

# STOREY COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING

TUESDAY, JANUARY 5<sup>TH</sup>, 2010 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 Holli Kiechler, Chairman Greg Hess, Commissioner John Flanagan, Comptroller Hugh Gallagher, County Manager Pat Whitten, Director of Community Development Dean Haymore, District Attorney Harold Swafford, Vice-Chairman Bob Kershaw, Community Services Director Deny Dotson, Assistant Sheriff Gerald Antinoro, Recorder Sarah Jensen.

### CALL TO ORDER AT 2:00 P.M.

The meeting was called to order by The Chair at 2:00 P.M.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Chairman led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

### PUBLIC COMMENT

Mark Joseph Phillips, resident of Storey County, District One, stated that he heard a rumor that Chairman Hess is going to resign his term. Mr. Phillips feels it is important that Chairman Hess finishes out his last term year so that Governor Gibbons does not have to appoint a Commissioner to fill the vacancy. He would also like to see Sheriff Miller finish out his term as well so the voters can decide who the next Sheriff will be. Chairman Hess stated that there is no validity to the resignation rumor.

Troy Regas said his attorney sent a letter to the Storey County Commission and the Storey County District Attorney and asked if it was going to be read into the

record. Chairman Hess stated that the Commissioners did not have the letter. County Manager Pat Whitten said the letter was forwarded to counsel as it is a legal matter. Mr. Regas asked who the counsel is in which Mr. Whitten responded the inside counsel as District Attorney Harold Swafford and outside counsel as Mark Gunderson. Mr. Regas asked if Mr. Swafford was going to read the letter into record. Mr. Swafford said he would not read the letter into record but would include it in the records. He explained that reading the letter would be time consuming and the letter is full of inaccuracies.

#### **APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN AND VICE CHAIRMAN TO THE STOREY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS.**

**Motion:** Appointment of Greg “Bum” Hess as Chairman to the Storey County Board of Commissioners, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Commissioner Flanagan, **Seconded by** Vice-Chairman Kershaw.

**Vote:** Motion carried by unanimous vote (**summary:** Yes = 2).

**Motion:** Appointment of Bob Kershaw as Vice-Chairman to the Storey County Board of Commissioners, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Commissioner Flanagan, **Seconded by** Chairman Hess.

**Vote:** Motion carried by unanimous vote (**summary:** Yes = 2).

Chairman Hess said there is another State Board to add to the list as #17, The Overseer of Fire, Public Works, and Planning & Building. He went on to read the staff recommendations into record for the 2010 State Board Appointments.

#### **APPOINTMENT OF COMMISSIONER TO SERVE ON THE COUNTY AND STATE BOARDS FOR 2010**

1. Regional Transportation Commission (Two Commissioners and one member at large.) Bob Kershaw, Bum Hess and Bill Sjovangen (Remains the same)
2. VCCTA - John Flanagan (Remains the same)
3. Safety Committee - Eric Guevin-Chair; Shannon Gardner-Vice Chair (Remains the same)
4. Legislative Representative - Bum Hess with all others, including staff as needed.
5. 4th Ward School and Museum Board - Bum Hess (Remains the same)
6. NACO - Bob Kershaw (**Changed from John Flanagan**)
7. RSVP - No appointment. Fill directly by Board with no Commission appointment.
8. Nevada Works - Bob Kershaw; Holli Kiechler - Alternate (**Adds Holli as alternate**)

9. NNDA – Pat Whitten (Remains the same)
10. Carson/Walker Resources District - Dean Haymore (Remains the same)
11. Library Board – Maggie Lowther (**Changed from John Flanagan**)
12. Debt Management Board – Bum Hess, Doug Walling, Pat Whitten plus designated appointees from the Storey County School District and the Canyon GID (Remains the same)
13. Virginia City Senior Center – Sarah Jensen (Remains the same)
14. Lockwood Senior Center – Maggie Lowther (Remains the same)
15. Saint Marys Art Center – John Flanagan (Remains the same)
16. Western Nevada Development District - Dean Haymore (Remains the same)
17. Fire, Public Works, Planning & Building – Bum Hess (Remains the same)

Vice-Chairman Kershaw added for the record that with the flood project along Truckee River there is a citizen appointee and alternate. Mr. Kershaw is filling that position along with Austin Osborne. Mr. Whitten clarified that there are many more board positions that the Staff fill but this list addresses just the key appointments that are reviewed annually. The Flood and Fire will be formally added to the list for 2011.

**Motion:** Appointment of Commissioners to Serve on County and State Boards for 2010, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Vice-Chairman Kershaw, **Seconded by** Commissioner Flanagan.

**Vote:** Motion carried by unanimous vote (**summary:** Yes = 2).

### 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 January 5, 2010**

**Approval of Minutes for December 15, 2009**

**Correspondence – Regas Letter**

**Approval of Claims – none submitted**

**Approval of Maps** - Submitted map #2010-005 and #2010-006. Creating parcels and straightening lines on West Italy Drive.

**Approval of Assessor corrections to the Tax Roll**- none submitted

**Approval of Treasurer's Report** - none submitted

**Approval of Planning Commission Minutes** November 19, 2009

**Approve Revised HR Policies** - none submitted

**LICENSING BOARD:**

**FIRST READINGS:**

1. **J.R. BROWN ENTERPRISES** - Home Business / 314 Martin Ln, MTE
2. **MARV McQUEARY EXCAVATING**- Contractor / 49 Industrial Pky, Moundhouse
3. **RESOURCE DEVELOPMNET CO**- Contractor / 1475 Linda Way, Sparks

**END OF CONSENT AGENDA**

**Motion:** Approve Consent Agenda, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Vice-Chairman Kershaw, **Seconded by** Commissioner Flanagan.

**Vote:** Motion carried by unanimous vote (**summary:** Yes = 2).

**DISCUSSION/ACTION:** Committee/Staff Reports

Community Services Director Deny Dotson

1. Announced that a questionnaire mailer will be sent to all Storey County residents asking for input on needed Parks & Recreation services.

Director of Community Development Dean Haymore

1. Briefly explained access issues at Painted Rock regarding land that was previously owned by Reynen & Bardis but is now under ownership of Q&D. Looking for the Commissions permission to proceed with obtaining the easement.
2. The Canyon GID was approved for another \$1 million to run a grey water line extension back to the landfill. Connie Butts is asking for an easement for the 4" pressure line along Canyon Way. Looking for the Commissions permission to grant the easement once documents are prepared stating that Canyon GID is responsible for any maintenance and other stipulations are clarified.

County Manager Pat Whitten

1. Stated that we are halfway through the budget year and surviving due to our conservative approach. The review figures are being compiled and will show that revenues are down in all areas such as Sales Tax, Building Permits and Plan Reviews. The Staff should be prepared for cuts from 5% up to as much as 20% if not more. All departments are being asked to come up with different scenarios in their upcoming budget packets.

**DISCUSSION/ACTION:** Approval of grant application for Community Development Block Grant.

1. Develop a comprehensive flood control plan

Mr. Whitten explained that the Grant topic has now been addressed twice at the public meeting as required. The flood control plan is the most likely to succeed and the request is almost complete. The deadline to submit the request is January 12, 2010.

Mr. Kershaw asked if it was county-wide plan in which Mr. Whitten confirmed and clarified the included areas as 6 Mile, Virginia City Highlands, Long Valley, etc.

**Motion:** Approval of grant application for Community Development Block Grant, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Commissioner Flanagan, **Seconded by** Vice-Chairman Kershaw.

**Vote:** Motion carried by unanimous vote (**summary:** Yes = 2).

**DISCUSSION/ACTION:** Approval of VCCTA land lease for new sign structure(s).

Mr. Dotson explained that Susan Sutton approached him on the idea of placing the two structures on county land. They will be about 15 feet tall, erected on an 8 X 10 pad. A separate lease has been drawn up for each, one at the North end of Virginia City and one at the South end. The VCCTA will be responsible for maintaining them. Ms. Sutton said the original structures cost Boomtown \$150,000 and are being reworked for Storey County now. Ms. Sutton thanked Mr. Dotson for helping process this project. Mr. Swafford said the signs are outstanding. Mr. Whitten advised to motion specifically the North and South Leases.

**Motion:** Approval of VCCTA land lease for new sign structure(s) at the North and South ends of Virginia City, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Commissioner Flanagan, **Seconded by** Vice-Chairman Kershaw.

**Vote:** Motion carried by unanimous vote (**summary:** Yes = 2).

**LICENSING BOARD:**

**SECOND READINGS:**

1. **CANNON HOME IMPROVEMENTS, LLC**– Contractor / 1460 Locksley Way, Reno
2. **HELIOPOWER, INC.**– Contractor / 25767 Jefferson Ave, Murietta CA
3. **GA ENGINEERING & PLANNING**– Professional / 280 Greg St #8, Reno
4. **MERCURY STEEL & PLACING, Inc.** – Contractor / 2451 Monte Verde Way,. Sparks
5. **HAUS PLUMBING & MECHANICAL CORP.** – Contractor / 377 S Nevada St, Carson City
6. **BP CONCRETE CUTTING** – Contractor / 5755 Jim Denning Way, Sparks
7. **BLACK ROCK SOLAR, Inc.** – Non-Profit / 3450 Third St Bldg 2A, San Francisco CA
8. **CURTIS & SONS** – Contractor / 1201 South Orchard Road, Minden
9. **ADVANCED REFINING CONCEPTS, LLC**– General / **611 Peru Drive, TRI**
10. **CHART, Inc.**– General / **1995 Peru Drive, TRI**
11. **NOBLE TECHNOLOGIES CORP**– General / **1280 Alexandria Court, TRI**
12. **ANVIL RECYCLING CORP (Office)** – General / **50 Ave of the Colors, RB**
13. **ANVIL RECYCLING CORP (Yard)** – General / **2700 Waltham Way, TRI**

Mr. Haymore asked to continue Chart Inc., Noble Technologies Corp., Anvil Recycling Corp (Office), Anvil Recycling Corp (Yard) and Advanced Refining Concepts, LLC as they are all still in the process of coming into compliance.

**Motion:** Continue Licensing Board, Second Readings #9 thru #13, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Vice-Chairman Kershaw, **Seconded by.** Commissioner Flanagan.

**Vote:** Motion carried by unanimous vote (**summary:** Yes = 2).

Mr. Flanagan asked what type of business Black Rock Solar is. Mr. Haymore said that they make solar panels and have been working with union workers to install the panels for free as a training effort on The Food Bank out in TRI. Storey County has been working on grants with the Governors Energy Board to install several solar panels for Storey County. Black Rock Solar is unique because the panels are not attached to the roof but instead to cinder blocks.

**Motion:** Approve Licensing Board, Second Readings #1 thru #8, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Commissioner Flanagan, **Seconded by** Vice-Chairman Kershaw.

**Vote:** Motion carried by unanimous vote (**summary:** Yes = 2).

#### **BOARD COMMENT**

Mr. Whitten advised elected or appointed officials that their Ethics Statements must be filed with the Secretary of State or the Ethics Commission by January 15th.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned by call of The Chair at 2:33 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by:

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Jessie Fain, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer