

STOREY COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING  
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 18<sup>TH</sup>, 2008 1:00 P.M.

DISTRICT COURTROOM  
26 SOUTH B STREET, VIRGINIA CITY, NEVADA

MINUTES

GREG "BUM" HESS  
CHAIRMAN

HAROLD SWAFFORD  
DISTRICT ATTORNEY

BOB KERSHAW  
VICE-CHAIRMAN

JAMES G. MILLER  
SHERIFF

JOHN FLANAGAN  
COMMISSIONER

VANESSA DIXON  
CLERK-TREASURER

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Roll Call.

Present: Administrative Officer Marilou Walling, Chairman Greg Hess, Clerk Treasurer Vanessa Dixon, Commissioner John Flanagan, Comptroller Hugh Gallagher, County Manager Pat Whitten, Director of Building and Planning Dean Haymore, District Attorney Harold Swafford, Fire Chief Gary Hames, Vice-Chairman Bob Kershaw, Division Chief Eric Guwin

CALL TO ORDER

Called to order by Chairman Greg Hess at 1:04 P.M.

PUBLIC HEARING: Adopting the 2006 International Fire Code, as ordinance; prescribing regulations governing conditions hazardous to life and property from fire, hazardous materials or explosion; providing for the issuance of permits for hazardous uses or operations; and maintain a bureau of fire prevention and providing officers therefore and defining their powers and duties. Where there are no amendment changes to the 2006 International Fire Code, it shall remain in full effect.

Division Chief Eric Guevin explained that by adopting a modern code, Storey County would then be in compliance with Interlocal Agreements and the State Fire Marshall's office as well as be current with the 1997 fee schedule.

Letters of notification were sent to 395 contractors but no formal comment has been received back. A business impact statement was also sent with the letter. Fire related permits, (suppression, underground and alarm systems) will move from the Building Department to the Fire Department. Plan reviews and inspection fees are to be raised. The 1997 fee schedule will be adjusted by a 1% per year for 10 years for a total 10% increase. International Fire Code requires that a fee scale for fines be set and Storey County will adopt the State's fine scale as the county scale.

Chairman Hess commented from a contractor's point of view that the 1% increase sounds fair and reasonable. An avenue to fine and collect on violators is needed and this proposed ordinance will allow us to enforce codes and take needed action.

Sprinklers should be an option not mandatory as long as there are other remedies such as nearby tanks or high pressure systems.

Commissioner Flanagan asked if Storey County fees were similar or less than Lyon County. Mr. Guevin responded that Lyon County is basically the same.

Vice-Chairman Kershaw agreed with needing to be able to enforce codes.

Commissioner Flanagan asked if a metal roof was better than tile, Mr. Guevin said neither actually catches fire but tile is a better insulator.

Vice-Chairman Kershaw said Storey County should take a stand and promote better fire-resistant buildings.

Director of Building and Planning Dean Haymore stated that the pending 2009 sprinkler code may lead to issues with water storage, water rights and insurance policy problems.

Mr. Whitten thanked District Attorney Harold Swafford for reviewing all the associated documents.

Vice-Chairman Kershaw asked that the residents be trained in fire safety by the fire department. Mr. Guevin confirmed that through the Fire Safe Highlands Program and with the help of NDF, residents were visited and given literature regarding fire safety. Vice-Chairman Kershaw asked for a refresher course at the Clubhouse.

Lockwood resident, Brad Bryant, asked if the alarm was ever set off down in Lockwood as a test. Fire Chief Gary Hames confirmed they had in the past but received many complaints at dispatch afterwards.

Resolution to adopt fire code set for the December 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting.

RECESS at 1:30

Recess called at 1:30 P.M. by Chairman Hess

Roll Call.

Present: Administrative Officer Marilou Walling, Chairman Greg Hess, Clerk Treasurer Vanessa Dixon, Commissioner John Flanagan, Comptroller Hugh Gallagher, County Manager Pat Whitten, District Attorney Harold Swafford, Emergency Management Director Joe Curtis, Fire Chief Gary Hames, Undersheriff Chris Parsons, Vice-Chairman Bob Kershaw, Assistant Director or Communications Cherie Nevin.

CALL TO ORDER

Called to order by Chairman Hess at 2:04 P.M.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Hess led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Susan Sutton, Executive Director of the VCCTA, shared that NTA will be coming to Reno in November 2009. Tour operators can only present one piece of “advertisement” at these events. Recently, the Reno Tahoe Territory and the Atlantis Hotel chose to include Virginia City on their documents as a point of interest. These are both excellent forms of free advertisement indicating how Virginia City has reached a higher level in the tourism industry.

Carolyn Eichen of The “B” Street House Bed & Breakfast endorsed Leisa Findley, Innkeeper of Edith Palmer’s Country Inn for the VCCTA member vacancy.

**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. The Commission Chair reserves the right to limit the time allotted for each individual to speak.)

Approval of Agenda for November 18, 2008

Chairman Hess clarified that the Discussion / Action item of First Reading: Liquor License, Cabaret License, Gaming (10) machines should have specified the Ponderosa Saloon. The business name was mistakenly omitted in the Agenda.

Approval of Minutes for November 10, 2008

Correspondence

Approval of Administrative policies and procedures 604610

Approval of Claims

Approval of Maps

**LICENSING BOARD:**

**FIRST READINGS:**

1. AIRHART, LTD – Contractor / 2258 Ruddy Way, Sparks
2. EMPIRE CONTRACTORS, LLC – Contractor / 896 Southwood Bl #1, Incline Village
3. EXPERIENCED PAINTERS – Contractor / 250 Ramsey Way, Reno
4. FLY’N WRENCH – Out of County / 2258 11705 Fir Dr, Reno

5. MB LEWIS CONSTRUCTION, Inc.– Contractor / 261 Lewis Lane, Fallon
6. PONDEROSA SALOON– General / 106 South C St, VC (new owner)
7. RICK the HANDYMAN, AN– Home Business-Handyman / 21605 Dortort Rd, VC Highlands VCH
8. UNLIMITED SOLUTIONS ENTERPRISES, LLC– Home Business / 4940 Bullion Rd, VC Highlands VCH
9. WILD BUNCH, LLC, LLC– Home Business / 4940 Bullion Rd, VC Highlands VCH
10. WILLIAMS SCOTSMAN, Inc. – Contractor / 4911 Allison Pky, Vacaville CA

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

Motion: Consent Agenda with clarification Action: Approve, Moved by Commissioner John Flanagan, Seconded by Vice-Chairman Bob Kershaw  
Vote: Motion carried by unanimous vote (summary: Yes = 2).

DISCUSSION/ACTION: Committee/Staff Reports

Administrative Officer Marilou Walling

1. The flu shot clinic was a success with a turnout of approximately 45 employees and family members.
2. The County Christmas Party is scheduled for Friday, December 12<sup>th</sup> at the Fourth Ward School starting at 4:00 P.M.

Fire Chief Gary Hames

1. Tuesday, November 25<sup>th</sup> will be the traditional High School Bonfire at The Ice House.

Emergency Management Director Joe Curtis

1. Invited the Commissioners to attend the ICS100 and 200 training in January.
2. Completed oral agreements with the Washoe County School District to use their schools for evacuation and sheltering needs in the event of an emergency.

Comptroller Hugh Gallagher

1. Outside auditors turned in the 2007 report for revenue proceeds in regards to TRI. County Manager Pat Whitten and Mr. Gallagher discussed the pending payback to begin next fiscal year since the level of net revenue has been reached.

DISCUSSION/ACTION: Approve Interlocal Agreement between Storey County, Douglas County, Carson City and Lyon County to build a multi-county Ethernet Microwave Interconnect system with Homeland Security PSIC grant funds.

Emergency Management Director Joe Curtis stated that Storey, Carson, Douglas and Lyon County have obtained a grant for a new interconnected radio system through Homeland Security. The acquired \$1.2 million grant will be administered by Douglas County for research and equipment purchases during this 2-5 year project. While some of the county's may put in hard money to repay the grant, Storey will most likely meet their commitment of \$65,000 through In Kind Match.

Motion: Approve Interlocal Agreement between Storey County, Douglas County, Carson City and Lyon County to build a multicounty Ethernet Microwave Interconnect system with Homeland Security PSIC grant funds. ,  
Action: Approve, Moved by Vice-Chairman Bob Kershaw Seconded by Commissioner John Flanagan.

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous vote (summary: Yes = 2).

DISCUSSION/ACTION: Approval of resolution 08-268 designating who may prepare, sign and serve citations and other matters properly related thereto.

District Attorney Harold Swafford read the solution into the record.

Motion: Approval of resolution 08-268 designating who may prepare, sign and serve citations and other matters properly related thereto  
Action: Approve, Moved by Commissioner John Flanagan, Seconded by Vice-Chairman Bob Kershaw.

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous vote (summary: Yes = 2).

DISCUSSION/ACTION: Appointment of member to vacancy of the Virginia City Convention of Tourism Authority

Chairman Hess reported that three applications were received. Commissioner Flanagan stated he had read and considered all and advised appointing Leisa Findley.

Motion: Appoint Leisa Findley to vacancy of the Virginia City Convention of Tourism Authority, Action: Approve, Moved by Commissioner John Flanagan, Seconded by Vice-Chairman Bob Kershaw.

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous vote (summary: Yes = 2).

DISCUSSION/ACTION: First Reading: Liquor License, Cabaret License, Gaming (10 machines) Ponderosa Saloon

Undersheriff Parsons recommended a temporary Liquor License.

Motion: Approve temporary Liquor License for Ponderosa Saloon, Action: Approve, Moved by Vice-Chairman Bob Kershaw, Seconded by Commissioner John Flanagan.

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous vote (summary: Yes = 2).

#### BOARD COMMENT

Vice-Chairman Kershaw stated that the NACO conference went well and that it will be interesting to see how the Legislature proposes to raise revenue without raising taxes.

Chairman Hess mentioned that the Legislature is talking about regionalization of counties to help with infrastructure costs. Other counties would like a part in the buyout of TRI. We may see a taxation bill being formed for revenue sharing.

#### ADJOURNMENT.

Adjourned by Chairman Hess at 2:41 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by:

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Jessie Fain  
Storey County  
Deputy Clerk-Treasurer