

**MAY 3, 2023**

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m. by Joe Crim, Chairman. Those present were Larry Rackley and Shayla Hudson, 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 April 5, 2023 minutes as submitted. Motion seconded by Mrs. Hudson and passed.

**PUBLIC INPUT:** Blake Portman, Whitney Hostman and Marci Carruth spoke on behalf of the Youth Softball Association. They brought two bags of glass that was picked up at the Softball fields. The glass was found throughout the graveled area. Mrs. Carruth also spoke about the grass fields not being maintained and the injuries kids have suffered. Marti Nolan also spoke via Zoom. Ms. Nolan had to bring out her own generator to use, as there was no power on.

Mrs. Hudson stated that Pershing County doesn't have the funds that other counties have. She is aware of the issues, but without totally starting over, she doesn't know how to fix it. Mrs. Hudson also suggested submitting work orders to the Recreation Board secretary. It was also noted that the area was previously used as a landfill, so the glass and such is probably working its way to the surface.

Leann Gallagher spoke about the potential installation of an outside fitness area the City is considering and a request for a Boys and Girls Club. She doesn't feel the town should have to fundraise for a "safe place" for our kids when funding is being set aside for unnecessary items.

**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 direct and significant economic burden on a business or directly restrict the formation, operation, or expansion of a business. Motion seconded by Mr. Rackley and passed.

**UNCLASSIFIED DEPARTMENTS:**

**COMMUNITY CENTER** – Diana Munden was present.

Ms. Munden reported that the new custodian has been wonderful, and the community has noticed. Ms. Munden also spoke about the island in the kitchen not being secured to the floor and asked if it could be. Mr. Handka will see what he can do. She is also having issues with one of the ovens. She did find paperwork for an extended warranty, so she has submitted a claim. The only problem is she can only find a service tech out of Sacramento, so the claim probably won't cover the expense. Mr. Rackley stated that someone from Reno services the Senior Center, so he will get the info to Ms. Munden. Ms. Munden also questioned the event report she submits to our insurance. Mrs. Donaldson felt that the list only needs to include events that are utilizing our insurance.

**ROAD DEPARTMENT** – Dan Hill was present.

Mr. Hill stated that they are done blading for the year, unless they can use a water truck, as everything has dried up. They have been working up at Coeur for the last week patching.

**LANDFILL** – Dan Hill was present.

Mr. Hill stated that they are cleaning up the Grass Valley Transfer Station today. A person has been hired to fill the vacancy. Stephen McDaniel will be attending Manager of Landfill Operations training next week.

**RECYCLING CENTER** – Commissioner Crim stated that recycling has started picking back up.

At 9:00 a.m. the Board recessed to meet in a closed labor session pursuant to NRS 288.220 to meet with the County's labor representative regarding labor negotiations. The meeting reconvened at 9:21 a.m.

**UNCLASSIFIED DEPARTMENTS, CONT.D:**

**BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS** – John Handka was present.

Mr. Handka reported that the last few weeks they have been getting the various sprinkler systems ready to be turned on. They are also preparing to remove the swimming pool cover. They have been spraying weeds. Mr. Handka stated that the other two Veterans benches will be in next week and will be installed in the island before Memorial Day.

**FIRE/AMBULANCE REPORTS** –

**AMBULANCE:** Marti Nolan was present via Zoom.

Ms. Nolan reported that she sent Mrs. Hudson her monthly report this morning. They've had 19 calls since the last meeting. Ms. Nolan is still working on the Ambulance permit renewal and will send it off as soon as she is done. Ms. Nolan also reported that overdoses are getting more prevalent, and they've responded to three in the last four weeks.

**LOVELOCK FIRE:** Marti Nolan was present via Zoom.

Ms. Nolan reported that they were invited by Churchill County to participate in a live burn. Ms. Nolan and three rookie firefighters will be attending. Mrs. Hudson reported that there is a Chief's meeting on Friday.

**IT DEPARTMENT** – Justin Abbott was present.

Mr. Abbott reported that he has been researching grants to help with the Uprise Fiber project. OSIT (Office of Science, Innovation and Technology) doesn't have any funding mechanisms to assist with any of the costs. He looked at a few grants through USDA, but they didn't fit the scope. He did find two grants that could have potential depending on how the project is structured. One is POOL/PACT's Risk Management Grant, which can be used for cyber security projects, but has a 25% match. The other is a Cyber Security Grant from the Department of Homeland Security, which he is trying to obtain additional information on. Mrs. Hudson stated that we don't have money budgeted for grant matching funds. Mr. Abbott stated that we probably won't find grant funding without a match, so we might just have to tell Uprise we can't participate. Mr. Abbott noted that as great as the pricing from Uprise is, if we don't have the funding, we can't do it. He has expressed these concerns and the Commissioners concerns with Uprise. Uprise will be sending progress reports, with one in the Commission packet today. They are currently waiting for documentation from the BLM and then will start construction within 60 days.

Mrs. Hudson asked where he's at with AT&T. Mr. Abbott has not heard anything. Mrs. Burrows did speak with James Daughters and continues to reach out to him weekly for updates, but he stated that he is waiting for additional information from their teams. Mr. Shields stated that they met with AT&T two weeks ago. We can cancel the contract, amend current contract, or continue with the current contract. If current contract is terminated, we'll be left with nothing having expended time, energy, and funds. Mr. Shields thought they would have already had further discussions. Mr. Shields stated that our IT Department is doing a good job staying on top of it.

Mr. Abbott stated that Uprise would like to set up an in person meeting to discuss our concerns. They will be invited to the next meeting.

Mr. Abbott spoke about Star 2 Star. They are fixing the billing issues at the Library and we will receive a credit.

**PUBLIC DEFENDER** – Mr. Cochran submitted a written report.

**ELECTED DEPARTMENTS:**

LACEY DONALDSON, CLERK-TREASURER – Mrs. Donaldson stated that she still has a vacancy in the office, and they are getting by as best they can.

*Tax Roll Correction:* A correction was submitted for account BU000009, Stephanie's Tasty Treats, which is no longer in business.

Mrs. Hudson made a motion to approve the correction to the unsecured account BU000009, Stephanie's Tasty Treats, as presented. Motion seconded by Mr. Rackley and passed.

*Acknowledgement of Delinquent Tax Notice Affidavit:* Mrs. Hudson made a motion to acknowledge the Delinquent Tax Notice Affidavit as presented. Motion seconded by Mr. Rackley and passed.

*Interlocal Contract between State of Nevada, Secretary of State and Pershing County for Center for Internet Security, Inc. (CIS):* Mrs. Donaldson stated that this is a renewal of their current contract and there were no changes.

Mrs. Hudson made a motion to approve the Interlocal Contract between the State of Nevada, Secretary of State and Pershing County for Center for Internet Security, Inc. (CIS). Motion seconded by Mr. Rackley and passed.

RENE CHILDS, RECORDER-AUDITOR – Mrs. Childs gave the Board the month-end reports. She noted that the Road Fund is currently in the negative. Mrs. Childs also stated that she has received zero applicants for her vacant  $\frac{3}{4}$  position.

BRYCE SHIELDS, DISTRICT ATTORNEY – *Installation of three Verizon One Talk desk phones in the Childs Support Office for a cost of \$597 for three phones and monthly service fee of \$75.00:* There was some discussion regarding Star 2 Star and the issues we have been having.

Mrs. Hudson made a motion to approve the installation of three Verizon One Talk desk phones in the Child Support office for a cost of \$597.00 for three phones and a monthly service fee of \$75.00. Motion seconded by Mr. Rackley and passed.

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

Mr. Evans gave the Board his monthly fees collected report. Mr. Evans stated that he would be interested in the Verizon phones as well. Mrs. Stewart, the new Plan Tech, is doing really well. Mr. Rackley asked when the office is open. Mr. Evans stated that it is open Monday through Friday, 8-5 unless Mrs. Stewart is off on a Friday. Mrs. Hudson stated that she would come over and speak with Mr. Evans about Dowl Engineering (used to be Farr West). Mr. Evans stated that he is very frustrated with them since the transition.

**DERBY FIELD:** Commissioner Rackley did weed removal himself. He had Mr. Hill sprayed weeds. He also asked Mr. Hill to bring out some gravel and Mr. Rackley will spread it, however, the Road Department spread it. Installed key-pad cover, so we'll see if that keeps the dirt out. Airport meeting last Monday. Couldn't get into the meeting room, so they met in the lounge. It is not proper for the public. \$10,000 for building maintenance, he would like to bring someone in to paint and clean-up. Mrs. Hudson asked why Buildings and Grounds couldn't paint it.

**TRACY NEELEY, A&H INSURANCE:** PRESENTATION OF THE JULY 1, 2023 HEALTH, DENTAL, VISION AND LIFE INSURANCE RENEWAL COVERAGE FOR PERSHING COUNTY EMPLOYEES FOR FY 2023-2024 – Mrs. Neeley went over the renewal. The County's insurance committee is recommending renewing with Anthem. Anthem's final proposal includes a 4.75% increase to the premium. Anthem also provided a lower quote to offer dental, vision, and life coverage, but the committee elected to stay with Kansas City Life, which only increase by a penny.

Mrs. Hudson made a motion to accept the recommendation of the Insurance Committee and renew the Health, Dental, Vision, and Life Insurance coverage with Anthem and Kansas City Life as presented for FY 2023-2024. Motion seconded by Mr. Rackley and passed.

**TRINIDAD GUILLEN, DDS:** LETTER ADVISING INCREASE IN RENT FROM \$550.00 TO \$650.00 FOR OFFICE SPACE FOR THE IT DEPARTMENT, 340 MAIN STREET, LOVELOCK – Mr. Rackley stated that a \$100 a month isn't that much. There might be other options to relocate if necessary.

Mr. Rackley made a motion to accept the increase in rent from \$550.00 to \$650.00 for the office space for the IT Department. Motion seconded by Mrs. Hudson and passed.

**APPROVAL OF CONTRACT WITH PERSHING COUNTY LAW ENFORCEMENT ASSOCIATION (PCLEA) FOR 2022-2025:** Mrs. Hudson made a motion to approve the contract with the Pershing County Law Enforcement Association for 2022-2025 as presented. 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:** Mrs. Childs stated that there have been no changes since the last meeting.

**REPORT FROM LEGAL COUNSEL:** Mr. Shields reiterated that the Pershing County Recreation Board is an advisory board and makes recommendations to the County Commission. Mrs. Hudson stated that she called in for the last Recreation Board meeting. She spoke about the outdoor fitness facility and the grant funds they are trying to get. It was noted that the City would administer those grants, as it is a City park. Mr. Shields also asked about the local gym. Pioneer Fitness gave a presentation regarding the services/equipment that they offer as there has been discussion that the gym at the High School may close to the public. No funding was requested or given to Pioneer Fitness.

**REPORT FROM ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT/HR REP:** Mrs. Wesner did not have anything to report.

**ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS:** Mr. Rackley stated that Washoe County denied a permit for Ormat and he would like to send Ormat a letter stating that Pershing County is interested. Mrs. Wesner stated that Ormat will be here in June to give an update to the Board. Mr. Rackley also stated that he received an email from the Community Energy Partners regarding an upcoming grant. Mr. Rackley submitted a pre-application.

Mrs. Donaldson stated that City Councilmen Reynolds would like an RTC meeting. Mrs. Wesner will schedule one for 8:00 a.m. before the next Commission meeting.

Mr. Rackley would also like an item regarding an invoice for a contract of service to lobby for RS2477 rights.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** APPROVAL TO WRITE A LETTER TO STATE OF NEVADA, DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES TO REQUEST PERMISSION AND AUTHORIZATION TO CHANGE ADMINISTRATION OF PERSHING COUNTY DMV TO THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE – Mr. Shields stated that he is happy to take over administration, but it doesn't have to be the DA's office, it could be any office. Mr. Rackley felt like the DA's office would be a good place. Mr. Shields asked if Ms. Basso-Cerini had any comments as the current Administrator of DMV. She did not. Mr. Abbott asked if the DMV office would be physically moving. It will not be.

Mr. Rackley made a motion to approve writing a letter to the State of Nevada, Department of Motor Vehicles to request permission and authorization to change administration of the Pershing County DMV to the District Attorney’s office. Motion seconded by Mrs. Hudson and passed.

**BOARD MEMBER REPORTS; BOARD LIAISON REPORTS:** Mrs. Hudson called-in to the Recreation Board meeting last Thursday. She will be attending a Fire Chief’s meeting on Friday and has Economic Development and Humboldt River Water Basin Authority meetings coming up as well.

Mr. Rackley stated that Mr. Burke will be holding an Emergency Operations Plan workshop on May 22<sup>nd</sup>. He attended the Airport Advisory Board meeting, where they discussed needed maintenance. Mr. Rackley made a maintenance trip up Toulon.

Mr. Crim stated that he attended the Cemetery meeting yesterday. The weed control is working at Lone Mountain and Big Meadow cemeteries, but there is still some work to be done in Unionville.

Mr. Rackley also reported that he will get the Community Center the technician information for stove maintenance. He stated that the Central Nevada Health District will be meeting tomorrow and again next Thursday. The Administrator that was hired has submitted her resignation.

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

**VOUCHERS:** Mrs. Hudson made a motion to approve the vouchers as submitted, with the exception of the vouchers for Vendor #521, BSL Electric, and Vendor #556, Larry Rackley. 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.

Mrs. Hudson made a motion to approve the voucher for Vendor #556, Larry Rackley. Motion seconded by Mr. Crim. Mr. Rackley abstained. Motion carried.

As there was nothing further to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 11:09 a.m.

Approved 6/7/23: \_\_\_\_\_/s/\_\_\_\_\_  
Joe Crim, Chairman

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_/s/\_\_\_\_\_  
Lacey Donaldson, Clerk