

AUGUST 3, 2022

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: There were no minutes submitted for approval.

PUBLIC INPUT: There was no public comment.

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 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 Mrs. Shank and passed.

UNCLASSIFIED DEPARTMENTS:

ROAD DEPARTMENT – Dan Hill was present.

Mr. Hill reported that they have been busy working on the water line at the Airport. The crew has been trying to get their safety requirements completed. Mr. Hill has been working on organizing the slurry seal of the parking lots. They were offered shavings from the C-Punch parking lot, so they used them at the Landfill. They cleaned up the Grass Valley transfer site and installed signs in Imlay. Mrs. Shank asked about the crosswalk in Imlay. Mr. Hill stated it is on his list. Mr. Hill also spoke about the exploration project at Majuba, stating that the geologists fixed the damage they caused. Mr. Hill stated they will gravel it once the water line project is complete. Mr. Hill also reported that weeds were sprayed in Imlay.

LANDFILL & RECYCLING – Dan Hill was present.

Mr. Hill reported that the new employee is working out well. He did have an injury last week, but is back to work.

Mrs. Shank stated that they are getting 25-30 people every weekend at the Recycling Center and Mr. Crim has been keeping up with the baling.

SENIOR CENTER / VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR – Christina Larsen was present.

Ms. Larsen gave the Board a written update and the newsletter. Fernley Estates hosted a “Paint & Sip” on July 14, 2022, and it turned out really well. Ms. Larsen is working on having them come again. They are having a yard sale on August 20th to raise money for transportation for special event trips. Senior Citizens Day is August 21st. There will be a celebration on August 19th. Nevada Medicare is coming on August 9th. Ms. Larsen stated that she has been at the Center for three months and is still learning! They are averaging 40-44 in the dining room daily. It was also noted that Jordan McKinney met with Ms. Larsen and spoke about her experience in the Center.

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS – John Handka was present.

Mr. Handka reported that they have been spraying weeds at the cemeteries and fixing sprinklers at the ball fields. He stated that they are gearing up for Frontier Days.

Replacement of CCTV cameras outside Courthouse in the amount of \$24,803.57: Mr. Handka stated that there are 12 cameras, and they are about 7 years old. He does have the funding in his budget.

Mr. Rackley made a motion to approve purchasing replacement CCTV cameras for outside the Courthouse in the amount of \$24,803.57. Motion seconded by Mrs. Shank and passed.

PERSHING COUNTY FIRE/AMBULANCE –

RYE PATCH FIRE: Mr. Rackley reported that they had 4 training sessions in July. They also held Officer nominations. Eight of the eleven firefighters have obtained their F Endorsements. The other 3 have been told they cannot drive a fire truck until they get the endorsement. They responded to 11 calls in July (7 medical, 4 fire). They are working on scheduling physicals for those that need them.

REVIEW OF CONTRACT WITH MIKE HEIDEMANN FOR GRANT WRITING FOR FIRE DEPARTMENTS OPERATING IN PERSHING COUNTY: Mr. Heidemann was present.

Mr. Rackley stated that they have been reviewing the contract. He would like to know what the County is getting out of this contract. Mr. Heidemann stated that we are not in compliance with certain things, which hinder grant awards. He also stated that when requesting information from the fire departments, he only hears from certain ones. He has given the Board suggestions on several things, which seem to fall to the wayside. There was a lot of discussion regarding the rural departments and their lack of communication.

Mrs. Hudson would like the stipend for the Grant Writer changed to be based on “money brought in”. Mr. Heidemann stated that his hands are tied. He can write all the grants, but if he doesn’t have buy in from the departments, we aren’t going to be successful. Mr. Rackley stated that he will continue with Chiefs’ meetings, and he will reiterate the necessity to submitting written reports and following up on training requirements, etc.

Mrs. Shank suggested adding to Mr. Heidemann’s job description the spear-heading of a working group to develop the 5 year plan and plan for the SAFER grant, which would justify the current stipend. She would like to see an item put on the agenda after the Chiefs have met again. Mrs. Hudson would like to see this on the first October agenda. Mr. Heidemann thinks it would be pertinent to send out a notification to the Chiefs regarding the agenda topics so they can prepare prior to any discussion.

AMBULANCE REPORT: Marti Nolan was present via Zoom.

Mrs. Nolan reported that since July 20th, they have had 25 ambulance calls. They are still waiting for the State to approve their EMR class.

Mrs. Shank stated that she knows that ambulance attendants get paid for doing transfers, but is there a stipend for members responding to an ambulance call. Mrs. Nolan stated that there is not.

COMMUNITY CENTER – Diana Munden was present.

Ms. Munden reported that the Center has been very quiet. She has expressed her frustration to Mrs. Hudson regarding the maintenance at the Community Center, mostly the cleaning. She will bring up the issues, but she feels she is hitting a brick wall. She has even suggested to Mr. Handka that he checks in on the custodian as she is not that person’s supervisor. Mrs. Shank stated that if things need to change the Buildings and Grounds Supervisor needs to make a recommendation to the Board.

Ms. Munden reported that Coeur has been using the building quite often. She has also had 4-H, baby showers, a quinceanera, and the summer lunch program. Ms. Munden asked if anyone had considered a “cooling center” when the temperatures rise, for those who may not have air conditioning. Mrs. Shank feels there are enough places (i.e.: Senior Center, Library) for people to get out of the heat.

The Board asked Mr. Handka to come back to the meeting to discuss the custodial issues. Mrs. Hudson stated that Mr. Handka needs to handle the problem. There have been lots of complaints to both Ms. Munden and to Mrs. Hudson. Mr. Handka stated that he talks to the custodian almost daily and asks if he needs anything. He always says he has things under control. Mrs. Shank asked if a more set schedule is needed. She also stated that a back-up is needed as well. Mr. Handka stated that he would work on a remediation plan right away. Mrs. Hudson stated that communication needs to be addressed.

IT DEPARTMENT – Justin Abbott was present.

Mr. Abbott reported that the State contract with AT&T expired and has been renegotiated. That is why we saw an increase. AT&T is working on adjusting the bills now. Mr. Abbott asked that departments submit copies of bills to him so he can make sure they get corrected. Mr. Abbott also reported that he submitted a spreadsheet and maps for the State’s Fiber Project. On the AT&T fiber

project, there is a configuration meeting tomorrow. He is still working on IP addresses. They are also working on installing the servers that came in and continuing with the network service upgrades.

PLANNING & BUILDING DEPARTMENT / IMLAY WATER / PERSHING ELECTRIC: James Evans was present.

Mr. Evans stated that there is a Planning Commission meeting tonight. Mr. Franco has given his notice effective August 19th. Mr. Evans has given him the option to request a leave of absence, so he will give an update at the next meeting. Mr. Evans stated that the water grants are under review and Farr West will let us know when it is ready for signature.

Mrs. Shank asked if the Assessor's office and the Fire Department are notified of new businesses. Mr. Evans stated they get a copy of the license if the business is physically located in the County.

UNCLASSIFIED DEPARTMENTS, CONT.D:

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – Heidi Lusby-Angvick was present via Zoom.

Mrs. Lusby-Angvick spoke about Uprise, LLC being awarded the fiber grant in the amount of \$27.1 million for Pershing County. Mrs. Lusby-Angvick also spoke about supporting a Nevada Works grant, the Good Jobs Challenge Grant. They were successful and were awarded \$14.9 million. Mrs. Lusby-Angvick also reported that Nevada 95-80 held their business brunch last Friday. Ralph Runge of West Coast Salmon was the guest speaker. Yesterday, Mrs. Lusby-Angvick and Mr. Runge went to the Governor's office of Economic Development to discuss the State's incentive program and the hurdles they are facing. Mrs. Lusby-Angvick will also be attending a Brownfield Conference August 15-19.

MARCIE RYBA, DIRECTOR, STATE OF NEVADA, DEPARTMENT OF INDIGENT DEFENSE SERVICES: REVIEW AND COMPLETION OF FORM FOR NOTICE OF VOLUNTARY TRANSFER OF INDIGENT DEFENSE SERVICES TO THE STATE PUBLIC DEFENDER PURSUANT TO NRS 180.450 – Ms. Ryba was present via Zoom.

Ms. Ryba gave an overview of the services the State Public Defender's office offers pursuant to NRS 180.450. The deadline for submittal is November 1st and it is for services in FY24 & 25. Pershing County does have a Public Defender, so full services aren't needed; however, she would suggest that we take advantage of some of their other services that are fully covered by the State. She spoke with Mr. Cochran regarding Parole Violation Hearings, Parole Board Hearing and Pardons Board Hearings, which take place in Carson City. He informed her that historically, the State has covered those things for him. She would also like us to consider the Indigent Appellate Services. Another service she would like us to consider is the Indigent Death Penalty Defense Services. This service does have a cost of 25%, up to the Maximum Contribution. The current Maximum Contribution for Pershing County is \$258,162.84, which is based on FY19-20 expenses. Once the Maximum Contribution is hit, they request reimbursement from the State on behalf of the county. Ms. Ryba stated that Pershing County did not reach that maximum contribution in FY22 as we spent \$215,902.21.

Mr. Shields stated that the Board has until November 1st to make a decision. Mr. Shields also stated that Pershing County does Indigent Defense the right way. In regard to Death Penalty cases, Mr. Cochran stated that if we had one, another attorney would be required anyway. He's not sure that paying the 25% would be beneficial.

Mrs. Shank made a motion to not opt-in to any of the Indigent Defense Services provided by the State Public Defender pursuant to NRS 180.450(6). Motion seconded by Mr. Rackley and passed.

UNCLASSIFIED DEPARTMENTS, CONT.D:

PUBLIC DEFENDER – Steve Cochran was present.

Mr. Cochran spoke about his case load and a couple time consuming cases. Mrs. Shank asked if we get any reimbursement from the State on Prison cases. Mr. Cochran will check into that.

Mr. Shields stated that his office occasionally gets calls from DIDS (Department of Indigent Defense Services). His office should not be the liaison between the Public Defender's office and DIDS. An item will be put on the next agenda to appoint a point of contact.

ELECTED DEPARTMENTS:

LACEY DONALDSON, CLERK-TREASURER – Mrs. Donaldson stated that tax bills were mailed between the 15-18 of July and the office has been extremely busy with tax payments ever since. Mrs. Donaldson apologized for not having the minutes up to date. With the office being short-staffed and the statutory requirements on the Treasurer's side, they fell to the back burner. She does have two applicants that look promising, so she will be having interviews on Monday. She has also started working on election prep for the General Election.

Approval of corrections/changes to the Tax Roll: Mrs. Donaldson stated that the corrections are in the packet under the Assessor's item. These corrections are all due to tax cap changes.

MH002602	Knisley
MH000101	Ramiro
009-412-08	Rodriguez
011-090-12	Gordon
001-290-02	Hertz
007-262-07	Soares
007-221-48	Guilbault
011-032-06	Pangburn

Mrs. Shank made a motion to approve the Tax Roll corrections/changes as presented. Motion seconded by Mr. Rackley and passed.

RENE CHILDS, RECORDER-AUDITOR – Mrs. Childs gave the Board the monthly Fund Balance Report and the Cash Account Reports. Mrs. Childs recommends looking at increasing the Imlay Water rates as the cash account is getting low. Mr. Shields spoke about the steps necessary to increase the rates. It is a several month process. Mrs. Hudson will speak with Mr. Evans to get the ball rolling.

LAUREEN BASSO-CERINI, ASSESSOR – Ms. Basso-Cerini spoke about DMV. With other DMVs being short-staffed, we are seeing customers coming from all over. She also spoke about the ratio-study, which happens every 4 years, that they are currently going through with the Department of Taxation. The Department of Taxation does a random pull of parcels to study. Ms. Basso-Cerini stated that the Personal Property Declarations are in, so they will start billing. Ms. Root is starting her appraisal process as well.

Ms. Basso-Cerini asked for clarification on the Landfill Ordinance as she was given two. Mrs. Donaldson stated that Ordinance #349 was the original amendment, #351 amended the date that the changes took effect. Ms. Basso-Cerini also spoke about the corrections that were made to the Weed District Assessment, which added approximately \$10,000 to the Tax Roll and effected 266 parcels. The Assessor's office has been inundated with calls. Ms. Basso-Cerini asked the Board who the point of contact should be for taxpayers regarding the changes to the Landfill Assessment and the Weed District Assessment.

Mrs. Hudson stated that she spoke with Mr. Abbott, IT, and he will put the Ordinances that haven't been codified yet on the website. Mrs. Hudson also stated that public hearings were held, with no interest from the public at the time. We can make the information available, but can't force people to take notice. Mr. Abbott also stated that any necessary forms can be made assessable online as well.

Ms. Basso-Cerini stated that the misunderstanding is coming from taxpayers being told this is an Assessor's office function. Ms. Basso-Cerini stated that her office did what they were asked by inputting the fees. After that, they don't touch them, unless told to by the Board. Taxpayers shouldn't be told to come to the Assessor for a correction. It is not her job to approve or deny an assessment. Ms. Basso-Cerini stated that her office will not be processing the corrections for these. If the Board approves a request, the Treasurer's office will have to do it.

Mrs. Donaldson stated that any calls transferred from her office to the Assessor's office are due to the taxpayer either asking to speak with them or because they have questions about their bill. The Treasurer's office is the tax collector, they can't answer questions about a property's valuation. Mrs. Donaldson stated that in her experience, all corrections, including assessments, have originated in the Assessor's office.

Ms. Basso-Cerini stated that she is just asking for help. Mr. Rackley asked if someone is billed for the Weed District and they are not part of the Weed District, they have to submit an appeal? Ms. Basso-Cerini stated that they just cleaned up the roll, she knows nothing about the Weed District. That is why she has been transferring calls to Mrs. Wesner. Mr. Rackley stated that if he was incorrectly billed, he shouldn't have to go to the Weed District. Mr. Shields stated that the boundaries of the Weed District were not changed. Mr. Rackley stated that he has looked at the boundaries and his property is not in it. Mrs. Wesner stated that she doesn't have access to the system, so how is she supposed to answer questions. Ms. Basso-Cerini stated that Mrs. Wesner was emailed the list of parcels that were affected.

Ms. Basso-Cerini stated that she has no historical data for neither the Landfill nor the Weed District. She didn't have a copy of the Ordinances or know where they were located. Mrs. Shank asked what happens after an Ordinance is passed – does it get sent to all the departments? Mrs. Donaldson stated that she only sends it to those departments that are affected by the Ordinance. The Clerk's office has always been the official record keeper.

Ms. Basso-Cerini stated that all she is hearing is that she needs to just keep doing the work and no help will be given. She asked if she could at least get a point of contact on these two items. Mrs. Hudson stated that she is not sure how things should work with the Weed District, maybe they should have a meeting. In regard to the Landfill, it is assessed through the Assessor's office, and she is going to continue to receive those calls. Ms. Basso-Cerini stated that she does not "assess" the Landfill, she does the data entry.

Mrs. Hudson spoke about the form that Ms. Basso-Cerini created to appeal the assessments. Mrs. Hudson stated that it can be available in both the Assessor and the Clerk-Treasurer's office. Once returned they can go to the Commission office to be put on the agenda. Mr. Rackley asked if this helps. Ms. Basso-Cerini informed the Board that she could refuse to do it, as the Board cannot fire her.

Mrs. Shank stated that the Board has a 10:00 timed item that is over-due and asked if they could come back to the Assessor's discussion after the BLM update. Ms. Basso-Cerini stated that if the Board wanted her to come back over to give her a call.

ESTER MCCULLOUGH, BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT: UPDATE ON MATTERS RELATING TO PERSHING COUNTY; BLUE WING HORSE AND BURRO GATHER, BURNING MAN, INCREASED USE OF BLACK ROCK PLAYA – Along with Ms. McCullough, Andy, Black Rock Field Office Assistant Field Manager, and Donovan Walker, Fire Management Officer, were present via Zoom.

Ms. McCullough gave an update on mining projects in Pershing County. The Colorado mine submitted a Mining Plan of Operations Modification, Spring Valley is doing an EIS (Environmental Impact Study), they are anticipating a Plan of Operations from Elko Mining Group, and Wildcat exploration is coming up in the Seven Troughs Range area. Ms. McCullough spoke about a couple

geothermal projects that are outside of Pershing County. She also stated that the Blue Wing gather started August 1st and so far, they have gathered 300 burros.

Mr. Shields stated that Pershing County has an ordinance that requires a road agreement to address impacts from the mining projects and asked if the BLM informs the mining groups of this when they apply for permits. Ms. McCullough stated that she will have to check with the mining staff, but she feels they do, as their permit requires the permittee to be in compliance with local regulations. Ms. McCullough stated that Robert Savon is the new person in charge of the Minerals Division, and we can contact him if we have any issues.

Andy gave an update on Burning Man. The Special Recreation Permit (SRP) was issued last week. 52 vendors have also been issued special permits. The BLM has 110 personnel on playa currently doing surveying. Burning Man has been permitted for 80,000 people. The Closure Order includes about 77% of the playa. This is an increase due to intel that there are going to be groups setting up outside of the permitted event. 141 BLM personnel will be on the playa during the event. Andy also spoke about a gather on the 10th of September in the Calico Complex, where they plan to gather 1100 horses.

Mr. Walker reported on the fire season. They have had 100% initial attack response for all 36 fire incidents this year. They've had 862 acres burned across the district. They provided mutual aid to Pershing County on 12 fires, with a total of 21 acres burned. The majority of the fires have been human caused, mostly due to vehicles. Mr. Walker stated that the Fire Danger in the Winnemucca District is currently at "Very High". They are predicting above normal fire potential for the Winnemucca District, with it becoming more average for September and October. In regard to hazardous fuel reduction, they are slated to complete 46,000 acres of implementation. For this fiscal year, they exceed that and have treated 52,000 acres. Next year they are looking at 70,000 acres. This includes mowing, field racks, invasive treatments, etc.

ELECTED DEPARTMENTS, CONT.D:

ASSESSOR, CONT.D – Mrs. Donaldson stated that she is not trying to be uncooperative, if there is something her office can help with, we will. She also stated that the comment made that other Assessor's office don't do these things isn't a fair statement. There are things required by statute and other things that are county policy. There are things Mrs. Donaldson does in her office that they don't do in Humboldt. Mrs. Hudson agreed. Mrs. Wesner stated that she can look up what someone is billed, but she can't tell them why they are being billed, for example, if they are billed for 2 homes and they only have 1. Mrs. Donaldson added that the Treasurer's office can explain that the fees were increased by the Board, but how that fee was calculated is an Assessor's office question.

Mr. Rackley stated that they have taken one step in helping ease the burden with Mr. Abbott posting more information on the website.

A message was sent to Ms. Basso-Cerini, and she declined to return to the meeting.

Mr. Shields gave an overview of the correction made to the Weed District. The boundaries of the weed district did not change. Sometime in the 80s or 90s, 250 some parcels fell off the assessment. The issue was found, and it was corrected.

In regard to the appeal form, Mr. Abbott will put it on the website. Mr. Shields stated that the Assessor has to vet the appeal, it can't just come straight to the Board.

JERRY ALLEN, SHERIFF – Sheriff Allen stated that he has two deputies in academies currently. One will graduate the week before Thanksgiving and the other the week before Christmas. The Sheriff App is available. It was used for notifications on the incident yesterday. The Dispatcher Supervisor resigned. A conditional reassignment was given to another dispatcher, which will open up that position. He still has one open deputy position as well. There are currently 15 inmates in custody.

Approval of receipt of an outfitted police vehicle left to the Pershing County Sheriff's Office in the Will of Brian Howard, Reserve (deceased): Sheriff Allen stated that Brian Howard was the K9

instructor for several years and also served as a Reserve Deputy. He has a decommissioned police unit from Douglas County that he left to the Pershing County Sheriff's office in his will.

Mr. Rackley made a motion to approve the acceptance of an outfitted police vehicle left to the Pershing County Sheriff's office in the will of Brian Howard. Motion seconded by Mrs. Shank and passed.

Final approval and signature of lease contract and credit application for Enterprise Leasing for the Pershing County Sheriff's office to lease patrol vehicles to be paid from Option Tax and vehicle equipment fund: Sheriff Allen stated that they have not been able to obtain vehicles through State Purchasing and the local vendor. It was noted that Humboldt County uses this program currently.

Mrs. Childs stated that there is \$67,000 allocated for the Sheriff's office in the Option Tax Fund. Mrs. Donaldson also asked if Humboldt County had to get approval from Taxation for the leasing agreement. Sheriff Allen did not know. Mr. Shields stated that the Board also needs an idea how much it will cost for each vehicle. Sheriff Allen stated that he would ask a representative from Enterprise to come to the next meeting.

Salary Resolutions, S. Perez & D. Swanson: Sheriff Allen stated that Sheila Perez would be moving to Dispatch Supervisor.

Mrs. Shank made a motion to approve the Salary Resolution for Sheila Perez, moving her from Dispatch II, Range 27, Step 10 to Dispatch Supervisor, Range 31, Step 3 effective August 3, 2022. Motion seconded by Mr. Rackley and passed.

Sheriff Allen stated that Deputy Swanson has graduated from the academy.

Mrs. Shank made a motion to approve the Salary Resolution for Donovan Swanson, moving him from a Deputy I, Range 11, Step 1, to a Deputy II, Range 13, Step 1, effective August 3, 2022. Motion seconded by Mr. Rackley and passed.

UNCLASSIFIED DEPARTMENTS, CONT.D:

CODE ENFORCEMENT – Fran Machado was present.

Mrs. Hudson stated that at the Grass Valley meeting an issue regarding a buried mobile home was brought up. Mr. Shields stated that the individual has been charged. Mrs. Hudson stated that they believe it is affecting their water. Mrs. Machado stated that it was also turned over to the EPA.

Mrs. Machado reported that she currently has 158 open complaints and 18 new complaints. 27 cases were resolved by the homeowners. She has made contact with property owners 255 times. Mrs. Machado also stated that she won 3 court cases and has prepared for 5 more to go to court.

PROCLAMATIONS AND AWARDS: YEARS OF SERVICE CERTIFICATE AND PIN, KAMERON MITCHELL (5 YEARS) – This item will be moved to the next agenda.

DERBY FIELD AIRPORT: Mr. Rackley has received three calls from individuals wanting hangers. Mrs. Shank asked if we had hanger agreements with the two there currently. Mr. Shields stated that one of the individuals has had one for over 20 years.

FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE REGULATING THE USE OF TOBACCO, E-CIGARETTES, AND VAPE PENS IN THE COUNTY PLAYGROUNDS: Mrs. Shank introduced Bill #352 and read the Bill by title as follows:

AN ORDINANCE ADDING A CHAPTER TO TITLE 8 OF THE PERSHING COUNTY CODE BY ESTABLISHING CHAPTER 8.42 ENTITLED SMOKING PROHIBITED; PROVIDING FOR THE TITLE OF THE ORDINANCE; PROVIDING FOR THE PURPOSE OF THE ORDINANCE; PROVIDING FOR THE PROHIBITION OF SMOKING AND TOBACCO USE AT OR NEAR CERTAIN PUBLIC RECREATION FACILITIES; PROVIDING FOR THE PENALTY

IMPOSED FOR A VIOLATION; PROVIDING FOR AN ADMINISTRATIVE ASSESSMENT; AND OTHER MATTERS PROPERLY RELATED THERETO.

BOARD APPOINTMENTS/RESIGNATIONS: 911 ADVISORY BOARD– A letter of resignation was received from Tamara Davis.

Mrs. Shank made a motion to accept the resignation of Tamara Davis from the 911 Advisory Board. Motion seconded by Mr. Rackley and passed.

Letters of interest were also received from Cheryl Haas and Sheila Perez.

Mrs. Shank made a motion to appoint Cheryl Haas and Sheila Perez to the 911 Advisory Board. Motion seconded by Mr. Rackley and passed.

KYLE SWANSON, ATTORNEY AT LAW: APPROVAL OF ANNUAL EXTENSION FOR INDIGENT PUBLIC DEFENDER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$58,938.00 STARTING AUGUST 1, 2022 TO JULY 31, 2023 – Mr. Swanson is asking for a 10% increase. He hasn't received an increase for two years.

Mrs. Shank made a motion to approve the annual extension from Kyle Swanson for Indigent Public Defender Services in the amount of \$58,938.00, starting August 1, 2022 to July 31, 2023. Motion seconded by Mr. Rackley and passed.

Mr. Shields stated that there are some new provisions that need to be included into the contract. The Board did not have a problem with that.

Mr. Rackley would like to see a monthly report from Mr. Swanson.

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: Mrs. Childs reported that the County has spent \$782,000 to date. This is more than what we have received so far, but she and Mrs. Donaldson will get together and request the second payment from the Federal Government.

REPORT FROM LEGAL COUNSEL: Mr. Shields did not have anything to report. He did give a department update for the DA's office. Mr. Shields stated that the Deputy DA started on Monday.

REPORT FROM ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT/HR REP: Mrs. Wesner reported that all is going well. She has been assisting taxpayers as best she can. The last HR training class only had 15 employees in attendance, so she will try to schedule another session.

ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS: There were no additional items discussed.

CORRESPONDENCE: Mrs. Wesner received a letter from NDEP (Nevada Division of Environmental Protection) regarding a mining operation, Sunrise Minerals. She spoke to Mr. Hill and a letter will be sent inviting them to come before the Board.

MATTERS OF THE BOARD FOR DISCUSSION; BOARD MEMBER REPORTS; BOARD LIAISON REPORTS: Mrs. Shank has been attending the meetings for the Rural Health District. She has a draft ordinance from Churchill County that she will forward to Mr. Shields. She also attended a meeting via Zoom regarding Community Health Nurse Services. Churchill has the funds and will be hiring the admin clerk full-time to start building the program. Tammy Ritter will be interviewing

nurses and hopes to be able to offer services in the interim. The new Hospital CEO, Brandon Chadick, will be starting the end of August.

Mr. Rackley stated that the Library Board met last Monday. One member will not be renewing their term on the board.

Mrs. Hudson attended the Grass Valley meeting. The residents were not nice to Cynthia Albright. They also complained about the roads.

Mrs. Shank also stated that she is very disappointed with the new Great Basin Sun not reporting on Pershing County.

PUBLIC INPUT: Barbara Rackley stated that when her term is up on the Volunteer Advisory Board, she will not be asking to be reappointed.

Carl Clinger also stated that the Grass Valley Advisory Board meeting got tumultuous. He stated that their contention was “development”. He also spoke about the Sodelis Farm dust issue, stating that maybe mag chloride would be helpful.

VOUCHERS: Mrs. Shank made a motion to approve the vouchers with the exception of a voucher for Vendor #681, Larry Rackley. Motion seconded by Mr. Rackley and passed.

Mrs. Shank made a motion to approve the voucher for Vendor #681, Larry Rackley. Motion seconded by Mrs. Hudson. Mr. Rackley abstained. Motion carried.

As there was nothing further to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

Approved 9/07/22: _____/s/_____
Shayla Hudson, Chairwoman

Attest: _____/s/_____
Lacey Donaldson, Clerk