



# STOREY COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING

TUESDAY, JANUARY 7, 2020 10:00 A.M.

DISTRICT COURTROOM  
26 SOUTH B STREET, VIRGINIA CITY, NEVADA

## MINUTES

MARSHALL MCBRIDE  
CHAIRMAN  
ATTORNEY

ANNE LANGER  
DISTRICT

JAY CARMONA  
VICE-CHAIRMAN

LANCE GILMAN  
COMMISSIONER  
TREASURER

VANESSA STEPHENS  
CLERK-

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**ROLL CALL:** Chairman McBride, Vice Chairman Carmona, Commissioner Gilman, County Manager Austin Osborne, Deputy District Attorney Keith Loomis, Clerk & Treasurer Vanessa Stephens, Chief Deputy Tony Dosen, IT Director James Deane, Fire Chief Jeff Nevin, Tourism Director Deny Dotson, Public Works Director Jason Weizrbicki, Emergency Management Director Joe Curtis, Communications Director Dave Ballard, HR/Administrative Officer Jen Chapman, Recorder Marney Hansen-Martinez, Comptroller Hugh Gallagher, Planner Kathy Canfield, Senior Center Director Stacey York, Operations/Projects Coordinator Mike Northan, and Lockwood Senior Center Beth Kemp

### **1. CALL TO ORDER REGULAR MEETING AT 10:00 A.M.**

Meeting was called to order by Chairman McBride at 10:00 A.M.

### **2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Chairman McBride led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **3. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN TO THE STOREY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR THE TERM OF ONE YEAR Pursuant to Storey County Code 2.04.008**

Public Comment: None

**Motion:** I move to nominate Marshall McBride as Chairman of the Commission for 2020, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by:** Vice Chairman Gilman, **Seconded by:** Commissioner Carmona, **Vote:** Motion carried by unanimous vote, **(Summary:** Yes=2)

### **4. ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN TO THE STOREY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR THE TERM OF ONE YEAR Pursuant to Storey County Code 2.04.008**

Public Comment: None

**Motion:** I move to appoint Jay Carmona as Vice Chairman of the Board for 2020, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by:** Vice Chairman Gilman, **Seconded by:** Chairman McBride, **Vote:** Motion carried by unanimous vote, **(Summary:** Yes=2)

**5. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION:** Approval of Agenda for January 7, 2020.  
County Manager Osborne requested Consent Agenda Item IV be moved to follow Item #20.

Public Comment: None

**Motion:** Approve Consent Agenda Item IV be moved after Item #20, and approve Agenda for today, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by:** Vice Chairman Carmona, **Seconded by:** Commissioner Gilman, **Vote:** Motion carried by unanimous vote, **(Summary:** Yes=3)

**6. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION:** Approval of the Minutes for November 19, 2019.

Public Comment: None

**Motion:** I move to approve the Minutes for November 19, 2019, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by:** Vice Chairman Carmona, **Seconded by:** Commissioner Gilman, **Vote:** Motion carried by unanimous vote, **(Summary:** Yes=3)

**7. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION:** Approval of the Minutes for December 3, 2019.

Public Comment: None

**Motion:** I move to approve the Minutes for December 3, 2019, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by:** Vice Chairman Carmona, **Seconded by:** Commissioner Gilman, **Vote:** Motion carried by unanimous vote, **(Summary:** Yes=3)

**8. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION:** Approval of the Minutes for December 4, 2019.

Public Comment: None

**Motion:** I move to approve the Minutes for December 4, 2019, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by:** Vice Chairman Carmona, **Seconded by:** Commissioner Gilman, **Vote:** Motion carried by unanimous vote, **(Summary:** Yes=3)

**9. CONSENT AGENDA:**

I. For possible action, approval of claims in the amount of \$1,236,184.24

II. For possible action, approval of business license first readings:

**A. All Hours Air LLC** - Contractor / 395 Freeport Blvd Ste. 12 ~ Sparks, NV

**B. Baldwin Electrical Installations** - Contractor / 1155 S. Rock Blvd Ste. 430 ~ Reno, NV

**C. Balluff Inc.** - General / 8125 Holton Dr. ~ Florence, KY

**D. Blockchains LLC** - General / 610 Waltham Way ~ Sparks, NV

**E. Datasight** - General / 304 S. Jones Blvd Ste. 3546 ~ Las Vegas, NV

**F. Nevada Copper Inc.** - General / 1315 Waltham Way ~ McCarran, NV

**G. Oberg Builders LLC.** - Contractor / 101 Convention Center Dr. ~ Las Vegas, NV

**H. Rust Automation & Controls Inc.** - General / 8070 S. 1300 W. West ~ Jordan, UT

**I. Titan Solar Power NV Inc.** - Contractor / 2769 N. Lamb Blvd ~ Las Vegas, NV

III. For possible action, approval of first reading to amend an existing General Business License for the Union Brewery, 63 N C St., Virginia City, NV 89440 - Requesting to add Dawn Grant

Public Comment: None

**Motion:** I move to approve today's Consent Agenda, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by:** Vice Chairman Carmona, **Seconded by:** Vice Chairman Carmona, **Vote:** Motion carried by unanimous vote, **(Summary:** Yes=3)

## **10. DISCUSSION ONLY ( No Action - No Public Comment): Committee/Staff Reports**

### **Operations/ Project Coordinator Mike Northan :**

- Bids came in higher than expected on the Divide Building. We are working with the low bidder, Simerson Construction - progress is being made.
- A preliminary design for the Black & Howell building has been received from Dube' Group Architecture. The design will be reviewed with Mr. Dotson.
- Work on the water damage at the Visitor's Center is wrapping up. The exterior wall will be sealed to prevent water damage in the future.
- A site plan has been developed for the Virginia City Highlands Community Center. An estimate will be put together for presentation to the Board.

### **Senior Center Director Stacey York:**

- Free radon test kits are available to residents at the Lockwood and Virginia City Community Centers. Kits can be picked up Monday thru Friday, 9AM to 3PM. A presentation will be given at the Senior Center in February.
- Virginia City Senior Center is having a Valentine's Day fundraiser, selling one dozen roses for \$30. The roses will be available for pick up on Valentine's Day morning.
- Over 56 seniors were served by the Senior Center transportation program in 2019, with a total of 15,000 rides equaling 21,508 miles.

### **Senior Planner Kathy Canfield:**

- Title 17 updates will be discussed at the next Planning Commission meeting on January 16<sup>th</sup>, 6 PM. Zoning Code amendments are posted on-line. She is happy to answer questions and receive any input regarding the updates.
- The Regional Transportation Committee meeting will be held at 9 AM, January 21<sup>st</sup>, before the next Commission meeting. Updates relating to Storey County will be discussed.
- Virginia City is on the cover of the Nevada Planner - the Nevada chapter of the American Planning Association magazine. An article regarding the Dayton Valley area drainage master plan is in the magazine. This is an on-line magazine.
- The Planning Department is now in its new offices.

### **Comptroller Hugh Gallagher:**

- The June 2019 financial statements will be ready by the next Commission meeting. Extra time was needed due to a 3<sup>rd</sup> party evaluation on retiree benefits, and also late attorney letters that need to be sent out calling for "subsequent event"- meaning is there anything out there after June 30, 2019 that could possibly be a liability.
- Budgets are starting early. Due date for the tentative budget - April 15<sup>th</sup>; final budget is June 1<sup>st</sup>.

### **County Manager Austin Osborne:**

- Strategic Plan update:
  1. January 21<sup>st</sup> BOC meeting - Board makes final decisions for the mission and vision statements. Between now and the 21<sup>st</sup>, draft statements will be posted on the website under a County Manager's portal. Comments can be made and there is a survey for recommendations.
  2. Community-wide workshops will begin after the 21<sup>st</sup> for building goals and objectives.

- The Capital Improvement Plan is in its next stage. Department heads have submitted comments. We're going back and forth on the drafts of the Plan.
- Thank you to the Department heads for their comments.
- Working closely with the Comptroller's Office on how the CIP will be integrated into the budget procedures. This document will be the "guiding force" for infrastructure projects and heavy equipment, etc., types of purchases.
- Collective bargaining has been initiated with the Sheriff's Office with actual bargaining beginning in February.
- Town Hall meeting is set January 23<sup>rd</sup>, 5:30 PM at Lockwood Senior Center immediately following the Lockwood Advisory Board meeting. This is a non-agenda meeting to hear what attendees think and what ways the County can serve (the community). The Strategic Plan and Capital Improvement Plan will be discussed.
- Information on the Waste Management franchise agreement is available through a web portal on the County website under County Manager. Periodic updates will be posted.

**11. BOARD COMMENT (No Action - No Public Comment):**

**Vice Chairman Jay Carmona:**

- Longtime resident Erlene Flanagan and business owner Lisa Hess recently passed away.

**Chairman Marshall McBride :**

- There was good weather during the holiday season and Virginia City enjoyed visitors from all over the world. There were a lot of people in town for New Year's Eve. Pipers Opera House had a sold-out "Roaring 20's" party.
- It is with great sadness we mention the passing of longtime resident, Erlene Flanagan. She was the proprietor of Edith Palmer's Bed & Breakfast County Inn for several years. Ms. Flanagan was appointed by the Governor to complete her husband's term as County Commissioner after his death. **Ms. Flanagan was the fiancé of former County Manager Pat Whitten.**

**12. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION:** Approval of Resolution 15-561 honoring Charles and Candace Pitts with the Sugarloaf Mountain Motel and Market as the 2019 Storey County Business of the Year. (Note: Correct Resolution number is 19-561)

Deny Dotson announced that Charles and Candace Pitts, owners of the Sugarloaf Mountain Motel and Market, have been selected as 2019 Storey County Business of the Year. Mr. Dotson reviewed the criteria used by the selection committee.

Mr. Dotson read the Resolution:

Resolution No. 19-561, a Resolution honoring Charles and Candace Pitts with Sugarloaf Mountain Motel and Market as the Storey County Business of the Year

Whereas, this award will be given to a Storey County Business or Organization that has shown significant contributions towards the economic stability in Storey County  
 Whereas Charles and Candace Pitts with the Sugarloaf Mountain Motel and Market have shown extraordinary entrepreneurship, have improved a needed service in Virginia City and have shown strong community relations and contributions towards many of Virginia City's nonprofits.

Therefore, let it be known to all present that the Board of County Commissioners of Storey County do hereby resolve to commend and honor Charles and Candace Pitts

with the Sugarloaf Mountain Motel and Market for their continued and exemplary service to the people of Storey County.

Public Comment: None

**Motion:** I move to approve this (Resolution), **Action:** Approve, **Moved by:** Commissioner Gilman  
**Seconded by:** Vice Chairman Carmona, **Vote:** Motion carried by unanimous vote, **(Summary:**  
Yes=3)

**13. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION:** Extension of general services agreement for lobbyist services and other federal legislative assistance of the Porter Group from December 31, 2019 and August 1, 2020.

Mr. Osborne explained Congressman Jon Porter and his team have helped the County with various Federal matters over the years. Mr. Osborne is requesting an extension of the existing contract until summer - allowing Porter Group to work with the County on several items including representing a unified group, consisting of other counties and groups from this entire region, in Washington DC. The members of this group will be working with the Porter Group to meet with our Senators and Congressman as a unified group with several goals. Focus will likely be on matters of regional importance such as transportation. The Porter Group will be instrumental in helping the County collaborate with others in the region.

Also, the extension is requested as Porter Group is still working with (the County) and collaborating with BLM on getting the Lands Bill transfers done effectively.

Porter Group is also involved in:

- Proposal to create an additional Zip Code bill for the Highlands, Lockwood, and Mark Twain. Benefiting those residents by having a Storey County zip code rather than a Washoe County or Dayton zip code.
- The Public Lands Bill, although not in Storey County, it affects TRI and I-80 transportation routes.
- Federal Grants and EDA monies that may be available to help the County - especially for things such as IT infrastructure, communications, transportation, and other issues affecting the County.

After the six month extension, the Commission can again consider the necessity of continuing the contract or to take a different approach.

Commissioner Gilman said there is no better representation than the Porter Group.

Public Comment:

**Chris Porter :** Thanked the Commission for the extended opportunity of working on behalf of (the County).

**Motion:** Based on the recommendation of staff, I, Commissioner Carmona, motion to approve extension of the General Services Agreement for lobbyist services and other federal legislative assistance of the Porter Group from December 31, 2019 to August 1, 2020, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by:** Vice Chairman Carmona, **Seconded by:** Commissioner Gilman, **Vote:** Motion carried by unanimous vote, **(Summary:** Yes=3)

**14. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION:** Consideration of letters of interest for appointment of planning commissioners to serve a term representing Precinct 4 Mark Twain District, Precinct

Lockwood/ River District, and Storey County At-Large position on the Storey County Planning Commission.

Mr. Osborne explained there are three vacant Planning Commission positions. The positions have been posted as required. Applications were received for all positions.

For Mark Twain District, applications received from Adrienne Baugh - current Planning Commissioner; and Kris Thompson, current Planning Commissioner for Lockwood. The current At-Large Commissioner, John Herrington, was unable to reapply for personal reasons. Mr. Herrington did a great job on the Commission and would be reconsidered if he applied.

Applications for the At-Large Commissioner have been received from Brian Staples, Karl Gambrel, Sam Toll, and Tom Purkey.

Recommendations at this time: Adrienne Baugh for Mark Twain and Kris Thompson for River/Lockwood. Due to the number of applicants for the At-Large position, it is recommended that a personal interview be conducted with each applicant. If ready, recommendation for the position would be made at the January 21<sup>st</sup> or February 7<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Public Comment: None

**Motion:** In accordance with the recommendation by staff, I, Jay Carmona, motion to reappoint Adrienne Baugh to represent Precinct 4, Mark Twain District, and Kris Thompson to represent Precinct 3, Lockwood/River District, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by:** Vice Chairman Carmona, **Seconded by:** Commissioner Gilman, **Vote:** Motion carried by unanimous vote, **(Summary:** Yes=3)

**15. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION:** Consideration and possible approval of contract with Motorola Solutions, Inc. for the sale and installation of equipment and software upgrades to the Storey County communication system and for maintenance and support of the upgraded system for a price of \$1,795,708.00. That price may change by the time this matter is considered by the Board.

Deputy District Attorney Keith Loomis noted that the price has changed, reduced to \$1,766,000. The contract was reviewed by the District Attorney's Office, and changes requested have been made. This included adding the Fire District as a party to the contract and addressing public request issues.

Communications Director Dave Ballard said this project has been worked on for years. Several systems were looked at as well as the current VHF system that has been used for years. Systems built for metropolitan areas do not fit the County's needs. The VHF system is already built and will be updated. A tower will be added to USA Parkway for coverage there. The current system covers about 85% of the County; the new system will be close to 99% coverage. The purchase is not just infrastructure, but a turn-key system.

Mr. Ballard reviewed the system's radios and their capabilities. The contract provides 8 year user maintenance, including regular software updates. The current system was purchased in 2002 and can no longer be upgraded.

Vice Chairman Carmona thanked Mr. Ballard and Motorola for their efforts with this purchase.

Chairman McBride understands this system will replace every piece of communication equipment in the County, including the dispatch center.

Mr. Ballard: It will all be done. Sierra Electronics will do everything - the builds, the cars, all of the installation as part of the package. Repairs to the "big stuff" will be covered - including equipment on mountaintops.

Mr. Osborne thanked the IT Department, Motorola, and Mr. Ballard, among others, for the hard work put into this over the last 10 years. This is an 8 -year program, but the equipment can be used beyond. A big part of the contract is that (the County) owns the equipment- not relying on Washoe, Reno, and Sparks to own the equipment and call the shots during issues. This equipment communicates with the State and is compliant with State requirements. When looking at the new maps, everything is covered (including areas not currently covered) - except for a couple of "islands". There may even be a way to relay signals down into canyons - saying the County is 100% covered in one way or another. This system will reduce the number of towers required to operate as opposed to another system. A lot of the existing microwave equipment can be re-used - a huge savings. It is great to work with Sierra Electronics who will be available at "2 in the morning" to help with a critical matter. This (contract) is for everything - 911, Sheriff, Fire District, Emergency Management, building inspectors, Assessor's Office, snow-plows, and more. Radios will be available for Public Information Officer duties.

Mr. Ballard added that the new radio system will not require switching channels to talk - just push a button. Looking at late summer/early fall for completion of the build-out. Maybe sooner depending on weather.

Mr. Osborne pointed out there is an addendum to the contract which was not in the packet - it has been passed out to the Commission. Public copies have also been provided.

Public Comment: None

**Motion:** I, Jay Carmona, move to approve the Agreement with Motorola Solutions, Inc. for the provision and installation of equipment and software to upgrade the Storey County communications system, and for the maintenance and support of the up-graded system **Action:** Approve, **Moved by:** Vice Chairman Carmona, **Seconded by:** Commissioner Gilman, **Vote:** Motion carried by unanimous vote, **(Summary:** Yes=3)

## 16. RECESS TO CONVENE AS THE STOREY COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT BOARD

**17. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION :** Consideration and possible approval of contract with Motorola Solutions, Inc. for the sale and installation of equipment and software upgrades to the Storey County communication system and for maintenance and support of the upgraded system for a price of \$1,795,708.00. That price may change by the time this matter is considered by the Board.

Mr. Loomis: This is the same agreement to be signed off by the Fire District Board, reflecting the Fire District is separate from the County.

Public Comment: None

**Motion:** I, Jay Carmona, move to approve the Agreement with Motorola Solutions, Inc., for the provision and installation of equipment and software to upgrade the Storey County communications system and for the maintenance and support of the upgraded system, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Vice Chairman Carmona, **Seconded by:** Commissioner Gilman, **Vote:** Motion carried by unanimous vote, **(Summary:** Yes=3)

## 18. RECESS TO CONVENE AS THE STOREY COUNTY LIQUOR LICENSE BOARD

**19. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION:** Approval first reading to amend an existing Liquor License for the Union Brewery, 63 N C St., Virginia City, NV 89440 - Requesting to add Dawn Grant

Chairman McBride explained this is the same person (Dawn Grant, owner of the Union Brewery) as on the Business License approved under the Consent Agenda.

Public Comment: None

**Motion:** I, Jay Carmona, recommend the approval of the first reading to amend an existing Liquor License for the Union Brewery, 63 N C St., Virginia City, NV 89440 - requesting to add Dawn Grant,  
**Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Vice Chairman Carmona, **Seconded by:** Commissioner Gilman,  
**Vote:** Motion carried by unanimous vote, **(Summary:** Yes=3)

## **20. RECESS TO RECONVENE AS THE STOREY COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**21. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION:** Approval of business license second readings:

**A. Balance Staffing Workforce LLC** - General / 2800 N. Cherryland Ave ~ Stockton, CA

**B. IDRA North America, Inc.** - General / 1510 Ann St ~ Kokomo, IN

**C. Miracle Maids** - Home Business / 829 Pony Express Trail ~ Dayton, NV

**D. Schnabel Foundation Company** - Contractor / 45240 Business Ct. #250 ~ Sterling, VA

**E. Vine Staffing Inc.** - General / 1 E. Liberty St. Ste. 600 ~ Reno, NV

Public Comment: None

**Motion:** I, Jay Carmona, move to approve Business Licenses, Second Reading, Items A through E,  
**Action:** Approve, **Moved by:** Vice Chairman Carmona, **Seconded by:** Commissioner Gilman,  
**Vote:** Motion carried by unanimous vote, **(Summary:** Yes=3)

**9. IV** For possible action, approval of 2020 Appointments to serve on state, county, and regional boards and committees.

1. Safety Committee - Jeff Holman - chair
2. Legislative Representative - Marshall McBride with others, including staff as needed (no change)
3. Historic Fourth Ward School and Museum Board - Jay Carmona (no change)
4. Nevada-NACO - Lance Gilman with Austin Osborne as alternate (no change)
5. Nevadaworks - Lance Gilman with Austin Osborne as alternate (no change)
6. Virginia City Senior Center - Lance Gilman (was Cherie Nevin)
7. Lockwood Senior Center Board - (decommissioned)
8. Storey County Senior Centers Board - Lance Gilman
9. Saint Mary's Art Center - Jay Carmona (remove Cherie Nevin as alternate)
10. Western Nevada Development District - New Community Relations Coordinator hire pending; Jen Chapman as alternate.
11. Carson Water Subconservancy District - Austin Osborne (no change)
12. State Land Use Planning Advisory Council - Kathy Canfield (no change)
13. Natural Resources Conservation Services (NRCS/USDA) - Kathy Canfield (no change)
14. Truckee River Flood Management Authority, Technical Advisory Committee - Lance Gilman with Kathy Canfield as alternate. (removes Austin Osborne as alternate)
15. Comstock Historic District Commission - Marshall McBride (no change)
16. Nevada Commission for the Reconstruction of the V&T Railway - Marshall McBride (no change)
17. Virginia City Tourism Commission - Lance Gilman (no change) - **Continue to January 21, 2020**



18. Oversight of Fire District and Public Works - Marshall McBride (no change)
19. Economic Development Authority of Western Nevada - Marshall McBride (no change)
20. Northern Nevada Development Authority (elected official seat) - Lance Gilman
21. Northern Nevada Development Authority (appointed official seat) - Austin Osborne
22. Storey County Wildlife Advisory Board - Rob DuFresne, Greg Hess Sr., Greg "Bum" Hess, Bill Clark, and Rich Bacus (no change)
23. Washoe-Storey Conservation District - Kathy Canfield (remove Austin Osborne as alternate)

Mr. Osborne: Item 8 is corrected to read Storey County Senior Centers Board (rather than Senior Center), and Item 17 will be continued to the January 21, 2020 BOC meeting.

Public Comment: None

**Motion:** I, Jay Carmona, move to approve the approval of 2020 appointments with the spelling correction of Item #8, and moving Item 17 to the January 21<sup>st</sup> meeting, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by:** Vice Chairman Carmona, **Seconded by:** Commissioner Gilman, **Vote:** Motion carried by unanimous vote, **(Summary:** Yes=3)

**22. PUBLIC COMMENT (No Action)**

None

**23. ADJOURNMENT OF ALL ACTIVE AND RECESSED BOARDS ON THE AGENDA**

The meeting was adjourned by the Chair at 10:50 AM

Respectfully submitted,

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Vanessa Stephens Clerk-Treasurer