

STOREY COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING

TUESDAY, MARCH 20, 2007 2:00 P.M.

**STOREY COUNTY DISTRICT COURTROOM
26 SOUTH B STREET, VIRGINIA CITY, NEVADA**

MINUTES

JOHN FLANAGAN
CHAIRMAN

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DISTRICT ATTORNEY

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VICE-CHAIRMAN

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SHERIFF

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COMMISSIONER

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CLERK-TREASURER

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RECORDER-AUDITOR

PRESENT: Chairman Flanagan, Vice Chairman Hess, Commissioner Kershaw, District Attorney Harold Swafford, Sheriff James G. Miller, Clerk-Treasurer Lorraine Du Fresne, Recorder-Auditor Sarah S. Jensen, County Manager Pat Whitten, Director of Building and Planning Dean Haymore, Public Works Director Mike Nevin, and Assessor Kathy Weeks

CALL TO ORDER AT 2:00 P.M.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

Chairman Flanagan asked that the following items be removed from the Agenda:
***DISCUSSION/ACTION:** Storey County Fire Chief Gary Hames requesting renewal of existing Mutual Aid Agreement with Bureau of Land Management (BLM)
***DISCUSSION/ACTION:** Approve Resolution No. 07-237 approval of augmentation of Jail Fund in the amount of \$50,000.00 to be used in operating supplies.

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 in item be taken from the consent agenda, discussed, and acted upon separately during this meeting.)

Approval of Agenda for March 20, 2007

Approval of Minutes for March 6, 2007

Correspondence

None

Approval of Maps to be Recorded

None

DISCUSSION/ACTION: 2007 Legislative Session Update.

Maggie Lowther was present to update the Board on the 2007 Legislative Session. Ms. Lowther is concerned with the blending of county lines . Storey, Lyon, Carson, and Douglas are treated as one large entity. There are several bills that may affect Storey County financially. Lyon County and Douglas County are building a detention center for children, Storey County may be asked to help with that. Ms. Lowther has provided a packet that contains two bills important and should be followed. It is possible to listen to the session on the computer. Ms. Lowther stated that if the Board is interested in a specific bill call her . She keeps files on the bills that pertain to Storey County, including updated language and newspaper clippings.

Chairman Flanagan asked if anything has come before the legislature pertaining to the Marlette water system.

Ms. Lowther said that she has not seen anything that involves the water system. She added that a bill has been presented forcing counties to set up a public guardian office.

Commissioner Kershaw asked if anything on GIDs has been mentioned.

Ms. Lowther stated that GIDs had been addressed and that so far nothing has affected Storey County.

Commissioner Kershaw wanted to know what the status is with the toll roads. Ms. Lowther explained that the information has been provided in their packets.

DISCUSSION/ACTION: Approval of Planning Commission Minutes for February 1, 2007

UNOFFICIAL MINUTES OF 1 FEBRUARY 2007

Informational Update Presentation - Truckee River Flood Management Project

Naomi Duerr, Director for the project presented an update on the progress currently being made and that there is discussion currently going on about a proposed two foot high walkway for Rainbow Bend and the possible elevation of the Painted Rock Bridge.

Informational Update Presentation - Truckee River Project - The Nature Conservancy of Nevada -

Mickey Hazelwood, Project Manager for TNC presented an update on the construction effort that has taken place from August - November, the ongoing revegetation work, future plans for the property, and future plans for continuing restoration work on the Lower Truckee River.

LICENSING BOARD

FIRST READINGS:

1. **FREY BUILD CONSTRUCTION**– Contractor / Out of County
2325 Derbish Way, Reno NV
2. **ROLLAPART BUILDINGS, INC.** – Contractor / Out of County
2815 Cushman Road, Fallon NV

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

Vice-Chairman Hess moved to approve the Consent Agenda; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Kershaw and carried.

DISCUSSION/ACTION: Staff Review/Committee Reports

Public Works Director Mike Nevin:

1. Mr. Nevin has received two bids for a new roof for the swimming pool. Both are under \$10,000.00. He has two companies coming to look at the current solar panel system. He added that the bids for the new roof do include the restroom building.
2. During the excavation for the new water tank an archeological discovery was made. It may be part of the Bullion Mine. One of the artifacts found is a full and corked champagne bottle. Mr. Nevin would like to have the bottle displayed in the Courthouse. Other things unearthed include medicine bottles and a hand forged shovel. Mr. Nevin would like to meet with Mr. Haymore, Mr. Whitten, Mr. Joregnsen, Ms. Walling, and Sierra Earthworks to develop a plan of action, the discovery may delay the project for 10 days.
3. Last week the Storey County Water Department attended the Nevada Rural Water conference in Reno. Storey County won the best tasting water in the state of Nevada. A sample of the water will travel back to Washington DC to compete in the national competition that takes place in the end of April.
4. Vice-Chairman Hess asked about the sewer system work that was performed on D Street over this last weekend. Mr. Nevin explained that he had received a call on Saturday regarding a water leak. Originally he tried to use a snake to remove the blockage, but was unsuccessful. After getting the proper equipment 40 feet of sewer pipe was removed twelve feet of it was completely clogged with grease. A restaurant on C Street is most likely responsible for the blockage. Building Inspector Mel Quenemoen inspected a local restaurant and found a 30 gallon grease trap packed full of grease. Mr. Haymore added that the County needs to enforce the 1000 gallon grease traps that are required.

Vice-Chairman Hess stated that this restaurant has caused problems in the past. Mr. Haymore said that the business in question will be revisited. If the grease trap has not been cleaned out they will be closed down.

Sheriff James G. Miller:

1. As of Monday morning the Sheriff's Office has 15 people in jail. They are continually battling the meth problem and enforcing the traffic laws, issuing a lot of citations on 341 and Mill Street.

Building and Planning Director Dean Haymore:

1. Mr. Haymore explained that he is responsible for flood recovery. He has received two bids for work to be performed. Insurance will pay for a portion of the work. He was also asked to obtain bids for work on the Denham Bridge; those bids have been forwarded to the insurance company since the Denham Bridge project will not be paid by the County.

2. Mr. Haymore stated that there is currently there is a gentleman by the name of Sunny who runs a “roach coach” in the TRI area. Recently 3 different companies have been selling food to the workers in the area. Mr. Haymore has informed those companies that a business license is necessary and that they must meet all health department requirements.

3. Public hearing for Cordevista will be held in the VC Highlands on April 5th at 6:00 pm. The Building Department is currently in the process of mailing notices to residents in the area.

4. On Friday the deal for a Pet Smart distribution center in Storey County closed.

County Manager Pat Whitten

1. Mr. Whitten stated that there is a plan to use the County’s website for the distribution of information regarding the Cordevista development. The purpose is not to take sides but to make all information public to both sides. The developers of Cordevista have agreed to provide all documentation in an electronic format.

2. As mentioned in a previous meeting the new EOC (Emergency Operations Building) building has been put on hold. It was determined that C Street is not a logical place for communications. For the time being the communications center will stay in the jail.

3. Mr. Whitten stated that he attending a meeting last Friday with Vince Griffith in regards to the status of a new county facility/building in TRI. The meeting went great and hopes to have the building open by the end of the year.

Assessor Kathy Weeks

1. Ms. Weeks informed the Board that the spring assessors meeting will be held in Virginia City April 17-19, she is expecting all 17 counties to attend.

DISCUSSION/ACTION: Approval of Claims

Warrants: \$216,270.91, Payroll: \$301,472.10, TOTAL: \$517,743.01

Commissioner Kershaw moved to approve claims; the motion was seconded by Vice - Chairman Hess and carried.

DISCUSSION/ACTION: Set budget hearings for April 2, 2007

Mr. Whitten asked that the Board approve April 2, 2007 at 9:00 for Budget hearings.

Commissioner Kershaw moved to approve the Budget hearings; the motion was seconded by Vice -Chairman Hess and carried.

DISCUSSION/ACTION: Larie Trippet – NNDA, and Jeff Brigger – EDawn:
Acknowledge Sales/Use Tax and Personal Property Tax Abatement to Nevada Commission on Economic Development (NCED) for The Tire Rack

Larie Trippet, along with Jeff Brigger and Ken Person, informed the Board that all requirements have been met. The Board expressed their concern in offering abatements to new businesses and the effect it may have on the County.

After much discussion Vice-Chairman Hess made a motion to acknowledge the request from The Tire Rack; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Kershaw and carried.

DISCUSSION/ACTION: Storey County Sheriff's Office liquor license for a portable bar at the Ramada for Hugh Roy Marshall

Sheriff Miller informed the Board that all requirements have been met and he recommends that the license is approved.

Vice-Chairman Hess moved to approve the license; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Kershaw and carried.

DISCUSSION/ACTION: Storey County Sheriff's Office business license for High Standard Security and Communications, fire and burglar alarm system dealer .

Sheriff Miller stated that he recommends the business license be approved.

Commissioner Kershaw moved to approve the license; the motion was seconded by Vice-Chairman Hess and carried.

DISCUSSION/ACTION: Public Works/Road/Water and Sewer Departments: Purchase of two ¾ ton FWD pick-up trucks at Nevada State Purchasing price not to exceed \$24,000 each

Mr. Nevin would like to replace the following trucks: a 1988 ford, a 1990 ford with front end issues, and a 1992 GMC. The money is in the budget but wasn't specified as a line item. Unexpected revenue will be used as well to cover the cost.

Vice-Chairman moved to approve the purchase; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Kershaw and carried.

DISCUSSION/ACTION: December 2006 Treasurer's Report

Clerk-Treasurer Lorraine Du Fresne read the Treasurer's report for December 2006 into the record. Receipts: \$2,186,969.40, Disbursements: \$464,223.87, Payroll \$865,130.55, Ending Balance: \$1,463,038.93.

Commissioner Kershaw moved to approve the December 2006 Treasurer's report; the motion was seconded by Vice-Chairman Hess and carried.

DISCUSSION/ACTION: Selection of name for North County senior center

Commissioner Kershaw proposed that the new name be the Lockwood Community Senior Center.

Commissioner Kershaw moved that the new name be Lockwood Community Senior Center; the motion was seconded by Vice-Chairman Hess and carried.

LICENSING BOARD

SECOND READINGS:

1. **EXIT 28 – General** - Marketing & Consulting 4440 Matich, Reno NV - APPROVED
2. **COMSTOCK GOLD MILL** – General / Tourist Mill Tour 395 south 'G' Street, Virginia City NV- CONTINUED

3. **STERLING HOMES Nevada.** – Contractor 401 Dayton Valley Road, Dayton NV- APPROVED
4. **SILVER STATE TERMITE & PEST CONTROL** – Professional / Pest Control 1055 Industrial Way #1, Sparks NV- APPROVED
5. **CASTAWAY TRASH HAULING, Inc.** – General / Recycling & Salvage 1000 Ave of the Colors, Lockwood- CONTINUED
6. **KENEBEC, Inc..** – Contractor / Steel Reinforcing & Erection 625 Spice Island Dr #F, Sparks NV- APPROVED
7. **BURAU & SON CONSTRUCTION, INC.**– Contractor / Residential & Commercial 181 Plantation Drive, Carson City NV - APPROVED
8. **JIM WARNER INSULATION, Inc.**– Contractor / Carpentry/Insulation/Weather Stripping 650 Oxbow Ct, Reno NV - APPROVED

Mr. Haymore asked that the Board continue Castaway Trash Hauling, Inc., due to an issue with the name and a possible “hold harmless agreement” and Comstock Gold Mill, as the mill is has not yet received a final inspection.

Commissioner Kershaw moved to continue business licenses #2 and #5; the motion was seconded by Vice-Chairman Hess and carried.

Commissioner Kershaw moved to approve business licenses #1, #3, #4, #6-#8; the motion was seconded by Vice-Chairman Hess and carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

A letter was received from Henry Kilmer with Piper’s Opera House Programs, Inc. thanking the Board for the donation of four stalls to be used in the ADA rest rooms that will be built this summer on the ground floor at Piper’s.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Susan Sutton with the VCCTA was present to discuss the large population of pigeons in Virginia City. After doing some research she has discovered that these birds can carry diseases that can be harmful to the residents and visitors of Virginia City. She and the VCCTA would like to know what can be done to solve the problem.

Vice-Chairman Hess is concerned that these birds may contaminate the water supply. He asked District Attorney Harold Swafford if there was any legal action that can be taken.

Mr. Swafford said that he is not aware of any laws prohibiting the feeding of the birds.

Scott Jolcover stated a speaker is available on the internet that puts out a high pitched noise that humans can not hear the noise drives the pigeons away.

The pigeons are being fed in town. In order to get rid of the pigeons the feeding needs to stop. The Board asked that Sheriff Miller approach the people feeding the pigeons and nicely ask them to stop.

BOARD COMMENT

Commissioner Kershaw addressed flood control. If the Legislature is going to expand the bill then it may be best for the County to take things on case by case.

Mr. Whitten suggested that the County wait for the Senate Bill to pass.

Commissioner Kershaw would like to meet with the Flood Coalition and discuss the issue.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by the call of the Chair at 3:19 p.m.

By _____
Deputy Clerk-Treasurer