



# STOREY COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING

WEDNESDAY, MAY 6, 2020 10:00 A.M.

DISTRICT COURTROOM  
26 SOUTH B STREET, VIRGINIA CITY, NEVADA

## ADDITIONAL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

MARSHALL MCBRIDE  
CHAIRMAN  
ATTORNEY

ANNE LANGER  
DISTRICT

JAY CARMONA  
VICE-CHAIRMAN

LANCE GILMAN  
COMMISSIONER  
TREASURER

VANESSA STEPHENS  
CLERK-

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**ROLL CALL via zoom:** Chairman McBride, Vice Chairman Carmona, Commissioner Gilman, County Manager Austin Osborne, Clerk-Treasurer Vanessa Stephens, District Attorney Anne Langer, Emergency Management Director Joe Curtis, Sheriff Antinoro, Fire Chief Jeff Nevin, Human Resources Jeanne Greene, Community Relations Director Lara Mather, Assessor Jana Seddon

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

Meeting was called to order by Chairman McBride at 10:00 A.M

### 2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman McBride led the Pledge of Allegiance

### 3. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION: Approval of Agenda for May 6, 2020.

Public Comment: None

**Motion:** I move to approve the Agenda for May 6, 2020, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by:** Vice Chairman Carmona, **Seconded by:** Commissioner Gilman, **Vote:** Motion carried by unanimous vote, **(Summary:** Yes=3)

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

None

### 5. BOARD COMMENT (No Action - Public Comment):

None

### 6. RECESS TO CONVENE AS THE STOREY COUNTY LIQUOR LICENSE BOARD

**7. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION:** Consideration and possible approval of Resolution 20-569 authorizing the Storey County Liquor Board to waive the requirement that a pub, winery, bar or

brewery obtain an off-sale liquor license in order to provide curbside or home delivery during the COVID 19 emergency.

Mr. Osborne reviewed this item. The Governor initially determined bars and breweries to be non-essential businesses, not allowed to open. There is now a declaration loosening the requirements including that a local jurisdiction may allow off-site sales for bars if they are local and include a waiver by a Board of Commissioners. This Resolution allows the Board to provide that waiver allowing bars to operate in a similar manner as other businesses in town.

Mr. Osborne suggested an expiration date be added to the Resolution so that it is not perpetual.

District Attorney Langer reviewed the code allowing counties to assist victims of emergency without regard for formalities provided by law. In this instance, a business may not have an off-site liquor license and would be allowed to sell beverages curbside and with home delivery. Requirements would be waived during the emergency period only, until the time these entities are allowed to engage in retail sales of alcoholic beverages in their establishments.

Sheriff Antinoro said he does not have any concerns and agrees with doing what we can to help local businesses. The Board should issue a strong warning to businesses choosing to do curbside or window service to do everything they can to disperse crowds in order to avoid having deputies there making sure people are not gathering in large groups.

Commissioner Gilman echoed the Sheriff's comments.

Public Comment: None

**Motion:** I, Jay Carmona, move to approve Resolution 20-569 and authorize the Chairman to sign,  
**Action:** Approve, **Moved by:** Vice Chairman Carmona, **Seconded by:** Commissioner Gilman,  
**Vote:** Motion carried by unanimous vote, (**Summary:** Yes=3)

## **8. RECESS TO RECONVENE AS THE STOREY COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

### **9. PUBLIC COMMENT (No Action)**

**Sam Toll, Gold Hill resident:** Encourages the Board to provide public input at the beginning and end of all County Commission meetings.

Referring to yesterday's comment about public records, Mr. Toll pointed out that it is not his experience across the board. During at that meeting, he sent a public record request to Fire Chief Nevin which was filled as the meeting was going on. He has never had to wait five days for response from Vanessa Stephens' office. The Sheriff and Assessor offices are similarly transparent. It is the District Attorney and County Manager who are responsible for stone-walling the public - 20 or so requests are open and over a year old. Most public record requests taken to court are won by the person requesting. He encouraged the County to "loosen up" and take the requests seriously, there's more forthcoming. We have access to the information that you keep for us - it's ours.

**Clay Mitchell, Gold Hill resident:** For clarification, there was no modification to the off-sale license procedure - the open container, etc. Is what was passed what normally could be done with an off-sale liquor license?

Chairman McBride: It does not change anything - it's just a waiver for those with on-sale liquor licenses to be able to provide off-sale only during the Covid 19 event. Once it is over, we go back to the old rules.

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

The meeting was recessed by the Chair at 10:15 AM

Respectfully submitted,

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Vanessa Stephens, Clerk-Treasurer