

**STOREY COUNTY COMMISSION
MEETING
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 19TH, 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

Roll Call.

Present: Administrative Officer Marilou Walling, Chairman Greg Hess, Clerk Treasurer Vanessa Dixon, Commissioner John Flanagan, County Manager Pat Whitten, Director of Building and Planning Dean Haymore, Director of Public Works Mike Nevin, District Attorney Harold Swafford, Sheriff James Miller, Vice-Chairman Bob Kershaw.

CALL TO ORDER AT 2:00 P.M.

The meeting was called to order by the Chair.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Hess led those present in the pledge of allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Rusty Aldrich was present and read the following statement to the Board:

“First, I thank you all, Commissioners, Planning Commissioners, County Manager Pat Whitten and all county staff, you may feel you are just doing your job, in these days, working in cooperation with government bodies is not standard and not taken for granted. I sincerely thank you all for your continued dedication, fairness, and integrity. Of course, if I didn't hold you all in such high esteem, I would not be here to suggest yet another project for your consideration. As you know, public citizen groups may submit questions to the state ballot, but the process is more involved than if a County Commission were to put forward the same question. It

makes sense that, before we gear up to recollect signatures on petitions be collected in the same calendar year as the state vote, I should first ask if the Commissioners are interested in meeting with a few residents and petitions signers to come to a consensus on the ballot question language. A cooperative approach would benefit the County because you could move forward with initiative submission process before the end of summer rush, and it would benefit petitioners by eliminating another, redundant, signature collection process this summer. I believe this coauthorship of the ballot question language would, in fact, be the best way to proceed for all concerned because of the master plan update process tentatively scheduled to start this fall. A cooperative approach to the master plan ballot question will assure that it fits with other Storey County planning initiatives and directions.”

Ms. Aldrich asked the Board if they had any questions.

Chairman Hess thanked Ms. Aldrich for her time and added that we are certainly interested in working with the people. He stated that Vice Chairman Kershaw has been heading up the ballot question item.

Vice-Chairman Kershaw asked that have a chance to work with staff and look over what she is proposing before he commits himself to anything. He further stated that anything that the Board puts their name on will be reviewed by legal staff.

After further discussion it was agreed that a meeting would be arranged to discuss any ideas with the county.

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 February 19th, 2008

Ms. Walling asked that the following item be continued to the next meeting

*DISCUSSION/ACTION: Special Event: 4th Annual Reno-Tahoe Odyssey Relay Run Adventure June 6-7, 2008.

Chairman Hess added that the following item will be removed until a later date:

*DISCUSSION/ACTION: Appointment of new nuisance hearing officer

Approval of Minutes for February 5^h, 2008

Correspondence
None

Approval of Maps to be recorded
None

LICENSING BOARD:

FIRST READINGS:

1. TNT AUCTION, Inc.- General / TRI
2. MIDWEST AIR TECHNOLOGIES, Inc.- General / TRI
3. MD BARNS NORTHERN NEVADA- Contractor / Minden NV
4. INDUSTRIAL CREW, LLC - Out of County / Ross CA
5. SCARECROW STUCCO & STONE- Contractor / Reno NV
6. COONS CONSTRUCTION- Contractor / Moundhouse NV
7. TIMBERIDGE Plumbing & Heating, Inc.- Contractor / Sparks NV
8. ABSOLUTE ZERO REFRIGERATION- Contractor / Reno NV
9. CREATIVE DOORS & MOULDING- Out of County / Sparks NV
10. REMO's CLEANING SERVICE- Out of County / Reno NV
11. BRAZILIAN SISTERS CLEANING- Out of County / Reno NV
12. GARRELS n ROSE GALLERY- General / Virginia City NV
13. WILSON ELECTRIC - Contractor / Phoenix AZ
14. RENO TAHOE LIMOUSINE- Transportation / Reno NV
15. SCOTT FIRE PROTECTION- Contractor / Sparks NV
16. STERLING ELECTRIC - Contractor / Reno NV
17. SUGARLOAF MOUNTAIN MOTEL - General (new owners) / Virginia City NV
18. KARLSON WINDOW COVERINGS, Inc. - Out of County / Sun Valley NV

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

Motion: Approval of consent agenda with changes noted above, Action:
Approve, Moved by Vice-Chairman Bob Kershaw, Seconded by Commissioner
John Flanagan.

DISCUSSION/ACTION: Staff Review/Committee Reports

Public Works Director Mike Nevin:

1. Mr. Nevin advised the Board of some issues with the work that was performed last year on the roof. There is a leak in the Clerk/Treasurer's Office. Along with Ms. Walling, he is working with the insurance company to have the situation rectified.

2. Mr. Nevin stated he is looking at the possibility of coming up with a budget amount for a sprinkler system for the courthouse. He is trying to do it one step at a time. He has contacted a real good individual that has good familiarity with historic structures. The upstairs won't be a problem it will be downstairs. He added it will be a very expensive project.

Sheriff Jim Miller

1. Mr. Miller informed the Board that the jail had to go to little plastic cots. There are 13 people in the jail today, and he and Pat are working on a number of different things, they are trying to come up with a way to securely house these people.

Administrative Officer Marilou Walling:

1. Ms. Walling informed the Board that she has received the projections from the State and they are good solid numbers. She added that she will have budget packets out next week.

Director of Building and Planning Dean Haymore:

1. Mr. Haymore informed the Board that TRI is preparing to work on phase three which will include a zone change.
2. Mr. Haymore has received a request from Mr. Regis to develop an RV Park. He stated that the county currently has an ordinance in place that will not allow an RV Park within 4000 feet of the Truckee River. He instructed the applicant to contact the District Attorney's office.

Mr. Swafford stated that he doesn't feel comfortable writing an ordinance until we have some discussion on it. It would be close to the river, and the river needs to be protected, which is well stated in the current ordinance.

County Manager Pat Whitten:

1. Mr. Whitten stated that assessed values are up and that is driven by TRI, and we have experienced tremendous benefit from the power plant. He added that 3% only applies to owner occupied.
2. Mr. Whitten thanked Karen from the paper for getting the facts on the newly hired comptroller. Mr. Whitten stated that despite taking one on the chin inappropriately, Mr. Gallagher started this morning and has already contributed to the group.

DISCUSSION/ACTION: Approval of Claims and Statement of Activities

Chairman Hess read the claims in to the records as follows:

Warrants: \$248,447.96

Payroll #1: \$353,666.50

Special Payroll: \$2120.63

TOTAL: \$604,235.09

Motion: Approval of claims and statement of activities Action: Approve, Moved by Vice-Chairman Bob Kershaw, Seconded by Commissioner John Flanagan.

DISCUSSION/ACTION: NDOT C911 Rock Mesh Presentation
Power point presentation was given by Gary Williams. This presentation covered the type of mesh to be used and the locations that it will be installed. The mesh will be tan in color and has already been approved by Bert Bedeau.

Chairman Hess stated that he recalls when a different color was installed 6 to 7 years ago, and NDOT had to go back and change the color to tan.

Vice-Chairman Kershaw added that he doesn't even see it anymore when he is headed up the hill.

Motion: NDOT proposal on installation of tan mesh, Action: Approve, Moved by Commissioner John Flanagan, Seconded by Vice-Chairman Bob Kershaw.

LICENSING BOARD

SECOND READINGS

1. BRAYCOR INDUSTRIAL SERVICES- Contractor / Glendale AZ
2. VILLAGE BUILDERS of NEVADA- Contractor / Sparks NV
3. RUAN TRANSPORTATION- Transportation / Reno NV
4. CLASSIC FINISH SYSTEMS, LLC- Contractor / Reno NV
5. NORTHER SIERRA MASONRY - Contractor / Reno NV
6. UNITED CONCRETE SPECIALTIES.- Contractor / Reno NV
7. VIPER STEEL- Contractor / McCarran NV (TRI)
8. SIERRA NEVADA INSULATION- Contractor / Sparks NV
9. CEMA ASSOCIATES, Inc.- Contractor / Scottsdale AZ
10. ARCON GLOBAL COMMUNICATIONS- Contractor / Sparks NV
11. MAVERICK SAND AND GRAVEL- Contractor (Home Office) / Virginia City NV
12. LYNCH HOUSE- General (Vacation Rentals) / Gold Hill NV
13. CRAZY CHOCOLATE TEAR- General / McCarran NV (TRI)
14. PPG ARCHITECTURAL FINISHES, Inc.- General / TRI- McCarran NV
15. PETSMART - General / TRI- McCarran NV
16. WOODEN ART - General Retail / Virginia City NV *(Change in Ownership)*

Mr. Haymore asked that items 15 and 16 be continued and all others approved.

Motion: Continue second readings #15 and 16, Action: Approve, Moved by Vice-Chairman Bob Kershaw, Seconded by Commissioner John Flanagan.

Motion: Approve second readings #1-14, Action: Approve, Moved by
Commissioner John Flanagan, Seconded by Vice-Chairman Bob Kershaw.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

BOARD COMMENT

Vice-Chairman Kershaw stated that he, Mike Nevin, and Pat Whitten met with Senator Reid's office to discuss sales tax and other tax issues and making sure that taxes paid in Storey County stay in Storey County. They are addressing the issue of the county only having one zip code. Vice-Chairman Kershaw ran down his cell phone bill and explained the taxes he is paying in Washoe County and the City of Sparks. He added that it's just another tax that isn't staying in the county; he wants to look at everything.

Chairman Hess stated that we have been working with the Department of Taxation on getting money back that belongs to Storey County and he feels that it is time to take a more aggressive approach.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by the call of the Chair at 2:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

By _____
Vanessa A. Dixon, Clerk-Treasurer