

# STOREY COUNTY WATER BOARD MEETING MINUTES

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 6, 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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PRESENT: Bob Kershaw, John Flanagan, Greg Hess, Harold Swafford. Sheriff Miller, Maggie Lowther, Pat Whitten, Gary Hames and Dean Haymore  
ABSENT: Doreen Bacus, Marilou Walling and Rich Bacus

## **THE MEETING IS RECESSED TO THE WATER BOARD:**

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

## **DISCUSSION/ACTION: DISTRICT ATTORNEY HAROLD SWAFFORD DRAFT REVISION/UPDATE OF WATER/SEWER ORDINANCE.**

Harold presented Resolutions 05-212 and 05-213 and a draft of Ordinance 05-199 amending portions of Chapter 13 of the Storey County Code regarding Water and Sewer.

Resolution No. 05-212 establishes the disconnection fee of \$50.00 and a reconnecting fee of \$10.00. Resolution 05-103 increase in the residential single family water and sewer connection fees by \$1500.00 each and commercial and multifamily water and sewer connection fee by \$1500.00 each as recommended by Public Works Director Rich Bacus. Harold advised the board that all fee increases in water and sewer fees require a public hearing and if they are to approve the increases the clerk will have to publish the notice of public hearing at least ten days prior to the hearing.

Commissioner Hess stated he felt that an increase of \$1500.00 is too high.

Commissioner Flanagan asked if it costs the county that much?

Harold replied he did not have the actual expenses for connections. Bacus had indicated to him that based on surrounding counties connection charges Storey was way low and this increase would bring it more in line with surrounding counties charges.

Pat suggested to the board to wait until Rich is here and that he and Marilou are still trying to compile charges from surrounding counties.

Commissioner Hess stated that the main impact is going to be on the sewer and recommended the sewer connection fees could be increased perhaps on a per bathroom basis.

Chairman Kershaw stated he would rather not hit people with big increases on both water and sewer.

Commissioner Flanagan stated that this is going to prohibit young people from being able to afford to build, and without justification for the increase he was not in favor of increasing the fees, and asked if the water and sewer were separate accounts. To which Pat replied, yes they are two separate accounts.

Harold explained to the board that he had a discussion with Rich and that the problem with the sewer is not with capacity of the plant but the lack of area needed for the drying beds.

Commissioner Hess moved this matter is continued to December 20, 2005, seconded by Commissioner Flanagan and carried.

**THE REGULAR MEETING IS REOPENED:**

Respectfully submitted,

Lorraine Du Fresne  
Clerk to the Board