

MARCH 1, 2023

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Mr. Rackley made a motion to approve the minutes from the February 15, 2023 regular meeting as submitted. Motion seconded by Mrs. Hudson and passed.

PUBLIC INPUT: Danny Bax spoke via the Zoom link about the progress of the AT&T fiber project for the County. Mr. Bax has petitioned to AT&T on our behalf for a billing credit to our account.

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: Mrs. Hudson made a motion that no agenda items impose a burden on a business. Motion seconded by Mr. Rackley and passed.

UNCLASSIFIED DEPARTMENTS:

ROAD DEPARTMENT – Dan Hill was present.

Mr. Hill reported that they have been busy with all the winter weather. Mr. Hill cleaned up weeds on Old Victory Highway in preparation for putting down pre-emergent. Mr. Hill also met with POOL/PACT regarding the Excellence Program. Mr. Hill attended another CEU (continuing education unit) class. He has also been hauling sand to Coeur and the crew did some patching. The crew is also blading in various areas of the county.

LANDFILL – Dan Hill was present.

Mr. Hill stated that the crew is doing a good job and he didn't have anything specific to report. They did clean up the Grass Valley and Imlay transfer sites.

RECYCLING CENTER – Commissioner Crim reported that things have been slow at the Recycling Center.

SENIOR CENTER/VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR – Christina Larsen was present.

Ms. Larsen gave the Board the March Newsletter. She reported that the Nevada Health Department came and did their annual inspection, which they passed. ECO Lab came on February 23rd and their inspection also went well. The Center held a Wellness committee meeting on February 28th. Ms. Larsen reported that she took 6 seniors to the Fernley Senior Center for a Paint and Sip luncheon. She is currently working on organizing a trip to the Fox Peak Theater in Fallon on March 15th. There will be a St. Patrick's Day party at the Center on Friday the 17th. Ms. Larsen also reported that she is still looking for a relief cook.

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS – John Handka was present.

Lovelock Street Fever Car Club, Request to use Courthouse Park for annual car show: Patty Burke was present.

This year's event will be June 3-4, 2023.

Mrs. Hudson made a motion to approve the request of the Lovelock Street Fever Car Club to use the Courthouse Park for their annual car show June 3-4, 2023. Motion seconded by Mr. Rackley and passed.

Update: Mr. Handka stated that since the last meeting they have been dealing with the weather. They repaired a compressor in the Courthouse. They have also been working on cleaning out the shed in the park that is going to be replaced.

Review of quotes received for HVAC units for the Museum Firehouse and the Marzen House Museum: Mr. Handka stated that he has been calling vendors and no one can come out until April, so he will hold off on this for now.

Review of quotes received for electrical and generators for the Senior Center and Community Center: Mr. Handka has two quotes, one from McFadden Electric LLC and one from BSL Electric. Mrs. Hudson stated that she would be abstaining from this discussion. Mr. Rackley stated that there is a grant for the Senior Center in the amount of \$12,000. There is also \$198,656.00 in the ARPA funding earmarked for this project. The quotes are as follows:

McFadden Electric LLC	Senior Center Option #1	\$52,200.00
	Senior Center Option #2	\$67,900.00
	Community Center	\$155,000.00
BSL Electric Corporation	Senior Center	\$69,996.00
	Community Center	\$149,440.00

Mr. Rackley made a motion to accept the quote from McFadden Electric LLC, going with Option #1 for the Senior Center in the amount of \$52,200 and \$155,000.00 for the Community Center, for a total amount of \$207,200.00. Motion seconded by Mr. Crim. Mrs. Hudson abstained. Motion carried.

PRESENTATION BY THE NEVADA STATE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES REGARDING THE WIC (WOMEN, INFANTS, AND CHILDREN) PROGRAM: DISCUSSION AND DECISION TO HAVE THE PERSHING, CHURCHILL, HUMBOLDT, LANDER COUNTY WIC PROGRAM ADMINSTERED BY PERSHING COUNTY OR TO CHANGE THE PROGRAM TO BE ADMINISTERED BY THE CENTRAL NEVADA HEALTH DISTRICT – Julia Peek, Nevada State Health and Human Services; Caleb Cage, Interim Administrator for the Central Nevada Health District; and Shannon Ernst, Churchill County Social Services Director; were present via Zoom. Melissa Sloan, WIC Director, was also present.

Ms. Peek gave a Power Point presentation outlining the WIC Program. Mr. Cage thanked the Board for the opportunity to speak today. He feels that the CNHD is the perfect umbrella to oversee the WIC Program.

Mrs. Hudson stated that Pershing County has been overseeing the current program since 2003 and feels if it isn't broken, why fix it. Mr. Crim asked if the funding levels would change based on the Board's decision. Ms. Peek stated that no one has said it is broken; it is just an opportunity to change direction with the creation of the new Health District. She also stated that the funding levels are based on participants, so it would not change based on who has oversight. Ms. Ernst stated that having experience with WIC in Churchill County, one thing the CNHD is trying to do is streamline services and resources for clients.

Mrs. Childs spoke about the responsibilities of her office in regard to the current program. She mentioned that currently the WIC wages and reimbursements are currently at the State rate. If the County is overseeing and they are our employees, they need to be at the County rate and a commissioner would have to oversee that department. It was also noted that we haven't received any reimbursements since October and the County is currently covering \$215,624.00 of unbudgeted expenses. Ms. Peek stated that this isn't a holdup at the State level, there was some confusion on who had authority to sign the sub-award.

Mr. Rackley spoke about the other WIC programs in the State. It makes sense that this program falls under our new Health District. Mrs. Hudson doesn't see the benefit. Mr. Crim agrees with Mrs. Hudson, but would like to be able to look at in the future if necessary.

Mrs. Hudson made a motion to put the WIC Program under Pershing County. Motion seconded by Mr. Crim. Mr. Rackley opposed. Motion carried.

PERSHING COUNTY MAGNESIUM CHLORIDE BID REVIEW AND AWARD: The bid closed yesterday, February 28, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. Two bids were received as follows and were opened by Mr. Hill, Mrs. Donaldson, and Mrs. Wesner.

Dustbusters Enterprises Inc.	\$185,272.80
Envirotech Services, Inc.	\$263,240.25

Mr. Hill explained that he had a typo in his bid specs, so with Dustbusters being the lowest bid he called them and asked if it would be a problem to obtain a larger tonnage. Dustbusters amended their quote to \$198,272.80.

Mrs. Hudson made a motion to award the Pershing County Magnesium Chloride bid to Dustbusters Enterprises Inc in the amount of \$198,272.80, being the lowest, most responsive bid. Motion seconded by Mr. Rackley and passed.

UNCLASSIFIED DEPARTMENTS, CONT.D:

PERSHING CO. FIRE/AMBULANCE –

LOVELOCK FIRE/AMBULANCE: Approval for ambulance remount with Fire Trucks Unlimited in Henderson, NV, not to exceed \$200,000.00 (Remounting current ambulance #902 on a new cab and chassis); Approval to increase the authorized amount to purchase a replacement Brush Truck for the Fire Department to \$71,882.25 from \$65,000.00 for a 2023 GMC Sierra 3500 HD cab and chase flatbed: Chief Wilcox spoke about the truck. Mrs. Childs stated that the increase would be ok if Chief Wilcox can cut his expenses in other areas, as he only has \$65,000 budgeted. She also explained that the Ambulance and Lovelock Fire are two separate budgets and are not interchangeable.

Mrs. Hudson made a motion to approve the ambulance remount with Fire Trucks Unlimited, in an amount not to exceed \$200,000.00 to be paid with ARPA Funds. Motion seconded by Mr. Rackley and passed.

There was some discussion regarding the Medicaid and Medicare application renewals for the Ambulance. Mrs. Donaldson stated that she spoke with Ms. Nolan and will sign the contracts, but will not be responsible for keeping track of the renewals.

After amending the priority list for the ARPA Funds, Mrs. Hudson made a motion to approve the increase to purchase a replacement brush truck for the Lovelock Fire Department to \$71,882.25, with \$65,000 from the fire department budget and the remainder paid with ARPA Funds. Motion seconded by Mr. Rackley and passed.

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 we had set aside \$250,000 for the ambulance.

Mr. Rackley made a motion to amend the line item for the ambulance to include the overage on the brush truck for the Lovelock Fire Department in the amount of \$6,882.25. Motion seconded by Mrs. Hudson and passed.

The meeting recessed at 9:55 a.m. for a Litigation meeting and reconvened at 10:03 a.m.

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

Mr. Evans gave the Board his month-end reports and reported that he and Cynthia Albright are wrapping up the Master Plan update.

APPROVAL TO WRITE A LETTER TO NV ENERGY REGARDING PURCHASING THE PERSHING COUNTY ELECTRIC UTILITY – Mr. Evans feels this letter should come from the Board. Mr. Rackley stated that he and Mr. Shields recently spoke about this. Several years ago, we were in negotiations with NV Energy to take over the system and came very close. Mr. Rackley and Mr. Shields feel a letter to NV Energy’s President might be more fruitful. Mr. Shields will write the letter. Mr. Shields also spoke about electrical certifications for contractors maintaining the system (A17 versus C2). Mr. Shields has asked for an official opinion from the State Contractor’s Board. Until we receive that opinion, we will only use A17 Certified contractors for any work to the PCEU, even if the issue is a simple power outage. Mrs. Hudson did not agree with this decision.

Mrs. Hudson made a motion to approve writing a letter to NV Energy regarding purchasing the Pershing County Electric Utility as discussed. Motion seconded by Mr. Rackley and passed.

UNCLASSIFIED DEPARTMENTS, CONT.D:

IT DEPARTMENT – Justin Abbott and Amanda Burrows were present.

Mr. Abbott reported that they’ve continued working on the porting of telephone numbers, with the last two requests being submitted. The next step will be to move fax numbers to e-fax. It was noted that NNIS has been having outages. Mr. Abbott also reported that the new, updated County website launched on Monday.

Discussion regarding telecommunication contracts and status: Danny Bax spoke this morning. Mr. Abbott stated that he and AT&T underestimated how complicated this project would be. It isn’t as simple as just bringing fiber to a building; we are trying to connect four buildings on our network. Mr. Shields asked Mr. Abbott to explain to the Board what services we have contracted for and what isn’t working. Mr. Abbott would like to present each piece bit by bit, so as not to just provide an information dump. They began outside, working to transition off the old DSL service to NNIS. Mrs. Burrows stated that she has checked the speeds in all of these buildings, which is fast, and isn’t sure we need to spend the money to move forward with this project. Mr. Abbott started to discuss the different telecommunication providers, when Mr. Rackley stated that he would like a spreadsheet with this information, so it is easier to follow along. This item will be put back on the next agenda.

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

Mrs. Lusby-Angvick stated that she had some money left in the Brownfield Grant, so she was able to add another property to Phase I. Mrs. Lusby-Angvick reported that she and Michelle Hammond Allen, her counterpart from Humboldt County, attended the Builders Association of Northern Nevada’s Economic Forecast recently. They had an Economist as one of their speakers, who stated that we are in or are entering into a recession. Mrs. Lusby-Angvick and Ms. Hammond Allen are also working with Nevada Works on employment programs. Mrs. Lusby-Angvick will be attending the Governor’s office of Economic Development lunch next week. There will also be a Nevada 95-80 Regional Development Authority meeting.

PUBLIC DEFENDER – A written report was submitted.

ELECTED DEPARTMENTS:

LACEY DONALDSON, CLERK-TREASURER – Mrs. Donaldson reported that the last tax installment is due Monday, so they are starting the process to close out the tax year (i.e., sending notices to 1 and 3 year delinquencies, etc.). Mrs. Donaldson has also been supplying Mrs. Wesner with Fiscal Impact Statements on BDRs when requested. Nothing to concerning yet, with the exception of a bill to put a polling place in local jails on election day. Mrs. Donaldson also reported that her newest employee came to work Monday and resigned effective immediately, so they are back to square one.

Approval of corrections/changes to the Tax Roll: Mrs. Donaldson sent the Board four corrections to the unsecured roll – BS 0000039, Grays Coffee & Cowgirl; BS 0000025, Granite Construction; BS005401, Commnet Wireless; and BS 005402, Commnet Wireless.

Mrs. Hudson made a motion to approve the correction on four Business Accounts as presented. Motion seconded by Mr. Rackley and passed.

RENE CHILDS, RECORDER-AUDITOR – Mrs. Childs stated that it is business as usual. It is a Payroll/Accounts Payable week, and she has been working on budgets.

Copier Lease Agreement with Office Products, Inc. (OPI) for 2 copiers – Administrative Building and Courthouse, utilizing Sourcewell Contract #030321-KON, \$441.77 per month/copier plus monthly maintenance agreement: Mrs. Childs stated that OPI is recommending a 48 month lease at \$441.77 per month, with an additional charge of \$273.17 per month for the copy fee. It was noted that our current vendor quoted \$1,119.31 for a 60 month lease. Mrs. Childs also stated that the Admin Building has four maintenance contracts with Sierra Office Solutions as well, but she has spoken with IT and they can handle the maintenance needs. The departments will just have to buy their own toner cartridges.

Mrs. Hudson made a motion to approve the 48 month lease agreement with Office Products, Inc. for 2 copiers (one for the Admin Building and one for the Courthouse) as presented. Motion seconded by Mr. Rackley and passed.

BRYCE SHIELDS, DISTRICT ATTORNEY – Mr. Shields reported that Lori Jensen, Assistant District Attorney, took the bar last week and they will find out the results in April.

JERRY ALLEN, SHERIFF – Sheriff Allen reported that he has a few family medical issues keeping employees out. Sheriff Allen mentioned that the Board did a Jail Inspection this morning and asked if they had any questions. The Board didn't have any questions or issues.

DERBY FIELD: Mr. Rackley did not have anything to report.

MUSEUM BOARD: REQUEST PERMISSION TO MOVE A STORAGE SHED DONATED BY THE CITY OF LOVELOCK AND A BUILDING DONATED BY LEONARD BURROWS AND FAMILY TO THE MUSEUM YARD – Bonnie Skoglie was present.

Mrs. Skoglie reported that she and Penny Belanger will be traveling to Ontario to pick up the roofing for the railroad house. The Clampers will be here March 11th to erect the plaque they have done for the Chinese Cemetery and the plaque for the LaBelle Brothel. Coeur will be sending a work crew to strip the old roofing and to install the new roof. The Clampers will be back on March 25th to dedicate the plaque and participate in the Marzen House Madness yearly event. This year they will be doing an Easter basket drive. Mrs. Skoglie also reported that they are on track for the Lovelock Cave Days. They are also moving forward with the Nevada State Museum team to update the Native American displays.

Mrs. Hudson made a motion to approve the acceptance of the two donated buildings as presented. Motion seconded by Mr. Rackley and passed.

RESOLUTION OF THE PERSHING COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS SUPPORTING COYOTE CALLING CONTESTS: Mr. Crim requested this agenda item. He stated that there has been some appetite throughout the State to outlaw these types of events. Mr. Shields also stated that it is important to note that Coyote Calling Contests are an important tool for predator control.

Mrs. Hudson made a motion to adopt Resolution #2023-0301, supporting Coyote Calling Contests in the State of Nevada. Motion seconded by Mr. Rackley and passed unanimously.

REPORT FROM LEGAL COUNSEL: Mr. Shields spoke about the prior discussion regarding WIC. He stated that we need to make a list and check things off, i.e.: a commissioner needs to be assigned to oversee the department; those employees need to be given county emails; job descriptions are needed; the sub-award needs to be accepted; and the department needs to be added to the County's budget process.

Mr. Shields also stated that when speaking about electrical contractor issues, he did not mean to be harsh with Mrs. Hudson. He stated that she shouldn't be involved in those discussions as she owns a business that would be affected by these discussions. Mrs. Hudson was very upset that this is even being discussed. Mr. Evans got a verbal opinion a year ago from the State Contractor's Board and doesn't know why this is even an issue.

REPORT FROM ADMIN: Mrs. Wesner stated that she has been keeping up with BDRs. POOL/PACT has set two training dates for a "Taking Control of Conflict" class. There will be one day for in-person and one day for an online class. Mrs. Wesner stated that she has had a few employees sign-up, but not very many.

ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS: No additional agenda items were noted.

CORRESPONDENCES: There was no additional correspondence discussed.

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS; BOARD LIAISON REPORTS: Mr. Rackley had nothing to report. Mrs. Hudson reported that she attended the Frontier Community Coalition meeting on Monday. The Boys and Girls Club of Truckee Meadows gave a presentation and are interested in starting a program in Pershing County. Mrs. Hudson also attended the Hospital Board meeting. She has a Rec Board meeting tomorrow and they are looking at hiring summer help for the softball fields.

Mr. Crim attended the Museum Board meeting.

PUBLIC INPUT: There was no public input.

VOUCHERS: Mrs. Hudson made a motion to approve the vouchers with the exception of a voucher for Vendor #521, BSL Electric. Motion seconded by Mr. Rackley and passed.

Mr. Rackley made a motion to approve the voucher for Vendor #521, BSL Electric. Motion seconded by Mr. Crim. Mrs. Hudson abstained. Motion carried.

As there was nothing further to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 11:29 a.m.

Approved 3/15/23: _____/s/
Joe Crim, Chairman

Attest: _____/s/
Lacey Donaldson, Clerk