** Donald Gilman. **Vote:** Motion passed unanimously.

11. DISCUSSION ONLY: Consideration and possible approval of the unbudgeted grant-funded Community Health Worker Position for the 2024-2025 Fiscal Year. This position is in addition to the previous approved Community Health Worker position. The grant has allocated \$168,848 for salary and benefits for 2 Community Health Worker positions. The positions are continuous.

Director Stacy York said this a clarification of the January 7 item, that approved two Community Health Workers through a grant.

Public Comment: None

Motion: I, Commissioner Mitchell, move to approve the unbudgeted grant-funded Community Health Worker Position for the 2024-2025 Fiscal Year. **Seconded by:** Donald Gilman. **Vote:** Motion passed unanimously.

- 12. DISCUSSION/FOR POSSIBLE ACTION:** Approval of contract extension for Mark Stafford to perform tax appraisals for the Storey County Assessor Office. The contract term is for approximately 3 years. The contract rate is between \$75.00 and \$150.00 per hour as outlined in the attached packet.

Assessor Jana Seddon said this is an extension of Mr. Stafford's contract. She said he has been contracted since 2001 and does appraisals in the industrial park and for the Board of Equalization.

Public Comment: None

Motion: In accordance with Staff recommendation, I, Commissioner Mitchell, move to approve the contract extension for Mark Stafford to perform tax appraisals for the Storey County Assessor Office. **Seconded by:** Donald Gilman. **Vote:** Motion passed unanimously.

- 13. DISCUSSION/FOR POSSIBLE ACTION:** Consideration and possible approval for Special Use Permit (File 2025-001). The applicant requests a Special Use permit to allow for additional building height beyond the 75 feet allowed by the applicable zoning ordinance. The applicant proposes the maximum building heights to be approximately 120 feet to accommodate anticipated multiple story buildings with needs for additional ceiling height for each story. This Special Use Permit request is for a maximum height of 125 feet to allow for a buffer as final equipment and building design have not yet been completed. This additional height will apply to the three contiguous parcels of land where multiple buildings are anticipated to be constructed. The property is located within the Tahoe Reno Industrial Center, at 2300 Peru Drive, McCarran, Storey County, NV, Assessor's Parcel Numbers 005-012-24, 005-012-25 and 005-012-26.

Planning Manager Kathy Canfield said this is a request for additional height. It is a proposed data center, and similar to other data center projects. This is comparable with the property next door and consistent with prior approvals. It was approved by the Planning Commission.

Commissioner Gilman abstained from this item out of an abundance of caution based on potential conflict of interest.

Ms. Canfield read the findings.

Public Comment: None

Motion: In accordance with the recommendation by the Planning Commission and staff, the Findings of Fact under Section 3.A of this report, and other findings deemed appropriate by the Board of County Commissioners as read into the record by county staff, and in compliance with the conditions of approval, I, Commissioner Mitchell, move to approve Special Use Permit (File 2025-001). The applicant requests a Special Use permit to allow for additional building height beyond the 75-feet allowed by the applicable zoning ordinance. The applicant proposes the maximum building heights to be approximately 120 feet to accommodate anticipated multiple story buildings with needs for additional ceiling height for each story. This Special Use Permit request is for a maximum height of 125 feet to allow for a buffer as final equipment and building design have not yet been completed. This additional height will apply to the three contiguous parcels of land where multiple buildings are anticipated to be constructed. The property is located within the Tahoe Reno Industrial Center, at 2300 Peru Drive, McCarran, Storey County, NV, Assessor's Parcel Numbers 005-012-24, 005-012-25 and 005-012-26. **Seconded by:** Jay Carmona. **Vote: Motion** passed 2-0.

14. DISCUSSION/FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: Consideration and possible approval for Special Use Permit (File 2025-002). The applicant requests for additional building height beyond the 75-feet are allowed by the applicable zoning ordinance. The applicant proposes the maximum building heights to be approximately 120 feet to accommodate anticipated multiple story buildings with needs for additional ceiling height for each story. This Special Use Permit request is for a maximum height of 125 feet to allow for a buffer as final equipment and building design have not yet been completed. This additional height will apply to the existing two contiguous parcels of land where multiple buildings are anticipated to be constructed. The property is located within the Tahoe Reno Industrial Center, at 2200 Peru Drive, McCarran, Storey County, NV, Assessor's Parcel Numbers 005-012-27 and 005-012-28.

Ms. Canfield said This item is like the one we just heard. It is located north of the 3 contiguous parcels. The Planning Commission approved this item.

Commissioner Gilman once again abstained just on the previous item.

Ms. Canfield read the findings.

Public Comment: None

Motion: In accordance with the recommendation by the Planning Commission and staff, the Findings of Fact under Section 3.A of this report, and other findings deemed appropriate by the Board of County Commissioners as read into the record by county staff, and in

compliance with the conditions of approval, I, Commissioner Mitchell, move to approve Special Use Permit (File 2025-002). The applicant requests for additional building height beyond the 75 feet allowed by the applicable zoning ordinance. The applicant proposes the maximum building heights to be approximately 120 feet to accommodate anticipated multiple story buildings with needs for additional ceiling height for each story. This Special Use Permit request is for a maximum height of 125 feet to allow for a buffer as final equipment and building design have not yet been completed. This additional height will apply to the existing two contiguous parcels of land where multiple buildings are anticipated to be constructed. The property is located within the Tahoe Reno Industrial Center, at 2200 Peru Drive, McCarran, Storey County, NV, Assessor's Parcel Numbers 005-012-27 and 005-012-28. **Seconded by:** Jay Carmona. **Vote:** Motion passed 2-0.

- 15. DISCUSSION/FOR POSSIBLE ACTION:** Consideration and possible approval for Special Use Permit (File 2025-003). The applicant requests for additional building height beyond the 75 feet allowed by the applicable zoning ordinance. The applicant proposes the maximum building heights to be approximately 120 feet to accommodate anticipated multiple story buildings with needs for additional ceiling height for each story. This Special Use Permit request is for a maximum height of 125 feet to allow for a buffer as final equipment and building design have not yet been completed. This additional height will apply to the seven contiguous parcels of land where multiple buildings are anticipated to be constructed. The property is located adjacent to USA Parkway at the Storey County/Lyon County boundary at 9000 USA Parkway, Storey County, NV, Assessor's Parcel Numbers APN 004-171-25, 26, 27, 28 & 30 and 004-181-11 & 13.

Ms. Canfield said, again similar to the two prior items considered - although this is not within the TRIC boundary. It is on the Lyon/Storey County Boundary. This has been rezoned to heavy industrial. If a property or segment was sold, the new owners would have to acknowledge the SUP. This was approved by the Planning Commission.

Commissioner Gilman abstained from this item just as he did from the previous two considered.

Ms. Canfield read the findings.

Public Comment: None

Motion: In accordance with the recommendation by the Planning Commission and staff, the Findings of Fact under Section 3.A of this report, and other findings deemed appropriate by the Board of County Commissioners as read into the record by county staff, and in compliance with the conditions of approval, I, Commissioner Mitchell, move to approve Special Use Permit (File 2025-003). The applicant requests for additional building height beyond the 75 feet allowed by the applicable zoning ordinance. The applicant proposes the maximum building heights to be approximately 120 feet to accommodate anticipated

multiple story buildings with needs for additional ceiling height for each story. This Special Use Permit request is for a maximum height of 125 feet to allow for a buffer as final equipment and building design have not yet been completed. This additional height will apply to the seven contiguous parcels of land where multiple buildings are anticipated to be constructed. The property is located adjacent to USA Parkway at the Storey County/Lyon County boundary at 9000 USA Parkway, Storey County, NV, Assessor's Parcel Numbers APN 004-171-25, 26, 27, 28 & 30 and 004-181-11 & 13. **Seconded by:** Jay Carmona. **Vote:** Motion passed 2-0.

16. DISCUSSION/FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: Consideration and possible approval for Special Use Permit (File 2025-010). The applicant's request is for a Special Use Permit to utilize land severed from a patented mining claim to be used as a public cemetery. The parcel of land will be created with Parcel Map Permit File 2025-011. The parcel will be 4.92 acres in size and be transferred to Storey County for use as an extension to the existing public cemetery. The property is located east of North Q Street and north of Mill Street on land formerly maintained by the Bureau of Land Management, patented mining claim USS #2581 Ohio Relocation, Storey County #800-000-20 (land within APN 001-312-17 and 001-312-16).

Ms. Canfield said this is a Special Use Permit for the Comstock Cemetery Foundation, which needs to expand the cemetery. There is an existing patented mining claim. We will create a portion of that into a parcel of cemetery land. The zoning is 40 acres in size and zoned Forestry, but it does allow for a smaller size parcel for civic use. The 4.92-acre size is adjacent to the existing cemetery. One adjacent property owner had concerns about what happens to the rest of the mining claim, which will remain the same. The Planning Commission has approved this.

Ms. Canfield read the findings.

Public Comment: None

Motion: In accordance with the recommendation by the Planning Commission and staff, the Findings of Fact under Section 3.A of this report, and other findings deemed appropriate by the Board of County Commissioners as read into the record by county staff, and in compliance with the conditions of approval, I, Commissioner Mitchell, move to approve Special Use Permit (File 2025-010). The applicant's request is for a Special Use Permit to utilize land severed from a patented mining claim to be used as a public cemetery. The parcel of land will be created with Parcel Map Permit File 2025-011. The parcel will be 4.92 acres in size and be transferred to Storey County for use as an extension to the existing public cemetery. The property is located east of North Q Street and north of Mill Street on land formerly maintained by the Bureau of Land Management, patented mining claim USS #2581 Ohio Relocation, Storey County #800-000-20 (land within APN 001-312-17 and 001-312-16). **Seconded by:** Donald Gilman. **Vote:** Motion passed unanimously.

17. DISCUSSION/FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: Consideration and possible approval for Parcel Map (File 2025-011). The applicant requests a parcel map to sever the surface rights from the mineral rights for a portion of land associated with the patented mining claim USS #2581 Ohio Relocation, Storey County #800-000-20. The severance of surface rights from the mineral rights will create a proposed surface parcel of approximately 4.92 acres in size. Once created, the parcel will be transferred to Storey County to be utilized as a part of the existing Storey County cemetery. The property is located East of North Q Street and north of Mill Street on land formerly maintained by the Bureau of Land Management, patented mining claim USS #2581 Ohio Relocation, Storey County #800-000-20 (land within APN 001-312-17 and 001-312-16). The remainder of the patented mining claim will remain as a mining claim and will not sever the surface rights, and a second parcel of land will not be created.

Ms. Canfield said this is the parcel map to the 4.92-acre parcel just discussed. The requirement for a tentative map process is waived. This was approved by the Planning Commission.

County Manager Austin Osborne said there has been discussion with the landowner over whether mineral rights superseded the surface rights. This has been going on for five years. We believe severing the surface estate, being used as a civic purpose, resolves the conflict between rights.

Ms. Canfield read the findings, located on page 134 of the Board of Commissioners packet located under Agendas on the Storey County web site.

Public Comment: None

Motion: In accordance with the recommendation by the Planning Commission and staff, the Findings of Fact under Section 3.A of this report, and other findings deemed appropriate by the Board of County Commissioners as read into the record by county staff, and in compliance with the conditions of approval, I, Commissioner Mitchell, move to approve Parcel Map (File 2025-011). The applicant requests a parcel map to sever the surface rights from the mineral rights for a portion of land associated with the patented mining claim USS #2581 Ohio Relocation, Storey County #800-000-20. The severance of surface rights from the mineral rights will create a proposed surface parcel of approximately 4.92 acres in size. Once created, the parcel will be transferred to Storey County to be utilized as a part of the existing Storey County cemetery. The property is located East of North Q Street and north of Mill Street on land formerly maintained by the Bureau of Land Management, patented mining claim USS #2581 Ohio Relocation, Storey County #800-000-20 (land within APN 001-312-17 and 001-312-16). The remainder of the patented mining claim will remain as a mining claim and will not sever the surface rights, and a second parcel of land will not be created. **Seconded by:** Donald Gilman. **Vote:** Motion passed unanimously.

18. 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. (Continued from February 4, 2025, BOCC meeting).

Sheriff Mike Cullen said questions came about at the last meetings on the implications if grant funding was not renewed in the future. Out of that \$5,000, for insurance on dogs, we checked with Nationwide and found a \$2,200 cost. In talking to regional partners with other programs, they don't have a lot of cost involved with young dogs. Sheriff Cullen said there was no extra cost from POOL/PACT for county to have dogs.

Victoria Howan and Becky Gray, both Nevada Department of Public Safety staffers, said in studying the costs of other law enforcement offices, it is about \$2,000 for food, but a lot of communities donated for dogs. She said Sheriff Cullen's estimate of \$5,000 a year is a bit on the high side, as Lincoln County only had a \$1,200 cost.

Reserve Deputy Guy Jessup said a nonprofit foundation, called the Blue Line Canine Foundation, has been established to help supplement costs for the Storey County Sheriff's Office, with the board consisting of members of the community and the Sheriff's Office, and they already have sufficient food for a year.

Public Comment: None

Motion: I, Commissioner Mitchell, move to allow 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 \$30,836.64, Federal Award # 15PBJA-21-GG-00252-MUMU to be used for travel and equipment purchase of 2 drug detection K9s and miscellaneous costs associated with this purchase. **Seconded by:** Donald Gilman. **Vote:** Motion passed unanimously.

19. 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. (Continued from February 4, 2025, BOCC meeting)

Sheriff Cullen said this is a continuation of the first grant used for travel and training for the officers.

Public Comment: None

Motion: I, Commissioner Mitchell, move to allow 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 15PBJA-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. **Seconded by:** Donald Gilman. **Vote:** Motion passed unanimously.

- 20. DISCUSSION/FOR POSSIBLE ACTION:** Consideration and possible approval to re-appoint Arika Perry to a 2-year term as a Public-At-Large member on the Storey County Debt Management Commission.

Clerk & Treasurer Jim Hindle said this is a re-appointment, and Ms. Perry expressed her interest in continuing in this role via her letter of application included in the packet.

Public Comment: None

Motion: I, Commissioner Mitchell, move to appoint Arika Perry to another 2-year term as Public-At-Large member on the Storey County Debt Management Commission. **Seconded by:** Donald Gilman. **Vote:** Motion passed unanimously.

- 21. DISCUSSION/FOR POSSIBLE ACTION:** Consideration and possible approval of the Third Amendment to the Original Agreement between Storey County and Dominion Voting Systems, Inc. (DVS) signed in 2017 updating annual software and equipment licensing, warranty and support service fees and proposing an extension to the effective term.

Clerk & Treasurer Jim Hindle said this is an extension and renewal of the agreement his office has with Dominion. The original agreement was signed in 2017. This extension of the warranty fees proposes a 3 percent increase which is lower than previous extensions approved by this Board. He said Dominion has proposed a longer term, but he wanted to wait until the next election. Mr. Hindle said there is a new federal standard for security protocol, and he is working with the Nevada Secretary of State's Office, to see what vendors will be approved. Those standards will come with new software upgrades, and we don't yet know financial impact.

Public Comment: None

Motion: I, Commissioner Mitchell, move to approve the Storey County Clerk & Treasurer to adopt Amendment 3 to the Original Agreement of 2017 with Dominion Voting Systems, Inc., modified in effective term as proposed, with budgetary commitments not to exceed \$17,000 and \$18,000 respectively in fiscal years 2026 and 2027. **Seconded by:** Donald Gilman. **Vote:** Motion passed unanimously.

22. DISCUSSION/FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: Consideration and possible approval for Storey County Emergency Management to purchase road safety barriers in the amount of \$99,536.00, to protect special events and emergencies in the county from vehicles.

Director Adam Wilson said that following the New Orleans attack, in concert with the Sheriff's Office and Fire District, we looked at different barrier options to be employed during events. He said this proposal was the most affordable, highest-rated barriers available. There will be four 10-foot modular vehicle barriers, and an L-shaped barrier, which can stop high-speed vehicles. There are also 28 star-shaped barriers, cabled together with ramps going over the cables. They are easily deployable, lightweight and can block 360 degrees. Both will cause limited damage to roadways.

Public Comment: None

Motion: I, Commissioner Mitchell, move to proceed with approval for staff to purchase road safety barriers for the quoted amount of \$99,536.00. **Seconded by:** Donald Gilman. **Vote:** Motion passed unanimously.

23. 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, Senate bill(s) regarding regional planning Storey, Washoe, Lyon, Carson, Douglas, and cities, Daly; SB78 amending regulations related to the Comstock Historic District Commission; AB77 tax abatement; AB32 V&T Railway, AB14 voter registration of candidates; AB70 energy; AB96 master plans contents; AB64 open meeting law; AB66 addition of district judges; AB222 Public Works compliance; AB112 sick leave for family and CBAs; AB152 public records requests; AB128 public records requests ombudsman including open cases; AB180 street vendors; AB131 accessory dwelling units on historic properties; AB226 economic development community benefit analysis; AB147 southern Nevada regional planning; and other bills and BDRs potentially affecting Storey County.

County Manager Austin Osborne introduced lobbyists Will Adler of Silver State Government Relations and Helen Foley of Foley Public Affairs. We are looking at a select number of bills.

- SB69, the abatements bill, the Storey County bill, was scheduled for a hearing, but was canceled due to snow. It is expected to be rescheduled to early March. Storey County will give a presentation, but it could be resolved outside of legislation. AB77 tax abatement bill, state may deny an abatement if not in best interest of the state.
- AB77 is an abatement bill that states the State could deny abatements if it is not in the best interests of the state.

- AB70 is an energy bill regarding abatements, which could give counties the opportunity to comment on abated energy projects.
- AB32, the V&T Railway bill, Commissioner Mitchell will speak on later.
- AB128 is for a public records request ombudsman at the Attorney General's Office, who would decide what is appropriate if a public records request was made during an ongoing investigation.
- AB180 is on street vendors, this applies to counties of 100,000 or more and would limit street vendors. We would just monitor it at this point.
- AB131 involves additional dwelling units in historic properties, applying to populations of over 100,000. We would just monitor it at this point.
- AB96 involves master plans that have heat mitigation. This is also designed for populations of 100,000 or more. We would just monitor it at this point.
- AB66 deals with the addition of district judges. This has been budgeted for in his office as has the Clerk-Treasurer's Office.
- AB64 involves the Open Meeting Law, requiring a 3-minute mandatory comment period.
- AB112 regards sick leave. We are discounting this right now.
- AB152 on public records requests, beyond retention schedule, where documents are destroyed after a period, per NRS, but we would not have to produce them.
- AB222 is dealing with apprentices. We would like to disregard it today.
- AB147 is about voter ID, and it should be removed.

This Friday we have a presentation to the Assembly Committee on Government Affairs, to give the state of affairs in Storey County, including budget, debt, housing, Master Plan and Capital Improvement Plan.

Will Adler and Helen Foley gave their impressions of the status of the highlighted bills, who the stakeholders and sponsors were, and what impact they would have on Storey County.

Commissioner Mitchell spoke on AB77, and said he attended the last GOED board member, and was told they would not go forward with the bill. He said the V&T railway bill, which is a Carson City bill, calls for a study committee on the future of the railway. It is not in debt, but also not profitable without subsidy. Carson City would like to re-allocate their support to other things. We took a position in November.

On AB226, there is a lot of interest in this bill, one reason is to have community benefit for standard abatements, film credits and database abatements. The Legislature is working on language amenable to GOED.

Clerk-Treasurer Jim Hindle said SB100 inserts language into the statute that provides for the Secretary of State's Office to remove the clerk from office if they are not meeting statutory deadlines. Nobody wants elections not to be run right or be done Nevada Association of Clerks and Elections Officers opposes this, because it could remove voters' control over their

election officials. It also allows the SOS to come and take over the election and charge the county, but has no formula or rates, and that opens a large liability. It may have good intentions, but the language is not good, and it is a big risk for the county.

County Manager Austin Osborne then listed the positions of the county on various bills.

SB69 – Support
AB77 – Neutral
AB32 – Support
AB70 – Support
AB128 – Oppose
AB180 – Neutral
AB131 – Neutral
AB96 – Neutral
AB66 – Neutral
AB64 – Neutral
AB152 – Support
AB222 – Disregarding
SB116 – Continue working
AB226 – Continue working
AB208 – Oppose
SB100 – Oppose
SB102 – Oppose

Public Comment: None

Motion: I, Commissioner Mitchell, move to direct county staff and lobbyists to represent Storey County on known BDRs, bills, and other potential legislation affecting Storey County affecting Storey County as discussed on the record at today's meeting. **Seconded by:** Donald Gilman. **Vote:** Motion passed unanimously.

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

Public Comment: None

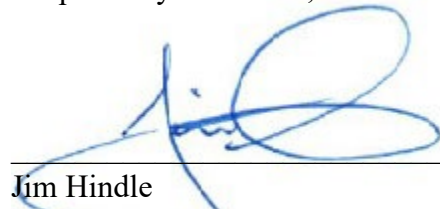
Motion: I, Commissioner Mitchell, move to approve the second readings of business licenses listed under Item #24 as A-F. **Seconded by:** Donald Gilman. **Vote:** Motion passed unanimously.

25. PUBLIC COMMENT (No Action): None

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

Commission Chairman Jay Carmona adjourned the meeting at 12:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Jim Hindle
Clerk & Treasurer