

MARCH 4, 2020

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m. by Carol Shank, Chairwoman. Those present were Robert McDougal and Larry Rackley, Commissioners; Bryce Shields, District Attorney; Karen Wesner, Administrative Assistant; and Lacey Donaldson, Clerk.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Mr. Rackley made a motion to approve the January 22, 2020 minutes as submitted. Motion seconded by Mr. McDougal and passed.

PUBLIC INPUT: David Brady, a Unionville resident, informed the Board that all Unionville residents received a copy of the Unionville Cemetery transfer document. He asked when burials can proceed. Mrs. Shank stated that there will be an agenda item for the next meeting to approve the purchase of the property.

Paulette Blochowiak, the Infection Control Nurse at Pershing General Hospital, spoke about the coronavirus. PGH does have all the protective equipment and precautions in place. She stressed how important quarantining patients who are suspected of having the virus is. Most quarantining will be done in individual homes. They are encouraging hand washing and good health etiquette, including covering your cough, throwing tissues away, etc. Ms. Blochowiak stated that they are requesting that if you feel you may have the virus or have been in contact with someone that does, to call the hospital or clinic before coming in. Dan Hill asked if the hospital is able to test for the virus. Ms. Blochowiak stated that there is an approved lab in Las Vegas, and they will get results back in 4 hours. Debra Reid asked if the hospital is able to treat severe cases that might need respirators. Ms. Blochowiak stated that they would stabilize the patient and then transport them to Reno. Ms. Blochowiak asked if the County had a policy in place to help the hospital if a stricter quarantine is necessary. Mrs. Shank didn't think we did, but she is working on scheduling a meeting with Dr. Van Gilder to formulate one.

REVIEW OF ALL AGENDA ITEMS TO DETERMINE IF ANY DO OR DO NOT IMPOSE A DIRECT AND SIGNIFICANT ECONOMIC BURDEN ON A BUSINESS OR DIRECTLY RESTRICT THE FORMATION, OPERATION, OR EXPANSION OF A BUSINESS: Mr. Rackley made a motion that no agenda items impose a direct and significant economic burden on a business or directly restrict the formation, operation, or expansion of a business. Motion seconded by Mr. McDougal and passed.

UNCLASSIFIED DEPARTMENTS:

ROAD DEPARTMENT – Dan Hill was present.

Mr. Hill reported that he met with sPower regarding the road and their construction project. Mr. Hill has also been meeting with some blasting companies to get proposals for the Landfill. Coal Canyon Road has been patched. Mr. Hill is working on ordering a new compressor. The current one is probably as old as the building, so he's hoping to get 40 years out of the new one as well. The project on the Derby Bridge has been completed. They hauled some rock to use on Old Victory Highway and moved some equipment to the Airport to start a project there next week. Mr. Hill stated that they really need some moisture. Jason Barrick went to take his CDL (Commercial Driver License) test, but our truck didn't pass the DMV (Department of Motor Vehicles) requirements.

Approval to purchase county vehicle, 2020 Chevrolet Traverse in the amount of \$26,680.00 with additional option package in the amount of \$4,165.00: Mrs. Shank asked if this would replace the Chevrolet Envoy that is currently being used. Mr. Hill stated that it would. The purchase wouldn't occur until after July 1st, but the order has to go in now. The Envoy has 150,000 miles on it.

Mr. McDougal made a motion to approve the purchase of a 2020 Chevrolet Traverse in the amount of \$30,845.00, to be included in the FY2021 budget, and authorizing the Road Department to

place the order now. Motion seconded by Mr. Rackley. Mrs. Childs asked where this vehicle was supposed to be budgeted. The Board wasn't sure where it should come out of. Motion carried.

Request for speed reduction near curve area at Star Peak Ranch in Unionville from 45 mph to 25 mph: Mrs. Shank stated that she received a call from a resident who would like to see the speed reduced near Star Peak Ranch. Mr. Hill stated that he has been trying to reach them, but has been unable to. Mr. Hill thought he could place an "advisory" speed sign without the Board's approval. Mr. Shields didn't agree.

Mr. McDougal made a motion to direct Mr. Hill to check the location where the speed reduction has been requested and use his best judgment regarding sign placement and an advisory speed limit. Motion seconded by Mr. Rackley and passed.

LANDFILL/RECYCLING – Dan Hill was present.

Mr. Hill stated that he hasn't received any complaints from Grass Valley. He is working on getting the blasting scheduled. They are still waiting for an inspection from the State.

Mr. Rackley reported that the Recycling Center received a huge lot of cardboard from a company. He contacted the company out of Salt Lake, and they have agreed to pick it up on pallets, instead of requiring it to be bailed. They will be here next week. They also received a donation of kitty litter, which will be available to the public.

SENIOR CENTER/VOLUNTEER BOARD – Jordan McKinney was present.

Mrs. McKinney stated that there is a grant opportunity to receive a new minivan from NDOT (Nevada Department of Transportation). The process could take up to three years to be finalized, but she will apply. Mrs. Shank stated that it will need to be on a Commission agenda for approval. Mrs. McKinney also reported that she submitted her grant for transportation and has requested an increase in funding. The Birdhouse raffle is on May 1st. They have received several birdhouses. Nevada Legal Services was at the Center yesterday and was busy all day. Breakfast this month will be on March 27th. Mr. Rackley asked about the cooler in the kitchen. Mr. Handka stated that Bruce Hudson is trying to calculate how much power we have to spare, so we can make an adjustment to the air intake. Mrs. McKinney has also finally received a quote for installing the sound panels. Mr. Handka stated that he spoke with the contractor and they think they can do the installation the first part of next week.

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS – John Handka was present.

Mr. Handka reported on the law library remodel. They are finishing up the false ceiling today, the electrical should be finished by Friday and the flooring will be installed next week. Mr. Handka stated that he will need to work with someone regarding the furnishings. Mr. Handka also reported that the lift station at the Administration Building went out sometime Sunday. D&D will be putting in a new pump today. The crew also addressed lighting issues on the sign and flag at the Imlay Community Center. Mr. McDougal stated that the lighting on the Grass Valley sign is much better. Mrs. Wesner brought up the new playground equipment. Mr. Handka stated that work will start the middle of this month. They will bring in fencing to close off the area. Mr. Handka was asked if the old equipment could be used elsewhere. Mr. Handka stated that the equipment is being replaced because it is outdated, so he doesn't feel it should be put any place else. Mrs. Shank also asked about the little toy digger. Mr. Handka stated that he has addressed any safety issues it may have had, and it isn't on the plans to remove.

Discussion regarding storage of tires at the McDougal Sports Complex which were used by the Lover's Aloft Balloon event: Mr. Handka stated that this was discussed last year; however, Mr. Irwin is proposing putting the tires in storage bags. Mr. Handka stated that he would be more agreeable to the idea if they are in bags. Mr. McDougal is still in opposition as this is a County facility, not a storage area.

Mr. McDougal made a motion to deny the request of the Lover's Aloft event to store tires at the McDougal Sports Complex. Mr. McDougal also stated that he doesn't want the County to hold any liability for theft, damage etc.

Mr. Rackley asked Mr. Shields for his opinion. Mr. Shields agreed that we shouldn't be in the business of storing items for other events.

Mr. Rackley seconded the motion made by Mr. McDougal. Motion carried.

Approval to install additional cameras in the new area for law library: Mr. Handka stated that the cost of cameras and installation would not exceed \$3,500. There is funding in Mr. Handka's budget to cover the purchase. Mr. McDougal went and looked at the area and there would be one camera in each conference room and one in the hallway.

Mr. McDougal made a motion to approve the installation of additional cameras in the new Law Library at a cost not to exceed \$3,500. Motion seconded by Mr. Rackley and passed.

Mrs. Shank asked about shelving for the law library. Mr. Handka recommended stained wood shelving that is adjustable. Mr. Shields asked if shelving could also be put in the conference rooms themselves. Mr. Handka didn't see why not.

Mr. McDougal stated that he is very pleased with how the remodel has progressed.

PERSHING COUNTY FIRE/AMBULANCE DEPARTMENTS – Mike Heidemann was present.

Mr. Heidemann spoke about two grants that he needs approval for, but are not on today's agenda. It was noted that both grants require matching funds. The Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) is due March 13th. Mrs. Wesner stated that she never received any information to be able to include it on the agenda. Mr. Heidemann also stated that we need Mutual Aide agreements and proof of NIMS (National Incident Management System) compliance. Mr. Shields stated that there might be another issue that would require a special meeting and the approval of these grants could be included. The earliest a meeting could be scheduled is March 10th at 9:00 a.m.

Mr. Heidemann stated that there have been some Emergency Management meetings lately regarding the COVID-19 coronavirus. Mr. Heidemann stated that there is a pandemic plan in our Emergency Management Plan. Mr. Heidemann also stated that there was no representation from Pershing County at these meetings.

Mrs. Shank stated that when she was speaking with Esther McCullough from the BLM, she was informed of a Wildland fire meeting on March 11th at 1:00 p.m. in Winnemucca. Mr. Rackley isn't sure if he is available as that is the day the Recycling truck is coming.

Mr. Rackley stated that Sierra Electronics is working on installing radios in the new command vehicles for Imlay and Rye Patch.

COMMUNITY CENTER – Dixie McKay was present.

Mrs. McKay gave the Board her written report. February's net income was \$4,770.00. Mrs. McKay stated that she will be calling the company that made the outdoor sign to have Economic Diversification removed, since they have relocated. She is also removing the key check-out from the Sheriff's office. Everyone will have to come to her to check out a key. The custodial services are going well at this time. The UNCE office and Community Center will be participating in the Prevent Child Abuse Nevada campaign. On April 3rd a pinwheel garden will be planted in the planters in front of the Community Center.

COOPERATIVE EXTENSION – Steve Foster was present.

Mr. Foster reported that he is sponsoring two webinars. He will be giving a Pesticide Training in Kings River on March 11th. He will also be doing one in Elko on March 19th and one here on March 20th.

Regarding the 4-H position, Mr. Foster stated that he requested that the position be changed to a Level 3. He was told it would take approximately two weeks, but it still hasn't gone into effect, so we can't do interviews. Mrs. McKay has been trying to keep up on the 4-H paperwork. The office gave out 9 free short-term Radon test kits. The Lovelock Livestock Show and Sale will be May 3rd and then the Nevada Junior Livestock Show will be on May 6th in Reno. Mr. Foster also reported that 4-H Camp has

been divided into five separate camps this year and the fee has been increased. There is now a Arts and Crafts Club for members age 5 through 18. LeOnna Bianchi is the leader.

APPROVAL TO SUBMIT A DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE/FOREST SERVICE PRIVATE FORESTRY COOPERATIVE WEED MANAGEMENT COST SHARE GRANT FOR LOVELOCK VALLEY WEED DISTRICT, PERSHING COUNTY ROAD DEPARTMENT AND PERSHING COUNTY WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$71,641.00 (MATCH \$40,958.00 IN-KIND) FOR WEED ABATEMENT: Steve Foster, Ryan Collins and Dan Hill.

Mr. McDougal made a motion to approve the submittal of a Department of Agriculture/Forest Service Private Forestry Cooperative Weed Management cost share grant for Lovelock Valley Weed District, the Pershing County Road Department, and the Pershing County Water Conservation District in the amount of \$71,641.00 with a \$40,958.00 grant match, which would be in-kind. Motion seconded by Mr. Rackley and passed.

UNCLASSIFIED DEPARTMENTS, CONT.D:

LIBRARY – Kathie Brinkerhoff was present.

Ms. Brinkerhoff stated that the Census is coming up and people can go to the Library for help filling out the paperwork. Ms. Brinkerhoff also reported that there is a dance troop coming on March 12th. The Library will be trying out a new program, the Family Literacy Program, which will be taught by Sharon Garcia.

Mr. McDougal asked if Ms. Brinkerhoff had any upcoming grant applications that needed to come before the Board. Mrs. Shank clarified that in the past the Commission approved regular grants from the Library and Senior Center not having to come back before the Board for approval. Mrs. Childs suggested that either all grants come before the Board or none of them do. The Board agreed that all grants need to come before them.

IT DEPARTMENT – Justin Abbott was present.

Mr. Abbott stated that he received confirmation from the High School that we can use the computer lab for training. He will send out a sign-up for Office 365 training. He is looking at the last weekend in April to convert everyone over. Mr. Abbott is also working with Department Heads on Windows 10 upgrades. Mr. Abbott stated that NACO (Nevada Association of County Officials) released the results of their independent broadband mapping study yesterday, which shows that Pershing County is underserved. Mr. Abbott also asked the Board if they wanted to post any health information regarding the Coronavirus on the County's website. The Board asked for a pop-up with a link to the State/CDC information.

PUBLIC DEFENDER – Steve Cochran was present.

The Board was given the office's monthly report. Mr. Cochran stated that this is a relatively slow time for the office. Mr. Cochran stated that he has been spending a lot of time dealing with the Indigent Defense Commission. They are trying to cast an image of a crisis in Rural Nevada. Mr. Shields and Mr. Cochran met with Patrick McGuinness, Deputy Director of the Indigent Defense Commission, along with Judge Stephens and Judge Shirley. Mr. Shields stated that after the meeting Mr. McGuinness went back and reported to the Director our concerns. A commissioner from the Indigent Defense Commission will be here on March 13th and Mr. Shields felt it might be beneficial if one of the County Commissioners met with them as well.

ELECTED DEPARTMENTS:

LACEY DONALDSON, CLERK-TREASURER – Mrs. Donaldson stated that Candidate Filing started on Monday and four people have filed for various offices to date.

Approval of Interlocal Contract between Public Agencies – Department of Health and Human Service, Division of Health Care Financing and Policy (DHCFP); Division of Welfare and Supportive Services (DWSS); and Pershing County Indigent Services regarding Pershing County Match Budget Proposal in the amount of SFY20 \$208,885.33 and SFY21 \$208,885.34: Mr. McDougal made a motion to approve the Interlocal Contract between Public Agencies, DHCFP, DWSS and Pershing County Indigent Services, as presented. Motion seconded by Mr. Rackley and passed.

Approval of NACO Business Associate Agreement in regard to the Study of County Medicaid Assessments: Mr. Rackley made a motion to approve the NACO Business Associate Agreement in regard to the Study of County Medicaid Assessments. Motion seconded by Mr. McDougal and passed.

PLANNING AND BUILDING DEPARTMENT / IMLAY WATER SYSTEM: James Evans was present.

sPOWER, REQUEST FOR REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF A SPECIAL USE PERMIT ON APN #s 003-151-12, 003-151-13, 003-151-31, 003-151-59, 003-151-60, 003-531-01 THROUGH –3-531-11 AND 003-531-14 FOR sPOWER DEVELOPMENT COMPANY, LLC. – Linda Bullen, Legal Counsel and Jordan Levin, Project Manager, were present on behalf of sPower.

Ms. Levin gave the Board a presentation on the solar project. Mr. Rackley asked about the gas line. Ms. Levin stated that they have just begun their site survey and will work with Southwest Gas as necessary.

Mrs. Shank asked if there was any comment from the public. Laureen Basso-Cerini, Assessor, asked about the Ag property. Ms. Levin stated that this SUP doesn't include the Ag parcels.

Mr. Shields stated that there was some concern voiced at the Planning Commission meeting regarding the traffic control plan. Ms. Bullen stated that the plan is in the packet. Mr. Shields also spoke about glare, asking if there is room to place a special condition if a glare problem arises that wasn't addressed. Ms. Levin stated that the glare study looked at all surrounding roads. Mrs. Shank asked about fire protection and defensible space. Ms. Levin stated that they usually work with local fire departments regarding access to the sites. Mr. McDougal asked about the ownership of the property. It is all privately owned. Reclamation was also discussed.

Carl Clinger asked about the fencing. Ms. Levin stated that the array will be fully fenced, but there are access roads that have to be left open.

Mr. Shields stated that at the Planning Commission it was briefly discussed about the tax base. Ms. Levin stated that they have been working with the Assessor and the Department of Taxation, but they don't have a figure. Energy Abatements will be involved. Mrs. Shank stated that the sales tax is important, with delivery taking place in Pershing County. The Commission would also like quarterly reports on the project's progress.

Mr. McDougal made a motion to approve the Special Use Permit on APN #s 003-151-12, 003-151-13, 003-151-31, 003-151-59, 003-151-60, 003-531-01 through 003-531-11 AND 003-531-14 based on the recommendation of the Planning Commission, including Findings A-M of the Pershing County Development Code, Section 17.606.40, adding that the condition that at the time of decommission the land is returned to its previous state. Motion seconded by Mr. Rackley and passed.

Mr. Evans gave a quick department update. He gave the Board his end of month report. They are still working on the Business License implementation. Mr. McDougal stated that he had spoken to Mr. Evans about the Imlay Water System, stating that we need to be prepared for growth in that area.

DISCUSSION REGARDING REGULATION ON BILLBOARDS – Mr. Evans stated that he has been researching regulations in other counties. He has found that they are only allowed in Commercial/Industrial land use. Mr. Evans stated that he has applications for 10 more, and 8 are in AMR (Agriculture, Mining, Recreation). Mr. Shields stated that NDOT (Nevada Department of Transportation) has been informing the installers that they are allowed in AMR. Mr. Shields also stated that he has been researching some case law. You can ban billboards if you are very specific as to why it

isn't allowed. He is recommending that the Board issue a moratorium on construction while the Planning Department and District Attorney do some more research. This item will be placed on the Special Meeting agenda for March 10th. Mr. McDougal wanted it to be clear that any submitted that meet the qualifications prior to the March 10th meeting would be approved.

NACO MODEL LANGUAGE FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENTS TO MEET THE REQUIREMENTS OF AB 239 (2013): TRANSMISSION CORRIDORS AND A MODEL ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH A PROCESS FOR RENEWABLE ENERGY GENERATION PROJECT SPECIAL USE PERMIT AND AN EXPEDITED RENEWABLE ENERGY GENERATION PROJECT PERMIT – Mr. Evans reported that he has researched what other counties are doing and most are choosing not to incorporate this into their Master Plans.

UNCLASSIFIED DEPARTMENTS, CONT.D:

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – Heidi Lusby-Angvick was present.

Mrs. Lusby-Angvick called NDOT and spoke to Troy Martin about the G29 bridge replacement project. She was told that NDOT submitted a preliminary plan to Union Pacific, but Union Pacific did not approve the plan. NDOT is in a holding pattern now. Troy Martin did confirm that it would be rated for highway capacity upon completion. PCEDA (Pershing County Economic Development Authority) has asked Ted Bendure to facilitate a meeting with NDOT to try to move things along.

Mrs. Lusby-Angvick also reported that she turned in the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy Projects to Western Nevada Development District.

Brownfield Grant Project: Mrs. Lusby-Angvick stated that there will be a Business Stakeholders meeting to work on a re-use plan for the Main Street/Cornell Avenue area. The meeting will be held on March 23rd and will be invitation only. Mrs. Lusby-Angvick also stated that she was unable to find a Memorandum of Understanding between Pershing County and Western Nevada Development District concerning the Brownfield Grant.

ELECTED DEPARTMENTS, CONT.D:

RENE CHILDS, RECORDER-AUDITOR – Mrs. Childs gave the Board the month end fund balances.

Proposal from Eide Bailly CPAs & Business Advisors to perform Pershing County's Annual Audit for 6/30/20 in the amount of \$88,000.00: Mr. McDougal made a motion to approve the proposal from Eide Bailly CPAs and Business Advisors to perform Pershing County's Annual Audit as presented. Motion seconded by Mr. Rackley and passed.

Set date for Public Hearing for Tentative Budget (this year May 18 through May 31, 2020) per NRS 354.596: The Board decided to hold the Public Hearing to adopt the Tentative Budget on Tuesday, May 26th, 2020 at 9:00 a.m.

Mrs. Childs wanted the Board to be aware that the PILT (Payment in lieu of Taxes) Fund balance is dwindling.

LAUREEN BASSO-CERINI, ASSESSOR – Ms. Basso-Cerini stated that on Monday they had a DMV audit. Darol Gilliland was not available, but Valiree Phillips did a great job. When she receives the report, she will share with the Commission. Ms. Basso-Cerini declined attendance at this year's Pictometry Conference due to the software conversion. The Assessor Associations' Spring Conference will take place in April in Lander County. The Fall Conference will be held in Pershing County. Ms. Basso-Cerini also reported that the Department of Taxation is conducting a ratio study. She informed the Board that the DMV office has been closed a lot lately due to staff shortages. She does have a plan to help alleviate some of that and will present it to the Board at a later date.

BRYCE SHIELDS, DISTRICT ATTORNEY – *Approval of representation letter with Rew Goodinow of Parsons, Behle & Latimer, Reno, NV, between Pershing County, Humboldt County, and Eureka County for legal services relating to the Nevada CANN Motion for Preliminary Injunction not to*

exceed \$20,000.00: Mr. McDougal made a motion to approve the representation letter with Rew Goodinow of Parson, Behle & Latimer, Reno, NV, between Pershing County, Humboldt County and Eureka County for legal services relating to the Nevada CANN Motion for Preliminary Injunction, not to exceed \$20,000.00. Motion seconded by Mr. Rackley and passed.

Mr. Shields stated that last Tuesday he took a Guardianship ward to Senior Bridges in Reno and used the County vehicle. This is happening more and more, but the practice is against the County Vehicle Policy. Mr. Shields would like to request an exemption. An item will be placed on a future agenda for approval.

JERRY ALLEN, SHERIFF – Sheriff Allen reported that there are currently 15 inmates in custody and there will be 18 by the end of the week. He did a walk through this morning with the company that will be installing the new phone system for the inmates. Sheriff Allen also reported that they will be assisting NDOT (Nevada Department of Transportation) tomorrow with traffic control while they replace 300 + feet of guardrail.

Mrs. Shank asked about speeder on North Meridian Road. Sheriff Allen stated that they are patrolling and writing tickets regularly.

UPDATE ON PROGRESS OF SITE LOCATION, DESIGN, FUNDING, AMENITIES AND CONSTRUCTION OF FUTURE LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER: Mr. Rackley stated we are still waiting for the appraisal of the lot on Cornell. There is a 2017 appraisal for the lot on Amhurst, which has been deemed valid. Mr. Shields doesn't feel another appraisal is necessary as we haven't had any growth that would change the evaluation.

PROCLAMATIONS AND AWARDS: There were no proclamations or awards considered.

DERBY FIELD AIRPORT: UPDATE ON MATTERS RELATING TO THE DERBY FIELD AIRPORT; DISCUSSION REGARDING THE FIVE YEAR FAA (FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION) IMPROVEMENT PLAN – Mr. Rackley stated that he met with Armstrong Consultants and the FAA (Federal Aviation Administration) last week to discuss the five year plan. The Perimeter Fencing Project Grant has been tentatively approved, but it may be for a lesser amount, which would reduce our matching funds. The FAA is requiring a Cultural Resource Survey prior to approving the fencing project, which would cost approximately \$5,000. Armstrong is working on setting that up now. Pershing County will have to pay for the survey up front and may be reimbursed through the grant award, but we do not have any money budgeted to cover this cost. The next big project will be in 2022, with our match being over \$200,000. The FAA has agreed to split this project into two projects because of the cost.

DISCUSSION REGARDING INSTALLATION OF UNDERGROUND ELECTRIC TO HANGER PADS AND PERMISSION TO PROCEED WITH COST ESTIMATING FOR POTENTIAL PROJECT – Mr. Rackley received a call from NV Energy last week. They have a new program for undergrounding electricity. Mr. Rackley didn't know of any other County or City public works projects that would fall under this program besides the Airport. The estimate and preliminary design are non-binding and there is no cost.

Mr. Rackley made a motion to proceed with getting a cost estimate to install underground electric to hanger pads. Motion seconded by Mr. McDougal and passed.

Carl Clinger asked what the purpose of the fencing is. Mr. Rackley stated that it would control access of cattle and people.

APPROVAL TO GO FORWARD WITH THE BROADBAND REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS AS PROVIDED BY THE STATE OF NEVADA: Mrs. Shank stated that at the Joint City/County meeting it was agreed not to go forward.

APPROVAL OF COM PACT WITH NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLE DIVISION FOR THE COLLECTION AND DISTRIBUTION OF TAXES ON DIESEL FUEL FOR PERSHING COUNTY: We have not received the ComPact yet. Mr. Shields spoke with Mary Acosta at DMV and the document is being reviewed by their legal division.

BOARD APPOINTMENTS/RESIGNATIONS: WILDLIFE ADVISORY BOARD – A letter was received from Darrell Mancebo expressing interest in the Wildlife Advisory Board.

Mr. McDougal made a motion to appoint Darrell Mancebo to the Wildlife Advisory Board. Motion seconded by Mr. Rackley and passed.

MOSQUITO ABATEMENT PROGRAM FOR IMLAY AND SURROUNDING AREA: DISCUSSION AND NEED FOR BUDGETING AND ADVERTISING TO HIRE PART-TIME MOSQUITO ABATEMENT PERSONNEL – Mrs. Shank stated that there was someone at the Imlay Town Hall that was interested in doing it. Mr. Rackley stated that we have two Road Department employees who work in Imlay that did the fogging last year. The Commission thought the fogging worked well and Mr. Rackley didn't see a reason to make any changes.

REPORT FROM ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT/HR REP: APPROVAL OF HOURLY RATE INCREASES FOR S. JORDAN WALSH OF HOLLAND AND HART, LLP FOR LABOR NEGOTIATION SERVICES FROM \$275.00 TO \$290.00 PER HOUR AND TRAVEL FROM \$100.00 TO \$120.00 PER HOUR – Mr. Rackley made a motion to approve the hourly rate increases for S. Jordan Walsh of Holland and Hart, LLP for labor negotiation services, as presented. Motion seconded by Mrs. Shank. Mr. McDougal opposed. Motion carried.

REQUEST FOR A LETTER OF SUPPORT, NEVADA LANDS COUNCIL:

Mr. McDougal made a motion to write a letter of support for the Nevada Lands Council. Motion seconded by Mr. Rackley and passed.

ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS: The Board did not have anything to add.

CORRESPONDENCE: There was no additional correspondence discussed.

MATTERS OF THE BOARD FOR DISCUSSION, BOARD MEMBER REPORTS, BOARD LIAISON REPORTS: Mr. McDougal stated that he has Recreation Board tomorrow night. Next Friday he will be attending the Central Nevada Regional Water Authority meeting in Eureka County. Mr. McDougal also attended the February Grass Valley Advisory Board meeting. They had some concerns about littering and the fines in Pershing County. Mr. McDougal will have Mrs. Wesner put an item on the next agenda to discuss the littering issue further. They also gave a list of their upcoming events. There were some residents concerned about Mormon crickets.

Mr. Rackley attended the Airport Advisory Board meeting. The Volunteer Board meets next week. A shipment of bailed cardboard went out approximately two weeks ago. Regarding the TV Board, Channel 8 was out for a while, but it is back up.

Mrs. Shank stated that all her meetings are coming up. She reminded everyone to watch their mail for Census information. Mrs. Shank also reported that she spoke to the BLM regarding the Unionville Cemetery. The land appraisal was completed in 2018 to determine the value of 10 acres, which was determined to be \$3,250. We can purchase the 10 acres for that amount and there would be no reverter clause. If we would agree to a reverter clause, the purchase price would be half that amount. An item will be put on the next agenda for discussion and approval. Mrs. Shank also stated that BLM

are considering requiring a new appraisal. Mr. Shields stated that if that is the case, BLM will have to explain the reason for requiring another appraisal and pay for it themselves.

DISCUSSION OF THE PROS/CONS OF HIRING A COUNTY MANAGER – Mrs. Shank put together some information for the Board to review. Mr. McDougal would like to go through the material, and have it put back on the agenda for discussion. There are challenges regarding funding, finding right person and office space. Mr. Rackley stated that he fails to see the need to create this position. Pershing County is too small and doesn't have the budget. Mr. McDougal disagreed on the validity of looking into it, but agrees that things shouldn't be cut to allow the addition. He also stated that with the possibility of growth it might be something needed in the next five years or so. Mrs. Childs stated that her preliminary budget numbers show two departments in the negative.

Darin Bloyed asked if there was a job description. Mrs. Shank stated that this is just preliminary discussion.

PUBLIC INPUT: There was no public input at this time.

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS: Mr. McDougal made a motion to approve the vouchers with the exception of a voucher for Vendor # 276, Carol Shank. Motion seconded by Mr. Rackley and passed.

Mr. McDougal made a motion to approve the voucher for Vendor #276, Carol Shank. Motion seconded by Mr. Rackley. Mrs. Shank abstained. Motion carried.

As there was nothing further to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 11:52 a.m.

Approved 4/01/20: _____ /s/
Carol Shank, Chairwoman

Attest: _____ /s/
Lacey Donaldson, Clerk