



STOREY COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING

TUESDAY, MARCH 18TH, 2014 10:00 A.M.

DISTRICT COURTROOM
26 SOUTH B STREET, VIRGINIA CITY, NEVADA

MINUTES

MARSHALL MCBRIDE
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DISTRICT ATTORNEY

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Roll Call: Chairman Marshall McBride, Vice-Chairman Lance Gilman, Commissioner Bill Sjovangen, District Attorney Bill Maddox, Clerk & Treasurer Vanessa Stephens, County Manager Pat Whitten, Deputy District Attorney Anne Langer, Fire Chief Gary Hames, Community Service Cherie Nevin, Comptroller Hugh Gallagher, Tourism Director Deny Dotson and Sheriff Gerald Antinoro.

1. **CALL TO ORDER AT 10:00 A.M.**

The meeting was called to order at 10:02 a.m. by the Chair

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Chair led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance

3. **DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION:** Approval of Agenda for March 18, 2014

Mark Joseph Phillips, Storey County Resident - Under consent agenda are matters considered routine, but some of these things he's never seen before and would like some explanation and discussion of items #7, #8, and #9

Commissioner Sjovangen considered all these items routine in his opinion.
Chairman McBride also did not consider any of it out of the ordinary.

Janet Houts, Storey County Resident also felt item #7 and #8 need discussion and documentation.

County Manager Pat Whitten spoke for the Assessor on #7 and it deals with the correction of a systems error which is routine. This involves an interaction between Piper's Opera House, which is a non-profit organization and the Corner Bar. The way our systems are set up, you

either bill for the entire amount due on the property that is listed on the books, which is Piper's Opera House, or you waive it and then manually collect it. We billed Piper's Opera House for property tax on the whole building. This is the abatement of the 85% of the portion that is not eligible for tax either under its former ownership by a non-profit organization, The Friends of Piper's Opera House, or its current ownership, The Storey County School District. So this is refunding monies that were paid over and above the portion on the Corner Bar.

Motion: Approve the agenda for March 18, 2014, **Action:** Approve **Moved by** Commissioner Sjovangen **Seconded by** Vice-Chairman Gilman **Vote:** Motion carried by unanimous vote (**summary:** Yes=3)

4. **DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION:** Approval of Minutes for February 4, 2014

Motion: Approve the agenda for February 4, 2014, **Action:** Approve **Moved by** Vice-Chairman Gilman **Seconded by** Commissioner Sjovangen **Vote:** Motion carried by unanimous vote (**summary:** Yes=3)

CONSENT AGENDA

5. For possible action approval of Payroll Check date 02/14/14 for \$456,429.38 and date 02/28/14 for \$377,917.05 and Accounts Payable date for 2/21/14 for \$117,579.56 and \$6,625.39 and date 03/07/14 for \$174,453.78 and \$2,515.49.
6. For possible action approval of Treasurer Report for February 2014
7. For possible approval correction to tax roll and refund of \$3,383.53 for APN 001-082-14
8. For possible approval BLM and Storey County Fire Protection District 2014-2019 Mutual Aid Agreement and 2014 Annual Operating Plan
9. For possible approval of Business/Liquor license first readings:
 - a. Mustang Ranch Steak House/Hunting Lounge - Restaurant and Lounge
10. For possible action approval of Licensing Board First Reading:
 - a. Performance Electric Co. - Contractor/1605 Greg, Sparks (electrical contractor)
 - b. Thunder Eagle Native Art - General/160 S C Street, Virginia City
 - c. Belvac Production - Contractor/237 Graves Mill Rd, Lynchburg, VA (Ardagh Supplier)
 - d. Applied Vision Corp - Contractor/ 2020 Vision Ln., Cuyahoga Falls, OH (Ardagh Supplier)
 - e. Vasko Electric- Contractor/4300 Astoria, Sacramento, CA (Neptune Supplier)
 - f. Pure Water Solutions of MS - Contractor/207A Park Ct., Ridgeland, MS (Ardagh Supplier)
 - g. Ryan Built Construction - Home Business/2071 Empire Road, VC Highlands (Contractor)
 - h. Olcese Construction Co. - Contractor/920 Incline Way, Incline Village (Contractor)
 - i. Marquise Consulting Grp - Home Business/4970 Dry Gulch Road, VC Highlands (Consulting)
 - j. Randa Accessories - General/700 USA Parkway, TRI

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

Sheriff Antinoro addressed item #9 for possible approval of Business/Liquor license for Mustang Ranch Steak House/Hunting Lounge. He also has an email from Dean Haymore's office

regarding agenda item 15.b. That item has been rolled into the item on the consent agenda. The actual business name as listed is Mustang Ranch Retailers and the DBA is Mustang Ranch Steak House/Hunting Lounge. So that is all one item now and encompassed under his office due to the liquor dimension.

Motion: Approve the consent agenda for March 18, 2014, **Action:** Approve **Moved by** Commissioner Sjovangen **Seconded by** Vice-Chairman Gilman **Vote:** Motion carried by unanimous vote (**summary:** Yes=3)

11. DISCUSSION (No Action - No Public Comment): Committee/Staff Reports

Virginia City Tourism Commission Director Deny Dotson:

- Great weather and great event this past weekend. (Rocky Mountain Oyster Fry)
- This weekend is a basketball tournament with about 16 teams in town. In two weekends we will have the Crab Feed and the start of our wine walk series on the first Saturday of each month from April through August.
- The VCTC met Thursday and approved the tentative budget.

Community Services Officer Cherie Nevin:

- Mark Twain Health Fair is scheduled for this Saturday, March 22, from 9am-3pm at their community center. We are happy to have collaboration from many different supporters including Carson City Health and Human Services, Community Health Alliance (formally known as HAWK), Carson Tahoe Hospital, Community Chest, our local fire department, District Attorney's office and various other groups that will be there that day.
- We received some commission on cultural affairs grant funds for the repair and perhaps replacement of the courthouse roof. We hope to have the grant award sometime in May. This particular stream of grant funding is the sale of bonds. They have put those out for sale and that will close sometime in April. So, hopefully in May we will have our grant award.
- The land patent for the BLM property off of Six-Mile Canyon for the Virginia City Wastewater Treatment Plant has been received, recorded, and we are currently out to bid for that project. We'll be coming back to you probably on the 15th of April with the bid information.
- Planning continues on the Highlands evacuation drill to be held May 17, 2014. We're encouraging all Highlands residents to participate. We will be holding a training session this Thursday, March 20, 2014 at 6pm at the Highlands Fire Safe Counsel Meeting which is at the fire department.
- With the recent swarm in earthquakes we've been quiet, as I reported last month. We brought in a graduate student from UNR and gave presentations at both the elementary school here in Virginia City and the one in Lockwood. I think the kids really enjoyed it and took home some information to their parents.
- Free Dump Days will be held at the Virginia City Transfer Station on Friday, May 2nd and Saturday, May 3rd from 8am-4pm. The Lockwood landfill will also offer free dump days on April 3rd, 4th, 5th, 10th, 11th, 12th, 17th, 18th, and 19th from 8am-4:30pm.

Pam Abercrombie, Community Chest:

- The library in Virginia City has now been open four days a week since mid-February. Tuesdays and Wednesdays 3pm-7pm, and Friday and Saturday 10am-2pm. The Mark Twain location is open and we are looking for furniture right now. We are alternating days until we can get enough volunteers to get it open from 9am-7pm one day a week. Right now we have 9am-1pm and 3pm-7pm alternating weeks. Patrons have increased from about 2-4 people per week to 14 people per week. We've already had the library space used as a meeting space by one group, increased our library card holders by eight, and our book collection is up to 1,200 at the VC location. Coming up in April will be having children's story telling time, computer classes, and I'm working on getting our Nevada History section available to tie into tourism as well.
- Rambling Jack Elliot tickets are on sale on the Community Chest website, The Red Dog, and at Community Chest for this Friday at Piper's Opera House.

Fire Chief Gary Hames:

- 2013 Fire District annual report was just published last week and is posted on the County website under the Fire District page. The BLM agreement was not placed on the website as part of the packet. If any of you would like I can provide a hard or electronic copy of it. It was due to expire June 30 as it was a five year agreement and this is a renewal with no significant changes. The annual operating agreement is also not on the website but available if anyone wants a copy from me also with no significant changes.
- We will be working in the next month or so with the District Attorney to adjust the boundaries. With the dissolution of the 473 district, those lands need to be incorporated into the 474 district.
- We just finished our reserve firefighter testing. As you know, we've had some turnover in the fire district and exhausted our hiring pool. We had thirteen qualified applicants. Of those three didn't pass the written test, and two were unable to pass the physical agility test. We made job offers to five individuals and three are being placed on the hiring list. The reserves help cover vacancies for annual sick days, special events, or if we have red flag days to increase staffing levels.
- We've received the fuels grant that was awarded last year. Since then, about four weeks ago, we received another grant from NDF that was a culmination of several projects' leftover funds that they gave us as a sub-grant which is about \$115,000 and will be used in several areas throughout the county. He went on to explain some of the areas and projects that will be covered. This is the first time there will be fuels reduction work going on in Virginia City and that will be overseen by Public Works Director Mike Nevin.
- We just completed an S-215 Wild Land Urban Interface class and an S-234 Ignition Operations class for our seasonal, reserve, and new employees as well as numerous cooperating outside agencies within the region.
- We'll be participating in the Annual Regional Sand Table Exercises through the Sierra Front Wildfire Cooperators next month which is based out in Douglass County off the Bison Fire. We will be recreating that as an incident management team.
- We will be participating in the May 17th Highland Evacuation Drill. The scenario is based on a wild land fire although the two areas we will be testing are evacuation and sheltering. Though it is wild land, it will not be all of our boots on the ground. We will basically be incident command with Sheriff Gerald Antinoro's team identifying areas to evacuate.

Sheriff Gerald Antinoro:

- There was a film crew in town a week and ten days ago filming in the area of the Mackey Mansion. They were permitted, but the School District failed to be notified so when they discharged a few blanks, it caused a bit of concern over there. It brought some failures in the system to our attention and we have a meeting with the county manager, fire department, Deny Dotson, regarding the permitting process to ensure that those types of failures don't happen again. We also have a meeting scheduled with the School District concerning the response plan to situations at the school as this incident also brought to our attention some failures in that plan that we are working to correct. He apologized to any families who were concerned, but at no time were the children in any danger.
- There have also been some concerns voiced about inmates working on the hill above the school. Just to clarify, any time an inmate is out working they have trustee status, which means they have been deemed to be very low risk of flight or to the public, and they are under supervision the entire time they are out in the world.

County Manager Pat Whitten:

- The commission meeting when we will be awarding the bid for the Sewer Plant is April 15th. We open bids on April 10th. They will be opened in Reno because there is a short window of time for Far West Engineering to check the specs and compliance issues are met on the grant. Information most likely will not be in the packets generated for this meeting, so anyone requesting information should contact Cherie Nevin at 847-0986.
- This weekend's event was phenomenal and it was great to see various parts of our community coming together. The county works with three different labor/contractual unions and based on certain circumstances and events sometimes those relationships can be tenuous, but it's great when you have fostering of mutual respect and appreciation. Our general government employees, under the AFSCME Comstock Chapter had a booth selling Rocky Mt. oysters. I asked their president to provide us a synopsis of what they do:
 - On March 15th members of the AFSCME Comstock Chapter General Employees' Union rolled up their sleeves and participated for the fourth year in a row in the Virginia City Rocky Mt. Oyster Fry. With the generous sponsorship of local businesses and the help of friends and families, over \$300 was raised. This is one of a handful of fundraisers the chapter participates in throughout the year. In 2013 the chapter was able to sponsor a 5th grade student from Hugh Gallagher Elementary School to attend the Great Basin Outdoor School. They also awarded their first annual scholarship to a graduating Virginia City High School student. It is a great opportunity for our chapter to encourage the future leaders of our community.
- I was told this morning that Sunny Hills is going to have another meeting on March 25th. That should time in with the Ten Acre Association meeting. This is not county sanctioned and there has been no official notice. We are keeping our distance from the Sunny Hills people for good reason. Our board has authorized staff and our District Attorney to work on the TRI piece for the Washoe County boundary line adjustment. We have no authorization on the Sunny Hills' piece, and are not entertaining dialogues with them. For the record no matter what you hear uttered in public meetings, statements that the TRI piece is integrally linked with the Sunny Hills piece are FALSE. We worked throughout the legislative session to disconnect those two. They were embedded in the same assembly bill, but are independent of each other. One can happen without the other.

- Our District Court Judge has asked our court clerk and me to look at window tinting in this room mostly for security.
- Mr. Whitten presented a sample of a boardwalk material being considered for in front of the fire museum and gun fighters' area and the train car to the steps. Through Public Works Director Mike Nevin and Chairman McBride we are trying to find more durable material for a solution for the long term.

Comptroller Hugh Gallagher:

- Thanked Commissioner Sjovangen for putting the park tax issue on the front burner. He had some records that Dave Thomas had sent him in 2009 that did not reflect any of the current records. He also had other records that were incomplete and inconsistent. Dean Haymore kept the original permits that normally would have been destroyed with the records retention policy after seven years. We were able to go back to around 1980 and found that in 1992 there is a place on the permit that notes the \$250 park tax amount. With an extensive audit of each location, we now have a correct revenue amount that I would like Dave Thomas' review and input on. It appears we missed roughly \$32,000 not only for the Highlands, but for Mark Twain Estates, Virginia City, and Rainbow Bend that was not included in the records I received when I got here in 2008. We will now endeavor to correct these records. Dave Thomas was invited to the podium.

Dave Thomas:

- I was forwarded the summary and the annual PDF files from 1992 through 2001 of the individual building permits. They are very clear as to the location and the fees that were collected. Compared to the numbers that I came up with, Hugh came up with a slightly lower number on the number of houses. There is a 20 house difference which is about 6%. He sighted District Attorney Bill Maddox's history as far as legal interest that should be paid on the amounts. The funds were incorrectly deposited into the general fund. It is a matter of 20 years of simple interest that adds up to be a big number.

Mr. Whitten stated that they are checking with District Attorney Bill Maddox as legal counsel, but there is no interest in fighting the legal interest because this is money that went into general as a line item and potentially over the years as four line items, so while the individual communities may have lost interest earnings on those amounts, the county general fund gained. So the interest money is there so it is just a matter of determining what the amount is and what the legal advice is to get this taken care of and close this out.

Chairman McBride allowed public comment on this particular staff report.

Karlyn McPartlin stated it has been a long process and appreciates that someone is taking it seriously and getting it solved. We plan to have a Highlands meeting to create a list of things we would like to do with the money. Pat Whitten recognized and thanked Karlyn for her voice and her efforts.

Janet Houts requested a copy of the report to examine what is happening with the Mark Twain area.

Dale Beach is concerned that the committee appointed is not interested in the Park in Mark Twain and would like to be a part of it.

Gunther Prosser, Lockwood, is thrilled that we finally have some numbers and is looking forward to spending some money with parents that are starting soccer teams and putting it to good use.

Mr. Whitten reminded everyone that once the net number is figured out and distributed; there are strong statutory guidelines to how the funds may be used typically hard material improvements. He encouraged everyone to come up with a list and get them to Cherie Nevin.

Mr. Prosser understands the hard material limitation, and realizes that the county is working on maintaining what has already been installed.

Mr. Beach is concerned that any list goes on a ballot so it is not just up to a small committee.

12. BOARD COMMENT (No Action – No Public Comment)

Commissioner Sjovangen:

- Next week he and Mr. Osborne will be attending a state wide conference regarding medical marijuana.
- He also has a meeting on land use coming up in the next couple of weeks where they will be discussing land withdrawals.
- The sage hen issue is now being combined with wild horses and water rights and land rights and grazing rights and a whole bunch of other things. He's been talking with Dean Heller's office and they agree that all these things are going to be coming together and it is hard to tell where it will wind up.
- On the statewide lawsuit against BLM they are trying to get a writ of mandamus out of the federal court to make them stick to their own regulations. He believes our own land issues will get involved in this as well at some point.

Vice-Chairman Gilman:

- Thanked everyone for what took place here today regarding the Park Fund. He was disappointed with the rhetoric at the last meeting, but is happy to see the problem being solved and the politeness today and everyone coming together. That is how every challenge should be met.

Chairman McBride

- Two weeks ago Mr. Whitten and I went to Washington D.C. for the annual legislative date NACO (National Association of Counties) conference. We met with the Nevada delegates. It is a forum of continuing education with classes and lectures on topics such as finance, ethics, flood control, etc. We met with Harry Reid on one day and presented him with a booklet of all the needs, wants, and concerns of Nevada counties who participate, one of which was the lands bill (not Storey County's but the big one). He wasn't interested in looking at that at all. We got to go back a day later with another organization called Shared Federal Framework. We were invited late to the table to this. It's an organization of Reno, Sparks, Washoe County, Carson City, Douglas County, the Airport Authority, the Regional Transportation Commission of Washoe County, UNR, and the Desert Research

Institute. They too had a list of wants, needs, and concerns for Northwestern Nevada. We were able to meet no less than eight congressmen hosted by former Southern Nevada congressman, John Porter. I was able to make the presentation for Storey County which included the USA Parkway issue, the Restore Storey County Lands Bill, and a plea to continue funding grants that are critical to us.

The Chair called for a recess at 11:09 a.m.; the meeting was called to order at 11:23 a.m.

13. **DISCUSSION ONLY (No Action):** Update from Robert Little, Noxious Weed Coordinator, Nevada Department of Agriculture regarding State and Storey County noxious weeds control efforts.

In recent years the Nevada Department of Agriculture (NDA) Noxious Weed Program has undergone various personnel changes. In addition the state has received an increase in pressure from various stakeholders to increase noxious weed control regulatory activity throughout the state. For these reasons, the NDA Noxious Weed Program will present to the Storey County Board of Commissioners regarding general Storey County noxious weed concerns, current local efforts on noxious weed control, and the state statutes that govern regulatory actions regarding noxious weed control.

The overall objective of this presentation is to revive state and county commissioner partnerships and communication regarding noxious weed control in this area and to begin to explore various options for both the state and county to improve noxious weed control and regulatory actions in the future.

Mr. Little defined noxious weeds and showed examples of them. He presented concerns and species of concern for Storey County, current efforts, statutes, responsibilities, and future directions. He also addressed NRS that indicate that county participation is necessary to perform weed abatements. Mr. Little's effort is aimed more toward education and outreach and is looking to the county for input. Nevada is the only state without weed districts and an infrastructure to control weeds.

A copy of the presentation and a field guide is on file.

14. **DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION:** Approval of interlocal agreement between the Aging and Disability Services Division (ADSD) and the County of Storey for provision of children's developmental services.

Robin Williams, Program Manager for Rural Regional Center and Rob Forterhays, Administrative Services Officer. Rural regional Center is an agency within the Division of Aging and Developmental Services which provides services and supports to individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities throughout the rural counties of Nevada. Mr. Forterhays discussed the contract and the costs for services going back to July of 2013.

Mr. Whitten explained that as a result of the 2011 session, the county was hit with a massive number of unfunded mandates or services that had been previously performed or provided by the state now subjecting the county to full or partial payment. This is one of those, albeit with a

small price tag. We've had a hard time getting anyone to sit down with us to explain what it is, what do we get for it, and how much does it cost. He is appreciative of the fact that they are here today to do that.

Commissioner Sjovangen asked how many children were identified for the program. Ms. Williams said there is currently one child and doesn't think there have ever been more than two in Storey County. Commissioner Sjovangen asked how a child is identified for the program. Ms. Williams said they receive referrals from the school district, early intervention, and the families. They must have a diagnosis of mental retardation or related condition such as autism during the developmental period which is under age 22. A professional assessment is made.

Mr. Whitten asked Mr. Forterhays to explain the cost in relation to surrounding counties. Storey County was billed \$2838 for FY 2013 and that was for two children. Some counties are paying upwards of \$40k per year. Mr. Whitten complimented the program, and though it is not optional, he pointed out that our size is to our benefit making the cost minimal and that services vary. Ms. Williams explained that the goal of these billable services are to work with the families and children at a younger age so that as adults they don't need much higher level of services, and ultimately saving the county money.

Ms. Houts thinks we should get a deeper understanding on the matter before an approval is made.

Mr. Whitten offered staff recommendation for approval. As this document is from the state attorney general's office and is being reluctantly approved by commissions all over the state, he suggests it be approved as is without amendments.

Mr. Beach wondered why our lobbyists are not stopping the unfunded mandates.

Mr. Whitten explained that they did lobby heavily against all unfunded mandates and lost.

Motion: Approve interlocal agreement between the Aging and Disability Division and the County of Storey for provision of children's developmental services, **Action:** Approve **Moved by** Vice-Chairman Gilman **Seconded by** Commissioner Sjovangen **Vote:** Motion carried by unanimous vote (**summary:** Yes=3)

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING

15. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION, LICENSING BOARD SECOND READINGS:

- a. Aero Automatic Sprinkler Co. - Contractor/21605 N Central, Phoenix, AZ (fire protection contractor)
- b. Mustang Ranch Emporium, LLC - General/5 N C Street (Restaurant & Retail) VC
- c. Mustang Ranch Mercantile - General/62 N C Street (Retail) VC

Motion: Continue item C, **Action:** Approve **Moved by** Commissioner Sjovangen **Seconded by** Vice-Chairman Gilman **Vote:** Motion carried by unanimous vote (**summary:** Yes=3)

Motion: Approve items A, **Action:** Approve **Moved by** Commissioner Sjovangen **Seconded by** Vice-Chairman Gilman **Vote:** Motion carried by unanimous vote (**summary:** Yes=3)

Item b. - no action as it is part of agenda item 9a.

16. PUBLIC COMMENT (No Action)

Pat Whitten - The one thing our community needs are quality restaurants. This is a shameless plug for the Mustang Ranch Steak House which opened up Friday evening. It has great food and great management and great prices and he congratulates this new business.

Ron James, Executive Director Comstock Foundation for History and Culture - We will be holding a reception open to the public on April 4th at 5pm at the Gold Hill Hotel to celebrate the completion of the restoration of the upper Yellowjacket hoist works right above the V&T tracks behind the Gold Hill Hotel. We will be trying to raise funds for nine different organizations and the Storey County Library. The foundation will be matching donations up to \$1000 each.

Kay Dean - In the February 18th meeting, Chairman McBride stated that the Jeep Posse is getting money because they have a contract. She researched this and requested a copy of the contract from the courthouse. Document one was a receipt for money received. It was a Jeep Posse lease payment to Storey County dated 1992 for \$99 for payment in full for a 99 year lease ending in 2071 (79 years). The other was the grant of easement which also contained the cell phone contracts. All of the documents are between Storey County which is considered a municipal corporation, a government agency, the landlord, the owner, or grantor. There are absolutely no references in any document to the Jeep Posse anywhere. The representations made by the county over the past several years that the Jeep Posse is receiving these funds because of a contract are not true. Storey has no legal obligation to pay the Jeep Posse anything. Regarding future funding of the Jeep Posse, there are multiple reasons this is problematic. In 2006, we began paying the Jeep Posse each quarter. It started out at \$6000 per year and is now up to \$10,000 per year. They have received almost \$67,000 since 2006. They are not a 501C3 and until that status is achieved, no more funding should be provided. They have not filed income tax returns and beginning in 2007 even 501C3 organizations were required to file at the minimum a form 990m. This has not been done. Since they are not a non-profit organization under the IRS, they are required to file tax returns and pay the tax amount due. They will owe taxes on all the money Storey County has given them in addition to all the other revenue they have received. This is a tax disaster waiting to happen and Storey County would be well advised to disassociate itself with this group. Because the Jeep Posse represented itself as a non-profit, a possible fraud has been committed. The Jeep Posse operated a bar for years without a liquor license. Documents were signed by Greg Hess and Pat Whitten in 2008 regarding the cell towers with no disclosures that they were members of this group that was given half the money that the county was receiving. Scholarships were given to students that did not graduate from our high school in direct violation of the Jeep Posse's own requirements as to whom receives money. Each year, newspaper articles site that all proceeds benefit high school students in the form of scholarships. Based on the limited financial information I had access to, I believe it impossible for this to be true. In the April 2010 minutes under community services it states that the Jeep Posse funding was left at last year's level since this line item is tied directly to revenue from the cell tower sub-lease which remains stable. There are no documents to support this and it appears to be false yet

was presented as fact in a county commissioners meeting. There are multiple references over the last several years that the Jeep Posse has a contract with Storey County. I would like the commission to officially acknowledge that there is no contract with the Jeep Posse and never has been. I do not believe that you should continue to give money to a group that appears to be in violation of many federal regulations. I hope that the residents of Storey County take notice. She reiterated her concerns including that it is restrictive and does not allow women and has not been involved with the Sheriff's office for many years for any rescue operations.

Vice-Chairman Gilman said that though he is not prepared to cease funding at this time, he found Ms. Dean's comments enlightening and asked that staff take up the baton in looking into it and he would like to know more about it from a staff level. District Attorney Bill Maddox explained that action cannot be taken unless it is recognized as an agenda item and directed her to submit it as such. They thanked her for her presentation and efforts.

Nicole Barde - Wanted to know the status on the investigation into the Rail Commission question from the last meeting. Pat Whitten said that they are going through the process of testing the financial integrity and seeing if there are any violations of the interlocal agreement. She is concerned about being under the burden of a bond with no project right now. Pat Whitten assured her that they are doing fine with that and that these questions have all been addressed already.

Janet Houts, Storey County Resident - She still has not received the letter of engagement from the auditors that she requested. Regarding Piper's Opera House tax refund, she has some concerns but doesn't know if it is suitable to discuss in public comments.

Mr. Beach - He thinks that the sheriff's department should have \$2 million like the fire department received two meetings ago so they can buy vehicles. He thinks they should have Toyotas instead of Chevys. Pat Whitten clarified that Chief Hames is going out to bid on the vehicle acquisitions.

Kris Thompson - Wanted to clarify a previous comment made concerning a loan to TRI.

17. CORRESPONDENCE

- a. Letter from Justice of the Peace Eileen Herrington regarding the Justice Court Special revenue Fund
- b. Agenda request from Dale Beach

18. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 12:44 p.m. by the call of the Chair

Respectfully Submitted,

By _____
Vanessa Stephens, Clerk-Treasurer