



STOREY COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING

3/4/2025 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 Mitchell present – quorum established

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

Commission Chairman Jay Carmona called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

2. CONVENE AS THE STOREY COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

4. PUBLIC COMMENT (No Action): Planning Commissioner Lee Sterrett gave information on the last meeting of the Carson Water Subconservancy District Board. An agreement was approved to do a study on the Gold Hill Drainage Master Plan, from the Divide through Storey and Lyon counties. It is like the plan for Virginia City and Six Mile Canyon. Funding will be through a Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) grant.

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

County Manager Austin Osborne asked that Item #26 be removed from the agenda.

Public Comment: None

Motion: I, Commissioner Mitchell, move to approve today's agenda with the one noted change of removing Item # 26. **Seconded by:** Donald Gilman. **Vote:** Motion passed unanimously.

6. DISCUSSION/FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: Consideration and possible approval of the minutes from the February 4, 2025, meeting.

Public Comment: None

Motion: I, Commissioner Mitchell, move to approve the minutes from our Feb. 4, 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. ABSCO Fire Protection LLC – Contractor / 9025 Spanish Trail ~ Sparks, NV
- B. All Crane Service LLC – Out of County / 1000 Marietta Way ~ Sparks, NV
- C. Crusoe Energy Systems, LLC – Out of County / 255 Fillmore St. Ste. 400 ~ Denver, CO
- D. DeHart Recycling Equipment Inc. – Out of County / 11862 Missouri Bottom Rd. ~ Hazelwood, MO
- E. Guzman & Sons Drywall LLC – Contractor / 5385 Jon. Dr. ~ Sun Valley, NV
- F. Harrison Nevcon LLC – Contractor / 503 Sam Clemens ~ Dayton, NV
- G. Kinetic Cutting Systems Inc. – Out of County / 10960 Zaiser Rd. ~ West Burlington, IA
- H. ORR Protections Systems, Inc. – Contractor / 6761 Sierra Ct. Ste A ~Dublin, CA
- I. Paul Davis Restoration of Reno & Lake Tahoe – Contractor / 650 Innovation Dr. Ste. A ~ Reno, NV
- J. Sierra Design Concrete – Contractor / 130 Circuit Ct. ~ Sparks, NV
- K. The Shrinkwrap Co., LLC – Out of County / 2400 Sharon Way ~ Reno, NV
- L. WEIMA America Inc. – Out of County / 3678 Centre Cir. ~ Fort Mill, SC
- M. X Burger – Food Truck / 984 Leah Cir ~ Reno, NV

II. Approval of claims in the amount of \$4,916,959.73.

III. Consideration and possible approval of the revision of Personnel Policy 1001 Disciplinary Actions and Appeals.

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

Assistant Chief Jim Morgan said the district closed escrow on the property for Station #75 in the Tahoe Reno Industrial Center.

Operations and Projects

- Coordinator Mike Northan said the Lockwood Senior Center roof was complete and storm drains and underground electrical are nearly complete.
- The backup generator has arrived for 800 South C St., and he is working with tenants to arrange for the necessary power outage. Also, Coons Construction will be doing construction at that site that could affect parking.
- The TRI restroom remodel is in design. There will be two modernized public restrooms and a utility room.
- The Mark Twain Community Center storage building is in design.
- We are working with USDA and other funding sources to gather info required to develop RFQs for the new jail and the TRI substation.

Administrative Officer

- Lisa Maciel said the County hosted a dinner in Virginia City for members of the Legislature on Feb. 18. She thanked the Bonanza Cantina for catering.
- She will have the Facilities and Conditions Report in the next few weeks.
- She is working on a public meeting language access plan.

Emergency Management

- Stacy York, speaking for Director Adam Wilson, said the recent Public Safety Town Hall was well attended.
- Emergency Management in the Quad Counties met with NDOT on working together during emergencies.
- Staff will meet with NVEnergy's emergency management committee to better coordinate activity during emergencies.

VCTC

- Tourism Director Todd Tuttle said the upcoming Mountain Oyster Fry would be from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. March 15. There will be lots of radio coverage, including live feeds. C Street will be closed from Union to Taylor streets. Union Street from C to B streets will be limited to pedestrian access. There are 14 cooks and 10 celebrity judges. Ticket sales are strong. There is also the St. Patrick's Day Parade at noon and the St. Paddy Made Me Do It Saloon Crawl. There will also be a comedy act at Piper's Opera House by Jen Murphy, starting at 6:30 p.m.
- The Father-Daughter Day and Dance will be on April 12. There will be three dances, and all are nearly sold out.
- The annual Grand Prix will be April 26-27.
- Chili on the Comstock will be May 17-18, and the Fast Car Rally will be held at the same time.
- The Celebration of Heroes parade will be May 24, the Saturday of Memorial Day Weekend.

- The next Mix and Mingle will be March 11th at 6 p.m. at Piper's Opera House. Topics to be addressed at the meeting will be Dark Skies and the new Chamber of Commerce.

Health and Community Services

- Director Stacy York said from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. there will be a Battle of the Badges blood drive.
- Two new community health workers have been hired and are getting their certifications to work on mental health issues in the county.

County Manager's Office

- County Manager Austin Osborne said the respondent to the Piper's Opera House RFQ and the County recognized that substantial work needs to be done and mutually agreed to put a pause on the deal. It will take a year to get repairs done, and then another RFQ will be issued.

Clerk-Treasurer

- Clerk-Treasurer Jim Hindle said the local Vehicle Registration window will open Tuesday, March 11. Hours will be from 9 a.m. to noon and 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. This is for Storey County residents only, payment will be by credit card only, can only do simple title and registration transactions. Commissioner Gilman said he often gets title/registration documents mailed to his Storey County address, but they show Washoe County as his residence – can he change that at the Clerk's window? Mr. Hindle said he will check on that and follow up. (*Yes, the Clerk's window can make the change in county designation.*)
- Property taxes were due yesterday (3/3/2025) and are coming in as expected. The Office will work with property owners who are delinquent. Mr. Hindle added that the U.S. Postal Service has not been performing well, so, if possible, please bring property tax payments to the Clerk's Office, or pay online, though this will incur a processing fee.

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

Commissioner Carmona noted the passing of Virginia City Highlands resident Allen Valiquet, a long-time county resident.

10. RECESS TO CONVENE AS THE STOREY COUNTY HIGHWAY BOARD

- 11. 10:30 A.M. PUBLIC HEARING:** Public Hearing on proposed Resolutions 25-757, 25-758, 25-759, 25-760, 25-761 and 25-762 as described: RESOLUTION 25-757 A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A MINOR COUNTY PUBLIC ROAD IDENTIFIED AS COUNTY ROAD NUMBER 910100, UNNAMED RD, PURSUANT TO NEVADA REVISED STATUTES 403.170 and 405.191. It is proposed that the road be identified as a minor county road. RESOLUTION 25-758 A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A MINOR COUNTY PUBLIC ROAD IDENTIFIED AS COUNTY ROAD NUMBER 910320, CEMETERY RD, PURSUANT TO NEVADA REVISED STATUTES 403.170 and 405.191. It is proposed that

the road be identified as a minor county road. RESOLUTION 25-759 A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A MINOR COUNTY PUBLIC ROAD IDENTIFIED AS COUNTY ROAD NUMBER 910325, UNNAMED RD, PURSUANT TO NEVADA REVISED STATUTES 403.170 and 405.191. It is proposed that the road be identified as a minor county road. RESOLUTION 25-760 A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A MINOR COUNTY PUBLIC ROAD IDENTIFIED AS COUNTY ROAD NUMBER 910470, UNNAMED RD, PURSUANT TO NEVADA REVISED STATUTES 403.170 and 405.191. It is proposed that the road be identified as a minor county road. RESOLUTION 25-761 A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A MINOR COUNTY PUBLIC ROAD IDENTIFIED AS COUNTY ROAD NUMBER 911345, UNNAMED RD, PURSUANT TO NEVADA REVISED STATUTES 403.170 and 405.191. It is proposed that the road be identified as a minor county road. RESOLUTION 25-762 A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A MINOR COUNTY PUBLIC ROAD IDENTIFIED AS COUNTY ROAD NUMBER 920020, HILLSIDE RD, PURSUANT TO NEVADA REVISED STATUTES 403.170 and 405.191. It is proposed that the road be identified as a minor county road. The effect of identifying the road as a minor county road is to identify it as a public road, available for public use but not maintained by Storey County. It must be used by the public at its own risk. Please go to the Storey County website to view the packet. [Storeycounty.org/Planning/Planning Updates](http://Storeycounty.org/Planning/Planning%20Updates) then Scroll down to RS2477 packet information for this item.

Public Comment: None

Motion: I, Commissioner Mitchell, move to close the public hearing on the proposed Resolutions 25-757, 25-758, 25-759, 25-760, 25-761 and 25-762. **Seconded by:** Donald Gilman. **Vote:** Motion passed unanimously.

- 12. DISCUSSION/FOR POSSIBLE ACTION:** Consideration and possible approval of Resolution 25-757 proposing the identification of Storey County Road Number 910100, commonly known as Unnamed, Total Road Segment Length (in Horizontal Distance): 3,741' (0.71 Miles) Overall Average Disturbed Width: Approximately eight (8) feet. It is proposed that the road be identified as a minor county road. The effect of identifying the road as a minor county road is to identify it as a public road, available for public use but not maintained by Storey County. It must be used by motorists at their own risk.

Planning Manager Kathy Canfield said this is one of the RS2477 roads in the program. They are all located south of the Highlands and north of Virginia City and Six Mile Canyon. It does show that it goes onto some private property, but the resolution only applies to public property. This can prevent the Bureau of Land Management from blocking the roads. Ms. Canfield said they will work with private property owners individually.

Public Comment: None

Motion: In coordination with the recommendation by staff, I, Commissioner Mitchell, move to adopt Resolution 25-757, identifying Storey County Road Number 910100, commonly known as Unnamed, Total Road Segment Length (in Horizontal Distance): 3,741' (0.71 Miles) Overall Average Disturbed Width: Approximately eight (8) feet, as a minor county road. The effect of identifying the road as a minor county road is to identify it as a public road, available for public use but not maintained by Storey County. It must be used by motorists at their own risk. **Seconded by:** Donald Gilman. **Vote:** Motion passed unanimously.

- 13. DISCUSSION/FOR POSSIBLE ACTION:** Consideration and possible approval of Resolution 25-758 proposing the identification of Storey County Road Number 910320, commonly known as Cemetery, Total Road Segment Length (in Horizontal Distance): 3,172' (0.6 Miles) Overall Average Disturbed Width: Approximately twelve (12) feet. It is proposed that the road be identified as a minor county road. The effect of identifying the road as a minor county road is to identify it as a public road, available for public use but not maintained by Storey County. It must be used by motorists at their own risk.

Ms. Canfield said this road is just below Geiger Grade.

Public Comment: None

Motion: In coordination with the recommendation by staff, I, Commissioner Mitchell, move to adopt Resolution 25-758, identifying Storey County Road Number 910320, commonly known as Cemetery, Total Road Segment Length (in Horizontal Distance): 3,172' (0.6 Miles) Overall Average Disturbed Width: Approximately twelve (12) feet, as a minor county road. The effect of identifying the road as a minor county road is to identify it as a public road, available for public use but not maintained by Storey County. It must be used by motorists at their own risk. **Seconded by:** Donald Gilman. **Vote:** Motion passed unanimously.

- 14. DISCUSSION/FOR POSSIBLE ACTION:** Consideration and possible approval of Resolution 25-759 proposing the identification of Storey County Road Number 910325, commonly known as Unnamed Rd, Total Road Segment Length (in Horizontal Distance): 3,042' (0.58 Miles) Overall Average Disturbed Width: Approximately fourteen (14) feet. It is proposed that the road be identified as a minor county road. The effect of identifying the road as a minor county road is to identify it as a public road, available for public use but not maintained by Storey County. It must be used by motorists at their own risk.

Ms. Canfield said this road is north of the cemetery, south of the Highlands and close to Seven Mile Canyon.

Public Comment: None

Motion: In coordination with the recommendation by staff, I, Commissioner Mitchell, move to adopt Resolution 25-759, identifying Storey County Road Number 910325, commonly known as Unnamed Rd, Total Road Segment Length (in Horizontal Distance): 3,042' (0.58 Miles) Overall Average Disturbed Width: Approximately fourteen (14) feet, as a minor county road. The effect of identifying the road as a minor county road is to identify it as a public road, available for public use but not maintained by Storey County. It must be used by motorists at their own risk. **Seconded by:** Donald Gilman. **Vote:** Motion passed unanimously.

- 15. DISCUSSION/FOR POSSIBLE ACTION:** Consideration and possible approval of Resolution 25-760 proposing the identification of Storey County Road Number 910470, commonly known as Unnamed Rd, Total Road Segment Length (in Horizontal Distance): 4,744' (1.09 Miles) Overall Average Disturbed Width: Approximately eight (8) feet, it is proposed that the road be identified as a minor county road. The effect of identifying the road as a minor county road is to identify it as a public road, available for public use but not maintained by Storey County. It must be used by motorists at their own risk.

Ms. Canfield said this segment is located further down Six Mile Canon and the Highlands, but close to the Mark Twain Estates.

Public Comment: None

Motion: In coordination with the recommendation by staff, I, Commissioner Mitchell, move to adopt Resolution 25-760, identifying Storey County Road Number 910470, commonly known as Unnamed Rd, Total Road Segment Length (in Horizontal Distance): 4,744' (1.09 Miles) Overall Average Disturbed Width: Approximately eight (8) feet as a minor county road. The effect of identifying the road as a minor county road is to identify it as a public road, available for public use but not maintained by Storey County. It must be used by motorists at their own risk. **Seconded by:** Donald Gilman. **Vote:** Motion passed unanimously.

- 16. DISCUSSION/FOR POSSIBLE ACTION:** Consideration and possible approval of Resolution 25-761 proposing the identification of Storey County Road Number 911345, commonly known as Unnamed Rd, Total Road Segment Length (in Horizontal Distance): 1,745' (0.3 Miles) Overall Average Disturbed Width: Approximately twelve (12) feet. It is proposed that the road be identified as a minor county road. The effect of identifying the road as a minor county road is to identify it as a public road, available for public use but not maintained by Storey County. It must be used by motorists at their own risk.

Ms. Canfield said this road was close to Geiger Grade.

Public Comment: None

Motion: In coordination with the recommendation by staff, I (commissioner) move to adopt Resolution 25-761, identifying Storey County Road Number 911345, commonly known as Unnamed Rd, Total Road Segment Length (in Horizontal Distance): 1,745' (0.3 Miles) Overall Average Disturbed Width: Approximately twelve (12) feet, as a minor county road. The effect of identifying the road as a minor county road is to identify it as a public road, available for public use but not maintained by Storey County. It must be used by motorists at their own risk. **Seconded by:** Donald Gilman. **Vote:** Motion passed unanimously.

- 17. DISCUSSION/FOR POSSIBLE ACTION:** Consideration and possible approval of Resolution 25-762 proposing the identification of Storey County Road Number 920020, commonly known as Hillside Rd, Total Road Segment Length (in Horizontal Distance): 3,233' (0.61 Miles) Overall Average Disturbed Width: Approximately fourteen (14) feet. It is proposed that the road be identified as a minor county road. The effect of identifying the road as a minor county road is to identify it as a public road, available for public use but not maintained by Storey County. It must be used by motorists at their own risk.

Ms. Canfield said this road is named and the segment studies include private and public land, but we are only recognizing portion on public land. The purpose is once we get onto private land, not everyone is excited to see they have a public road on their land. This road has had previous litigation.

Public Comment: None

Motion: In coordination with the recommendation by staff, I, Commissioner Mitchell, move to adopt Resolution 25-762, identifying Storey County Road Number 920020, commonly known as Hillside Rd, Total Road Segment Length (in Horizontal Distance): 3,233' (0.61 Miles) Overall Average Disturbed Width: Approximately fourteen (14) feet as a minor county road. The effect of identifying the road as a minor county road is to identify it as a public road, available for public use but not maintained by Storey County. It must be used by motorists at their own risk. **Seconded by:** Donald Gilman. **Vote:** Motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Canfield added that there is a map available to exhibit the actions taken on these roads.

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

Mike Northan said the 2025 Road Rehab projects will go to bid on March 11, and that shoulder improvement and pothole filling was ongoing.

Public Comment: None

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

20. DISCUSSION/FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: Consideration and possible approval of Special Use Permit 2025-014. The applicant requests a Special Use Permit to operate an outdoor establishment. The outdoor venue is associated with the Silverland Inn and will include a variety of scheduled uses and special events. The property is located at 100 N. E Street, Virginia City, Nevada, Assessor's Parcel Number (APN) 001-152-04, 001- 154-03 and 001-151-02.

Ms. Canfield said this is a request for a Special Use Permit, which is necessary because of the outdoor aspect. Details are in the findings, along with an exhibit that lists potential events, though not all of them will occur. This was approved by the Planning Commission.

Ms. Canfield read the findings.

Public Comment: None

Motion: In accordance with the recommendation by staff, the findings of fact under Section 3.A of this report and as read into the record by county staff and other findings deemed appropriate by the Board of County Commissioners, and in compliance with the conditions of approval, I (commissioner), recommend the approval of Special Use Permit 2025-014 to operate an outdoor establishment. The outdoor venue is associated with the Silverland Inn and will include a variety of scheduled uses and special events. The property is located at 100 N. E Street, Virginia City, Nevada, Assessor's Parcel Number (APN) 001-152-04, 001-154-03 and 001-151-02. **Seconded by:** Donald Gilman. **Vote:** Motion passed unanimously.

21. DISCUSSION ONLY: Presentation and discussion featuring Storey County Public Relations & Social Media Metrics Update (August 2024 – January 2025).

Julia Moreno-Fritz said over the past 6 months, public relations and social media efforts have had a major impact. She had a comprehensive media list.

- Press releases and print media: In 2024, she issued five press releases, and received lots of coverage for all, especially on the Davis Creek Fire. She has also produced articles for the Comstock Chronicle.
- Social Media Stats: Ms. Moreno-Fritz said she has developed a social media tracking system, recording likes, shares, comments, sentiment score and top active times.
- Audience Demographics: This is for tailoring the messaging and outreach. Most followers are in Reno, followed by Sparks and Carson City, but also Dayton, Virginia City and Silver City. Ages 35-44 are 27 percent; 45-54 are 23 percent, 18-24 are 4 percent while over 55 is 28 percent. Women are at 54 percent and men are at 43 percent.

- Platforms: 55 percent of followers are from Facebook, 25 percent from X and 15 percent from Instagram.
- Overall Growth: In just five months, Ms. Moreno-Fritz said impact has grown by more than 700 followers, bringing the total to 8,500, up from 7,700.
- New Platforms & Expansion: LinkedIn and Threads have been included.
- Billboards: There is one in Carson City at the corner of Carson Street and College Parkway. In Reno, it is in South Reno near the Damonte Ranch exit on 395. This is designed for targeting legislators traveling from Reno to Carson City. Expected impressions are 150,000 weekly, or 15 percent of the local population.
- Nevada Newsmakers: the ads show good visibility.
- Google, FB & IG Ads; Video ads have run across Google, Facebook and Instagram as part of the legislative strategy. Google ads are reaching a large audience, with 59 percent being women and 41 percent men. Facebook and Instagram ads are mostly male. On Facebook and Instagram, the audience is primarily male at 73%, with women making up 25%. Interestingly, while the nonpaid content tends to attract more women, our paid ads are generating significantly more engagement from men. The video plays on Facebook and Instagram show strong engagement, with 5,200 plays. · I will continue to experiment more with all our ads over the next few months to see what works.
- Website: Ms. Julia Moreno-Fritz has updated the County's Website, working with departments to enhance their pages.

Commissioners praised her efforts.

Public Comment: None

22. DISCUSSION/FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: Consideration and possible approval directing the Comptroller to notify the Nevada Department of Taxation of the property tax rate the Storey County Board of Commissioners propose to levy for fiscal year 2025-2026.

Comptroller Jennifer McCain said this is a housekeeping issue, done every year. We need to inform NVTax of the property tax rate the County sets.

Commissioner Mitchell supported keeping the tax rate as it is and at the level set for previous years.

Clerk & Treasurer Jim Hindle said his office receives a lot of calls inquiring about tax increases, but our response is that the tax rate hasn't changed for many years. The assessments have gone up, not the tax rate. The County can be proud of this fact.

Public Comment: None

Motion: I, Commissioner Mitchell, move to approve the Comptroller to inform Nevada Department of Taxation that the Storey County Board of Commissioners propose to levy a

property tax rate of 3.4607 percent in fiscal year 2025-2026. **Seconded by:** Donald Gilman.
Vote: Motion passed unanimously.

23. DISCUSSION/FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: Consideration and possible approval of Storey County's Plan of Corrective Action in response to the Department of Taxation's review of Fiscal Year 2024 annual audit report and identified violations pursuant to NRS 354.6245.

Ms. McCain said this is a housekeeping issue. Our audit is a very big document, when our auditor Joe Costanza, indicated these things. Taxation has to find problems themselves. This is a formal way to let NVTax know what is being done to make sure these things don't happen again.

Ms. McCain said some special funds, such as drug court equipment and and federal and grant funds backdated expenses, the county had already gone through those processes. Being out of budget does not mean it affected the bottom line. All budgets have ample fund balances.

Public Comment: None

Motion: I, Commissioner Mitchell, approve Storey County's Plan of Corrective Action in response to the Nevada Department of Taxation's review of the Fiscal Year 2024 annual audit report and identified violations pursuant to NRS 354.6245. **Seconded by:** Donald Gilman.
Vote: Motion passed unanimously.

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

25. DISCUSSION/FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: Consideration and possible approval to increase previously approved funding from the Capital Projects Fund for the purchase of a tractor and trailer that were outlined in the district CIP, to an estimated amount of \$340,000, an increase of \$40,000.

Assistant Chief Jim Morgan said they sought a used vehicle, but found that a new vehicle and trailer that will meet our needs significantly better than buying used.

Public Comment: None

Motion: I, Fire Commissioner Mitchell, move to approve an increase in available funds from the Capital Projects Fund for the purchase of a tractor and trailer at the estimated amount of \$340,000, an increase of \$40,000. **Seconded by:** Donald Gilman. **Vote:** Motion passed unanimously.

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

28. DISCUSSION/FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: Consideration and possible approval of Resolution No. 25-765 of the Board of Commissioners of Storey County, Nevada, reaffirming the board's request to the Nevada Delegation to advance federal public lands legislation commonly referred to as the Truckee Meadows Public Lands Management Act to support conservation, recreation, and economic development in Washoe County.

County Manager Austin Osborne said Carson City created a resolution supporting this lands bill. This board agreed to it. It was later re-affirmed. The proposed action is to let representatives know that equally support the bill and that support is regional. He wanted the board to adopt the resolution.

County Manager Osborne read the title of the resolution.

Public Comment: None

Motion: I, Commissioner Mitchell, move to approve Resolution No. 25- 765 of the Board of Commissioners of Storey County, Nevada, reaffirming this board's request to the Nevada Delegation to advance federal public lands legislation commonly referred to as the Truckee Meadows Public Lands Management Act to support conservation, recreation, and economic development in Washoe County. **Seconded by:** Donald Gilman. **Vote:** Motion passed unanimously.

29. 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 as potentially related to the Comstock Historic District Commission; AB77 tax abatement; AB32 V&T Railway, AB128 public records request ombudsman including open cases; AB242 sagebrush ecosystem and fire fuels reduction; SB232 Veterans Storey County; SB247 rail transit; AB247 real-time sign language translation and disabilities; AB61 Washoe County toll roads; all bills supported by the Nevada Association of Counties (NACO) unless otherwise directed by the board, and AGA2240 Daylight Savings Time.

County Manager Austin Osborne said Will Adler and Alex Tanchek of Silver State Government Relations are expected shortly. Mr. Osborne suggested that, except for specific Storey County bills, all other bills are monitored by NACO. Some counties are asking commissioners to support any bill supported by NACO; however, one affects Storey County adversely, so Mr. Osborn recommended refraining from blanket support. The Commissioners agreed, and Commissioner Mitchell expressed he wanted to take a similar approach to other counties' bills: refrain from blanket support unless they asked us to take a specific position.

Mr. Osborne said:

- AB242 regards sagebrush ecosystems that the Fire Chief may speak to, in that the bill may prevent fire fuel reduction.
- SB69 has ongoing discussions, and data centers may be removed from the bill. Some counties have other issues with these companies such as different rules for Special Use Permits. The hottest issue on the bill is having a County representative as a member on the GOED board.

Mr. Adler said overall, the governor's budget is the top issue at the Legislature. There will be a restructuring of Medicaid. He said Storey County should try to be the rural voice. On SB69, we had a lot of engagement and are still reaching out to businesses and chambers of commerce. We have not seen language on the Governor's BDR. Commissioner Mitchell said the Governor's bill does not eliminate the need for SB69. Mr. Adler agreed we should still address what we can with this bill. They had a meeting on the language of the bill with representatives of the Department of Taxation. They have reached out directly to numerous legislators.

Commissioner Mitchell wanted to go over SB69 again due to tax language. Mr. Osborne said GOED would like to see taxes listed when received. Mr. Adler said it was impacted by the Legislative Counsel Bureau drafting and anticipates they will change the language.

Other bills Mr. Adler is watching include:

- AB256 is the light rail issue and could involve I80 and service to TRIC.
- SB232 allocating funds for veterans in Virginia City. AB300 has similar language. We will try to blend those together in one bill to advance support and passage
- SB78, on consolidation of various boards to reduce bureaucracy burden on counties.
- AB32, the V&T Railway Commission bill which the county is supporting
- AB128, a bill creating the office of the Public Records Ombudsman.
- AB81, a bill that would effectively keep NV on Daylight Savings Time year-round.
- SB247, a bill dealing with accommodating people with hearing impairments at public meetings.

Commissioner Mitchell wanted to monitor AB33, which is the State Comptroller's bill to create an office of the Inspector General to promote fiscal responsibility.

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 as follows: as discussed on the record in our meeting today. **Seconded by:** Donald Gilman.
Vote: Motion passed unanimously.

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

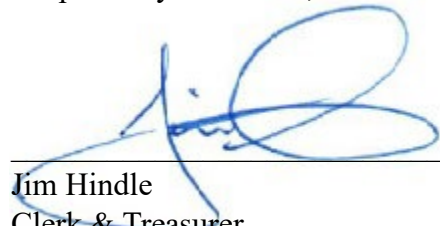
Public Comment: None

Motion: I, Commissioner Mitchell, move to approve second readings of business licenses listed under Item #30 as A-N. **Seconded by:** Donald Gilman. **Vote:** Motion passed unanimously.

31. PUBLIC COMMENT (No Action): Clerk-Treasurer Jim Hindle emphasized the times and dates for DMV service, for Storey County residents only and only with credit card payments.

32. ADJOURNMENT OF ALL ACTIVE AND RECESSED BOARDS ON THE AGENDA
Commissioner Carmona adjourned the meeting at 12:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Jim Hindle
Clerk & Treasurer