

NOVEMBER 2, 2022

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m. by Shayla Hudson, Chair. Those present were Larry Rackley and Carol Shank, Commissioners; Bryce Shields, District Attorney; Lynn Christofferson, DA Administrative Assistant; Lacey Donaldson, Clerk; and Justin Abbott, IT.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Mrs. Shank made a motion to approve the minutes from the regular meeting of September 21, 2022, as submitted. Motion seconded by Mr. Rackley and passed.

PUBLIC INPUT: There were no public comments at this time.

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 burden on a business. Motion seconded by Mrs. Shank and passed.

UNCLASSIFIED DEPARTMENTS:

ROAD DEPARTMENT – Dan Hill was present.

Mr. Hill reported that they bladed a portion of Willow Creek; fixed some washouts at Limbo Ranch and Porter Springs; and patched some holes on the way back in. They are doing some last minute pavement patching before winter and have also been helping at the Landfill. Most of the crew attended Traffic Control class. Mr. Hill spoke about a cattle guard at Sonoma Ranch that is no longer necessary, since it is a cattle free zone. It has been removed. They are going to fix a culvert in Jersey Valley sometime this week. The snowplows are ready, and blades are running at Half-way House.

LANDFILL & RECYCLING – Dan Hill was present.

Mr. Hill reported that he met with Cal Nevada Blasting and they will start the blasting soon.

Approval to advertise/hire Landfill Operator vacancy: Mr. Rackley made a motion to approve the advertising and hiring to fill the vacant Landfill Operator position. Motion seconded by Mrs. Shank and passed.

SENIOR CENTER/VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR – Christina Larsen was present.

Ms. Larsen gave the Board her monthly newsletter. She will be conducting interviews on November 3rd for a full-time cook. They will be having a Thanksgiving Dinner on November 17th. They are also starting a new workout class on November 4th at 8:30 a.m. and it will go for five weeks. The congregate numbers have been around 50 and the homebound numbers are between 27-29. Ms. Larsen stated that they have been gaining more clients this last month. She also reported that Jason Casey from Senior Insurance will be at the Center on November 22nd from 8:30 a.m. until 3 p.m.

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS – John Handka was present.

Mr. Handka reported that they have started winterizing all the sprinkler lines and buildings that need it. The tree arborist will be coming in the next week or so to remove 7/8 trees. They will do some trimming in the park as well.

PERSHING COUNTY FIRE/AMBULANCE –

AMBULANCE & LOVELOCK FIRE REPORT: Chief Wilcox was present.

Chief Wilcox reported that they've had 21 ambulance calls in last 15 days and 6 fire calls. They currently have 19 members. They did just have two members leave the department. They are doing training every 3rd and 4th Tuesdays. The EMR class is starting on November 4th. Chief Wilcox reported

that they had a Southwest Gas training at the Firehouse on October 26th. There is an Active Shooter drill scheduled on November 25th. Chief Wilcox also attended the meeting with the salmon farm in Winnemucca and the Chiefs meeting last Saturday. Inspections are still ongoing.

Mrs. Shank stated that the new Hospital CEO is interested in looking at taking over the ambulance services. The hospital where he previously worked ran the ambulance service. Mrs. Shank is getting some information for him.

CONTRACT FOR SERVICES BY AN INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR BETWEEN MIKE HEIDEMANN AND PERSHING COUNTY; CONTINUATION OR TERMINATION OF CONTRACT – Mr. Rackley stated that the Board has been discussing this and he feels it is a time for a change.

Mr. Rackley made a motion to give Mr. Heidemann the proper notice and terminate the contract between him and Pershing County. Motion seconded by Mrs. Shank and passed.

IT DEPARTMENT – Justin Abbott was present.

Mr. Abbott reported that he finished setting up the service desk for Buildings and Grounds. He reached out to Mr. Handka yesterday to schedule a training session. The phone issue at the Community Center has been resolved. They have discovered a potential solution for the issue in the Planning & Building Department with their phones. Mr. Abbott reported that Verizon is retiring their 3G radios. The County currently has three devices that will need to be upgraded. He will be reaching out to those Department Heads to determine the best options.

Approval of updated IT Policy: Mrs. Shank made a motion to approve the updated IT Policy with the inclusion regarding email communication. Motion seconded by Mr. Rackley and passed.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – Heidi Lusby-Angvick was present.

Mrs. Lusby-Angvick reported that she attended the NACO Conference in September, as well as the Governor's Infrastructure Summit. She was a bit disappointed in the Infrastructure Summit, as they didn't speak about Infrastructure Funding. There were only three representatives in attendance from rural economic development authorities. Uprise Fiber should have applied for another reconnect grant by yesterday. Fingers crossed that they are successful. Last Wednesday was the Nevada 95/80 Economic Forum. There were 190 pre-registrations.

Mrs. Lusby-Angvick reported on the Brownfield projects, with the Certified Sites Program, 19 acres in the Industrial Park are now certified making them more marketable.

Mrs. Lusby-Angvick read a quote. She is very frustrated with the lack of urgency regarding the CPACE financing. It has been on the agenda five times. She questioned why she is working so hard to bring these businesses to our area with no support from the Board. Mr. Shields stated that the issue isn't that the Board doesn't want to move forward, it's getting all affected parties in the same room. He stated that the cities/counties that have enacted this, it has taken months. Mrs. Lusby-Angvick suggested private, separate meetings with those that would be affected, so this can get done. Mr. Shields reiterated that he personally doesn't have any issues with this, the Resolution is ready, but the processes to enact it have to be in place and everyone has to be on the same page.

PUBLIC DEFENDER – A written report was submitted.

Later in the meeting Steve Cochran came in. Mr. Cochran reported that they have been holding hearings on the weekends. He heard that Humboldt County has not been doing it, so that will be something to watch.

ELECTED DEPARTMENTS:

LACEY DONALDSON, CLERK-TREASURER – Mrs. Donaldson spoke about Early Voting, which will continue through Friday. As of last night, 22% of registered voters in Pershing County have voted early or returned their paper ballot. (366 Early Voters and 422 returned mail ballots)

RENE CHILDS, RECORDER-AUDITOR – Mrs. Childs gave the Board her month end reports.

BRYCE SHIELDS, DISTRICT ATTORNEY – *Renewal of Government Services Contract with Westlaw for the District Attorney's office, 11th Judicial District Court and the Public Defender's office:* Mr. Shields stated that there is a 5% increase each year for the length of this renewal.

Mr. Rackley made a motion to approve the renewal of Government Services Contract with Westlaw for the District Attorney's office, 11th Judicial District Court and the Public Defender's office as presented. Motion seconded by Mrs. Shank and passed.

SHERIFF'S OFFICE – *Salary Resolution, S. Wallace:* Mr. Rackley made a motion to approve the Salary Resolution for Sabrina Wallace, promoting her to the Dispatch/Records Clerk position at a Range 26, Step 5 effective November 1, 2022. Motion seconded by Mrs. Shank and passed.

DERBY FIELD AIRPORT: Mr. Rackley reported that they have been having an issue with the gate keypad. Mr. Rackley tried to clean it and thought it was working, but it isn't. He will be ordering a new one, at a cost of \$250.

BOARD APPOINTMENTS/RESIGNATIONS: PLANNING COMMISSION – Mrs. Shank stated that Mr. Evans was supposed to put an advertisement in with the water and electric bills. This item will be put back on the next agenda.

PROCLAMATIONS AND AWARDS: YEARS OF SERVICE CERTIFICATE/PIN FOR JUSTIN ABBOTT, FIVE YEARS – Mr. Abbott was presented with a Certificate and Pin for his five years of service with the County.

PLANNING & BUILDING DEPARTMENT / IMLAY WATER SYSTEM / PERSHING ELECTRIC:

EXTEND RESOLUTION #22-0302 MORATORIUM FOR APPROVING PARCEL MAPS AND OTHER PROPERTY DIVISIONS IN THE GRASS VALLEY AREA – Mrs. Shank stated that her only concern was that someone keep track of this and bring it before the Commission in a timely manner.

Mr. Shields stated that he can prepare a Bill draft, but he needs some direction. Mrs. Shank asked if the Planning Commission needs an agenda item to make recommendations to the County. Mr. Shields thought that would be a good idea.

Mrs. Shank made a motion to extend the moratorium issued by Resolution #22-0302 in regard to approving parcel maps and other property divisions in the Grass Valley area for another 6 months. Mrs. Shank was interrupted as this item cannot be discussed until 10:00 a.m.

At 10:15 a.m., the Board went back to this item.

Mrs. Shank made a motion to extend Resolution #22-0302 for a period of six months and direct the Planning Director to work with the District Attorney to move forward with a review by the Planning Commission. Motion seconded by Mr. Rackley and passed.

Mr. Rackley noted that the \$15,000 on the fee report is for the new truck stop in Rye Patch.

MARZEN HOUSE MUSEUM BOARD: APPROVAL OF THE VIDEO COMMERCIAL AIRTIME SCHEDULE – Mrs. Shank made a motion to approve the video commercial airtime schedule as presented. Motion seconded by Mr. Rackley and passed.

COEUR ROCHESTER: UPDATE OF COEUR ROCHESTER OPERATIONS – Frankie Graham; Ken Nelson, Regional General Manager; Terri West, and Tim Dimock were all present on behalf of Coeur Rochester.

The group gave a presentation. Mr. Dimock spoke about employees, reporting that they haven't had any loss time due to an accident in over a year. A video was shown of the POA11 expansion progress. Mr. Rackley stated that he would like to take a tour. Ms. West stated that POA11 will give them ten additional years of mine life, but they are heavily investing in their exploration program. Lincoln Hill has been permitted for exploration and they have already started the exploration project.

DANNY BAX, AFFILIATED TECHNOLOGY PARTNERS, LLC: UPDATE ON BROADBAND/FIBER WITHIN PERSHING COUNTY – Mr. Bax was not present, nor online. Mrs. Hudson stated that Mr. Bax wanted to see if we needed his help in the Uprise fiber project. Mr. Abbott stated that we don't need Mr. Bax to get updates for us; we can reach out to Uprise ourselves. Mrs. Shank would like to receive updates from Uprise when they actually get started. Mr. Shields suggested that the Board meet with Uprise and Mrs. Lusby-Angvick monthly, to include a Commissioner, Mr. Abbott and Mr. Shields, so that the Board is continually apprised of their progress and where they are.

UPDATE FROM EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT RELATING TO COVID-19; LIST OF PROPOSED PROJECTS, PRIORITIZING AND CHANGING/AMENDING THE PROJECTS FOR ALLOCATION OF THE COVID-19 AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN FUNDING FOR PERSHING COUNTY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,306,252.00: Mr. Rackley stated that the first line of the agenda item regarding Emergency Management needs to be removed. He also spoke about the Road Department's need for a new water truck and feels that if we can outright purchase it instead of financing it, it would be better. Mrs. Hudson was concerned about the Assessor's item that will be discussed later in the meeting.

The meeting recessed at 9:55 a.m. for a Litigation meeting and reconvened at 10:13 a.m.

SHERIFF'S OFFICE: Sheriff Allen gave the Board the Burning Man 2022 "What, Where, When" literature. There is a meeting scheduled on November 29th with Burning Man for a debrief of the 2022 event.

Sheriff Allen stated that he held testing last week and a few candidates did very well. He currently has two open deputy positions and will be looking to fill Ms. Wallace's office position as well.

ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS: Mrs. Shank stated that the Central Nevada Health District's first meeting is November 8th. The county needs to appoint two people to sit on that board.

CORRESPONDENCE: There was no additional correspondence discussed.

MATTERS OF THE BOARD FOR DISCUSSION; BOARD MEMBER REPORTS; BOARD LIAISON REPORTS: Mr. Rackley reported that the TV Board held a meeting and discussed the issues we have been having with some of the channels.

Mrs. Hudson spoke about the Naval Expansion and the local tribes. She also reported that the Recreation Board did a walk around at the Softball fields and the swimming pool in order to make a list of items that need to be worked on.

Mr. Rackley stated that we had been told that the new State Health Nurse was for Humboldt and Pershing. They did come last week and clean out the office. Mrs. Shank stated that they removed the vaccines and will bring with them what is needed when/if they come. Once the new Health District is in place, she believes the State has agreed to turn over that equipment to them.

REPORT FROM LEGAL: Mr. Shields stated that regarding the Grass Valley moratorium, he didn't mean to sound like it was all on Mr. Evans to take care of. Mr. Shields will work with Mr. Evans on how to proceed.

Mr. Shields also spoke about the CPACE financing, reiterating that everyone needs to be on the same page before a resolution is enacted. He also stated that he received an email from the new Nevada State Police Lt. regarding e-warrants. He has requested a meeting with Mr. Shields.

RUTH ZIPFEL, MS, DISTRICT MANAGER, EAGLEVIEW: PRESENTATION OF WORK PERFORMED BY EAGLEVIEW AND APPROVAL OF FUTURE CONTRACT – Ms. Basso-Cerini, Assessor, and Morgan Root, Appraiser, were also present.

Ms. Basso-Cerini stated that her Tech Fund can't sustain the necessary flights.

Ms. Zipfel gave a presentation of the software and the various uses, including how the Sheriff's office could utilize the software.

Ms. Basso-Cerini stated that she would have the actual contract on a future agenda.

Mr. Rackley asked about the flights that were under the ARPA funds. Ms. Basso-Cerini stated that that contract is complete. The new contract is much more understandable and will be broken out by annual flights. Starting in 2023, the cost will be \$46,641.80 per year, with a five year contract.

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

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS: Mr. Rackley made a motion to approve the vouchers as submitted. Motion seconded by Mrs. Shank and passed.

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

Approved 12/21/22: _____/s/
Shayla Hudson, Chair

Attest: _____/s/
Lacey Donaldson, Clerk