

**STOREY COUNTY  
COMMISSION MEETING  
MINUTES**

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2005, 2:00 P.M.**

DISTRICT COURTROOM, COURTHOUSE 26 SOUTH B STREET  
VIRGINIA CITY, NEVADA

BOB KERSHAW, CHAIRMAN  
JOHN FLANAGAN, VICE CHAIRMAN  
GREG HESS, COMMISSIONER

DISTRICT ATTORNEY  
HAROLD SWAFFORD

SHERIFF  
JAMES G. MILLER

RECORDER/AUDITOR  
MAGGIE LOWTHER

CLERK/TREASURER  
DOREEN BACUS

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CALL TO ORDER- the meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m. by Chairman Kershaw..

•PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PRESENT: Bob Kershaw, Chairman, John Flanagan, Vice Chairman, Greg Hess, Commissioner, District Attorney Harold Swafford, Maggie Lowther, Recorder/Auditor, Doreen Bacus, Clerk/Treasurer, Marilou Walling, and Pat Whitten.

ABSENT: Dean Haymore, Gary Hames, and Sheriff Jim Miller. Rich Bacus at the beginning of the meeting but arrived at 2:59 p.m.

•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 NOVEMBER 1, 2005.** Marilou asked that Approval of Claims be moved just after the Consent Agenda.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR OCTOBER 18, 2005.** Lorraine advised the board she had corrected the minutes to reflect approval of the sale of delinquent tax real property.

**CORRESPONDENCE** Chairman Kershaw read a letter from Waste Management announcing a 4% increase to collection rates effective December 1, 2005

John Flanagan commented on a letter received from John Bolander on October 31, 2005 regarding property he purchased on September 19, 2004, at North L Street indicating that the survey of the property shows that the paved portion of Sutton Street and a portion of L Street are within the boundaries of his property. He plans to fence his property at the survey lines. This will eliminate access for the Kiechlers on Sutton Street or at the least he would require them to provide liability insurance for the area presently being used as parking.

Harold Swafford advised the board he has a meeting with the Kiechlers on Wednesday.

Chairman Kershaw stated that perhaps this can be settled through the DA's office.

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

**DISCUSSION/ACTION: SPECIAL EVENTS: (NONE)**

**LICENSING BOARD:**

**FIRST READINGS**

1. Change of Location from 2440 Lousetown Road, VCH to 148 South C Street, Virginia City, general business license, custom embroidery, general retail merchandise, submitted by Karlyn A. McPartin of VCH.

2. Machabee Office Environments, submitted by Gary A. Machabee, of Reno, out of county business, sale of office furniture.

3. Jerry's Electric Service, submitted by Jerry Heckathon of Reno, electrical contracting.

4. RB Services Unlimited, submitted by Richard J. Beauchemin of VCH, finish carpentry.

5. Betteridge-Kidd Mechanical Inc. submitted by Lynn J. Betteridge of Carson City, sheet metal, heating cooling circulate air.

**PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES:**

October 6, 2005 Planning Commission Minutes will not be approved by them until November 3, 2005.

**END OF CONSENT AGENDA**

Commissioner Flanagan moved to approve the consent agenda, seconded by Commissioner Hess and carried.

**DISCUSSION/ACTION: Approval of Claims**

Payroll in the amount of \$230,530.10 and Warrants in the amount of \$223,531.59 were approved upon motion by Flanagan, seconded by Hess and carried.

## STAFF REVIEW/COMMITTEE REPORTS

Maggie informed the board she has sent out a memo on the TRI map procedures to Reno Engineering and Dean, also a memo regarding peridium for meals for county employees, they will be the same as other counties and the state.

Chairman Kershaw informed the board the contract for the Senior Center at the River District was signed on Monday so construction can get started.

Chairman Kershaw introduced Connie Higgins, representing Lockwood Trailer Park, who requested that the county adopt a resolution of support for the LCC to apply for 5013C status, as non-profit low income only housing.

The board directed her to have their attorney write up a resolution and submit it to the DA for review.

LCC was donated a manufactured home which they plan to use for an office, Dean has checked it over and it seems to meet his approval, however the Fire Marshall has requested that they install an alarm system. Ms. Higgins informed the board they are only one hundred feet from the fire station at Lockwood.

The board advised Ms. Higgins to contact ADT the alarms are not that expensive and sometimes the companies will donate the alarms and charge a monthly fee.

Marilou reminded the board of the Landfill town hall meeting at the Rainbow Bend Clubhouse November 3rd at 7:00 p.m.

Chairman Kershaw advised the board that the fire rating for VCH is at #8 out of 10, and suggested that water for the park be use as water for fire.

**DISCUSSION/ACTION:** Approval of new dental/vision and Life Insurance for county employees.

Carol Ingalls, presented comparable insurance rates for group dental, vision an life insurance and recommended Assurant Health at a monthly total of \$5,651.05.

Commissioner Hess moved to approve the insurance as recommended by Ms. Ingalls, seconded by Flanagan and carried.

**THE MEETING IS RECESSED TO THE WATER BOARD: Due to the absence of Rich Bacus this item was trailed until later in the meeting.**

Harold Swafford informed the board he met with Rich this morning and they reviewed the Water/Sewer Ordinance adding that most changes be in fees, and that can be accomplished by Resolution, sewer may require a change in the county code. He will have a draft ready for the next meeting for the board to review.

Board members of the Water Board are the same as the County Commission.

**DISCUSSION/ACTION: Resolution 05-211 A RESOLUTION REGARDING PERPETUATION OF RURAL ROADS AFFECTED BY THE RECONSTRUCTION OF THE VIRGINIA & TRUCKEE RAILROAD IN AMERICAN FLAT; TOGETHER WITH OTHER MATTERS PROPERLY RELATING THERETO.**

Bob Hadfield and Ken Doore representing the V&TRR were in attendance to answer any questions relating to the proposed resolution.

Chairman Kershaw read Resolution 05-211 and asked for clarification regarding designation of unimproved roads.

Mr. Doore advised the board the portion that will be paved will only be about 14 to 16 feet wide, just one pass, it will remain an unimproved road, the graveled roadway is about 20 feet wide so there will be adequate room for traffic.

Commissioner Hess moved to approve Resolution 05-211, seconded by Flanagan and carried.

Rich Bacus arrived at 2:59 p.m. Chairman Kershaw called a five minute recess.

### **MEETING RECONVENED AT 3:05 P.M. TO THE WATER BOARD.**

Bacus advised the board that he would like to have the water/sewer connection fees increased more in line with surrounding counties. He further advised the board connections for the water are about nine years out at this time, there are ninety people on the waiting list, there are forty people who have already paid for connections.

Swafford advised the board that increases in fees will require public notice and hearing prior to any increase.

Bacus advised the board that Donovan is surveying the property at the sewer plant, he will need to expand drying beds beyond the plant, the plant itself sits on county property but where he needs to expand may belong to BLM.

Chairman Kershaw stated that we have already opened a dialog with BLM and we just need to stay on BLM.

Hess asked if all applications for connections to water and sewer would pay a higher fee, Bacus answered if we stay with the limit of thirteen for VC, just the new applicants will have to pay the higher fee starting in January 2006.

Commissioner Hess moved to advertise, rescinded his motion to wait until after Bacus gets fees from other counties.

### **THE REGULAR MEETING WAS RECONVENED:**

**DISCUSSION/ACTION:** Citizen participation regarding Community Development Block Grants Projects.

Marilou explained there are three projects 1. Wastewater issues in the River District, proposal to construct a new wastewater treatment plant and to connect the LCC, and neighboring properties to said facility. 2. St Mary's Art Center, elevator and additional restoration. 3. Expansion of Virginia City sewer treatment plant.

Bacus advised the board that Georgeson looked into purchasing bolted water tanks but that we need to spend one half of the grant money or we are going to lose it. He wasn't sure of the costs for those tanks. The Board said they would contact Georgeson and get the project moving.

Pat informed the board that he had taken a tour of the Marlett water system and the state is very pleased with the new pipeline.

**DISCUSSION/ACTION:** Move Board of Commissioner's meeting from November 15<sup>th</sup> to November 14<sup>th</sup>.

Marilou reminded the board Barrick Gold is having an is having an open house at their new Power Plant on the 15<sup>th</sup>. Commissioner Hess moved to move the meeting to the 14<sup>th</sup>, seconded by Flanagan and carried.

**DISCUSSION/ACTION:** Emergency purchase of two computers for the District Attorney's Office.

Pat Whitten advised the board that both computers in the DA's office went down and he purchased two new ones.

Commissioner Hess moved to approve the purchase of the computers for the DA's office, seconded by Flanagan and carried.

**DISCUSSION/ACTION:** Re-approval of boundary line adjustment for Don V. Yeier and Vincent Jay Sauer for parcel number 04-311-05 more particularly described as the NW 1/4 SW1/4, E1/2SW1/4, NE1/4SE1/4, and S1/2SE1/4 of Sec. 27, T.17N., R21E., M.D.B. & M. This property is located at the bottom of Six Mile Canyon.

Pat presented this map to the board explaining that some corrections needed to be made on the map prior to being recorded.

**DISCUSSION/ACTION:** TREASURER'S REPORT FOR AUGUST 2005 AND STATEMENT OF APPORTIONMENT 2005/2006 FISCAL YEAR 1<sup>ST</sup> QUARTER.

Chairman Kershaw read the report for August showing a balance of \$1,319,723.10 and the apportionment for the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter 2005/2006. Commissioner Hess moved to approve the treasurer's report and Commissioner Flanagan moved to approve the apportionment for the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter, motions seconded and carried.

**DISCUSSION/ACTION:** NACO request for financial support for Hobbs, Ong and Associates to provide assistance during the 2006 interim in deliberation of local government finance issues.

Commissioner Flanagan moved to approve \$2000.00 for assistance requested, seconded by Hess and carried.

**DISCUSSION/ACTION:** Shawn Griffin updates regarding Community chest and request for more funding.

Shawn informed the board that Storey County is at or below what all other counties in providing human resources to its citizens. He then reviewed the projects Community Chest now provides and requested the board consider funding for them.

The board advised Shawn to come back in January and check with staff and see what can be done.

#### **LICENSING BOARD:**

#### **SECOND READINGS:**

1. **APPROVED** Simas Floor Lo. Inc, submitted by Gail Ward of Shingle Springs furnish and install flooring, carpet, vinyl, hardwood.
2. **APPROVED** Custom 32 Inc. Submitted by James G. Littlewood of Reno, cabinet

maker.

3. **APPROVED** Baker Trucking, submitted by Randy Baker of VC Highlands, ten wheel truck & backhoe service hauling only (no trucks on VCH property).

4. **APPROVED** Donald Keith, of Carson City, general contractor - home building.

5. **APPROVED** Low Temp Insulations, Inc. submitted by Robert J. foster, cold storage construction.

6. **APPROVED** T & L Investments, Inc submitted by Charles T. Eikelberger, of Reno, window coverings, exterior and interior, retail and contract sales, repairs of canvas products, installation.

7. **APPROVED** Universal Environmental Nevada, Inc., submitted by Jason Benson of Benicia, CA, environmental and demolition contractor.

8. **APPROVED** Quality Tile and Marble Co., Inc., submitted by Wes L. Tews of Fallon, NV, tile and marble installation.

9. **CONTINUED** Jensen Enterprises, Inc. Submitted by Roger Wright of Sparks, precast concrete.

10. **APPROVED** Paramount iron & Handrail, Inc., submitted by James M. Edmonds of Carson City, fabricate and install handrail, gates 7 misc. steel.

11. **APPROVED** M. Novak Construction, submitted by Mark A. Novak of Chilcoot, CA. Building contractor.

12. **APPROVED** Sierra Ornamental Landscape, Inc., submitted by Roy Bordenkircher of Reno, landscape contractor.

13. **APPROVED** Jackson-Thomas, Inc., submitted by Larry A..Thomas of San Mateo, CA, lath, plaster & drywall.

14. **APPROVED** Castle Peak Concepts, LLC, submitted by Warren R. Lutzow, of VC Highlands, program development/education training/consulting (home business)

15. **APPROVED** Sierra Waterproofing, submitted by James T Fleisher of Las Vegas, waterproofing contractor.

16. **APPROVED** Menlo Logistics, Inc., submitted by Jennifer Boe, of Portland, Or., four employees on a loading dock loading trailers with a third party's product, we do not own or lease this facility, this is the third party's facility/business.

17. **APPROVED** Sierra Insulation Company submitted by Linda Nawetto of Grass Valley, CA insulation installation.

18. **APPROVED** Alpine Signs, Inc., submitted by Cathy Deitch of Carson City, sign making, wood, metal, plastic, and vinyl.

19. **APPROVED** PRO CLEAN MAINT. INC., submitted by J. Russell Zito of Sparks, janitorial and construction cleanup.

20. **APPROVED** Gore Acoustics & Drywall Systems, Inc., submitted by Richard Kelly, of Sparks.

21. **CONTINUED** Comstock Real Estate Services, change in location to 476 North B Street, Virginia City.

Submitted by Stephen and Alexandra Musser of Virginia City.

22. **CONTINUED** Mahogany Red's Catering and Bar-B-Q, submitted by Jamie S. Killeen of Reno, mobile catering, health permit to operate with application.

Commissioner Flanagan moved too approve those licenses as noted and to

continue those  
licenses as noted, seconded by Hess and carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT (none)

BOARD COMMENTS Chairman Kershaw informed the board that he had met with Washoe County Commissioner Larkin regarding federal land transfers with BLM.

Bacus advised the board that public works has repaired the cracks on Waltham Way from the bridge to Kaiser and that NDOT had sent help for them, they could never have finished the job as quickly without NDOT's help and asked that a thank you letter be sent from the board to NDOT.

There being no further business before the board the meeting was adjourned at 4:10 p.m. at the call of the Chair.

Respectfully submitted

By Lorraine DuFresne,  
Clerk to the Board