

STOREY COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 17TH, 2006 2:00 P.M.
COURTHOUSE, DISTRICT COURT ROOM, 26 SOUTH B STREET
VIRGINIA CITY, NEVADA

JOHN FLANAGAN
CHAIRMAN

HAROLD SWAFFORD
DISTRICT ATTORNEY

GREG HESS
VICE-CHAIRMAN

JAMES G. MILLER
SHERIFF

BOB KERSHAW
COMMISSIONER

DOREEN BACUS
CLERK/TREASURER

MAGGIE LOWTHER
RECORDER/AUDITOR

PRESENT: Chairman Flanagan, Vice-Chairman Hess, Commissioner Kershaw, District Attorney Harold Swafford, Sheriff James G. Miller, Clerk/Treasurer Doreen Bacus, Recorder/Auditor Maggie Lowther, Administrator Pat Whitten and Commissioner Officer Marilou Walling

CALL TO ORDER 2:05 P.M.

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.)

APPROVAL OF AGENDA FOR OCTOBER 17TH, 2006

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR OCTOBER 3RD, 2006

-CORRESPONDENCE
NONE

DISCUSSION/ACTION: MAP APPROVAL FOR MAPS TO BE RECORDED
NONE

DISCUSSION/ACTION: Approval of Planning Commission minutes for September 21st, 2006

UNOFFICIAL MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 21, 2006

PURSEL, Loren M & Sue A 2006-075 Parcel Map – Lot 11A1, BLK ‘G’ of the Virginia City Highlands to Lots 11A1A and 11A1B, BLK ‘G’ of the Virginia City Highlands (continued from 7 September 2006

Bret Tyler recommended that the discussion be continued to the next meeting so that Lydia Hammack, as representing the Highlands, could voice her concerns in person and to allow time for the research into legalities she mentioned to occur. He made a motion to continue the discussion to the next meeting. Larry Prater seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

ST. MARY in the MOUNTAINS, Nicosia, Nick 2007-014 Special Use Permit– Placement of one off-site sign at each of the following locations to promote historical landmark church to the public: 476 N.’B’ Street, Virginia City (at Comstock Realty); 1700 Main Street, Gold Hill (at Crown Point Mill).

Austin Osborne submitted that he felt significant hardship had been proven by the applicant and moved to approve this signage special use. He asked that the record show that this represented a single instance approval and should not in any way be taken to indicate precedence for any future new signage requests that might come before the Commission. Liz Huntington asked to be recognized. She introduced herself as being in charge of the church’s bookkeeping and gift shop. She concurred with Mr. Nicosia’s statements about the unavailability of grants and observed that even though C Street may be “packed,” few visitors make their way off the main road. Bret Tyler seconded the already mentioned motion to approve. With Virgil Bucchianeri abstaining, the remaining voted aye and the motion was carried.

LICENSING BOARD:

FIRST READINGS:

1. SPRACKLIN TILE & STONE– Granite & Tile Install / Out of County
2. SPAN CONSTRUCTION & ENGINEERING– Contractor at TRI / Out of County
3. EAGLE VALLEY ELECTRIC– Wiring Contractor / Out of County

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

The Consent Agenda was approved upon a motion from Vice-Chairman Hess, and seconded by Commissioner Kershaw.

DISCUSSION/ACTION: Staff Review/Committee Reports

Marilou Walling informed the board that four bids were received for the water tank. The lowest bid was \$899,600.00 which is the bid they would like to go with. This is for a bolted tank versus a welded tank. This tank will have triple the water capacity compared to the previous tank. Public Works Director Richard Bacus has reviewed the bids along with George Georgensen and feels this is the best choice. It does meet the RDC requirements. Marilou Walling would like permission to move forward with the project administratively.

Vice-Chairman Hess asked if this bid did include the same tank as the other bids. There are a variety of tanks out there and wants to make sure we are getting the best one for our money.

Chairman Flanagan saw no problems with the issue and instructed Marilou Walling to move forward.

Pat Whitten was there on behalf of Fire Chief Gary Hames, the ISO rating team showed up at 9:30 a.m. today to begin the rating process. At the last rating the team was given a small binder of the Fire Department information. For this rating the ISO team received several large binders of Fire Department information, certifications, and capabilities. Gary Hames would like to thank everyone for all of their help in making this possible.

Pat Whitten would like to remind the board that the next Commission Meeting will be held on November 6th instead of the 7th. The meeting may have to be held downstairs due to a possible trial on November 6th.

Pat Whitten has been working on the issue of snow removal and road work for the TRI area. Richard Bacus will contact some companies for the price of snow removal but is considered that these companies have snow plows but no sanders.

Vice-Chairman Hess feels that the road work can be done by Richard Bacus and his guys. They should be able to remove the sand and weeds in about two days. We have no choice on the snow removal and are best to contract out the work.

DISCUSSION/ACTION: Treasurer, 1st Quarter 2007 Apportionment Tax Report
Chairman Flanagan read the report as follows; Total paid \$3,070,737.35 and Balance due \$4,190,830.05.

The Apportionment Report was approved upon a motion by Commissioner Kershaw, seconded by Vice-Chairman Hess and carried.

DISCUSSION/ACTION: Treasurer, September 2006 Cash Report

The September Cash Report was read by Chairman Flanagan as follows; Bank/Investment Balance \$10,078,914.67, Contractual Projections \$206,687.88, Revenue Collected, \$991,405.24, Payroll Expenses \$(607,059.60), Warrants Expenses \$(402,106.33) Net Balance (Deficit) \$(17,760.69)

The September Cash Report was approved upon a motion by Vice-Chairman Hess, seconded by Commissioner Kershaw and carried.

DISCUSSION/ACTION: Citizens input for Community Block Grant, recommendations for 2007.

Marilou Walling informed the board that the application for the grant is due by January 7th, 2007. She is looking for any community development projects that the grant could be used for.

Commissioner Kershaw thought that Connie Butts may have something for the Rainbow Bend/ Lockwood area.

Marilou Walling explained that they tend to favor water and sewer projects. And any buildings must meet AD A requirements. The sewer report is needed before we can apply for any grant to help with the Virginia City sewer system.

Pat Whitten explained that the sewer project looks good at this point as far as BLM stands. The next issue will be digging at the old dump. It could be considered an archeological site.

Chairman Flanagan asked why they would even have to dig at the site. The dump isn't even that old. Pat Whitten explained that it is BLM regulations.

Marilou Walling said she would look into some different options and update the Commissioners at a later date.

DISCUSSION/ACTION: Resolution 06-231 Refer prosecution to Attorney General's Office

DISCUSSION/ACTION: Resolution 06-232 Refer prosecution to Attorney General's Office

This Resolution was withdrawn by Harold Swafford.

DISCUSSION/ACTION: Resolution 06-233 Refer prosecution to Attorney General's Office

Resolution 06-231 and 06-233 were read into the record by Harold Swafford.

The Resolutions were passed upon a motion by Vice-Chairman Hess, seconded by Commissioner Kershaw and carried.

Vice-Chairman Hess asked if filing a false police report was a crime. Harold Swafford explained it was, on several different levels.

DISCUSSION/ACTION: Approval of Claims

Chairman Flanagan read the Approval of Claims, Warrants \$247,337.34, Payroll \$287,883.95, Grand Total \$535,221.29

Claims were approved upon a motion by Commissioner Kershaw, seconded by Vice-Chairman Hess and carried.

DISCUSSION/ACTION: Selection process for Public Works Director

Pat Whitten and Marilou Walling said 11 applications were received; there is a large variety of skill levels with in the group.

Vice-Chairman Hess would like to narrow it down to three applicants, and provide a copy of each application to each Commissioner. Some of the applicants live a distance away. Find out if a candidate was hired would he/she be willing to move closer.

The motion was made by Vice-Chairman Hess to narrow down the group to three, motion seconded by Commissioner Kershaw and carried.

DISCUSSION/ACTION: Update on the possible extension of Richard Bacus' retirement date.

The motion was made by Vice-Chairman Hess to continue the date of Works Richard Bacus' retirement date until a replacement was found, the motion was seconded by Commissioner Kershaw and carried.

LICENSING BOARD:

SECOND READINGS

1. RAMADA dba Silverland USA – Hotel – Virginia City (last cont'd 8/21/06, resolution pending?) APPROVED
2. KASHMIR AMERICAN ENTERPRISES– Retail – Virginia City (last cont'd 7/18/06, no resolution noted) CONTINUED

3. EAGLE PICHER – Mining /Storey County (approval recommended but bypassed at 9/19/06?) APPROVED
4. K2 ENVIRONMENTAL – Environmental Consulting / Out of County APPROVED
5. CAMPBELL’S CARPETS of NV – Contract Floor Coverings / Out of County APPROVED
6. EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PROFESSIONALS – Consulting / VCH APPROVED
7. LCD REDI-MIX – Concrete, Sale & Delivery / LKWD APPROVED
8. QUINTON CONSTRUCTION – Contractor / Out of County APPROVED
9. PROPAK LOGISTICS – Pallet Handling & Shipping for WalMart at TRI / OOC APPROVED
10. COMSTOCK PARK CO., management of the food and beverage for the Ramada Hotel. CONTINUED

Items 2 and 10 were continued upon a motion by Commissioner Kershaw, seconded by Vice-Chairman Hess, and carried.

Items 1 and 3-9 were approved upon a motion by Commissioner Kershaw, seconded by Vice-Chairman Hess and carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

NONE

BOARD COMMENTS

Vice-Chairman Hess, Abby Curtindale is having problems with her property lines. BLM is trying to take ½ her land. Mike Donovan recently did a new survey and it shows the boundary line going through several different properties. BLM wants the property owners to buy back their property at fair market value. The boundary line affects 3-4 properties.

Pat Whitten said he could contact John Ensign’s office; that they were very helpful with these matters.

Commissioner Kershaw said that Mustang Ranch Road looks great. Sheetrock is being done on the Community Center. Reno Paint Mart has donated the paint for the center. Flooring is being looked at next.

Commissioner Kershaw has also been contacted regarding the Flood Control District. He feels it is in our best interest to continue to work with the district.

Concern has been brought up regarding the Highland 40 acres being subdivided on the Washoe County side. If the developer builds on the parcels, will the people be allowed to use the Highland Roads? Once the developer sub-divides, the original contract may become void.

Chairman Flanagan asked if they are even dedicated roads. Perhaps a legal opinion was needed for this. Maggie Lowther said that the reversion law may apply to this.

Chairman Flanagan requested that the Commission Office handle the Agenda.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 2:45p.m. by Chairman Flanagan.

Respectfully Submitted,

By, _____
Vanessa Dixon