

SEPTEMBER 20, 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; Sarah Renfroe, Deputy Clerk; and Justin Abbott, IT.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Mr. Rackley made a motion to approve the minutes from the August 16, meeting. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Hudson and passed.

PUBLIC INPUT: There was no public comment 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: Mrs. Hudson stated she had a question for legal counsel on the letter from the Division of Water Resources.

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. The motion passed.

UNCLASSIFIED DEPARTMENTS:

ROAD DEPARTMENT – Dan Hill was present.

Mr. Hill reported he has filled the vacant position in the road department, hiring Steve Bauchman of Dixie Valley. Mr. Hill stated that his crew has been busy fixing washouts. He said that they are just about caught up. He wanted to thank Brian Greene for helping for a week. Mr. Hill reported the washouts completed were on Buffalo Ranch Road, Dixie Valley Road, Coal Canyon Road, behind Rye Patch towards Jungo and Dun Glen. He stated they are still working on Antelope using the blade. They still need to work on some of the culverts. The crew fixed a culvert on Buffalo and then it washed out, so they had to repair it for the second time. Mr. Hill spoke highly of his new hire Travis Delavega. Mr. Hill reported that the crew went to a safety class in Reno yesterday.

LANDFILL – Mr. Hill was present.

Mr. Hill reported he has filled the vacant position, hiring Randy Burgers. Mr. Hill stated things are going well with the new hires. The Grass Valley transfer site was cleaned up a bit.

RECYCLING – Mr. Crim stated that he does not have anything to report.

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS – John Handka was present.

Mr. Handka reported that they are in desperate need of a new lawn mower. He stated that he is working with the Rec Board to borrow one when it is not in use. Mr. Handka informed the Board that his crew will start winterizing the pool soon. He is checking with Mr. and Mrs. Rowe on an exact start time. Mr. Handka gave more details of the other projects they are working on. Mr. Rackley asked Mr. Handka about the staffing issues. Mr. Handka responded that he has one employee on light duty and two students that can work on Friday if it doesn't conflict with their football schedule. Mr. Handka also replied that he has not received any interest in the open position he has available.

GRASSVALLEY FIRE DEPARTMENT – Sean Burke presented via Zoom.

Mr. Burke reported Grass Valley Fire Department has 15 authorized members, plus some applications. He is pleased with the amount of interest and the new members they have. Mr. Burke credited the gain to a Social Media Campaign. Mr. Burke declared that they have been very busy this year. The past two weeks have slowed down a bit, but they are well beyond their average calls. Mr. Burke informed the Board that he will be teaching an EMT class to 5 students in Lovelock. The class is

held every Monday, Wednesday, and every other Saturday, starting September 11th through the end of December. Mr. Burke informed the Board that he is still waiting for the awarding and disbursement of the AFG FEMA grant he applied for. Mrs. Hudson asked Mr. Burke when the next Chief's meeting is scheduled. Mr. Burke replied that he will make a note to get it planned.

EMERGENCY OPERATIONS MANAGER/LEPC – Sean Burke was present via Zoom.

Mr. Burke stated that this will be his second year attending the DEM conference in Elko September 26th-28th. He affirmed that this conference is mandatory for him to appear to receive the EMPG funding. He anticipates questions at the conference regarding the Burning Man event. Mr. Burke stated that he has received many calls locally and from National news media about the event already. He believes that the answers he has are not sufficient due to the fact he wasn't involved in the planning and execution of the event. He feels that there could be some improvement in communication moving forward. Mrs. Hudson reiterated that Mr. Burke should be better informed in the future. Mr. Burke replied that he would like to do that without getting in the way. Mr. Burke informed the Board that there are a few happenings scheduled in October, including a LEPC meeting arranged for October 4th, a Lovelock flu pod planned for October 11th, a Solar Eclipse event to be held on October 14th, and a Hazmat exercise booked for October 20th. Mr. Burke updated the Board that two grants have been executed and awarded. He is working on two others, including the POOL/PACT grant and one for the Rye Patch and Imlay fire departments.

Request permission to proceed with ordering up to \$30,400.00 in VFD material to be reimbursed by NDF Volunteer Fire Assistance Grant: Mrs. Hudson made a motion to approve the request to proceed with ordering up to \$30,400.00 in VFD material to be reimbursed by NDF Volunteer Fire Assistance Grant. Motion seconded by Mr. Rackley and passed.

SAFETY/CEMETERY- Cheryl Haas was present.

Ms. Haas reported that she has been busy. She stated that they had a safety meeting last Tuesday. The focus of the meeting was workplace safety. Ms. Haas feels that the Fire Departments should have to have the same training as County Employees. Mr. Shields informed Ms. Haas that the Fire Departments are a non-profit and covered by workers' compensation. The County only provides the equipment; therefore, we are not liable. Ms. Haas is working on finishing the safety policy. She is going to be in contact with Mr. Hill and Mr. Handka because their departments will need the most safety training. Ms. Haas informed the Board that Mr. Handka is working on the automatic door at the library.

Regarding the cemeteries, Ms. Haas stated they had a meeting yesterday. She would like to be put on the agenda for the next meeting to present what was discussed. She recounted that out of the meeting everyone agreed that the north fence line at the Big Meadow Cemetery needs to be moved back and have a gate placed. She stated that in the meantime if there is a burial in that section, they will take the fence down to accommodate. Ms. Haas added that at the meeting they discussed finishing the County policy for the cemetery rules and regulations. Once the policy is finished, they will send it out to the funeral homes. Ms. Haas also told the Board that at the cemetery meeting they discussed the planting of trees and bushes planted outside of the burial plots. She stated that she is planning on sending a letter to the families of the plots that they will have 90 days to move their plants, or they will be permanently removed. She is planning on going and checking in at the Unionville Cemetery on October 3rd. Lastly, Ms. Haas requested the dumpster be emptied at the Lone Mountain Cemetery. Mrs. Childs commented that she has concerns about the limited budget to do major projects such as the fence. Ms. Haas replied that she and the Cemetery Board are aware and feel the fence project is a county issue, not just a Cemetery issue. She will be in contact with Mr. Handka on pricing for the next meeting.

IT DEPARTMENT – Justin Abbott was present.

Mr. Abbott gave an update on the progress of the fiber project. He said for the most part it is going smoothly. He stated that three out of the four buildings have cut over to fiber. In doing so, Mr. Abbott

acknowledged that there is a short-lived issue. He said that the issue is a matter of tweaking. The last building will be finished tomorrow. Mr. Abbott said that he still needs to coordinate with the State to get the connections. There should not be any holdups to the rest of the project, including getting credits refunded. Mr. Abbott reported that they attended a meeting with the State Cyber Security Task Force. The task force was discussing the projects for the cyber security grant that we applied for. Mr. Abbott told the Board that with the recommendation from POOL/PACT there needs to be some policies put in place regarding security.

Mrs. Hudson asked Mr. Abbott with AT&T up and running is IT doing a managed service and is it in the contract. Mr. Abbott replied yes, until 2024 when the contract ends. Mrs. Hudson recommended looking into other options to lower costs. Mrs. Hudson asked for clarification on what a managing service does. Mr. Abbott replied that they monitor and notify if there is a problem. Mr. Crim asked what we pay a month for internet service now. Mr. Abbott answered that we pay AT&T \$938.00 for the dedicated internet connection, \$1,800.00 for Switch Internet, and \$538.00 for the managed service. Mr. Abbott stated that we also pay \$1,500.00 a year for NNIS. Mrs. Hudson asked if we still need to pay NNIS. Mr. Abbott responded that we would need to pay for them until the State Internet is up and running. Mr. Abbott explained that he can put in an order to up the internet speeds, the faster the internet the more it costs.

Mr. Abbott suggested that at the next meeting they discuss what the Board wants to see in the plan moving forward. Mr. Crim stated that he wants a system that works within the budget. Mrs. Burrows suggested canceling managing services. Mr. Crim and Mrs. Hudson agreed.

ELECTED DEPARTMENTS:

LAUREEN BASSO-CERINI, ASSESSOR – Lauren Basso-Cerini and Jennifer Hill were present.

Ms. Basso-Cerini informed the Board that she hasn't had any applications for the job opening in her office.

Ms. Basso-Cerini stated that she went to the Assessor's Conference. At the conference there was a discussion on water assessments. She wanted to bring to the Board's attention that our Devnet software is not set up to do the calculations. Ms. Basso-Cerini feels that this assessment will be a huge undertaking. The calculations would have to be done internally. Mrs. Hudson commented that this assessment was brought on by Senate Bill 112. The Bill was set up to protect groundwater basins. In the past the water assessment was a flat fee, now this will be based on how much water is used. An example would be casinos are not charged the same as residents. Ms. Basso-Cerini indicated she wanted the Board to be aware of these changes.

Mr. Shields wanted to clarify in regard to the letter the Assessor's Office was sent, that it came from Nevada Division of Water Resources. He stated that this is only an informational letter, not an actual action item. Ms. Basso-Cerini said she understood the letter and formally replied. She did stress that Devnet is not set up for such assessment. Mr. Shields explained to the Board that if the water assessment passes in legislation there would not be a flat rate, instead be assessed on the amount of water usage. He conveyed that we will only need to act if the assessment passes in legislation.

2023 BURNING MAN UPDATE: Marnie Benson, the Director of Government Affairs for Burning Man and Katie Hoffman, Burning Man Agency Relations Manager were present via Zoom. Greg Herrera submitted a report to read.

Ms. Benson reported to the Board that they were monitoring the playa for standing water. There was not any concern until Sunday, August 20th. That storm brought 0.6 inches of rain, standing water for two days, delaying their build week. Ms. Benson stated that the staff was well prepared and rode out the storm. They made sure resources were made available and maintained while preparing for the week

opening. Ms. Benson described the staggering schedule for arrival, much like boarding passes. She said the schedule worked smoothly, allowing minimal wait times. Ms. Benson recounted the second storm hit in the afternoon of Friday, September 1st, bringing about 0.6-0.8 inches of rain. At the time she estimated there were about 72,000 people on site. As the storm progressed it reached a Level 3 weather incident. Ms. Benson described deploying their Emergency Weather Plan insuring safety for the participants and the staff. She listed all the entities that were notified of the plan. Ms. Benson stated that by Monday, September 4th the Emergency Weather plan was not needed, and the event resumed to full operations and activities. On Tuesday, September 5th they burned the temple.

Ms. Hoffman described how smoothly the event went despite the weather. She reported that they reached their peak population of 74,126 on Friday, September 1st. Ms. Hoffman said that cleanup is coming along efficiently. Ms. Hoffman was impressed with the number of participants wanting to be a part of the playa restoration. Ms. Hoffman stated that not only is there cleanup on the playa, but there is also cleaning of the roads leading to the event. She reminded the Board that there is a place on the Burning Man Website addressing the cleanup efforts.

Ms. Benson read the Board notes from Greg Herrera. Mr. Herrera described the working relationship Burning Man has with the multiple law enforcement agencies and BLM. He stated that there were meetings, debriefings, and phone calls daily. Discussed at the meetings were the concerns that needed to be addressed. Mr. Herrera thanked Sheriff Allen for his assistance during the weather emergency. Mr. Herrera reported that there was one death at the event not related to the weather. Pershing County Sheriff's Office is now investigating the death. Mr. Herrera is aware of the 15 arrests and the many citations given at the event. Mr. Herrera is in the process of planning a meeting with the Pershing County Sheriff's office. The meeting will go over any concerns moving forward.

Ms. Benson wanted to thank Ms. Lawson, Director of the Pershing County Senior Center, for effectively getting the bus for the Pershing County Seniors to the event.

Mr. Rackley asked if all the vehicles are off the playa now. Ms. Benson replied that yes, they have all been off for quite some time.

UNCLASSIFIED DEPARTMENTS, CONT.D:

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – Heidi Lusby-Angvick gave a report via phone.

Mrs. Lusby-Angvick spoke regarding the collision grant for \$600,000.00, which is split between Pershing County, Lovelock, and the Western Nevada Development District. It has been completely closed out. She said there was a community report put in the Great Basin Sun that ran on August 23rd. The report gave an overview of how the grant was awarded.

Mrs. Lusby-Angvick reported that the Humboldt County grant has kicked off. They are reaching out to realtors in the area for explanations. She said they will continue with assessments for Humboldt and Pershing counties.

Mrs. Lusby-Angvick described how she was on a panel for the Brownfield grant workshop. The workshop was for community engagement.

Mrs. Lusby-Angvick reported that the Nevada 95/80 Reginal Development Authority futures forum is scheduled for October 25, 2023.

This afternoon Mrs. Lusby-Angvick stated she is planning on heading to Pahrump to attend the Nevada Rural Partners Network, Rural Partners Forum. The USDA is putting the conference on.

The G29 Bridge construction has started and Mrs. Lusby-Angvick sent an email to inform the Board members.

ELECTED DEPARTMENTS CONT.D:

RENE CHILDS, RECORDER-AUDITOR – Mrs. Childs reported that she has received an application for the vacant admin position in her office. She will interview when she has time. Mrs. Childs stated that the annual audit is underway, and they will be onsite the week of October 9th.

PLANNING & BUILDING/ IMLAY WATER/PERSHING ELECTRIC:

REQUEST FOR REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF A PARCEL MAP APPLICATION ON APN: 008-690-94 FOR OPEN MOUNTAIN ENERGY. THE APPLICANT IS PROPOSING TO DIVIDE THE EXISTING PARCEL INTO ONE (1) 550.67-ACRE PARCEL AND ONE (1) 14.21-ACRE PARCEL. THE PARCEL IS SITUATED ALONGSIDE INTERSTATE 80 WHICH BISECTS IT INTO NON-CONTIGUOUS PORTIONS. THIS PARCEL DOES NOT HAVE DIRECT ACCESS TO AND FROM I-80 BUT DOES HAVE ACCESS FROM AN EXISTING DIRT ROAD KNOWN AS FRONTAGE ROAD. THERE IS A 40-FOOT-WIDE PROPOSED EASEMENT CREATED PER DOCUMENT #512836 AND ALLOWS ACCESS TO PARCEL 1B VIA A NEW ACCESS ROAD. PARCEL 1B WILL BE LOCATED ENTIRELY ON THE EAST SIDE OF INTERSTATE 80. THIS DIVISION WILL ALLOW THE APPLICANT TO BUILD A NEW ENERGY SUBSTATION ON SMALLER PARCEL 1B WHICH WILL THEN BE CONVEYED TO NV ENERGY AFTER CONSTRUCTION. THE PARCEL IS ZONED AGRICULTURE, MINING, RECREATION AND LOCATED ON THE EAST SIDE AND WEST SIDES OF INTERSTATE 80 ABOUT 4.4 MILES NORTH OF THE RYE PATCH EXIT IN PERSHING COUNTY, NV – Mrs. Hudson made a motion to approve the change to the parcel map as presented. Mr. Rackley seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

ELECTED DEPARTMENTS CONT.D:

BRYCE SHIELDS, DISTRICT ATTORNEY – *Renewal of Lease Agreement with Valley Tech Systems for space at Derby Field in the amount of \$6,000.00 annually for a term of three (3) years:*

Mr. Shields stated in the past Valley Tech Systems had a lease from one to two years in the amount of \$4,800.00 annually. They asked for a five-year lease, but Mr. Shields felt that was too long. He proposed the three-year lease at \$6,000.00 annually with price and space amendments. Mr. Shields has not heard back from Valley Tech Systems and would like to postpone the action item.

Approval of Opioid Litigation Settlement with Walgreens and Teva in the amount of \$218,940,036.51 and \$145,960,024.32, respectively, to be allocated to the State of Nevada and participating counties: Mr. Shields stated that Pershing County would get a portion of the settlement money.

Mrs. Hudson made a motion to approve the Opioid Litigation Settlement with Walgreens and Teva in the amounts presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Rackley. The motion passed.

JERRY ALLEN, SHERIFF – Sheriff Allen reported that they have 15 total inmates, with 13 in custody in house. They are at about 50% capacity at the jail. Sheriff stated that there were 13 arrests, 6 criminal citations, several warnings, and lots of cases of stolen property at Burning Man. He informed the Board that he is down two dispatchers, and one administrative clerk.

Mrs. Hudson asked Sheriff Allen if he has a tentative date with Burning Man set. Mr. Allen replied that there is not a meeting scheduled. Mrs. Hudson stated that Pershing County should request it. Mrs. Hudson also asked how the new vehicles are coming along. Sheriff Allen replied that they are coming along.

Sheriff Allen reported that the break room buildings have been delivered and they are waiting on the fencing.

GRASS VALLEY ADVISORY BOARD: Linda Workman and Dennis Savard gave an update via Zoom.

Ms. Workman reported that all the health permits are in place for the Chili Cookoff. She is impressed by the number of participants who are entered. Ms. Workman is concerned about the leak in the kitchen sink. She would like to have it fixed due to it attracting bugs. Ms. Workman stated that Mr. Savard has been helping clean up the Grass Valley Community Center property. She said they have removed a dead tree and have been mowing.

Mr. Savard had three “asks” of the Board. The first one was to have a Pershing County sign put up on Herschell Road and Grass Valley Road; the second one is to have a culvert put in on a dirt road off Grass Valley Road; and the third one is to have the grader come out and level the space behind the Community Center, for a horseshoe pit.

Mrs. Hudson asked Ms. Workman when the next Advisory Board meeting is scheduled. Ms. Workman replied the 25th.

DERBY FIELD AIRPORT: APPROVAL TO PLACE COUNTY VEHICLE, 1995 JEEP CHEROKEE ON DERBY FIELD AIRPORT INVENTORY AND PLACE AT THE AIRPORT – Mrs. Hudson asked for clarification on why a vehicle needs to be at the airport. Mr. Rackley replied that it will be used as a deterrent. Mr. Crim asked if the vehicle is still on the County’s inventory. Mrs. Childs replied that it is off the inventory due to depreciation. Mrs. Childs stated that the correct vehicle in question is a 2002 Jeep Liberty, not a 1995 Cherokee.

Mr. Crim asked if the vehicle was still on the insurance. Mrs. Childs replied yes it still is. Mrs. Hudson wanted to make sure that the vehicle would not be used as a courtesy vehicle. Mr. Rackley responded the vehicle would not leave the airport and not be used as a courtesy vehicle.

Mr. Rackley made a motion to put the 2002 Jeep Liberty on the Derby Field Airport Inventory and place it at the airport. Mrs. Hudson seconded the motion and the motion passed.

APPROVAL OF COST ESTIMATE FROM CODY’S CUSTOM COATING FOR PAINTING CARETAKER HOME IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,057.67 – Mr. Crim asked for backup and a breakdown on the estimate. Mr. Rackley stated that he will get the invoice breakdown for the next meeting.

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 had a concern about a voucher from Farr West in the amount of \$570.00 against Imlay Water. She stated that the line item in the ARPA money has been expended. Mrs. Hudson suggested taking the money out of the Imlay Water Fund. Mrs. Childs stated that she will remind Mr. Evans that the ARPA funding has already been spent and to take the money out of the Imlay Water Fund.

LIST OF PROPOSED PROJECTS, PRIORITIZING AND CHANGING/AMENDING THE PROJECTS FOR ALLOCATION OF THE LOCAL ASSISTANCE AND TRIBAL CONSISTENCY FUND (LATCF) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,022,300.00; DISCUSSION REGARDING ALLOCATING AND PRIORITIZING THE SECOND INSTALLMENT OF LATCF FUNDS: Mrs. Hudson suggested paying off what needs to be paid off. Mr. Rackley agreed, stating that a workshop would be necessary. Mrs. Childs stated that nothing has been paid out of the LATCF Fund.

MUSEUM BOARD: ACCEPT DONATION OF CIVIL WAR GUN FROM PAUL DAVIDSON TO THE MARZEN HOUSE MUSEUM, WHICH WAS DONATED BY HIS FRIEND MR. CHESTER HANSON – Mr. Davidson gave a brief description of the gun and the history of where it came from.
No motion was made.

TRUCKEE MEADOWS BOYS & GIRLS CLUB: UPDATE ON THE OPENING OF THE FACILITY. Victoria Moore, Daily Operations Coordinator of the Boys & Girls Club was present.

Ms. Moore presented to the Board a handout of a progress report. She stated that they held their Kickoff Event on September 12th. The event had over 160 people participate, 20 kids signed up, and many more took home applications. Food, face painting and a bounce house were enjoyed by all that attended.

Ms. Moore reported that they completed their first week of the Before and After School program. She said that week they introduced the staff, games, ice breakers and the values of the program. They started a reward system called “Club Cash.” The Club Cash can be redeemed for fun parties or snacks. Ms. Moore said that members are growing every day with 32 kids signed up as of September 15, 2023.

Ms. Moore informed the Board that they are fully staffed. They have five Youth Development Professionals with prior childcare experience, who are CPR trained. They have two junior staff members now and more applications on file.

Ms. Moore stated that they will be busy with events coming up, including a bounce house program during the home football games. She said that there is financial aid readily available with a Childrens Cabinet grant or other funding.

Ms. Moore is happy to bring a quarterly report to the Board in the future.

The meeting recessed at 10:49 a.m. and reconvened at 11:00 a.m.

REPORT FROM ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT / HR: Mrs. Wesner reported she has three people signed up for the Pool/Pact training scheduled for October 10, 2023. The training is to cover managing conflict through teamwork. She has been assisting two departments with managing their job applications and keeping herself busy.

ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS: Mr. Crim and Mr. Rackley stated they do not have anything to discuss at this time.

CORRESPONDENCE: There was no correspondence discussed.

MATTERS OF THE BOARD FOR DISCUSSION, BOARD MEMBER REPORTS, BOARD LIAISON REPORTS: Mrs. Hudson reported that she attended the Humboldt River Water Basin meeting. There is a meeting with the Navy coming up, the date is to be determined. She attended the Humboldt River Working Group; they have come up with some interesting concepts to manage the Humboldt River. Next Tuesday will be the last Working Group meeting. She has some concerns about ground water and water storage. Mrs. Hudson attended the Pershing Health Care Foundation last night. She reported that this is an eight-member board, but not enough members attended for a quorum. She has a Hospital Board meeting next week. Mrs. Hudson will be attending the Planning Board meeting next Wednesday, Central Nevada meeting Friday and Grass Valley Advisory Board meeting on Monday.

Mr. Rackley reported he attended the Grass Valley Advisory Board meeting a few weeks ago. He said there were only five people in attendance. Mr. Rackley stated that at the TV Advisory Board meeting they discussed the issue they are having finding someone to remove the battery banks.

Mr. Crim had nothing to report due to scheduling issues.

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

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS: Mrs. Hudson made a motion to approve the vouchers, except for vouchers #556, #255 and #452. Motion seconded by Mr. Rackley and passed.

Mr. Rackley made a motion to approve voucher #255, Joe Crim. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Hudson. Mr. Crim abstained. Motion carried.

Mr. Rackley made a motion to approve voucher #452, Shayla Hudson and #556, BSL Electric. Mr. Crim seconded the motion. Mrs. Hudson abstained. The motion was passed.

As there was nothing further to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 11:24 a.m.

Approved 10/18/23: _____/s/_____
Joe Crim, Chairman

Attest: _____/s/_____
Sarah Renfroe, Deputy Clerk