



STOREY COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING

TUESDAY, JUNE 7, 2022 10:00 A.M.

DISTRICT COURTROOM

26 SOUTH B STREET, VIRGINIA CITY, NEVADA

MEETING MINUTES

JAY CARMONA
CHAIRMAN
ATTORNEY

ANNE LANGER
DISTRICT

CLAY MITCHELL
VICE-CHAIRMAN

LANCE GILMAN
COMMISSIONER
TREASURER

DOREAYNE NEVIN
CLERK-

Roll Call: Chairman Jay Carmona, Vice-Chairman Clay Mitchell, Commissioner Lance Gilman, County Manager Austin Osborne, Clerk/Treasurer Dore Nevin, Deputy District Attorney Keith Loomis, Sheriff Antinoro, Recorder Marney Hansen-Martinez, Project Manager Mike Northan, District Attorney Anne Langer, Communications Manager Becky Parsons, Public Works Director Jason Wierzbicki, IT Director James Deane, Assessor Jana Seddon, Senior Planner Kathy Canfield, Emergency Management Director Lara Mather, Honey Menefee, Community Relations Coordinator, Senior Center Director Stacy York, Acting Human Resources Director Jeannie Green, Community Chest Director Erik Schoen, Comptroller Jennifer McCain, Community Development Director Pete Renaud

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

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Carmona at 10:03 a.m.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Carmona led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. DISCUSSION/FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: Consideration and possible approval of the Agenda for June 7, 2022

County Manager Austin Osborne asked to remove item #11 from the agenda, as there is still more work to do.

Public Comment: None

Motion: I, Commissioner Mitchell move to approve today's Agenda with noted changes.
Seconded by: Commissioner Gilman, **Vote:** Motion carried by unanimous vote.

4. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION: Consideration and possible approval of the Minutes for April 19, 2022.

Public Comment: None

Motion: I, Commissioner Mitchell move to approve the Minutes of the April 5, 2022, meeting as presented. **Seconded by:** Commissioner Gilman, **Vote:** Motion carried by unanimous vote.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

- I Consideration and approval of business license first readings:
 - A. Anywhere Repair - Out of County / 405 Gymkhana Ln. ~ Reno, NV
 - B. Bonanza Septic Service - Out of County / 157 Cambridge Dr. ~ Dayton, NV
 - C. CG&B Enterprises Inc. - Contractor / 221 Sunpac Ave. ~ Henderson, NV
 - D. C&L Inspection LLC - Professional / 901 Industrial Dr. ~ W. Sulphur Springs, TX
 - E. Eden Home Care - Out of County / 907 Mountain St. ~ Carson City, NV
 - F. Get Solarize - Contractor / 4830 W. University Ave. ~ Las Vegas, NV
 - G. Gigawatt Operation - Contractor / 4305 Dean Martin Dr. # 150 ~ Las Vegas, NV
 - H. Jehova Es Mi Pastor - General / 727 USA Parkway Ste 101 ~ Sparks, NV
 - I. Just Because Gifts - General / 54 N. C St. ~ Virginia City, NV
 - J. Quality Techniques Engineering - Contractor / 4175 Cincinnati Ave. ~ Rocklin, CA
 - K. Squire Enterprises Inc. - Contractor / 17205 W. Opal Ct. ~ Reno, NV
 - L. Taco Bell # 38736 - General / 460 USA Parkway ~ Sparks, NV
 - M. Top Notch Construction & Development - Contractor / 122 S. Main St. ~ Yerington, NV
 - N. T&R Communications Inc. - Contractor / 76 Hardy Dr. ~ Sparks, NV
 - O. Wilderness Forestry Inc. - Out of County / 1385 Quilici Ranch Rd ~ Verdi, NV

- II Approval of claims in the amount of \$1,813,438.12.

- III Consideration and possible approval of Assessor Business Personal Property Acct DC000064 Data Sales tax bill adjustment in the amount -\$13,294.52.

- IV Consideration and possible approval of Assessor Business Personal Property Acct CM000251 Wyjam LLC, Jerry Evans tax bill adjustment in the amount -\$1,926.88.

Public Comment: None

Motion: I, Commissioner Mitchell move to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.
Seconded by: Commissioner Gilman, **Vote:** Motion carried by unanimous vote.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT: (No action) None

7. DISCUSSION ONLY (No Action - No Public Comment): Committee/Staff Reports

Mike Northan for Jason Wiezrbicki, Public Works Director

Electrical issues are being fixed at the swimming pool, which will be open within the week.

Mike Northan, Operations Project Manager

- On the Lockwood Tower Road project. The road was repaired, and slopes stabilized, all main objectives have been achieved. Getting bids for optional work on paving the road to the top and the fire department turnaround.
- Courthouse Paver project. There is an agenda item. Will be working on the concrete ramp.
- Firehouse #72 apparatus building. There were two bids submitted – we thought was high. Cost escalations are very common right now. Staff will recommend BOC reject all bids and rescope all projects.
- In Chicago at the design conference, they are seeing 50 percent cost increases across the board, across the country.
- V&T depot has the temporary work completed. Grand opening this Friday at 5:30 p.m.

Becky Parsons, Communications Director.

- We will be full staff come July 11

Lara Mather, Emergency Management Director

- Working with Porter Group for community project funding, aka earmarks. Each politician can submit 15 projects. We were notified that Sens. Cortez Masto and Rosen pooled their projects. 5 of 6 projects we submitted have been approved. Senators must approve. One will be disbursed by HUD and four by USDA. Those include the 1. Lockwood Senior Center Project, \$2,500,00 grant, Storey County Fire Station 71, \$3,750,000, the Lockwood Sheriff's Office upgrade, which will include a tower and fiber for better, faster internet. Tower will benefit senior center, fire station. Also, the VC Fairgrounds upgrades, a \$615,000 grant. Then the Justice Center upgrades, that is \$244,000, the installation of lighting, pavement, and driveway for additional egress. The total amount is \$7,934,000. This will allow us to do \$12,245,000 with 65 percent of that cost being covered by grants. This will go to the House floor in July, then the Senate, and be added to the omnibus legislation as part of the federal budget. Expect it to pass at the end of this calendar year. Porter Group said to complete the projects within a year.
- Received a grant with Kathy Canfield and Honey Menefee, of \$187,000 for flood study on Lousetown Creek.
- We are no longer receiving COVID numbers. CDC has us as low. Nevada stays low except for Washoe and Clark which are medium. We will ask to stop the declaration of emergency.

Highlands resident Nicole Barde asked if water projects were part of the grant cycle. She said she would like to see a project for the Highlands, like a water tower terminus on Lousetown, where people can buy water to fill their systems. Ms. Mather said the one grant that was rejected

was a water project. She also said that agencies providing water grants are overwhelmed with requests for water projects.

Honey Menefee, Community Relations Coordinator

- Desert research institute doing study and monitoring wildfire smoke. Survey online will be open for 2 weeks. No personal information, just gathering data on how smoke impacts life here. There are paper versions at senior centers, library. Available until June 21.
- On grants, Farr West submitted priorities for 6 or 7 water projects with NDEP and a couple are being monitored and NDEP is waiting for funding.
- Economic adjustments assistance requested a grant from ARP, funding for water projects. The focus of this grant is on creation and retention of jobs. I submitted our application for \$5,371,000 and submitted it at the end of February. This grant is more than 4 times over what was requested. Dozens of businesses submitted letters of support, but this would not create longstanding jobs, only jobs during construction periods. It was rejected because it was not in alignment with their criteria.

Linda Ritter, VCTC

- The County barbecue 5:30 this Friday. At the depot. Will do ribbon cutting at 6 p.m. and are looking to have a good time. Has bus transportation for Lockwood residents.

Jana Seddon, Appraiser

- The BOC will see more corrections on business personal property taxes. This is a fallout from COVID, where we couldn't reach out trying to collect back taxes from companies we thought were still in business. We are now going back and checking their mail, but now some have been out of business. We will clean up these accounts.

Mr. Mitchell expressed concern about the involvement of Washoe County and why people are still using the old zip code and reporting their assets to Washoe County. Ms. Seddon said that, despite the new zip code, businesses are still sending their declarations to Washoe County. Washoe County was looking at their declarations, and when they find Storey County businesses, they send the declarations to Storey. She said it was possible that some assets were in Washoe County and some in Storey, but that some businesses believe they are in Washoe County.

Tiffany, Pieretti, Fire Department for Chief Loncar

- The Fire District will be hosting an open house at all four stations from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday, June 11.

Kathy Canfield, Senior Planner

- The election sign issue will be heard at the June 16 Planning Commission meeting.
- A kickoff for Virginia City Six Mile Canyon drainage study will be held at 5 p.m., Tuesday, June 21. This is funded by a grant from the Carson Water Subconservancy District. Has done one for the Mark Twain neighborhood, this is going more uphill. Brief discussion and interaction and maps for residents to look at.

IT – James Deane, IT Director

- The web site is coming along on back end. Doing updates with staff. We will cut over by September.
- The tower at sewer treatment plant in Six Mile. Electrical circuits are being run and the microwave radio shots will be moved to that tower.

Jeannie Green, Human Resources

- HR – The Juneteenth holiday will be celebrated on June 20 this year.

Pete Renaud, Community Development Director

- In the past few weeks, we have had 47 active single-family residence building permits in Virginia City, Virginia City Highlands, and Mark Twain. There are 11 pending for review.
- We are taking plan reviews over the county except for single-family residences.

Michael-Ann Lazzarino, Community Chest

- There is an expansion on youth programs, we were able to hire enough staff to open the summer program. We have 90 children and 60 children attending daily. The early childhood center is at maximum capacity, with 24 2–5-year-olds and 13 on wait list. We are planning an infant center we are hoping to be open around summer and licensing for 8 infants.

Nora Stefu, Director, Fourth Ward School

- The Fourth Ward School is moving forward with the opening season. We had great events the past few months. Events will promote culture and bring community, neighborhoods, and tourism in.
- Received Nevada Humanities grant for operating and a Rescue Grant to promote the museum. One project was to enhance education for 4th-graders in Nevada history. We have a YouTube channel. We created an autobiography of Sarah Winnemucca and we have digital tours of the museum. We also do school tours and work with teachers.
- We have a good relationship with KOLO and we promoted the Kids' Fair on Saturday, June 11. It is free for kids. We have tried to collaborate with nonprofits here in Virginia City.
- Coming event is Fourth of July, will open our balconies again this year. There is limited seating and tickets are first-come, first-served. We will have more upcoming news on the web site and social media.
- We are looking for new handyman.

Stacy York, Director, Storey County Senior Center

- Lockwood is having a community yard sale from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, June 11. Next weekend they are having a car show, parade, and barbecue, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. June 18.
- We are starting tai chi for seniors at the Silverland Inn & Suites from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. on Mondays and Wednesdays, starting June 13.
- Next vaccine clinic is Wednesday, June 22, 3-4 p.m.

Austin Osborne, County Manager

- We are still actively recruiting for an Economic Development Director.
- We will bring the Capital Improvement Plan back to the BOC for a workshop.
- We are hosting the Nevada Association of Counties annual conference in Virginia City in September. Part of the itinerary is to have a tour to TRIC.
- Linda Ritter is taking the strategic plan to the communities this summer.

Doreayne Nevin, Clerk-Treasurer

- Early voting ends at 6 p.m. Friday in the Slammer. We will have voting centers due to road construction. Go to any polling place within Storey County on Election Day.

8. BOARD COMMENT (No Action – No Public Comment):

Commissioner Gilman

- Congratulated Lara Mather on the work she has done on grants and the complicated environment the federal government creates. Recently became aware that small counties have a difficult time to avail themselves of help coming out of Washington due to small staffs, and he complimented Ms. Mather for making something very complicated very successful.
- Went to Alaska on behalf of county for NACO, both the Nevada and national groups. National NACO keeps an eye on Washington DC and the bills and do the lobbying, Nevada NACO watches what happens in Carson City. WIR is made up of 15 Western states. Attended committee and board meetings, and workshops, navigating the federal government grants and finding out what is out there. Workshops also with the U.S. Forest Service, BLM and on PILT.
- Recession is coming. It will come with a lot of financial impacts, maybe more than others in Storey County. Storey County is in unique position because so many of companies are recession proof; self-financed and all represent growth industries such as data storage, electric cars, batteries. Lot of grants available to us in some of those areas. We are going to have to look at recessionary things. It was not a pretty picture they painted.
- Social unrest and criminality that is growing, for the foreseeable future, that is not only going to continue but is going to get worse. It is anticipated that our nation is going to have to endure some serious criminal elements and impacts.
- American Rescue Plan's final rules are being created by the Treasury Department, and how that is going to be administered and allocated. It is a complicated program. Review came out, and the rules have been amended. We should be getting acquainted with it. There is some financial participation for us in this. Will allow county to use formula analysis.
- Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act will create dozens of new grant programs that counties can use that will be funded directly. Agencies will be issuing grants. Praised leadership of the Porter Group.
- With guidance of NACO, our staff, we have enjoyed a successful path and he was honored for the opportunities to represent Storey County.

Commissioner Jay Carmona

- Thanked Lance Gilman for his work with NACO and his update.

Commissioner Clay Mitchell

- Saturday will be busy with Kids Fair and Fire Department. There will be a community trash pickup in Virginia City starting at 9 a.m. at the fairgrounds organized by the VCTC and motorcycle club.

Happy Birthday to Jay Carmona.

9. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION: Consideration and possible approval of Variance 2022-14 by applicant James Collins. A request to allow for a reduced front yard setback to construct a primary residence and to allow for dwelling construction on a parcel of land not served by a 50-foot right-of-way or a 24-foot-wide traveled way. The applicant proposes a 15-foot front yard setback from Howard Street and be accessed by an existing traveled way less than 24' in width. The property is located at 336 North Howard Street, Virginia City, Storey County, Nevada, Assessor's Parcel Number (APN) 001-033-03 and is identified as Lot 8A of Block 22, shown on record of survey map 136112, recorded in the Office of the Storey County Recorder on May 3, 2022

Senior Planner Kathy Canfield said the application was to reduce front yard setback and construct parcel with less than 50 foot right of way. Howard Street has less than 50 foot right of way. Project is single-family dwelling. Spoke with fire district and request is adequate. Notices were set out to adjacent property owners. One contacted her office, but no concerns. Project was heard at the May 19 Planning Commission meeting, with 5-0 recommended approval. Staff is recommending approval.

Findings of Fact for Motion for Approval:

- (1) This variance (File 2022-14) is to allow for a reduced front yard setback to construct a primary residence and to allow for dwelling construction on a parcel of land not served by a 50-foot right-of-way or a 24-foot-wide traveled way. The applicant proposes a 15-foot front yard setback from Howard Street and be accessed by an existing traveled way less than 24' in width. The property is located at 336 North Howard Street, Virginia City, Storey County, Nevada, Assessor's Parcel Number (APN) 001-033-03 and is identified as Lot 8A of Block 22, shown on record of survey map 136112, recorded in the Office of the Storey County Recorder on May 3, 2022.
- (2) The subject property is located within R-1 Residential zoning in which single family residences are an allowed use.
- (3) That because of special circumstances applicable to the subject property, including shape, size, topography or location of surroundings, the strict application of the zoning ordinance would deprive the subject property of privileges enjoyed by other properties in the vicinity or under identical zone classification.

- (4) That the granting of the Variance is necessary for the preservation and enjoyment of substantial property rights of the applicant.
- (5) That the granting of the Variance will not, under the circumstances of the particular case, adversely affect to a material degree the health or safety of persons residing or working in the area of the subject property and will not be materially detrimental to the public welfare or materially injurious to property or improvements in the area of the subject property.
- (6) The proposed Variance is in compliance with all Federal, Nevada State, and Storey County regulations.
- (7) The proposed Variance is in compliance with Storey County Code 17.03.140 Variances and 17.12 General Provisions and 17.16 R-1 Residential Zone when all Conditions of Approval are met.
- (8) The proposed Variance is in compliance with and supports the goals, objectives and policies of the 2016 Storey County Master Plan.

Public Comment: None

Motion: I, Commissioner Mitchell move to approve Variance File 2022-14 to allow for a reduced front yard setback to construct a primary residence and to allow for dwelling construction on a parcel of land not served by a 50-foot right-of-way or a 24-foot-wide traveled way. The applicant proposes a 15-foot front yard setback from Howard Street and be accessed by an existing traveled way less than 24' in width. The property is located at 336 North Howard Street, Virginia City, Storey County, Nevada, Assessor's Parcel Number (APN) 001-033-03 and is identified as Lot 8A of Block 22, shown on record of survey map 136112, recorded in the Office of the Storey County Recorder on May 3, 2022. **Seconded by:** Commissioner Gilman, **Vote:** Motion carried by unanimous vote.

10. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION: Presentation by the Nevada Rural Housing Authority (NRHA) about rural affordable home purchase programs, and discussion and consideration for approval Resolution No. 22-651 providing for the transfer of Storey County's 2022 Private Activity Bond Volume Cap to the NRHA for the purpose of providing first-time home buyer, down payment, and other affordable housing assistance, and other related matters.

Michon Hurst, Deputy Executive Director, Nevada Rural Housing Authority gave an update on the previous transfer of the Private Activity Bond Cap and how it aids communities. Started Home At Last program in 2006. Storey County has transferred any excess funds from the bond cap to this program. NRHA used funds for home ownership programs like down payment assistance and homeowner education. This has provided \$1.9 million for affordable mortgages in Storey County alone, aiding 108 Storey County homebuyers with \$23.1 million in affordable loans, \$698,000 in down payment assistance and \$360,000 in tax savings. State allocates Private Activity Bond Caps to local jurisdictions; anything not used will revert to the state, and most

funds go to Washoe and Clark counties. Requesting the transfer of your unused Private Activity Bond Cap so the money will stay in rural counties with populations of less than 150,000.

Public Comment: None

Motion: I, Commissioner Mitchell move to approve Resolution No. 22-651 providing for the transfer of Storey County's 2022 Private Activity Bond Volume Cap to the NRHA for the purpose of providing first-time home buyer, down payment, and other affordable housing assistance, and other related matters. **Seconded by:** Commissioner Gilman. **Vote:** Motion carried by unanimous vote.

12. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION: Consideration and possible approval of Resolution No. 22-644 granting the Historic Fourth Ward School Foundation, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, a sum not to exceed \$120,000.00 for the purpose of preserving the Historic Fourth Ward School Museum, a county owned building and for the purpose of preserving the Fourth Ward School Building and for promoting the history of the Comstock and Storey County.

Lara Mather said county is responsibly funding nonprofit organizations in the county, with a diverse funding source. Storey County will not fund more than 50 percent of 501(c)3's overall operating budget. If a nonprofit is over that amount, we decrease it 10 percent a year until they are under that. Nonprofits are normally notified they must provide the 990s two years earlier. This year it would be 2020, one of the worst years they have had, so we are not taking the 10 percent.

Commissioner Mitchell asked of cost of maintaining buildings is separated out from the 990s, and Ms. Mather said yes, they send a separate notice regarding building maintenance funding, because it is not really a grant, it is us paying for our buildings.

Honey Menefee said the Historic Fourth Ward School Foundation, a 501(c)3, is requesting \$120,000, same amount as last year.

Commissioner Carmona said Ms. Menefee did not have to read the Resolution.

Public Comment: None

Motion: I, Commissioner Mitchell move to approve Resolution No. 22-644 granting the Historic Fourth Ward School Foundation, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, a sum not to exceed \$120,000.00 for the purpose of preserving the Historic Fourth Ward School Museum, a county owned building and supporting the history of the Comstock and Storey County. **Seconded by:** Commissioner Gilman. **Vote:** Motion carried by unanimous vote.

13. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION: Consideration and possible approval of Resolution No. 22-645 granting the Storey County Jeep Posse, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, a sum not to exceed \$10,000.00 for the purpose of aiding and assisting all Storey County residents with search and rescue, emergency management, youth programs and other capacities.

Ms. Menefee said the Storey County Jeep Posse, a 501(c)3, is requesting \$10,000, same amount as last year.

Public comment: None

Motion: I, Commissioner Mitchell move to approve Resolution No. 22-645 granting the Storey County Jeep Posse, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, a sum not to exceed \$10,000.00 for the purpose of aiding and assisting all Storey County residents with emergency management, youth programs and other capacities. **Seconded by:** Commissioner Gilman. **Vote:** Motion carried by unanimous vote.

14. Consideration and possible approval of Resolution No. 22-646 granting St. Mary's Art Center, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, a sum not to exceed \$128,000.00 for the purpose of preserving the St. Mary's Art Center, a county owned building and supporting arts and culture through education and cultural offerings.

Ms. Menefee said St. Mary's Art Center, a 501(c)3, is requesting \$128,000, same amount as last year. She read letter from Arika Perry, Director of the Art Center, thanking the commissioners for their support.

Public comment: None

Motion: I, Commissioner Mitchell move to approve Resolution No. 22-646 granting St. Mary's Art Center, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, a sum not to exceed \$128,000.00 for the purpose of preserving the St. Mary's Art Center, a county owned building and supporting arts and culture through education and cultural offerings. **Seconded by:** Commissioner Gilman. **Vote:** Motion carried by unanimous vote.

15. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION: Consideration and possible approval of Resolution No. 22-647 granting the Community Chest, Inc., a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, the sum of \$289,500.00 for the specific purpose of funding health and human services and educational programs.

Ms. Menefee said Community Chest, a 501(c)3, is requesting \$289,500, \$30,000 more than last year, and will go for personnel and operating costs.

Mr. Gilman said at some point he would like to see a financial breakdown. He said department heads are asked to be careful with their budgets to only ask for what they absolutely needed. Ms. Menefee said she could provide that.

Mr. Mitchell agreed and said some of the expansions they have done were very tangible program expansions. Ms. Mather said we need to be very careful about how we fund organizations. We have an extensive grant packet we provide these nonprofits. Community Chest is good about providing thorough information. This is about 10 percent of Community Chest's budget. We do request a lot of financial information from these organizations. Mr. Mitchell asked for a summary in the future before requests are on the agenda.

Public comment: None

Motion: I, Commissioner Mitchell move to approve Resolution No. 22-647 granting the Community Chest, Inc., a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, the sum of \$289,500.00 for the specific purpose of funding health and human services and educational programs. **Seconded by:** Commissioner Gilman. **Vote:** Motion carried by unanimous vote.

16. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION: Consideration and possible approval of Resolution No. 22-648 granting the Comstock Community Television, Inc., a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, the sum of \$24,750.00 for the specific purpose of purchasing equipment to provide cable television service to residents of Virginia City and Gold Hill.

Ms. Menefee said the request from the Comstock Community Television Inc. is a new one this year.

Joe Curtis, board chairman of the Comstock Community Television Inc. gave a history of the organization, which began in approximately 1956, funded by 4 local families donating \$12,500 to put the system together. Gordon Lane laid the first cable and placed a makeshift antenna on Mt. Davidson, which connected Channel 8 to rooftop antennas. Eventually got more stations. Could get some television service. Got more stations after that. Since that time, system expanded to where there were almost 600 subscribers, then came satellite TV, cable systems, streaming and unfortunately, we have progressed to a point we have provided to the community about 36 or 37 channels. Equipment is quite old; receivers is equipment we have had for years. We buy refurbished and used equipment when we have opportunity. Gary Greenlund has been a one-man operation to continue to keep system in operation. One of most important is the U.S. has an emergency alert system that is part of that is on our cable system. That is our only way of knowing if there is a regionalized emergency in the area. Now we have some other alert systems that goes to your cell phone. CCTV, because of new technological reception capabilities, we have dropped to 123 subscribers. To be able to continue, to provide cable TV to the community, which has a board of directors to oversee it, we have got to have some new equipment. Last week, channels 4 and 8 were spotty due to windstorms that jostled antenna. We need a technician that can do that due to personal problems with the current technician. We must have some better equipment. Mr. Greenland gave us listing of all equipment that needs to be replaced. We have a boom truck that Gary used for hookups. Barbara Bowers, for so many years, almost from its inception, took care of finances. Marilou Walling was president for many years. Marshall McBride and I sit on the board, the only 2 family members that were members of the original four families that provided the thousands so start the system. Mr. Curtis said the system goes is only within Virginia City and Gold Hill by cable. There are talks with people and companies to possibly purchase the system to provide greater service and internet service.

Mr. Gilman asked if technology would catch up and the cable system no longer be necessary, and how broad a reach does it have.

Mr. Curtis said there was no high-speed or fiber optic to Virginia City homes and businesses. Fiber optic runs down C Street but there are no connections and AT&T has no intention to provide fiber optics from homes. He said providing TV was necessary because included in the remaining subscribers were a lot of shut-in people who don't have personal computers, the ability to understand or the financial ability to have computers. Without TV, they have nothing to do but read a book.

Mr. Gilman said someday this won't be necessary.

Mr. Curtis noted that other systems cost at least \$100 monthly, while CCTV was at \$44 per month, which is why they buy used equipment from eBay or other companies.

Mr. Mitchell said that he was working with rural broadband to get it to homes, so if CCTV was not available, there could be another source through fiber Internet. We are not leaving the community without a solution.

Mr. Curtis said that fees per subscriber were high, and all channels refused to provide a discount. He said Eastern Nevada had translators that TV stations place in the area for broadcast, but no station is willing to provide a translator. They said we are not a big enough advertising base and don't spend enough money in their communities.

Mr. Gilman said funding seemed to be short-term but was important because of the emergency broadcast. Mr. Osborne said he was a board member for CCTV.

Mr. Mitchell said though there are questions about long-term viability, but short-term it fills an essential need.

Public Comment: Tom Zachry said he had DirectTV and HughesNet but had no problem with this. If you are going to spend my tax money, you can pay for this.

Motion: I, Commissioner Mitchell move to approve Resolution No. 22-648 granting the Comstock Community Television, Inc., a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, the sum of \$24,750.00 for the specific purpose of purchasing equipment to provide cable television service to residents of Virginia City and Gold Hill. **Seconded by:** Commissioner Gilman, **Vote:** Motion carried by unanimous vote.

17. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION: Consideration and possible approval of Resolution No. 22-649 granting Liberty Engine Company No. 1, Inc., a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, a sum not to exceed \$10,000.00 for the purpose of preserving the Comstock Firemen's Museum, a county owned building and its historic contents.

Ms. Menefee said Liberty Engine Company No 1, Inc., a 501(c)3, is requesting \$10,000, the same amount funded last year.

Public Comment: None

Motion: I, Commissioner Mitchell move to approve **Seconded by:** Commissioner Gilman, **Vote:** Motion carried by unanimous vote.

18. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION: Consideration and possible approval of Resolution No. 22-650 granting the University of Nevada Reno, Storey County Extension, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, a sum not to exceed \$27,500.00 for the purpose of addressing contemporary issues in the areas of agriculture, horticulture, community development, health and nutrition, personal and family development and natural resources.

Ms. Mather said the 501(c)3 designation was incorrect, that this is part of the University system which is handled differently.

Lisa Taylor, UNR Extension, we are a 501(c)3 because we have the documents, it is under the umbrella of the university. Have a documentation from NSHE. Mr. Loomis agreed to get an answer on this issue.

Commissioner Carmona called a recess to allow for documentation.

Mr. Loomis said he researched the status of the Extension, and it does comply with the requirements and are eligible for the grant.

Ms. Menefee said University of Nevada Reno, Storey County Extension, a 501(c)3, is requesting \$27,500, the same amount funded last year.

Public Comment: None

Motion: I, Commissioner Mitchell move to approve Resolution No. 22-650 granting the University of Nevada Reno, Storey County Extension, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, a sum not to exceed \$27,500.00 for the purpose of addressing contemporary issues in the areas of agriculture, horticulture, community development, health and nutrition, personal and family development and natural resources. **Seconded by:** Commissioner Gilman. **Vote:** Motion carried by unanimous vote.

19. DISCUSSION ONLY/NO POSSIBLE ACTION: Update on countywide ZIP Code project.

Mr. Osborne said we are working with federal government to come up with resolutions to solve problems. Zip codes that overlap with Washoe County, such as 89521 in the Highlands and 89434 in the River District. People purchasing online are getting charged the Washoe County rate of 8.26 percent instead of the Storey County rate of 7.6 percent. Some taxes are being reported in other counties, not just e-commerce but major construction companies out of TRI. We believe, based on the revenues are from before 2018 as to after 2018, when TRI got the 89437 zip code. There is a discrepancy. There is a difference. Residents and businesses have insurance issues, there are smog requirements to register cars, Remsa in Washoe County is being dispatched to the Highlands and River District, because when people live right next door to the fire station. Storey dispatch didn't get call because it was based on the zip code. The first time we got a call from USPS, it took about 15 years, to get a call from Amodei's office it took 15 hours. Talked to Mr. Romero from the Utah Nevada region. If you apply, you can't apply for anything for 10 years. He said all we do is route mail. We don't look at zip codes for any other reason than routing mail. He wasn't involved in taxes or other issues. He said thousands of other counties have same problem. Mr. Romero said it was easier to expand a zip code than create a new one. What we must do is continue proceeding with expanding 89437 to Lockwood and Painted Rock and expand 89440 up to the Highlands. It doesn't mean mailboxes will go away, but they might be able to use Virginia City post office. Mr. Romero said encourage people in county to use Zip plus 4. In TRI center companies are getting mail even if they use 89434. We are going to send a letter to TRI companies that mail might not make it if 89437 is not used. Mitchell said there are problems with mail and package delivery for Highlands residents. Mentioned difficulty highlands residents have had getting mail and packaging. said post office isn't really part of executive branch.

Mr. Osborne said they will include improper mail routing in their discussions on why expansion was needed.

Public Comment: None

20. DISCUSSION/FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: Consideration and possible approval of Resolution No. 22-643 granting the Comstock Cemetery Foundation, Inc., a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, a sum not to exceed \$5,000.00 for the purpose of preserving the historic cemeteries of the Comstock Historic District.

Ms. Menefee said the Comstock Cemetery Foundation Inc., a 501(c)3, is requesting \$5,000. This is different from previous years, it is lower.

Mr. Osborne said the Cemetery Foundation is eligible for less this year because we are working on an MOU with the Cemetery Foundation, Hugh Roy Marshall's office to try to get the cemetery completely run properly about modern burials, historic preservation, and a lot of other moving parts. Something that has been needed for the past 50 years. MOU was going to be on the agenda today but is not ready. Will bring it back before the board.

Public Comment: None

Motion: I, Commissioner Mitchell approve Resolution No. 22-643 granting the Comstock Cemetery Foundation, Inc., a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, a sum not to exceed \$5,000.00 for the purpose of preserving the historic cemeteries of the Comstock Historic District.

Seconded by: Commissioner Gilman. **Vote:** Motion carried by unanimous vote.

21. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION Consideration and possible approval to Authorize the County Manager to approve amendments to existing contract (Task Order 34) between Storey County and Farr West Engineering for an approximate amount of \$6,549 adding and clarifying certain water rights, regulations, demand modeling, county master plan cross-referencing, and other related content to the draft 2022 Storey County Water Resources Master Plan, as recommended by county consultant Walker & Associates.

Mr. Osborne said that in 2020, we began working with Farr West Engineering to write the Storey County comprehensive water master plan, and this includes Virginia City, Gold Hill, and Silver City, and it also applies to potential surplus waters from the Marlette System to the Highlands and Mark Twain. The draft is at 90 percent completion. Walker and Associates were retained to participate and negotiate with the state. The water master plan will be more robust in giving more ability in negotiating process. It will be about \$6,500 more to complete that task. I think it's well worth it. Original request was \$67,000.

Public Comment: Tom Zachry asked when this would be available for the public and will they make any comments.

Mr. Osborne said the draft will be ready in about 3 months, maybe sooner. We can put it online and let people comment on it before it comes to board for discussion.

Motion: Based on the recommendation by staff, I, Commissioner Mitchell move to approve to Authorize the County Manager to approve amendments to existing contract (Task Order 34) between Storey County and Farr West Engineering for an approximate amount of \$6,549 adding and clarifying certain water rights, regulations, demand modeling, county

master plan cross-referencing, and other related content to the draft 2022 Storey County Water Resources Master Plan, as recommended by county consultant Walker & Associates. **Seconded by:** Commissioner Gilman. **Vote:** Motion carried by unanimous vote.

22. DISCUSSION/FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: Consideration and possible approval for an additional expenditure of approximately \$27,775.00 for the Courthouse Paver Project.

Ms. Menefee said an extension was filed with SHPO, who approved it, and the end date is July 15. In previous meetings the board approved an amount not to exceed \$120,000 with the understanding that \$30,000 could be enough to be ADA compliant. To fabricate, supply and improve curb staples. SHPO did not have the OK for the tops of the pavers, but they did OK surface grinding at a cost of \$43,733.83. These additions bring the amount to \$147,775. The grant award is \$32,000 and the county match requirement is \$115,775. Grant funding is reimbursement, so it must be paid for prior to reimbursement.

Mr. Mitchell said there was a reference to prevailing wage requirements. Mr. Northan said prevailing wage does not kick in until \$100,000 is spent. It would have to be paid retroactively now that it is over \$100,000. The contractor is giving us an estimate.

Mr. Gilman said the alternative of not doing it is to have a partially finished project.

Mr. Carmona asked if there was a way to split the project up to avoid prevailing wage. Mr. Northan said that would be illegal.

Public Comment: None

Motion: I, Commissioner Mitchell move to approve the additional expenditure of approximately \$27,775.00 for the Courthouse Paver Project. **Seconded by:** Commissioner Gilman. **Vote:** Motion carried by unanimous vote.

23. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION: Consideration and possible approval of contract between Tyler Technologies and Storey County regarding the quote for the ExecuTime time and attendance program to upgrade Storey County's payroll system in the amount of \$15,150.00.

Comptroller Jennifer McCain said this project was OK'd in the budget for the next fiscal year.

Public Comment: None

Motion: I, Commissioner Mitchell recommend approval of contract between Tyler Technologies and Storey County regarding the quote for the ExecuTime time and attendance program to upgrade Storey County's payroll system in the amount of \$15,150.00. **Seconded by:** Commissioner Gilman. **Vote:** Motion carried by unanimous vote.

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

25. CONSENT AGENDA FOR POSSIBLE ACTION : Consideration and possible approval of Personnel Policies P703 Retirees, P705 Workers Comp-Trans Duty, P706

Education Assistance, P801 Seniority, P802 Layoffs & Terminations, P803 Resignation-Termination, and P901 Performance Management for the Storey County Fire Protection District.

Public Comment: None

Motion: I, Fire Commissioner Mitchell move to approval of the Personnel Policies P703 Retirees, P705 Workers Comp-Trans Duty, P706 Education Assistance, P801 Seniority, P802 Layoffs & Terminations, P803 Resignation-Termination, and P901 Performance Management for the Storey County Fire Protection District. **Seconded by:** Commissioner Gilman. **Vote:** Motion carried by unanimous vote.

26. RECESS TO CONVENE AS THE STOREY COUNTY HIGHWAY BOARD

27. DISCUSSION ONLY/NO ACTION: Report of Public Works Department regarding roads and highways in Storey County.

Mike Northan, Operations Projects Coordinator reporting for Jason Wiezrbicki, Public Works Director.

Paving project around town is complete. Slurry project will start Monday, June 13-14. It has been posted to social media. Crack sealing efforts will continue and then move to Mark Twain.

Public Comment: None

28. ADJOURN TO RECONVENE AS THE STOREY COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

29. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION: For consideration and possible approval of business license second readings:

- A. G and S Enterprises - Contractor / 11595 Lemmon Dr. ~ Reno, NV
- B. Ijji Noodle House & Poke Don - General / 1 Electric Ave ~ McCarran, NV
- C. JMA Construction Company Inc. - Contractor / PO Box 22312 ~ Carson City, NV
- D. Pallet Broker LLC - Out of County / PO Box 2043 ~ Sparks, NV
- E. RIA Cast House Engineering GMBH / Out of County / PO Box 68 ~ Wabash, IN
- F. S&S Mechanical LLC - Contractor / 243 Freeport Blvd. ~ Sparks, NV
- G. Sky Fiber LLC - Contractor / 8975 Double Diamond Pkwy A9 ~ Reno, NV
- H. TCR Construction LLC - Contractor / 4585 Goodwin Rd. ~ Sparks, NV
- I. ThompsonGas, LLC - General / 905 E. Mustang Rd. ~ Sparks, NV
- J. T&T Lawns Plus LLC - Contractor / PO Box 1740 ~ Sparks, NV

Public Comment: None

Motion: I, Commissioner Mitchell move to approve the second readings of business licenses listed under agenda item 28, known as A through J. **Seconded by:** Commissioner Gilman. **Vote:** Motion carried by unanimous vote.

30. CORRESPONDENCE ONLY/NO ACTION: NACO News Release.

Mr. Osborne, a news release that corresponds with Mr. Gilman's report on NACO.

31. PUBLIC COMMENT (No Action): None

32. ADJOURNMENT of all active and recessed Boards on the Agenda: Chairman Carmona adjourned the meeting at 12:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

By: _____
Doreayne Nevin, Clerk-Treasurer.