

STOREY COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING

TUESDAY, MARCH 6, 2007 2:00 P.M.

**STOREY COUNTY DISTRICT COURTROOM
26 SOUTH B STREET, VIRGINIA CITY, NEVADA**

MINUTES

JOHN FLANAGAN
CHAIRMAN

HAROLD SWAFFORD
DISTRICT ATTORNEY

GREG "BUM" HESS
VICE-CHAIRMAN

JAMES G. MILLER
SHERIFF

BOB KERSHAW
COMMISSIONER

LORRAINE DuFRESNE
CLERK-TREASURER

SARAH S. JENSEN
RECORDER-AUDITOR

CALL TO ORDER AT 2:00 P.M.

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

PRESENT: Chairman Flanagan, Vice-Chairman Hess, Commissioner Kershaw, District Attorney Harold Swafford, Sheriff James G. Miller, Clerk-Treasurer Lorraine Du Fresne, Recorder-Auditor Sarah S. Jensen, Public Works Director Mike Nevin, Director of Building and Planning Dean Haymore, Director of Budgets and Finance Pat Whitten, and Administrative Officer Marilou Walling.

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 in item be taken from the consent agenda, discussed, and acted upon separately during this meeting.)

Clerk-Treasurer Lorraine Du Fresne requested that Discussion/Action: December 2006 Treasurer's Report be removed from the Agenda.

Approval of Agenda for March 6, 2007

Approval of Minutes for February 20, 2007

Correspondence

Ms. Du Fresne informed the Board that she had received a letter from Nick Nicosia regarding the use of the name Comstock Chronicle.

Approval of Maps to be Recorded

1. Location: Section 1 and 2 T19N R22E
From: Parcel 20074 886.34 Acres +/-
To: 20075 138.69 Acres +/-
20076 9.01 Acres +/-
20077 5.70 Acres +/-
20078 732.95 Acres +/-
2. Location: End of Venice Drive
From: 2007-8 732.95 Acres, 2007-6 9.01 Acres, 2006-4 3.84 Acres
To: 200739 679.66 Acres
200740 9.06 Acres
200741 57.08 Acres

Director of Building and Planning Dean Haymore informed the Board that the maps were being recorded in order to plan for the building of a Petsmart Distribution Center.

DISCUSSION/ACTION: 2007 Legislative Session Update

Maggie Lowther was unable to present at the meeting. She sent in an update to each Commissioner.

LICENSING BOARD

FIRST READINGS:

1. **EXIT 28 – General** - Marketing & Consulting
4440 Matich, Reno NV
2. **COMSTOCK GOLD MILL** – General / Tourist Mill Tour
395 south ‘G’ Street, Virginia City NV
3. **STERLING HOMES Nevada.** – Contractor
401 Dayton Valley Road, Dayton NV
4. **SILVER STATE TERMITE & PEST CONTROL.** – Professional / Pest Control
1055 Industrial Way #1, Sparks NV
5. **CASTAWAY TRASH HAULING, Inc.** – General / Recycling & Salvage
1000 Ave of the Colors, Lockwood
6. **KENEBEC, Inc.** – Contractor / Steel Reinforcing & Erection
625 Spice Island Dr #F, Sparks NV
7. **BURAU & SON CONSTRUCTION, NC.** – Contractor / Residential & Commercial
181 Plantation Drive, Carson City NV
8. **JIM WARNER INSULATION, Inc.** – Contractor /
Carpentry/Insulation/Weather Stripping
650 Oxbow Ct, Reno NV

Mr. Haymore said that there may be some concerns regarding the noise level at the Comstock Gold Mill located at the Old Savage Works on South G Street in Virginia City.

The owner has agreed to take precautions in the abatement of noise. He will continue to follow the Mill's progress.

Mr. Haymore continued with Castaway Trash Hauling, Inc. Castaway's lawyers have reviewed Storey County's franchise agreement with Waste Management and it is their opinion that Castaway has the right to conduct business within Storey County.

Director of Budgets and Finance Pat Whitten asked to have the opinion reviewed by Attorney Chris McKenzie. The Board agreed to have the opinion reviewed.

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

Commissioner Kershaw moved to approve the Consent Agenda; the motion was seconded by Vice-Chairman Hess and carried.

DISCUSSION/ACTION: Staff Review/Committee Reports

Public Works Director Mike Nevin:

1. Last week Storey County had the biggest storm of the season. Public Works was able to send someone to the north part of the county to plow snow. Mr. Nevin worked out an agreement with NDOT for the use of a loader and their salt and sand.

2. Mr. Nevin would like to know if there are any funds available for a new roof on the swimming pool building and new solar panels. He would like to get this done before the pool is up and running. With the Board's approval he would like to go out to bid.

Administrative Officer Marilou Walling said that she would look at the current budget to see if there is any money available.

Director of Building and Planning Dean Haymore:

1. The senior center in Rainbow Bend is almost done. Mr. Haymore would like to know what the name of the center will be. Bret Tyler has offered to paint a sign for the building.

Commissioner Kershaw would like to call it the North County Senior/Community Center. He asked to have this item placed on the next Agenda for a final decision.

Clerk-Treasurer Lorraine Du Fresne:

1. Would like to receive a legal opinion from District Attorney Harold Swafford regarding Ordinance 8.08. She reads it that junk cars are only allowed on rural residential zoning, it is her understanding that the Mark Twain Estates is zoned mobile home overlay.

Vice-Chairman Hess asked that District Attorney Harold Swafford have a legal opinion by the next meeting.

Administrative Officer Marilou Walling:

1. Ms. Walling would like to publicly thank Tom and Jerry for doing such a good job on the building. In the latest storm they kept all the sidewalks free of ice and snow.

Sheriff Miller seconded Ms. Walling's thanks; he has been very pleased with their work at the Justice Center as well.

Sheriff James G. Miller:

1. Drug related DUIs are on the rise. Over any weekend the average number of DUI arrest is 8-12. The Sheriff's office will continue to patrol the roads the best they can. Sheriff Miller has dedicated the radar trigger to one week a month on Mill Street (6 Mile Canyon).

Director of Budgets and Finance Pat Whitten:

1. During the latest storm he was stopped several times and thanked for the job being done by Public Works. The public was very impressed with the services received.
2. Mr. Whitten informed the board that the State voted 70 to keep Storey County on the guaranteed monthly fair share sales tax.
3. The plan to build a new EOC center and to move dispatch has been put on hold at this time.

DISCUSSION/ACTION: Approval of Claims

Warrants \$289,257.01, Payroll \$281,137.77, TOTAL \$570,394.78

Commissioner Kershaw moved to approve claims; the motion was seconded by Vice - Chairman Hess and carried.

DISCUSSION/ACTION: Storey County Manager

Ms. Walling said that she has done the research requested by the Board in regards to a county manager. She has obtained information from surrounding counties and feels that Storey County already has someone fulfilling the role of county manager but he is working under a different title. It is Ms. Walling's recommendation that Pat Whitten be appointed county manager.

Vice-Chairman Hess asked if advertising was necessary. Ms. Walling explained that it was not, only a reclassification. She recommended that a salary not be set until the beginning of the new fiscal year.

Mr. Nevin, Mr. Haymore, and Sheriff Miller expressed their support of Mr. Whitten being appointed to Storey County Manager.

Vice-Chairman Hess moved to appoint Pat Whitten as the new Storey County Manager; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Kershaw and carried.

DISCUSSION/ACTION: Appoint outside auditor for fiscal year 2006/2007

It was the recommendation of Ms. Walling that Storey County continue to use Pringle and Pollard as its outside auditors.

Vice-Chairman Hess moved to appoint Pringle and Pollard as Storey County's outside auditors for the 2006/2007 fiscal year; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Kershaw and carried.

DISCUSSION/ACTION: Recorder-Auditor Sarah S. Jensen, County Policy Clarification

Recorder-Auditor Sarah S. Jensen is unsure who is responsible for the research on the county paying for employees personal vehicles that are damaged while on county business. The insurance company recommends that employees submit a claim with their personal insurance company.

Commissioner Kershaw agreed that a policy needed to be put into place. Mr. Whitten stated that a policy had been District Attorney Harold Swafford's opinion and that the project had been started.

DISCUSSION/ACTION: Special event: Ferrari Club of America Hill Climb at Virginia City, September 15-16, 2007

Sheriff Miller said that he has no objection to the event, as long as all requirements are met.

Vice-Chairman Hess moved to approve the Ferrari Club of America Hill Climb; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Kershaw and carried.

DISCUSSION/ACTION: Countywide flood plan

Commissioner Kershaw said that it is time for Storey County to look into a county wide flood plan and how to fund it. It is possible for the county to use a percentage of the infrastructure tax. This is an existing tax; we would not be creating a new tax.

Mr. Whitten explained that there is a new bill going before the legislature that would allow the county to use a portion of the tax for flood mitigation. It is Mr. Whitten recommendation that the Board commit to a county wide flood plan using a portion of the existing infrastructure tax.

Commissioner Kershaw moved to commit 1/8 of the 1% infrastructure tax to a county wide flood plan for the next three years; the motion was seconded by Vice -Chairman Hess and carried.

It was further added that this will take a resolution and can not be implemented today.

DISCUSSION/ACTION: Update on agreement regarding Labbee Stamp Mill

Ms. DuFresne recommended that the expired agreement be re -visited, the Board that was over seeing the mill has been resolved. The stamp mill is a great piece of history and should not be lost. It is currently sitting in storage unused.

Mr. Whitten asked if at its current location is it a benefit to Chris Kiechler. It was explained that Mr. Kiechler does not have it on display; the mill is on an adjoining property.

Mr. Haymore said that it could possibly be put on display at the information center on the north end of town.

Vice-Chairman Hess moved to retain the rights to the mill; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Kershaw and carried.

LICENSING BOARD

SECOND READINGS:

1. **JULIA B's EMPORIUM & ODDITIES**– General / Retail
54 North 'C' Street– Virginia City, NV
2. **ASSOCIATED CONCRETE PUMPING.** – General / Concrete
Pumping Service
230 East Sydney, McCarran
3. **A2Z SECURITY.** – Home Business / Mobile Locksmith Services
5 Wild Horse Canyon Drive, McCarran
4. **CAPITAL GLASS, INC.** – Contractor / Glazing
2951 N. Deer Run road #1, Carson City

5. **AFFORDABLE BUSINESS APPRAISER** – Home / Appraise Privately Owned Businesses
21565 Dortort Drive, Virginia City Highlands
6. **WEST COAST SACKING, INC.**– Contractor / Patch & Sack Concrete Tilt-Up Panels
418 South rock Blvd, Sparks
7. **COMSTOCK REAL ESTATE SERVICES** – General / Change in Location
158 South ‘B’ Street, Virginia City
8. **LOVETT LANDSCAPING, INC.**– Contractor / Out of County
7705 Security Circle, Reno
9. **DREAMTIME HEALING ARTS** – Massage / Therapeutic / Massage & Exec. Coaching Srvcs
11220 Stallion Springs, Stagecoach
10. **BIGHORN GLASS, INC.**– Contractor / Glazing
5 Cal Lane Ste ‘A’, Sparks
11. **COMSTOCK CONCRETE, LLC**– Contractor / Out of County
3025 Mill Street, Reno
12. **INNOVATIVE IMPRESSIONS** – Home Business / Printing, Silk Screening, Embroidery, etc.
3840 Palisade Road, Highland Ranches
13. **HARDER MECHANICAL CONTRACTORS, INC.**– Contractor / Out of County
2148 NE ML King Blvd, Portland OR
14. **ABOVE ALL ROOFING**– Contractor / Out of County
355 Gleeson Way, Sparks
15. **JOHN LONGO CONSTRUCTION CO, INC.**– Contractor / Out of County
4790 Caughlin Pky #327, Reno
16. **COMSTOCK CHRONICLE**– General / Newspaper Publication
158 South ‘B’ Street, Virginia City

Commissioner Kershaw moved to continue items 1, 7, and 16; the motion was seconded by Vice-Chairman Hess and carried.

Commissioner Kershaw moved to approve items 2-6 and 8-15; the motion was seconded by Vice-Chairman Hess and carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Virgil Bucchiane ri asked for some clarification on the stamp mill. Mr. Haymore explained that it is only for show.

Mr. O’Connor asked were the mill would be getting its materials. Mr. Haymore said that they would reuse the same materials.

BOARD COMMENT

Vice-Chairman Hess said that the Legislature has stolen his idea for toll roads, one on the USA Parkway and in Henderson.

Commissioner Kershaw would like to see Storey County do a resolution opposing nuclear waste traveling through the county. The issue of nuclear waste may never go away and it would be wise for the county to take a position on the issue.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at the call of the Chair at 3:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

By _____
Deputy Clerk-Treasurer