

STOREY COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19TH, 2006 2:00 P.M.

COURTHOUSE, DISTRICT COURT ROOM, 26 SOUTH B STREET
VIRGINIA CITY, NEVADA

JOHN FLANAGAN
CHAIRMAN

HAROLD SWAFFORD
DISTRICT ATTORNEY

GREG HESS
VICE-CHAIRMAN

JAMES G. MILLER
SHERIFF

ROBERT KERSHAW
COMMISSIONER

MAGGIE LOWTHER
RECORDER/AUDITOR

DOREEN BACUS
CLERK/TREASURER

CALL TO ORDER 2:00 P.M.

PRESENT: Chairman Flanagan, Vice -Chairman Hess, Commissioner Kershaw, Recorder/Auditor Maggie Lowther, Sheriff James Miller, Director of Administration and Budget Pat Whitten, Administrative Officer Marilou Walling, and District Attorney Harold Swafford.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC COMMENT: Nick Nicosia extended a “thank you” to Richard Bacus and the county for the street clean-up.

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.)

APPROVAL OF AGENDA FOR SEPTEMBER 19, 2006

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR SEPTEMBER 5, 2006

CORRESPONDENCE: None.

DISCUSSION/ACTION: MAP APPROVAL FOR MAPS TO BE RECORDED None.

DISCUSSION/ACTION: Approval of Planning Commission minutes for August 17th, 2006. (Other than approval of the unofficial Minutes of August 3, 2006, and determination of the next meeting, there was no new business before the Planning Commission at the August 17, 2006, meeting.)

STAFF: Sheriff James Miller spoke about the upcoming Thunder on the Mountain event in Storey County.

FIRST READING:

BUSINESS LICENSES

1. JAMES M ELLETT CONSTRUCTION - Contractor / Out of County
2. UNITED SITE SERVICES of NV, Inc– Portable Toilet Service – Out of County
3. REDHAWK HANDYMAN SERVICES– General Handyman – 158 South B St. /VC
4. STURGEON ELECTRIC CO– Contractor / Out of County
5. VAUGHN MATERIALS CO– Retail Sales / Out of County
6. JRA CONSTRUCTION – Contractor / Out of County
7. ODYSSEY ENGINEERING– Civil Engineering & Survey / Out of County

Commissioner Kershaw made a motion that the Consent Agenda be approved. The motion was seconded by Chairman Flanagan and carried.

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

DISCUSSION/ACTION: Business license for Protection Devices, Inc. Installation, service, and monitoring of security, fire alarms, and CCTV. Protection Devices, Inc. has obtained a license from the State Fire Marshall. This belongs under Business License first readings.

DISCUSSION/ACTION: Business license for Comstock Park Co.; management of the food and beverage for the Ramada Hotel. This belongs under Business License first readings.

DISCUSSION/ACTION: Leslie Carter would like an explanation from the commissioners as to why his taxes are so high. He lives in the Painted Rock area. Mr. Carter feels that the families in the Painted Rock area have been ignored by Storey County. He is displeased with how much his taxes have increased over the past few years. His main issue appeared to be paying taxes for services, i.e., police and fire,

which, according to him, he does not receive. The commissioners commented that they too would like to see the taxes go down and believe that the industrial park will help. Sheriff James Miller advised Mr. Carter that there are plans to install street signs. Also, a new fire station and sheriff substation are being planned for the area.

DISCUSSION/ACTION: Debra Jacobsen with the Southwest Gas Corporation for approval of the franchise agreement allowing them to deliver natural gas within Storey County.

Pat Whitten recommended approval. A discussion ensued over other Storey County areas that may want to talk to Southwest. Commissioner Bum Hess made a motion that the franchise agreement with Southwest Gas Corporation be approved. This was seconded by Bob Kershaw and carried.

DISCUSSION/ACTION: Interlocal Agreement between NDOT and Storey County regarding bridge maintenance over the Truckee River on USA Parkway.

Pat Whitten recommended approval and stated that this is a more formal manner of codifying the agreement. Commissioner Kershaw made a motion to approve the Interlocal Agreement between NDOT and Storey County. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hess and carried.

DISCUSSION/ACTION: Renew Courthouse parking lot lease agreement with Marshall McBride.

Marshall McBride was present and spoke on the matter. Discussion ensued regarding options to utilize the unused portions of the parking lot and the cost thereof. Commissioner Hess stated that he would like to work with the Mr. McBride on developing the lot for county purposes and delay payment until the next budget. Marshall McBride was receptive to the idea. Commissioner Hess then made a motion to continue this matter until the preliminary budget hearings. This was seconded by Commissioner Kershaw and carried.

At this point in the meeting, Mr. Les Carter asked to speak again regarding the bridge at Painted Rock. Commissioner Hess agreed to talk to the Public Works Director Bacus regarding the bridge.

DISCUSSION/ACTION: Approval of Claims

Total Warrants \$400,430.70

Commissioner Kershaw made a motion to approve the aforementioned claims. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Hess and carried.

DISCUSSION/ACTION: Repair work on Mustang Road.

All agreed that the road is in dire need of repair and that Storey County is not prepared to foot the entire bill. Storey County is looking for help from the businesses that utilize the road. Chris Thomas from Waste Management was present. Although Waste Management is the primary user of the road and is committed to pitching in a sizeable amount for repair, all businesses that use the road should help. Commissioner Kershaw

agreed to get together with Public Works and go over the numbers. Chris Thomas will join them

Commissioner Hess made a motion to continue the item regarding Mustang Road repair. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kershaw and carried.

DISCUSSION/ACTION: Approval of Resolution 06-230. After a brief discussion, Commissioner Hess moved to approve Resolution 06 -230. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kershaw and carried.

DISCUSSION/ACTION: Street Abandonment. Correction to the Minutes in that both streets are abandoned--not just one. Discussion ensued regarding the moratorium on street abandonments. It was Commissioner Hess' recommendation that the Building Department should start taking applications and go back to their normal process.

DISCUSSION/ACTION: Barbara Bowers request county to survey boundaries of Union Street between P and Q. Commissioner Kershaw made a motion that this item be removed from the agenda and not be placed back on the agenda at this time. Commissioner Hess seconded this motion and it was carried.

DISCUSSION/ACTION: Request by Maggie Lowther to write off uncollectible accounts. After a short discussion on what the collectibles actually represented, Commissioner Kershaw made a motion to approve her request. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hess and carried.

DISCUSSION/ACTION: Richard Bacus request for action to be taken regarding the Washington Street steps. There are six to seven flights of steps that have been identified as a safety hazard. Concrete would offer the best repair, but it is costly. Commissioner Hess made a motion that the county get some bids on the repair project. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kershaw and carried.

DISCUSSION/ACTION: Possible extension of Richard Bacus' retirement date. Richard Bacus is willing to work until July if needed. His retirement date is now December 31, 2006. The advertisement for his position runs until October 2. Commissioner Kershaw made a motion that Mr. Bacus' offer be revisited after all applications have been received and reviewed. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hess and carried.

**LICENSING BOARD:
SECOND READINGS**

1. SPANISH SPRINGS CONSTRUCTION- Contractor / Out of County
2. STETSON, INC. – Trucking – 350 Mustang Rd / River District
3. BONANZA CAFÉ – Restaurant / 27 North 'C' ST Virginia City
4. INERTIA MACHINERY, LLC– Machine Design – 21550 Stallion, VCH

5. COPPER TOP CONSTRUCTION – Contractor / Out of County
6. PROLOGIS – Commercial Real Estate – 2555 USA Pkwy / River District
7. GOODALE CONSTRUCTION – Contractor / Out of County
8. LINCOLN HEATING & A/C – Contractor / Out of County
9. CB CONCRETE, Inc. - Contractor / Out of County (cont'd)
10. EAGLE PICHER FILTRATION & MINERALS – Mining / Storey County (cont'd)
11. LONG VALLEY ROCK, LLC – Crushing Aggregate Products / Storey County (cont'd)
12. ABLE WEST, LLC – Electropolishing, etc / TRI (cont'd)
13. COOL CAT CIGARS & SALOON – Cigars/Accessories/Saloon / VC (cont'd)

Commissioner Hess made a motion that items #1 through #8 and #11 be approved. Commissioner Kershaw seconded the motion and it was carried.

Commissioner Kershaw made a motion that items #9, #12, and #13 be continued. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hess and carried.

DISCUSSION/ACTION: STAFF REVIEW/COMMITTEE REPORTS: Marilou Walling reported that the County was served yesterday with a lawsuit regarding the sewage back-up into the Holloway's residence. A settlement offer has already been extended, only one day after receiving service.

BOARD COMMENTS: None

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business before the Board, Chairman Flanagan adjourned the meeting at 3:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

By _____
EF Herrington