

# STOREY COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING

TUESDAY, JANUARY 19<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, Clerk-Treasurer Vanessa Dixon, Commissioner John Flanagan, Comptroller Hugh Gallagher, County Manager Pat Whitten, Director of Community Development Dean Haymore, Director of Community Services Deny Dotson, Director of Public Works Mike Nevin, District Attorney Harold Swafford, Land Use Planner Austin Osborne, Sheriff James Miller, Vice-Chairman Bob Kershaw, Assistant Sheriff Gerald Antinoro.

### **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**

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 January 19, 2010**

**Approval of Minutes for January 5, 2010**

**Correspondence** - Division of Water Resources letter regarding Dayton Valley.  
VCCTA memorandum regarding NTA 2009 FAM Tours.

**Approval of Claims** - Payroll run 01/08/10 and Voucher run 01/15/10.

**Approval of Maps** - none

**Approval of Assessor corrections to the Tax Roll** - Parcel # 001-062-04 and 003-141-21.

**Approval of Treasurer's Report** - December 2009

**Approval of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Statement of Apportionment for Secured Taxes**

**Approval of Planning Commission Minutes** - none

**Approve Easement Agreement from Storey County to Canyon General Improvement District on Canyon Way approximately 3 miles from Peri Ranch Rd to the old Landfill entry, for their effluent reuse line.** - Chairman Hess announced a correction to the description as "approximately two miles" not three miles.

**Approve Revised HR Policies** - none

**LICENSING BOARD:**

**FIRST READINGS:**

1. **OUTBACK & BACK AGAIN** - General / 184 C Street, VC
2. **LUX ENERGIES** - Contractor / 2465 Sutro St., Reno
3. **FERNLEY ELECTRIC** - Contractor / 40 North Center, Fernley
4. **S C B Construction** - Contractor / 4170 Latigo Dr., Reno

**END OF CONSENT AGENDA**

**Motion:** Approve Consent Agenda with change to Easement Agreement,

**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

Director of Public Works Mike Nevin

1. An Ordinance for a cross connection control program for water is currently being drafted by the District Attorney's office. The process was started back in 1999 but was never completed.

Clerk-Treasurer Vanessa Dixon

1. Reported that the new District Court fines collection process is going well. In fiscal year 2009, only \$1300.00 was collected. In just the first 6 months of the 2010 year, \$2100.00 has already been collected.
2. A Voter Information mailer was sent out last Friday that included new voter cards. Any changes or errors should be reported to help clean the voter files and get them as accurate as possible.

Community Services Director Deny Dotson

1. The last week of May is the International Municipal Workers Convention. They will be in the region and have asked Virginia City to entertain one evening. About 20 buses of visitors will be brought up and a county representative is asked to ride each bus. Once the group arrives in Virginia City, the VCCTA will take over. Joe Curtis is working up a presentation on the history of Virginia City and the group may take a train ride.

County Manager Pat Whitten

1. Spoke of the upcoming budget and meetings with all 3 bargaining units. These are tough times but the meetings were productive. The prospects of furloughs, step and cost of living freezes, hiring freezes, salary reductions, changes to health care benefit plans, etc. are all being considered.

Community Development Director Dean Haymore

1. The Governor has agreed to fly medicine, diapers, baby food and other supplied to people in Haiti. TRI is going to be used as a receiving place for the donations.
2. The stakes at each end of town are the locations for the VCCTA signage portals. The project is on the Comstock Historic District's February Agenda to issue their Certificate of Approval.

**DISCUSSION/ACTION:** Appoint member to VCCTA "at large" vacancy.

Chairman Hess explained that the vacancy was created from Joe Curtis's departure. Vice-Chairman Kershaw confirmed that a great group of applications were received.

**Motion:** Approve Appointment of Ron Gallagher as member to the VCCTA “at large” vacancy, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Commissioner Flanagan, **Seconded by** Vice-Chairman Kershaw.

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

**DISCUSSION/ACTION:** Approval of 2009 Annual Audit for Storey County.

Rick Bartshe, Senior Accountant from David A. Pringle, CPA, Ltd., briefly explained the audit format as the same one used in the past years. A couple areas went a little over budget but nothing critical. Storey County is in the best position it has been in for the 25 years he has been auditing the County. The audit did not result in any derogatory remarks.

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

**DISCUSSION/ACTION:** Approval of Cooperative Agreement between State of Nevada Department of Transportation (NDOT) and Storey County addressing the design, construction, construction management, maintenance and funding for an overlay of portions of Six Mile Canyon. This project has been approved for Federal funding under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.

Director of Public Works Mike Nevin explained that this project started a year ago. The best way to receive funding was to let NDOT manage the project. Approval of this agreement is hopefully the final step before bid process. Mr. Whitten noted that NDOT handles all the recording and reporting which is extremely intensive and worth an experienced team being responsible for it. Mr. Nevin agreed and stated that Storey County probably would have had to hire someone to do the recording.

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

**DISCUSSION/ACTION:** Approval of Memorandum of Understanding contract between Storey County, Dayton Valley Conservation District, and Washoe-Storey Conservation District for the 2010 weed abatement program in Six and Seven Mile Canyons, Storey County.

Land Use Planner Austin Osborne gave a brief explanation of how we did this last year in the Canyons. This approach will be regional instead of county specific. The program includes weed spray, crew cutting and removal of noxious weeds. Most of the funding is from the American Recovery & Reinvestment Act, not the Carson Water Subconservancy District. The cost to Storey County is very minimal at \$2500.00 towards the purchase of herbicides. Mr. Nevin said that before last year, Public Works tried to deal with the weeds but it was hit and miss as they were short staffed and would get pulled to other projects.

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

**DISCUSSION/ACTION:** Memorandum of Understanding between the Nevada Rural Housing Authority (NRHA) and Storey County to assess and develop affordable housing for low to moderate income families and provide related trade school opportunities for local students.

D. Gary Longaker, Executive Director of Nevada Rural Housing Authority, introduced David Craig, Real Estate Director and Lisa Dayton, Housing Coordinator and briefly gave a background on the NRHA. He presented their annual report and other brochures showing programs such as Rental Assistance, Homeless Veterans and First Time Home Buyer. Mr. Craig gave a slideshow presentation showing the benefits of working with NRHA versus a private developer. The NHRA is a non-profit organization, they offer discounted fees, work on multiple projects and have access to special types of financing. The Memo of Understanding is a Gentlemen's Agreement that is not legally binding but states that the NHRA will perform needs assessments on behalf of the County. The focus for today is the One Dollar Home Program where the county can purchase a HUD foreclosed home for one dollar to be sold at an affordable cost to a qualified buyer. These homes are originally available to the public for 6 months and if they don't sell in that time period, they move on to the One Dollar Program in which the County only has 10 days to respond. Vice-Chairman Kershaw asked how a selling price is determined for the One Dollar homes. Mr. Craig responded that NHRA puts the money in to redevelop the home and find a

buyer and financing. There is an extensive process that is followed to arrive at the sales price to avoid negative results. Chairman Hess asked about these homes lowering the value of the home next to it if the sale price was extremely low. Commissioner Flanagan asked how many HUD houses are in Storey County. Ms. Dayton said there are six in Rainbow Bend. Administrative Officer Holli Kiechler asked if the One Dollar Program was linked to the Good Neighbor Program. Ms. Dayton said it is not and that most of these homes have some damage that prevents buyers from securing loans on them.

**Motion:** Memorandum of Understanding between the Nevada Rural Housing Authority (NRHA) and Storey County to assess and develop affordable housing for low to moderate income families and provide related trade school opportunities for local students, **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. **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**
4. **ADVANCED REFINING CONCEPTS, LLC-** General / **611 Peru Drive, TRI**
5. **CHART, Inc.-** General / **1995 Peru Drive, TRI**
6. **NOBLE TECHNOLOGIES CORP-** General / **1280 Alexandria Court, TRI**
7. **ANVIL RECYCLING CORP (Office) -** General / **50 Ave of the Colors, RB**
8. **ANVIL RECYCLING CORP (Yard) -** General / **2700 Waltham Way, TRI**

Mr. Haymore asked to continue Chart Inc., Noble Technologies Corp., Anvil Recycling Corp (Office) and Anvil Recycling (Yard) as they are still waiting for inspections.

**Motion:** Continue Licensing Board Second Readings #5 thru #8, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Vice-Chairman Kershaw, **Seconded by** Commissioner Flanagan.

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

**Motion:** Approve Licensing Board Second Readings #1 thru #4, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Commissioner Flanagan, **Seconded by** Vice-Chairman Kershaw.

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

**BOARD COMMENT**

Vice-Chairman Kershaw commented on the winter weather and Chairman Hess commented on budget issues.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned by call of The Chair at 2:52 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by:

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Jessie Fain, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer