

**STOREY COUNTY COMMISSION
MEETING
TUESDAY, JANUARY 15th, 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**

**SARAH S. JENSEN
RECORDER-AUDITOR**

Roll Call.

Present: Administrative Officer Marilou Walling, Chairman Greg Hess, Interim Clerk-Treasurer Vanessa Dixon, Commissioner John Flanagan, County Manager Pat Whitten, Director of Public Works Mike Nevin, District Attorney Harold Swafford, Fire Chief Gary Hames, Recorder-Auditor Sarah Jensen, Sheriff James Miller, Vice-Commissioner Bob Kershaw.

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 Chair led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Susan Sutton from the Virginia City Convention Tourism Authority (VCCTA) was present to give an update. Ms. Sutton thanked the Board for the money that was funded to the VCCTA. She stated due to those funds they have been able to do some incredible things. Ms. Sutton informed the Board of the awards that the VCCTA has received in 2006 and 2007. She added that she feels very blessed. Ms. Sutton stated that the VCCTA doesn't want anything from the Tahoe Reno Industrial Park, but she feels that the VCCTA has a lot to offer them. Anything from employee programs to helping potential companies in their discussion to

move to Storey County. Ms. Sutton gave a brief update on Tourism @res for America and gave each Commissioner a video of the organizations projects including Virginia City. She continued with an overview of recent scholarships and grants received by the VCCTA and its staff. She will be beginning a masters program in travel industries this February. She stated that the VCCTA has also partnered with various other tourism organizations. She concluded her update with the VCCTA's newest promotion, "Plan your wedding in Virginia City" and presented the new banner that the VCCTA is showing at trade shows. Ms. Sutton thanked the board for their time and asked if they had any questions.

Chairman Hess thanked Ms. Sutton for her time and hard work.

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)

Mr. Whitten stated that the Discussion/Action Item for special events is for parades only. The events will come before the Board at the next meeting.

Approval of Agenda for January 15th, 2008

Approval of Minutes for January 2nd, 2008

Correspondence

None

Approval of Maps to be recorded

None

LICENSING BOARD:

FIRST READINGS:

1. **WEBB EQUIPMENT** – Contractor / St. Augustine FL
2. **SIERRA MECHANICAL SERVICES** – Contractor / Las Vegas NV
3. **PETsMART** – General / TRI - McCarran NV
4. **HOLLAND WATERPROOFING** – Contractor / Sparks NV
5. **J & D PROMOTIONS** – Home Business / VC Highlands NV
6. **CEDAR VALLEY CONCRETE CORP of NEVADA** – Contractor / Rancho Cordova CA
7. **TRITON TOWER, Inc.** – Contractor / Sacramento CA
8. **1st CALL DOES IT ALL** – Out of County / Reno NV

9. **ALEXANDER HEATING & AIR CONDITIONING**– Contractor / Sparks NV
10. **WESTERN NEVADA SUPPLY**– Out of County / Sparks NV
11. **MAVERICK ENGINEERING**– Contractor / Carson City NV
12. **CANNON HOME IMPROVEMENTS**– Contractor / Reno NV
13. **FORTNA, Inc.**– Contractor / West Reading PA

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

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

CLOSE REGULAR MEETING

At the call of the Chair the regular meeting was adjourned

OPEN TO WATER BOARD MEETING

At the call of the Chair the Water Board meeting was called to order.

DISCUSSION/ACTION: Water Ordinance, hook up fees, deadlines, and conditions.

Chairman Hess explained that the purpose of this item is to go over the water and sewer limitations. The goal is to make it work for everything. He stated that there are a lot of people on the list that have no intention of building. Chairman Hess added that there are things we need to go over before a vote is done.

Mr. Nevin stated that 13 hookups are issued in Virginia City, 3 in Gold Hill and 3 in Silver City. He added that there are permits for hookups that were issued for and paid for back in the 1970's but the hookup has never actually been used. It isn't fiscally responsible to do water hookups today that were charged the 1970's rate, we are upside down. He recommended that a time limitation be placed on the hookups and if it isn't used they be refunded a portion of the deposit. He explained that for every hookup that isn't put in the ground we are losing \$492.00 per year in revenue that loss is huge to a small utility department. Mr. Nevin stated that the goal is to make it fair to everyone. He asked that the 2008 hookups be put on hold until we have a chance to review this and make some recommendations to the water board.

Chairman Hess recommended that the people who are up this year can have the option to give their hookup to someone else on the list but be first in 2010, for example.

Mr. Nevin added that it's not so much we don't have the water, it's the capacity at the waste water plant.

Chairman Hess stated that it needs a pretty good look over and that a lot of people got on the list and made money with it. By having their name on the list it increased the value of the property for sale.

Vice-Chairman Kershaw recommended that the people on the list be given a deadline to tell the Water Department what their intentions are.

Mr. Whitten stated that we need to do a little more work. He asked to not to release the 2008 hook ups for 60 days at which time they will come back before the board with their recommendations.

Vice-Chairman Kershaw stated that he doesn't think its going to matter to the people who are on the list.

Motion: Releasing the 2008 water and sewer hookups for 60 days for review of the current policy, Action: Postpone, Moved by Vice-Commissioner Bob Kershaw, Seconded by Commissioner John Flanagan.

CLOSE WATER BOARD MEETING

The water board was adjourned at the call of the chair.

REOPEN TO REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING

The meeting was called to order at the call of the chair.

DISCUSSION/ACTION: Staff Review/Committee Reports

Mr. Whitten stated that he has encouraged Ms. Sutton to come in during staff and give an update periodically.

Sheriff James Miller:

1. Mr. Miller stated that in the past a business license was issued to Dan Nguyen for Wooden Art at 201 South C Street. The license is 18 months past due in payment of fees. On Saturday the 1st, after conducting a long investigation with Lyon Courty, warrants were obtained for his business and home. During the search drugs and firearms were found. The weapons were found in strategic locations. The business owner is an ex felon and has pending charges on him out of California. Mr. Miller stated that it is his recommendation that we not allow him to conduct business in our county. Mr. Miller clarified that this individual has not been convicted but the evidence points at him very strongly.

Chairman Hess asked how the non-payment of fees has slipped by for so long.

Mr. Whitten stated that it will be addressed.

2. Mr. Miller presented the 2007 statistics to the Board. They were as follows: incidents 14,474, call for service 3,437, reported crimes 890, violent crimes 95, and arrest 464. He added that there was a decrease in gross misdemeanor and misdemeanor arrest compared to 2006. There are also reports in the Highlands of people trying to break into homes. Mr. Miller stated that there has been a decrease in accidents on 341 as well.

Connie Butts stated that we notice their presence in Lockwood and appreciates it.

Bradley Bryant asked Mr. Miller if any new information was available on the robbery.

Mr. Miller stated that the individual that cased the building has blue streaks in his hair and the other was wearing a bright orange hunting jacket. He added that these types of situations are very dangerous; luckily the clerk was able to walk away and go home.

Fire Chief Gary Hames:

1. Mr. Hames stated that Joe Curtis was able to secure a grant for the GIS system. It was Mr. Curtis who did the work and Mr. Hames would like to thank him.

Maggie Lowther:

1. Ms. Lowther informed the Board that she attended a hearing on nuclear waste. She stated that a lot won't have much to do with Storey County. She did learn of an agreement that the United States has with other countries. The agreement involves some of their nuclear waste being brought to Idaho and then from there it would go to a mass storage facility.
2. Ms. Lowther added that she and May Walker have decided not to attend the public lands meeting in Battie. They both felt that the meeting will be centered on Southern Nevada.
3. It is Ms. Lowther's understanding is that the government is going to build a storage system on the Mexican Border. The storage system is to help with water in southern Nevada and California.

Public Works Director Mike Nevin:

1. Mr. Nevin stated the Mr. Whitten passed along some ongoing work with grants to him. He has reapplied for grant funds for assistance with some work and engineering on Six Mile Road and Exit 22 and he feels there is hope this year. The other grants were for some assistance with the inverted center line markings for Geiger Grade, chain and snow tire warnings for various roads, additional road markers, and line delineators.
2. Mr. Nevin expressed his concern for a huge safety issue that came to his attention during the past storm in the industrial park. The developers have agreed to purchase markers so that the snow plow operators can see where the edge of the road is and where the center medium is. The developers will make the purchase and the county will do the installation.

Chairman Hess stated that he did talk to Vince about the manholes and he has agreed to look at new ones.

Connie Butts:

1. Ms. Butts stated that everything is going well. She has forwarded everything needed for the grant to Ms. Walling.

Administrative Officer Marilou Walling:

1. Ms. Walling stated that she has completed five out of seven grant audits.
2. Ms. Walling added that everything on the waste water plant grant has been handed in.

Dennis Miller asked Mr. Nevin if it is possible to plow the new section of road that goes up to the school.

Mr. Nevin stated that he would but that the only problem is that the plow in the north end of the county has a 13 foot wide blade, which makes it hard to maneuver and turn around. Mr. Nevin added that he will see what he can do.

County Manger Pat Whitten:

1. Mr. Whitten publicly thanked everyone that works for the county. He stated that everyone was so prepared not only to have the storm but to handle the storm. Mr. Whitten stated that NDOT laid down brine on Six Mile Canyon Road and portions of Lousetown and Cartwright Roads. Services were offered to Lyon county and the City of Fernaly.

DISCUSSION/ACTION: Approval of Claims and Statement of Activities

Chairman Hess read the following claims into the record:

Warrants: \$900,414.27
Payroll: \$395,035.48

TOTAL: \$1,295,449.75

Motion: Claims and Statement of Activities, Action: Approve, Moved by Vice-Chairman Bob Kershaw, Seconded by Commissioner John Flanagan.

DISCUSSION/ACTION: Naomi Duerr, Truckee River Flood Project Director, Update on Lockwood Restoration Project.

Ms. Duerr was present along with Mickey Hazelwood and Danielle Henderson to update the Board on the restoration project. Ms. Duerr gave a brief presentation and turned it over to Mr. Hazelwood. Mr. Hazelwood showed the Board a power point presentation that covered the upcoming projects and organizations involved. Daniel Henderson was introduced; she does natural resources planning and management. She will be the liaison for all of these projects.

After much discussion Mr. Whitten stated that the Flood Project is hoping for an endorsement from the Board.

Motion: Endorsement of the Truckee River Flood Project, Action: Approve, Moved by Vice-Chairman Bob Kershaw, Seconded by Commissioner John Flanagan.

DISCUSSION/ACTION: Approval of cooperative Agreement providing for Storey County to join the Truckee River Flood Project Coordinating Committee.

Ms. Duerr gave the board an overview of the changes made to this agreement. She added that this is the largest public works project ever taken on in Washoe County. Currently on the board there are 8 voting members, all of which are elected officials, and 15 non voting members. Dennis Miller and Connie Butts both currently serve on the board as representatives of Storey County. This new agreement would add an elected official from Storey County to the board as a voting member. Ms. Duerr covered the agreement and answered any questions the Board had. After much discussion a motion was made.

Motion: Agreement for Storey County to join the Truckee River Flood Project Coordinating Committee, Action: Approve, Moved by Vice-Chairman Bob Kershaw, Seconded by Commissioner John Flanagan.

DISCUSSION/ACTION: Approve refund of proceeds from Treasurers sale to Harry and Margaret Bennetts.

Mr. Whitten stated that this involves property that was auctioned during the last tax sale. The Bennetts have filed a civil complaint against the County stating that the property does not exist. Mr. Whitten added that Assessor Kathy Weeks has described the property as a floating parcel. The Bennetts have requested a refund. After meeting with Sarah Jensen, Laura Grant, Kathy Weeks, Marilou Walling, Bret Kolvet, and himself it was agreed that the funds should be refunded. Ms. Weeks has also asked that the Board remove the parcel from the roll.

Motion: Refund of funds to the Bennetts and remove the parcel from the tax roll,
Action: Approve, Moved by Vice-Commissioner Bob Kershaw, Seconded by Commissioner John Flanagan.

Chairman Hess called for a 5 minute break.

Chairman Hess called to meeting to order.

DISCUSSION/ACTION: Short term, two year lease/purchase for three Physio Control Life Pak-12 monitors.

Mike Streeter explained that with the recent opening of Carson Tahoe and the expansion of their cardio department it puts Storey County it presents Storey County with a unique opportunity. These life paks would give us the ability to shorten the time in the emergency department and provide the patient with life saving drugs, plus allow the hospital to open rooms in the cath lab. The ambulance crew would be capable of sending a picture to the hospital ahead a time. The normal price is around \$26,000 per unit if the county chooses to purchase the equipment now the price would be lowered to \$11,000 per unit.

Chairman Hess stated that he talked to Gary and he feels that it is a great upgrade.

Motion: Approve lease/purchase for three Physio Control Life Paks and 12 monitors, Action: Approve, Moved by Vice-Chairman Bob Kershaw, Seconded by Commissioner John Flanagan.

DISCUSSION/ACTION: Appoint Clerk/Treasurer for the remainder of 2018
Mr. Whitten stated that the Board has received a staff recommendation, he added that they had two applicants, he recommended Vanessa Dixon for the appointment.

Motion: Approve appointment of Vanessa Dixon to the position of Clerk Treasurer, Action: Approve, Moved by Vice-Chairman Bob Kershaw, Seconded by Commissioner John Flanagan.

DISCUSSION/ACTION: Approve lease with Storey County School District (Lessor) on their 7+/- acre parcel adjacent to Highlands Fire Station #2. This lot will continue to be utilized in conjunction with the fuels reduction program jointly operated by Storey County, NDF, and the Fire Safe Highlands Council. Eric Guevin explained to the Board the purpose of this agreement. This property has been used for fuel reduction in the past without any kind of lease and no insurance. By having this lease in place the necessary precautions can be put in place. The cost for the lease will be \$1 per year.

Motion: Lease with Storey County School District, Action: Approve, Moved by Vice-Chairman Bob Kershaw, Seconded by Commissioner John Flanagan.

DISCUSSION/ACTION: Special Events: 2008 Parades:

St. Patrick's Day Parade	March 15, 2008
Easter Parade	March 22, 2008
Celebration of Heroes	May 24, 2008
4 th of July	July 4, 2008
Labor Day Parade	September 1, 2008
Camel Race Parade	September 6, 2008
Outhouse Race Parade	October 4, 2008
Halloween Parade	October 31, 2008
Veteran's Day Parade	November 11, 2008
Parade of Lights	December 6, 2008

Ms. Walling stated that these are for parades only, the events will come later.

Motion: Approve 2008 parades, Action: Approve, Moved by Vice-Commissioner Bob Kershaw, Seconded by Commissioner John Flanagan.
Kershaw, Flanagan

LICENSING BOARD

SECOND READINGS

1. CRAZY CHOCOLATE TEAR – General / McCarran NV (TRI)
2. PPG ARCHITECTURAL FINISHES, Inc- General / TRI - McCarran NV

Mr. Whitten recommended that both items be continued.

Motion: Approval of second readings, Action: Postpone, Moved by
Commissioner John Flanagan, Seconded by Vice-Chairman Bob Kershaw.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Whitten informed the Board that on Thursday at 11 am the ribbon cutting for
the USA Parkway will be held.

BOARD COMMENT

None

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at the call of the Chair at 3:48p.

Respectfully Submitted,

By _____
Vanessa A. Dixon, Clerk-Treasurer