

STOREY COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING  
TUESDAY, MARCH 4<sup>TH</sup>, 2008 2:00 P.M.

DISTRICT COURTROOM  
26 SOUTH B STREET, VIRGINIA CITY, NEVADA

MINUTES

GREG "BUM" HESS  
CHAIRMAN

HAROLD SWAFFORD  
DISTRICT ATTORNEY

BOB KERSHAW  
VICE-CHAIRMAN

JAMES G. MILLER  
SHERIFF

JOHN FLANAGAN  
COMMISSIONER

VANESSA DIXON  
CLERK-TREASURER

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Roll Call.

Present: Administrative Officer Marilou Walling, Chairman Greg Hess, Clerk Treasurer Vanessa Dixon, Commissioner John Flanagan, Comptroller Hugh Gallagher, County Manager Pat Whitten, Director of Building and Planning Dean Haymore, Director of Public Works Mike Nevin, District Attorney Harold Swafford, Fire Chief Gary Hames, Senior Planner Vire Angle, Sheriff James Miller.

Absent: Vice-Chairman Bob Kershaw

CALL TO ORDER AT 2:00 P.M.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman at 2:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Hess led those present in the pledge of allegiance

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

CONSENT AGENDA

(All matters listed under the consent agenda are considered routine, and may be acted upon by the Board of County Commissioners with one action, and without an extensive hearing. Any member of the Board or any citizen may request that an item be taken from the consent agenda, discussed, and acted upon separately during this meeting. The Commission Chair reserves the right to limit the time allotted for each individual to speak.)

Approval of Agenda for March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2008  
Approval of Minutes for February 19<sup>th</sup>, 2008

Correspondence  
None

Approval of Planning Commission Minutes

2008-034 Boundary Line Adjustment- by Jo Ann Smith and Randy/Joyce  
Kveum MT

*Requesting a Boundary Line Adjustment between parcels 003 -302-04 and 003-302-05 in the Mark Twain Estates to provide the legal building set-back as required by Storey County. The adjustment will not affect any other properties.*

Bret Tyler made a motion to approve the Boundary Line Adjustment. The motion was seconded by Lydia Hammack, and with no further discussion all voted aye and the motion carried.

2008-040 Special Use Permit- by Wes Construction  
TRI

*Requesting a Special Use Permit to allow a watchman's dwelling in the I-2 (Heavy Industrial) zone.*

Virgil Bucchianeri made a motion to approve the Special Use Permit with the nine conditions in the Staff Report and to grant Planning Staff the authority to review and extend as need be. The motion was seconded by Austin Osborne, with no further discussion, all voted aye and the motion carried.

1. The project shall comply with all applicable County ordinances, plans, reports, materials, etc., as submitted. In the event of a conflict between said plans, reports, materials and County ordinances, County ordinances in effect at the time the building permit is applied for, shall prevail.
2. This permit shall be actually established within twelve (12) months from the date of the final decision or the special use permit shall be deemed null and void.
3. Upon the abandonment of the project, or the expiration of three (3) years from the granting of the special use permit, the permit shall expire.
4. Hours of operation for the office shall be limited to between 8:00 am and 5:00 pm. If the applicant wishes to extend business hours they will contact the building official and make a request.

5. The status of this SUP shall be reviewed by the planning department for necessity and compliance on a yearly basis commencing one year from the approval date.
6. Prior to issuance of any permit, the applicant shall have plans approved which demonstrate that a six foot solidview-fence consisting of dark green or dark brown vinyl slats will be installed on all sides of the temporary building.
7. Prior to issuance of any permit, the applicant shall provide plans that demonstrate that state of the art "dark sky" lighting techniques have been implemented. Lights shall be dimmed to 60 percent illumination at 9:00 p.m. All lights for the project shall be the minimum illumination necessary to ensure safety, including signs, and shall be on a time.
8. Prior to issuance of any permit, the applicant shall submit a will serve letter for sewer and water service from a GID or a contract from a temporary service provider for weekly pumping of a portable or underground storage facility.
9. Prior to issuance of any permit, the applicant shall acquire an encroachment permit according to Public Works Department procedures.

**LICENSING BOARD:**

**FIRST READINGS:**

1. FLETCHER ROOFING & SIDING- Contractor / Reno NV
2. TOM RUHOFF ELECTRIC- Contractor / Carson City NV
3. ADVANCED AWNINGS & INTERIORS- Contractor / Sparks NV
4. L & H CONCRETE- Contractor / Sparks NV
5. NAUMANN HOBBS MATERIAL HANDLING- Contractor /
6. B & C MORTGAGE NEVADA- Home Business (Real Estate Loans) / VC Highlands NV
7. DYNAMIC INSULATION SYSTEMS, Inc- General (Manufacturing) / TRI
8. ALL PRO SECURITY, Inc.- Contractor / Sparks NV
9. MANHATTAN ASSOCIATES, Inc.- Out of County / Atlanta GA
10. KUSTOM KANOPIES, Inc.- Contractor / Ogden UT
11. PETROLEUM MAINTENANCE- Contractor / Reno NV
12. MEPT USA Pky Distr Ctr, LLC- Out of County / Bethesda MD
13. ADVANCED HANDLING SYSTEMS- Out of County / Cincinnati OH
14. UP-RITE SYSTEMS, Inc. - Contractor / Bardstown KY

## END OF CONSENT AGENDA

Motion: Approve consent agenda, Action: Approve, Moved by Commissioner John Flanagan, Seconded by Chairman Greg Hess.

### DISCUSSION/ACTION: Staff Review/Committee Reports

Maggie Lowther

1. Ms. Lowther informed the Board that meetings she has recently attended have been primarily about water. She explained that they are looking at how much water may be allocated compared to how much of that allocated water is actually being used. Any of the unused water may be up for grabs. She added that she has introduced herself to the state water engineer and has been told that he would be happy to help her with any research. Ms. Lowther prepared a report for the Board and encouraged the Board to contact her if they have any questions.

Commissioner Flanagan stated that he has heard that they wanted to take water out of Walker Lake. Ms. Lowther stated that she has not heard that.

Mr. Swafford said that prior to 1913 there were not any water laws, and then the state enacted a permit system. Ms. Lowther stated she has been told that Nevada has the best water laws in the nation.

Comptroller Hugh Gallagher

1. Mr. Gallagher advised the Board that yesterday he was at the Nevada Department of Taxation with Mr. Whitten and Ms. Walling. The meeting was in regards to actions taken on a letter by the Department that we have never received. The letter was about moving Storey County from the state shared, BCCRT/SCCRT, his recommendation is that we ask for an exemption for this year. He will gather more information for the Board.

Chairman Hess asked if the state wants the County to go off of the shared plan. It wouldn't be bad if they would fix the sales tax issue.

Mr. Whitten stated that if the sales tax issue had been corrected we may not even be here. He added that our recommendation is, and our action will be, that we ask for an exemption.

Sheriff Jim Miller

1. Sheriff Miller spoke about courtroom security and government building security. He stated he was going to have some signs made and from now on people are subject to search as well as their hand carried luggage Sheriff Miller

stated the department will monitor the people going in and out, starting today and we will progress with this in the future. Sheriff Miller stated he is taking this action because of things happening Nationwide, see security during meetings and court.

2. Sheriff Milled advised the Board that for the month of February 51 arrested were made, 44 were male, 31 non-sentenced prisoners, 9 sentenced for the month, capacity is 18.

Senior Planner Vince Angle

1. Mr. Angle spoke a little about what is going to happen on Thursday at the Planning Meeting, he is giving a presentation before the I80 corridor study group on Storey County being a good neighbor.

2. Mr. Angle advised that Board that he has made progress on the possible ballot question.

Mr. Whitten stated that he does have the testimony from Chairman Hess on DVD in regard to the I80 corridor study and he will get it to Mr. Angle.

DISCUSSION/ACTION: Kim Fegert – Gold Hill Historical Society. Expand area identified in current lease for the Gold Hill Depot to include portions of County owned streets and rights-of-ways. This is intended to facilitate construction of a house track adjacent to the Gold Hill Depot.

Mr. Fegert was present to discuss the expansion and answer any questions the Board may have.

Motion: Approval of Gold Hill Historical Society lease expansion  
Action: Approve, Moved by Commissioner John Flanagan, Seconded by Chairman Greg Hess.

DISCUSSION/ACTION: Approval of Claims and Statement of Activities  
Chairman Hess read the claims into the record as follows:

Warrants \$188,104.77

Payroll \$356,531.87

TOTAL \$544,636.64

Motion: Approval of claims and statement of activities  
Action: Approve, Moved by Commissioner John Flanagan, Seconded by Chairman Greg Hess.

DISCUSSION/ACTION: Appoint Pringle and Pollard Auditors for fiscal year 2007/2008.

Ms. Walling stated their name is now just "Pringle". She informed the Board that Mr. Whitten, Mr. Gallagher and herself met with Rick, who does our auditing every year. Ms. Walling added that because the County has brought on a Comptroller, the reports he can create will be a cost savings, and Mr. Gallagher was quite comfortable when he met with Rick.

Commissioner Flanagan stated that they recently approved an auditor for the Railroad Commission and the price doubled.

Motion: Approve Pringle as outside auditor for the 2007/2008 fiscal year  
Action: Approve, Moved by Commissioner John Flanagan, Seconded by Chairman Greg Hess

DISCUSSION/ACTION: Inter-local agreement between Storey County Sheriff's Office & Douglas County Sheriff's Office.

Sheriff Miller stated that this is a mutual aid agreement that would apply during an emergency situation or when we bring in a different agency at different times of the year for help with large events. Sheriff Miller recommends that the Board approve this agreement.

Mark Philips stated the County does not share a common border with Douglas County. He added that the agreement is retroactive and authorizes the use of force. He asked that this item be continued.

Chairman Hess informed Mr. Philips that Douglas County would be at all times under the command of Sheriff Miller.

Mark Phillips continued to express his concern over the agreement and asked District Attorney Harold Swafford to review the document.

After further discussion, Chairman Hess stated that Mr. Phillips 3 minutes were up and asked him to take his seat.

Motion: Inter-local agreement, Action: Approve, Moved by Commissioner John Flanagan, Seconded by Chairman Greg Hess.

DISCUSSION/ACTION: Special Event: 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Reno-Tahoe Odyssey Relay Run Adventure June 6-7, 2008

Sheriff Miller stated that this has always been a good event, nothing has ever gone wrong.

Eric Lerude the founder and director informed the Board that this will be our fourth year.

Motion: 4th Annual Reno-Tahoe Odyssey Relay, Action: Approve, Moved by Commissioner John Flanagan, Seconded by Chairman Greg Hess.

DISCUSSION/ACTION: Special Event: Hippie Days Again Peace March April 5, 2008

Ms. McCrary stated that the motivation behind this was to get more money and people up on the hill. She said this would be a good stress reliever, and there is no political motivation behind it.

Motion: Hippie Days Again Peace March, Action: Approve, Moved by Commissioner John Flanagan, Seconded by Chairman Greg Hess.

DISCUSSION/ACTION: Changes to the 2007/08 secured tax roll

Chairman Hess read the letter from Kathy Weeks requesting changes to the Tax Roll.

Motion: Changes to the 2007/2008 secured tax roll, Action: Approve, Moved by Commissioner John Flanagan, Seconded by Chairman Greg Hess.

DISCUSSION/ACTION: Budget Workshop hearing to be held March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2008.

Ms. Walling requested that we start on Monday at 9:00 am, the last Monday in March.

Motion: Budget Workshop on March 31, 2008, Action: Approve, Moved by Commissioner John Flanagan, Seconded by Chairman Greg Hess.

DISCUSSION/ACTION: 2008 Ballot Questions

Mr. Whitten informed the Board that there is a citizen group that is moving forward with an initiative. The Board will see the initiative before them at the next meeting. Mr. Whitten explained that the initiative will come before them in the form of an ordinance. This step is part of the process and if the Board chooses to approve the ordinance then it will not go in the ballot, if they say "no" then the group will move on with collecting signatures.

LICENSING BOARD

SECOND READINGS

1. TNT AUCTION, Inc.- General / TRI

2. MIDWEST AIR TECHNOLOGIES, Inc- General / TRI
3. MD BARNS NORTHERN NEVADA- Contractor / Minden NV
4. INDUSTRIAL CREW, LLC- Out of County / Ross CA
5. SCARECROW STUCCO & STONE- Contractor / Reno NV
6. COONS CONSTRUCTION- Contractor / Moundhouse NV
7. TIMBERIDGE Plumbing & Heating, Inc- Contractor / Sparks NV
8. ABSOLUTE ZERO REFRIGERATION- Contractor / Reno NV
9. CREATIVE DOORS & MOULDING- Out of County / Sparks NV
10. REMO's CLEANING SERVICE- Out of County / Reno NV
11. BRAZILIAN SISTERS CLEANING- Out of County / Reno NV
12. GARRELS n ROSE GALLERY- General / Virginia City NV
13. WILSON ELECTRIC- Contractor / Phoenix AZ
14. RENO TAHOE LIMOUSINE- Transportation / Reno NV
15. SCOTT FIRE PROTECTION- Contractor / Sparks NV
16. STERLING ELECTRIC- Contractor / Reno NV
17. SUGARLOAF MOUNTAIN MOTEL - General (new owners) /  
Virginia City NV
18. KARLSON WINDOW COVERINGS, Inc.- Out of County / Sun  
Valley NV
19. PETsMART - General / TRI- McCarran NV
20. WOODEN ART- General Retail / Virginia City NV(*Change in  
Ownership*)

Mr. Angle asked that items 18-20 be continued and all other approved.

Motion: Continue items 18-20 and approve 1-17 Action: Approve, Moved by  
Commissioner John Flanagan, Seconded by Chairman Greg Hess.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

BOARD COMMENT

None

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by the call of the Chairman at 8:02 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Vanessa A. Dixon, Clerk-Treasurer