

# STOREY COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING

TUESDAY, MAY 1<sup>ST</sup>, 2007 2:00 P.M.

COMMISSIONERS' CONFERENCE ROOM  
26 SOUTH B STREET, VIRGINIA CITY, NEVADA

## MINUTES

JOHN FLANAGAN  
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DISTRICT ATTORNEY

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RECORDER-AUDITOR

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**PRESENT:** Chairman John Flanagan, Vice -Chairman Greg "Bum" Hess, Commissioner Bob Kershaw, District Attorney Harold Swafford, Sheriff James Miller, Storey County Manager Pat Whitten, Recorder-Auditor Sarah Jensen, Deputy Clerk of the Board, Belle Bundy; Public Works Director Mike Nevin, Building Director Dean Haymore, Fire Chief Gary Hames, and County Lobbyist, Maggie Lowther

### **Call to Order**

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

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Chairman Flanagan led those present in the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment

### **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.)

**\*Approval of Agenda for May 1, 2007**

**\*Approval of Minutes for April 17, 2007**

Chairman Flanagan stated that in the April 17, 2007, minutes on page 5, his question about the Western County Alliance should read that he asked if they had made a presentation to "NACO", not to "Elko County".

**Correspondence**

There was no correspondence presented.

**\*Approval of Maps to be Recorded**

Building Director Dean Haymore presented one "record of survey" map for Denmark and Venice (TRI) for approval and recording.

**\*DISCUSSION/ACTION: Approval of Planning Commission Minutes  
OFFICIAL MINUTES OF 15 APRIL 2007**

**2007-055 Special Use Permit - by Stephen Wescott ~296 South 'C' St, Virginia City**

*To build a 16' X 50' store and residence (see attached drawing). Old rock will be re-used on the exterior of the building. Lot size 20' X 120'.*

The applicant and Jim Collins presented his project. Dave and Mary Cormany asked questions and offered their opinions to the Planning Commissioners. After much discussion, Osborne made a motion to approve with the following stipulations: a) one Bedroom; b) one off-street parking; c) no blue roof- need C of A; d) 1hr fire wall on North & South walls; e) 2hr fire wall between living quarters and business; and f) use existing exterior rock to face new structure. Maholland seconded the motion and with no further discussion, all voted aye and the motion carried.

**DETERMINATION OF NEXT PLANNING COMMISSION MEETINGS:**

Bret Tyler made a motion that the next meeting be held at the **Rainbow Bend** Clubhouse on **May 3<sup>rd</sup>**, 2007 at 6:00p and the next regular meeting in the Mark Twain area on **May 1<sup>st</sup>**, 2007 at 6:00p. Prater seconded the motion; and with no further discussion, all voted aye and the motion carried.

**CLAIMS:** Maholland moved to approve the payment to the Board of Regents for \$30.00. Osborne seconded and all approved with Tyler abstaining; Prater moved to approve payment to the Comstock Chronicle for \$43.00. Tyler seconded and all approved. Prater moved to approve payment to Kleinfelder for \$593.50. Maholland seconded and all approved.

**STAFF:** Prater advised he still was not satisfied with the answers he had gotten regarding the CORDEVISTA project and he has more questions. After further discussion, all Planning Commissioners agreed to forward any/all questions to Dean Haymore or directly to Blake Smith for comment at the next meeting in Rainbow Bend.

**\*DISCUSSION/ACTION:** 2007 Legislative Session Update

Maggie Lowther addressed the commission regarding several bills currently being considered at the Legislature. She mentioned that landfill items were heard again April 30 but she was unable to determine what the response will be by the legislature regarding lining of extensions and new facilities at landfills. She stated that proponents say cost will be prohibitive but that it will be able to be spread over several years. She said there was some discussion at the Legislature regarding dividing buildings at facilities such as TRI. Ms. Lowther stated that Storey County is already in compliance with what this bill would mandate, should it pass.

Ms. Lowther presented information regarding amendments to AB 595, the "Trucker's Bill", and Mr. Whitten said he would be discussing that further with the Commissioners. Mr. Whitten said that in a discussion with Mary Walker he was told that the 15 cents may or may not have been taken out. He is checking into it. He and Ms. Lowther agreed that the general consensus was to leave this issue alone in hopes that it will go away. The Commissioners were informed that there are a lot of bills out for clerks, assessors, and recorders. Some are going to have to come back next time and be redone and some are not workable. Ms. Lowther submitted a written report.

Chairman Flanagan asked what is happening with the V&T railroad. Ms. Lowther stated that it is just a "money issue" at this point. She mentioned that the Legislature is trying to get money from everywhere and that the Governor has stated that he will veto anything that comes to him with money attached. She said the department that put in the train museum was given \$250,000,000 in total. The railroad will be a portion of that. There was some question as to whether the \$8,000,000 was a separate issue. Chairman Flanagan stated that it was on a payback agreement. The V&T might get some of the money, but they might not get the full \$8 million, however, nothing is set in stone yet. Commissioner Hess thanked Ms. Lowther for her report and her work at the Legislature.

**\*DISCUSSION/ACTION:** Treasurer's Report

Chairman Flanagan read the February 2007 and March 2007 Treasurer's Reports and the Treasurer's Affidavits of Delinquent Tax Notices.

## LICENSING BOARD

### \*FIRST READINGS:

1. **WILLY COYOTE** – Parking Lot / Virginia City  
‘B’ Street, Virginia City NV
2. **VALLEY CONSTRUCTION** – Contractor / Out of County  
500 Ryland St, Reno NV
3. **CAMPBELL CONSTRUCTION** – Contractor / Out of County  
36 Glen Carran Cr, Sparks NV
4. **CONCRETE COATINGS & SEALANTS**– Contractor / Out of County  
2115 Parkway Drive, Reno NV
5. **INDEPENDENT POWER CORP**– Contractor / Out of County  
890 E Patriot Blvd, Reno NV
6. **MOANA NURSERY** – Contractor / Out of County  
1100 W Moana Ln, Reno NV
7. **CIDER FACTORY** – General / Restaurant  
420 South ‘B’ Street, Virginia City NV

### END OF CONSENT AGENDA

Commissioner Hess made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda, with the amendment to the April 17, 2007, minutes, as outlined by the Chair. Commissioner Kershaw seconded the motion and it passed.

### \*DISCUSSION/ACTION: Staff Review/Committee Reports

Dennis Miller and Connie Butts of the Flood Prevention and Control Committee (FPCC) were present. Mr. Miller presented information regarding an update on flood project in the Truckee Meadows area. He stated that the request for Storey County to join the Western Alliance had been presented to the FPCC. The committee recently received an updated version of the agreement. At the very beginning the committee members were in agreement with Storey County joining. However, at this time they do not support the agreement with the updates that have been added. Mr. Miller stated the committee's reasons for their decision

- Reason #1: If Storey County joins the County will be financially liable to contribute an undetermined amount of money not only to the flood project but also to maintaining the flood project including maintaining the Long Valley Creek Bridge. In addition to doing our share, the agreement provides that Storey County maintain the whole project from one end to the other. This is not a reasonable request.
- Reason #2: The agreement states that Washoe County will be the controller of the finances and that this money will be used for public safety as well as flood control. Storey County could be supporting Washoe County's public safety.

- Reason #3: After discussion with Naomi it was determined that if the flood project would like to buy some property the project would fund the purchase but the property would be owned by Washoe County. Mr. Miller stated that the way the agreement is written the committee does not support the Storey County Commissioners signing onto this agreement.

Ms. Butts stated that she is unhappy with the whole process. "If we can take care of ourselves, let's do it. I would not have said this a long time ago. I wanted you involved and now I'm not sure"

Commissioner Kershaw said this is why he had not attended any of their meetings, because there is "nothing in writing" that works for Storey County. He stated that the Board would not like to put money into Washoe County and did not want to be responsible for Washoe County. He echoed the committee's thoughts that everything put into Storey County should stay in Storey County and suggested that the Board respond to the proposed agreement in writing.

Mr. Miller mentioned that in all the decisions the FPCC had made they have always represented Storey County's interest. No financial commitments had been made, but some other commitments go with the project and they disagree with the current updates.

Commissioner Kershaw expressed his appreciation for everything Dennis, Shirley and Connie have done. He stated that this project could ultimately come down to the Army Corp of Engineers. He said the Board wants to create a written response to the proposed updates. Concern was expressed by the Board and the FPCC about the taxpayers' money being spent on staffing for this project. The committee members stated that it was their wish that any money collected for the flood project would be used in Storey County.

Commissioner Hess stated that the 1/4% sales tax might be approved and if so, perhaps it could be used for flood issues.

Mr. Miller stated that the project cannot go on without Storey County's cooperation. Ms. Butts said that other residents are asking why Storey County should have to fund this project.

Commissioner Kershaw mentioned that when the group meets next Wednesday they will decide how they want to respond to this and will bring that decision back to the Board at their next meeting to tell them of their decision.

#### Building Director Dean Haymore

1. Mr. Haymore stated that he had met with NDOT auditors regarding the Hafed Bridge. NDOT has determined that the County's portion to move the bridge would be in the range of \$470,000. He went on to say that the County is mandated to get the bridge out of there and off of there to close the HWFA contract agreements. If the County does not do that it

will be in violation of the agreement and can be held responsible for the entire \$2.7 million. Mr. Haymore said the estimated cost to have the bridge moved off the land is \$90,000 thousand, plus \$10,000 to have it moved to Patrick and another \$10,000 to have it put back up. The County might be credited \$91,000 and that credit may be able to be used toward an 'in-kind' match. However, the County would still have to come up with the rest of the money. He was able to determine that the county did pay \$115,000 thousand to Roger Norman. He received a signed agreement. The County did have an agreement to sell the bridge to "Charlie", however, "Charlie" has gone away and NDOT wants the County to get that bridge off the property and finish the grading and seeding or the County will not be in compliance with their agreement. Mr. Haymore stated that he had received an offer from the company he contacted to move the bridge company for \$135,000 to buy it as it sits and move it. He requested direction from the Board, reminding them that Storey County did pay for the bridge through a CDBG grant and due to that, those funds might not be allowed as a match. He stated that that process has been used on other projects and he and Ms. Walling specifically asked if they could do that and were told they could. The \$91,000 would then "come off the books" leaving a \$400 thousand match. He said NDOT's auditors are going to look at it and not pay to remove it. They paid us to put it there and they aren't going to pay to move it. They basically said "sell the bridge". Mr. Whitten stated that nothing has been budgeted for this project in the upcoming year. Commissioner Hess suggested that the County keep the bridge to use if the County ever has a flood. Mike Nevin mentioned that if the bridge is sold, the entire proceeds would be less what was paid for it and that would have to go back into paying the grant. Commissioner Hess restated his desire for the County to keep the bridge. Mr. Whitten asked how the County would come up with a half million dollars. Mr. Haymore reminded the Board that the County has recently just paid off the Patrick Bridge. Commissioner Hess said that if the bridge is moved the County will still have a \$400,000 liability. Mr. Haymore stated that a lot of questions have still not been answered by NDOT. Chairman Flanagan asked if the County keeps the bridge, where would it be kept? Mr. Haymore and Mr. Nevin said it would have to be kept on County land. Commissioner Hess asked whether or not it could be kept on private property and Mr. Haymore said it was his understanding that it could not. It was agreed to put this item on the next Commission agenda for further discussion and possible action. Mr. Haymore will make a presentation at that time.

2. Mr. Haymore said that people have been in his office doing a lot of research on Corde Vista. He was told to expect 200+ at the meeting 6pm Thursday at Rainbow Bend.

3. He also stated that a helicopter viewing may be arranged for the Dolan Project meeting on Thursday.

Fire Chief Gary Hames

1. Chief Hames informed the Board that this department will be facilitating a burn class May 11-13 in Lockwood between Hillside and Rainbow Bend. Prior to that, inmate crews will be doing "cleanup" along the fence lines. The burn will be from the edge of LCC and Hillside on the south to Rainbow Bend on the north. NDF will help spray the area and seed it for native grasses. Mr. Miller stated that some area residents have trailers and other items back in that area. Mr. Hames and Mr. Miller will check on that prior to the burn. The Fire Department will also be passing out flyers to the owners and residents of the affected area to alert them to the plan.
2. Eric Guevin is now chairing the County Safety Committee. The Committee will be performing annual fire extinguisher training in conjunction with Pool/Pact. This event is currently being scheduled with all County and School District staff. Chief Hames invited the Commissioners to attend. Mr. Guevin can be reached at 561-5332 for further information.
3. The Fire Chief thanked Mr. Nevin and his department for the beautiful concrete in front of Station 11. He stated that this project saved the County in excess of \$10,000.
4. Open enrollment for ambulance subscriptions is in the works. Chief Hames invited anyone who was interested to all to receive the paperwork to enroll. Enrollment is \$25 for household. If the residents are insured the subscription offsets insurance co-pays. Senior discounts are also available.

Public Works Director Mike Nevin

1. Mr. Nevin discussed the situation regarding the dishwasher for Senior Center. Commissioner Kershaw stated that he had obtained the serial numbers and model numbers and has someone coming out to give some bids. He explained that this is a high temperature machine with a built-in booster. He hopes to have some estimates by the end of the week. He mentioned that \$6,500 was allocated for this project and that is more than enough.
2. Nevin said that Terrence Toby was down and looked at the concrete inside the solarium. Mr. Nevin will contact Donna Squires regarding what they want to happen with that. He stated that the worst case scenario would be removing the blocks. They are not being used as designed, for heat collectors anyway. Some concern was expressed about the appearance that the Senior Center is tipping to the north. Mr. Nevin said Toby will look it all over and will work with Donna to see how he needs to proceed.

3. Courthouse roof repairs were addressed by Mr. Nevin. He stated that the current issues date back to the food of 2005/2006. John Enco and Dan Hamblin were awarded the work by the insurance carrier. Mr. Nevin and Mr. Whitten met with them and there are some ongoing concerns with anchoring systems on the roof for safety harnesses. Nevin has not heard back on what they will recommend being done so the work can proceed. It was mentioned that the county has some financial responsibility for this project. Mr. Whitten clarified that some of the project extends beyond what is covered by the insurance. Mr. Nevin said he had asked John to at least get the flagpole issue resolved and was told he will get right on that.
4. Nevin said the fence on south side of building is going in and should be up by the end of the week. He stated that the staff of the courthouse asked that the rock be removed so they can put a flower garden back in place. He said additional topsoil has been brought in for this project
5. Mr. Nevin asked the Board if they would consider putting pressure on the Ramada Inn to follow through with the purchase of the auger monster for the treatment plant. He said the nitrate level discharged from the plant hinges on having this piece of equipment. It was mentioned that the auger should resolve some of the issues regarding extending the life of the plant. Commissioner Hess said that Mr. Marshall said he would buy the auger and he will be give him a call regarding this issue. Mr. Whitten expressed his concern regarding having to pay an outside company for support because of the high nitrate levels. Mr. Nevin said the county has paid SPB \$17,000 and some change this fiscal year and only \$5,000 budgeted.

County Manager Pat Whitten

1. Mr. Whitten stated that outside counsel had been approved for planning growth issues. Mark Gundersen has been selected as that counsel. He will be at Thursday evening's meeting and has been provided a lot of information already. He has a good approach and a good base and is available together with his legal staff as well.
2. Mr. Whitten said that during the "sales" presentation by Western County Alliance they omitted the fact that the decision to approve joining would include a \$7,500 annual membership. He stated the meeting could be reagendaized on May 21, assuming that the next meeting is held on that date, or, this issue could be addressed during the annual budget meeting on May 21. He doesn't know if staff can justify the expense of joining this alliance. Flanagan said he spoke with the representatives from this alliance and they did mention that a couple of counties were unable to pay the \$7,500 and that they may be willing to negotiate on that cost. Mr. Whitten asked if the county would receive enough value to justify the cost. He said staff would research it and make a recommendation at the May 21 meeting.

**DISCUSSION/ACTION:** Approval of Claims and Auditor's Report

The Auditor's Report was read by Chairman Flanagan

Commissioner Hess moved to approve the Auditor's Report. Warrants : \$453,295.75, Payroll: \$289,665.97, Total: \$742,961.72

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kershaw and passed

Claims were read by Chairman Flanagan.

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

**\*DISCUSSION/ACTION:** Approval of lease between Storey County and the Let 'Em Run Free Foundation, Inc.

County Manager Pat Whitten asked if the District Attorney had had a chance to examine the lease. Mr. Swafford said he had not. Mr. Whitten said the lease remains the same as in prior years.

Commissioner Kershaw made a motion to approve the lease with the same conditions as current lease. Commissioner Hess seconded the motion and it passed.

**\*DISCUSSION/ACTION:** Storey County School District request to continue the residential construction tax at the present rate of \$500.00 per home unit.

Mr. Whitten stated that this tax was previously approved by Board. It is allowed under ordinance and under statute. He said the funds from this money have been used for water heaters, gym floors, exterior paint etc. in the past. The tax needs to be renewed periodically. It is not a new tax or an increase in tax and he recommends continuing the fee as it stands.

Commissioner Hess made a motion to approve the continuation of the tax. Commissioner Kershaw seconded the motion and it passed.

**\*DISCUSSION/ACTION:** Appointment of State Land Use Planning Advisory Council (SLUPAC) Member

Mr. Whitten presented a letter from the Division of State Lands. He said that the letter states that Commissioner Kershaw's term on this board expires at the end of June 07. The Council is requesting that the County submit three names as possible nominees to this Board. Mr. Whitten recommended that the Board of Commissioners submit Mr. Kershaw for reinstatement to this Board if he was inclined to continue to serve.

Commissioner Hess made a motion to submit Commissioner Kershaw's name. The motion was seconded by Chairman Flanagan and passed.

**\*DISCUSSION/ACTION:** Approve Stipulation Agreement Regarding Reportable Costs obligated under the Developer Agreement between Tahoe Reno Industrial Center, LLC and Storey County.

This item was tabled at the request of the Chair

**\*DISCUSSION/ACTION:** Special Event- Larry Ryan, Blue Grass Concert, Miners Park July 13-15, 2007.

County Manager Whitten explained that Sheriff Miller was unable to be present for this item. However, Mr. Whitten had spoken with the Sheriff and the Sheriff recommends approval if this item, subject to obtaining insurance. Mr. Nevin stated that the application for this event was approved with the same stipulations. Commissioner Hess made a motion to approve this event. Commissioner Kershaw seconded the motion and it passed.

**\*DISCUSSION/ACTION:** Set next Commission Meeting for May 21, 2007 at 9:00 am to facilitate approval of the final budget

County Manager Whitten recommended that the May 15 meeting be eliminated and that the Board meet on May 21 for their annual budget meeting. Commissioner Kershaw made a motion to that effect, Commissioner Hess seconded the motion and it passed.

**\*DISCUSSION/ACTION:** First reading of amendment to County Code 8.08 Refuse and Trash.

This was the first of two readings of the amendment to this code. District Attorney Swafford stated that Marshall McBride, County Clerk Treasurer Lorraine DuFresne, County Manager Pat Whitten, Fire Chief Gary Hames, Sheriff Jim Miller, and County Nuisance Vanessa Dixon met with him approximately a week and a half ago to discuss possible amendments to the County Code regarding refuse and trash. Those present decided that trash ordinance did need some amendments in order to be effective. He stated that the amendments are not extensive and he read the provisions with the changes that had been made:

Ordinance 07.204 amending the storey county code by amending portions of 8.08 regarding refuse and trash.

8.08.010 definitions of junk vehicle. "non-operational" was changed and "unlicensed" was changed "unregistered"

8.08.020 - Unlawful deposits prohibited now includes the word "stored". Under exemptions it was previously stated "not more than three unregistered junk vehicles". That was changed to: "no more than three unregistered junk vehicles" limiting properties to three 'registered' vehicles. The section of the exemption that stated "one acre rural or lower density" was deleted. The word "stored" was added to 8.08.030. Also, on page 3 a change was made so that is when a person who has a trash issue is noticed by the hearing officer that they should remove that trash they have not more than 15 calendar days to abate the decision. Mr. Swafford stated that "the rest of the 'statute' we felt was ok." He mentioned that the original ordinance was adapted in 2005 from an ordinance in Fernley

Commissioner Hess made a motion to approve the first reading of the changes to this ordinance. Mr. Kershaw seconded the motion. Fire Chief Gary Hames requested that “economics” be added to this code so it would state “declared to be a nuisance to the health, safety, wellness, and economics...”

Commissioner Hess amended the motion to include the economics phrase. Commissioner Kershaw seconded the amended motion and it passed.

## LICENSING BOARD

### \*SECOND READINGS

1. **BONANNO CONCRETE, INC.**– Contractor / Out of County  
1425 Hymer Ave, Sparks NV
2. **BK PEBBLE PIMPS** – General / Handcraft & Sell Hemp & Stone Jewelry  
106 South ‘C’ Street, Virginia City NV
3. **RIMROCK CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT.** – Materials Testing & Inspection  
3675 Lakeside Dr, Ste B, Reno NV
4. **The ANTENNA COMPANY**– Electrical Contractor - Installer / Out of County  
P O Box 1217, Forresthill CA 95631
5. **HORSETHIEF CANYON DESPERADOS LLC**– Home Business / Historical Reenactment  
1971 Saddleback Road, VC Highlands NV
6. **UTILITY VAULT** – General / Concrete Products for Resale  
244 E Sydney Dr, McCarran NV
7. **GARTER & BLOOMERS**– General / Old Time Photos  
63 South ‘C’ Street, Virginia City NV
8. **RYAN MECHANICAL, INC**– Contractor / Out of County  
3335 Wynn Road, Las Vegas NV
9. **GOLDEN GATE GASOLINE**– General / Gas & Diesel Station & Convenience Store  
USA Parkway, McCarran NV
10. **PATTON ELECTRIC, INC.**– General / Old time Photos  
1502 Browning Lane, Cleburne TX
11. **D & D WELDING**– Contractor / Out of County  
1000 Apple Blossom Drive, Sparks NV
12. **BJ EQUIPMENT COMPANY LLC** – Mining / Diamond & Core Drilling – Excavation & Grading  
34964 Hwy 58, Eugene OR
13. **WISER DRYWALL, INC.**– Contractor / Out of County  
1607 Greg Street, Sparks NV
14. **HOUTS ENTERPRISES** – Home Business / Internet Sales (Gun Accessories)  
238 Edith Lane, Dayton NV
15. **JULIA B’s EMPORIUM & ODDITIES**– General / Retail  
54 North ‘C’ Street, Virginia City, NV
16. **COMSTOCK GOLD MILL** – General / Tourist Mill Tour  
395 south ‘G’ Street, Virginia City NV

County Manager Pat Whitten recommended that the Board continue items 7, 9, 14, 15, and 16 and approve items 1-6, 8, and 10-13.

Commissioner Hess asked, in reference to item 2, if it is legal to sell Hemp. Mr. Whitten stated that the item passed the Sheriff's criteria for licensing.

Commissioner Hess said he was not sure it would be advisable to have a sign on B Street advertising "BK Pebble Pimps" and "hemp" Mr. Whitten suggested that if concerns existed the Board continue Item 2.

Commissioner Kershaw made a motion to continue items 2, 7, 9, 14, 15, and 16 and approve items 1-3, 4-6, 8, and 10-13. Commissioner Hess seconded the motion and it passed.

8. Chairman Flanagan asked for clarification regarding item #2, on the Consent Agenda list of first readings of business licenses. Mr. Whitten explained that it was his understanding that the business owners are considering putting in a paid parking lot on the north side of Pipers Opera House.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Connie Butts stated that there was a rumor going around Rainbow Bend that something pretty serious happened over the weekend. She would like to know how to find out the truth or dispel the rumor. District Attorney Swafford said he would tell the Board a little about what had happened. He stated that a gentleman driving a pickup truck in the Reno area had allegedly picked up what was believed to be a prostitute. The man allegedly took the woman to the Lockwood area on Canyon Way and allegedly committed a sexual assault. The man in question has been arrested and the incident is being investigated further to see if this has happened previously by the same person. He said there may have been a prior sexual assault in the same area a few weeks ago. Dennis Miller asked if a murder had been committed, as was the rumor? Mr. Swafford stated that it had not. He believes that the same thing happened previously, someone had picked up a prostitute walking the streets of Reno, not working in a bordello and there was some concern that there might be a serial rapist. The issue is under investigation. Law enforcement is concerned that someone from Reno picking up someone in Reno. The question is whether the two different incidents involved the same person, the person that is in jail on \$225,000 bail. Ms. Butts said she will "put something on 13" to dispel the rumor.

There was no other public comment

#### **BOARD COMMENT**

Commissioner Kershaw said that since Ms. Whitten from the school district and Mr. Nevin were present he'd like to ask them to get a committee together to work on improvements at Hillside Park. Mr. Nevin

stated that Dr. Slabey has had parent involvement with prior discussions regarding what the school district was committed to purchase for the park. Mr. Nevin said some differences have been resolved and Dr. Slabey is willing to join hands with the county to provide for the necessary needed equipment and retrofits to the playground and leave it in the park. Commissioner Kershaw said he would like to make sure the public has an opportunity to express their ideas on this issue. Ms. Butts asked where Commissioner Kershaw would like the public's comments sent. He said they could be turned in to him.

Ms. Whitten said the School District has budgeted for over \$2,100 for that park. Commissioner Kershaw stated that the County has about \$20,000 in their budget for this.

Commissioner Kershaw stated there are maintenance issues to be worked out between the County and the School District, but he is mainly concerned with equipment acquisitions.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned by the Chair at 3:25 p.m.

**Respectfully Submitted by:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Belle Bundy, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer**