



STOREY COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING

TUESDAY, JULY 5, 2022 10:00 A.M.

DISTRICT COURTROOM

26 SOUTH B STREET, VIRGINIA CITY, NEVADA

MEETING MINUTES

JAY CARMONA
CHAIRMAN

ANNE LANGER
DISTRICT ATTORNEY

CLAY MITCHELL
VICE-CHAIRMAN

LANCE GILMAN
COMMISSIONER

DOREAYNE NEVIN
CLERK-TREASURER

Roll Call: Chairman Jay Carmona, Vice-Chairman Clay Mitchell, Commissioner Lance Gilman, County Manager Austin Osborne, Clerk/Treasurer Doreayne Nevin, Deputy District Attorney Keith Loomis, Sheriff Gerald 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, Comptroller Jennifer McCain, Community Development Director Pete Renaud, Chief Deputy Tony Dosen,

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 July 5, 2022.

Public Comment: None

Motion: I, Commissioner Mitchell moved to approve today's Agenda as presented. **Seconded by:** Commissioner Gilman, **Vote:** Motion carried by unanimous vote.

4. DISCUSSION/FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: Consideration and possible approval of the minutes for the May 17, 2022, meeting.

Public Comment: None

Motion: I, Commissioner Mitchell move to approve the minutes from May 17, 2022, meeting as presented. **Seconded by:** Commissioner Gilman, **Vote:** Motion carried by unanimous vote.

- 5. DISCUSSION/FOR POSSIBLE ACTION:** Consideration and possible approval of the minutes for June 7, 2022, meeting.

Public Comment: None

Motion: I, Commissioner Mitchell move to approve the minutes from June 7, 2022, meeting as presented. **Seconded by:** Commissioner Gilman, **Vote:** Motion carried by unanimous vote.

- 6. DISCUSSION/FOR POSSIBLE ACTION:** Consideration and possible approval of the minutes for June 21, 2022, meeting.

Public Comment: None

Motion: I, Commissioner Mitchell move to approve the minutes from June 21, 2022, meeting as presented. **Seconded by:** Commissioner Gilman, **Vote:** Motion carried by unanimous vote.

7. CONSENT AGENDA

I For possible action, approval of business license first readings:

- A. A Pro Contractor Services – Contractor / 1633 Boulder Hwy. ~ Henderson, NV
- B. Battleborn Painting – Contractor / 429 Toano St. ~ Reno, NV
- C. CalNeva Signs – Contractor / 898 Maestro # 101 ~ Reno, NV
- D. Comstock Chronicle - Out of County / 373 Dayton Valley Rd. Apt 116 ~ Dayton, NV
- E. Pregis Evertec LLC - General / 727 Milan # 100 ~ Sparks, NV
- F. Roto Rooter of Northern Nevada & Tahoe – Contractor / 200 Coney Island Dr. B ~ Sparks, NV
- G. TL Consulting LLC – Contractor / 3625 Poco Lena Ct. ~ Washoe Valley, NV
- H. Pacific Steel – General / 1980 USA Parkway ~ Sparks, NV
- I. TRS-SESCO LLC – Out of County / 721 A Park Centre Dr ~ Kernersville, NC

II Consideration and possible approval of the 1st Reading of a Home-Based Business License- SOL Healing Massage by Jordan located at 169 Julie Way, Dayton NV 89403. Applicant is Jordan Shelton.

III Consideration and possible approval of Storey County Personnel Policy 501 Work Week and Work Time.

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.

PUBLIC COMMENT: (No action) Sam Toll **praised** the Fourth of July event. He also expressed concern about new streetlights in Gold Hill, which he said were impeding the night sky, which may be in violation of the Night Sky Ordinance. He also said he would be restarting the Gold Hill News, which his father formerly owned.

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

Chief Deputy Tony Dosen

- Praised the Fourth of July event.

Battalion Chief Bob Reiser

- Praised the Fourth of July event, and noted assistance from Central Lyon County, and BLM.
- Announced retirement of one of the captains, also have seasonal spots and a medic spot to fill.
- Working on getting a brush truck to a California fire.

Mike Northan, Public Works Director

- Station 72 fire apparatus will be out to rebid on Thursday.
- Courthouse pavers, more grinding to do to match SHPO-approved touchstone. Final inspection set for July 15.
- Meeting with Sheriff's Office for their needs regarding the Lockwood substation.

Lara Mather, Emergency Management Director

- Will take over new position as business development officer. Is still acting emergency management director.
- Desert Research Institute installed a smoke sensor by the reservoir and will install another one by the Highlands fire station, to monitor smoke from wildland fires. Will have educational outreach in the future, to help people with breathing difficulties.

Honey Menefee, Community Relations Coordinator

- Reported on a tour given by her and Commissioner Mitchell, taking representatives from WNDD and EDAWN on a tour of TRI.
- The community project grant cycle closed on June 30, with three projects completed: a trail at Pinion Park in the Highlands, tables and chairs for the future community center in the Highlands, and a plaque monument for Virginia City. Community project grants will

reopen for 2022-2023, and each community is encouraged to apply for \$10,000 allotted to each area. Three people from each community forms a team, and more than one project can be submitted by August 19, 2022. Each eligible application will go before the commissioners by September. Community relations staff will manage the programs. Contact Honey Menefee at 775-847-0986, hmenefee@storeycounty.org, or go to the office at 10 South B St.

Linda Ritter, VCTC

- Fourth of July was busy, with over 47 entries in parade. Everything went off without a hitch. Reader boards shut off a little early.
- Looking to hire part-time staff in the Visitors Center. There were 1,500 people that came in last week, with 300 on Saturday alone.
- We are selling Cemetery Gin again. We had to switch distillers. We ordered 48 bottles and they were gone in 2 weeks. We will wait to do an ad campaign until locals get their orders in.

James Deane, IT Director

- Updating backup strategy for past year. The new backup is working great, as the Arctic Wolf security director did a test.
- A security position is opening in IT.

Pete Renaud, Community Development Director

- Still busy in the industrial park and with residential. Will have another position for inspector. If a builder out there would like to become an inspector, send them my way.

Stacy York, Senior Center Director

- There will be a Battle of the Badges blood drive on Tuesday, July 12 in Lockwood and Virginia City on Wednesday, July 13.
- The Senior Center in Virginia City will be closed July 12 to install a water heater.

Arika Perry, St. Mary's Art Center Director.

- Expressed thanks to the VCTC for the Fourth of July fireworks, as the art center sold out its viewing event.
- There will be an art and music lawn event from 3-7 p.m. July 16.
- Imaginations Kids class will be on July 17.
- For adults, Canvas and Cocktails class will be on July 28.

Austin Osborne, County Manager

- Will provide correspondence regarding the lights question. Can put something on that make them night lights compliant.
- Strategic plan workshop will be at 5:30 p.m. July 14 at the Highlands fire station and there will be similar workshops in other areas on the county in the future.
- RFP process began in getting counsel for budget for waste management services That will be a year and a half program.

- Congratulate Lara Mather as the new business development officer. We will look for a new emergency manager.

Doreayne Nevin, Clerk-Treasurer

- Had the vote recount on June 30; the numbers came out the same and will have a meeting to canvas the vote on July 11.

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

Commissioner Clay Mitchell thanked Honey Menefee for work on tour. The people that we took around worked for or with the US Commerce Department. It is important for us to understand what programs are out there and expects additional opportunities to interact in future.

Commissioner Jay Carmona said he had pleasure of leading parade and running the police siren. Amazing to see how many people were there. Saw attendees past the fire department. It was great to see wonderful turnout. Went to St. Mary's, they put on a to fantastic event, with food. I recommend, for those who are unaware, try to hit up or nonprofits for fireworks viewing.

11. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION: A public hearing on the possible adoption of Ordinance 22-320, providing for an increase in longevity pay for the Justice of the Peace of Virginia Township Justice Court, will be held on July 5, 2022, at the meeting of the Board of County Commissioners. All interested persons are invited to attend and be heard.

Assistant District Attorney Keith Loomis said under NRS 244.100, before we adopt an ordinance, we are required to hold a public hearing to see if there are interested people who want to be heard. With no comment we can close the public hearing.

Public Comment: None

12. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION: Consideration and possible approval of Ordinance 22-320 providing for an increase in the longevity pay of the Justice of the Peace of Virginia Township Justice's Court.

Mr. Loomis said. the point of this is elected officials are allowed to have longevity pay after their first term in office. This makes the amount of the longevity pay, from 1 percent to 2 percent, the same as for other elected officials. Longevity pay is set by statute except for Justice of the Peace, which is set by county code. Appointed officials have steps.

Public Comment: None

Motion: I, Commissioner Mitchell move to approve the adoption of Ordinance 22-320 providing for an increase in the longevity pay of the Justice of the Peace of Virginia Township Justice Court. **Seconded by:** Commissioner Gilman. **Vote:** Motion carried by unanimous vote.

13. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION: Public Hearing to consider the adoption, rejection, or amendment of Ordinance 22-321. The title of this proposed ordinance states: "An ordinance

amending provisions of Storey County Code Title 17 to amend the language of Chapter 17.84 Signs and Billboards, 17.84.110 Exempt Signs. A copy of said ordinance has been filed with the Storey County Clerk's Office and is available for review. All interested persons are invited to attend and be heard. Ordinance 22-321 would allow signs associated with the national, state, or local elections to be up to 32 square feet in size in all regulatory zones including, but not limited to, the E Estate and R Residential zones, during election seasons set by NRS.

Senior Planner Kathy Canfield said this is like the previous ordinance. This is the same changes we spoke about at last meeting and planning commission meeting.

Public Comment: None

14. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION: Consideration and possible approval of the Second Reading of Bill 132, Ordinance 22-321, text amendments to Storey County Code Title 17 Chapter 17.84 Signs and Billboards, Section 17.84.110. Exempt Signs, M. to allow up to 32 square-feet for signs associated with the national, state, or local election processes in all regulatory zones including, but not limited to, the E Estate and R Residential zones, during election seasons set by NRS.

Ms. Canfield said this is the ordinance to change the language to allow for 32 square feet for signs associated with the election processes.

Commissioner Mitchell said the reasons given provide a compelling interest to make these changes. I did hear from people concerned about changes in their zoning, particularly residents of the Highlands, but there is a mechanism to be more restrictive through the property owner's associations there. But I think it is important to have uniformity across the zones.

Commissioner Carmona said Rainbow Bend already had restrictions and the Highlands can adopt them.

Public Comment (None)

Motion: I, Commissioner Mitchell move to adopt Bill 132, Ordinance 22-321, text amendments to Storey County Code Title 17 Chapter 17.84 Signs and Billboards, Section 17.84.110. Exempt Signs, M. to allow up to 32 square-feet for signs associated with the national, state, or local election processes in all regulatory zones including, but not limited to, the E Estate and R Residential zones, during election seasons set by NRS. **Seconded by:** Commissioner Gilman. **Vote:** Motion carried by unanimous vote.

15. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION: Consideration and possible approval of Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) amending Article 35, Section 6, to allow an election of sick leave buy-out in July of the first year of the contract of the 2022-2025 Collective Bargaining Agreement between Storey County (Employer) and Comstock Chapter, AFSCME Local 4041 (Union).

Jeannie Green, labor relations, said the board approved the Collective Bargaining Agreement at the last meeting. There was a provision that allows employees to buy out 40 hours of sick leave and use for insurance. They can do it twice a year. But Jennifer McCain and I said they can do it

in July 2022. We didn't want them to have to wait until November. Next time will be June and November of each year.

Public Comment: None

Motion: Based on the recommendation by staff, and a tentative agreement between the employer and union attached hereto, I, Commissioner Mitchell move to approve the MOU amending Article 35, Section 6, to allow an election of sick leave buy-out in July of the first year of the contract of the 2022-2025 Collective Bargaining Agreement between Storey County (Employer) and Comstock Chapter, AFSCME Local 4041 (Union). **Seconded by:** Commissioner Gilman. **Vote:** Motion carried by unanimous vote.

16. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION: Consideration and possible approval of Personnel Policy 701, Health Insurance.

Ms. Green said this is a policy change which is consistent with what you just approved for the AFSCME union. The policy will provide the same benefits as the unrepresented employees.

Public comment: None

Motion: I, Commissioner Mitchell move to approve the presented Personnel Policy 701, Health Insurance. **Seconded by:** Commissioner Gilman. **Vote:** Motion carried by unanimous vote.

17. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION: Consideration and possible approval of Resolution No. 22-655, a resolution setting grade and salary range of employees fixed by ordinance or resolution per NRS 245.045 for appointed Storey County officials for the 2022-23 fiscal year and superseding prior year action by resolution for appointed Storey County employees with the addition of Cook, Kitchen Aide, and Meals on Wheels Coordinator; deletion of the cost of living provision for capped employees; and adding language that PERS increases will be shared equally between the employee and county.

Ms. Green said this proposal has 3 separate components. First is the addition to 3 classes to the unrepresented chart. We initially thought these positions would be represented by the AFSCME union. During negotiations we were not able to reach agreement on changes to the chart that listed classifications. Therefore, we are bringing it to you to put in the unrepresented chart. These are new positions moved from nonprofit senior center program to county program, Cook, Kitchen Aide and Meals on Wheels Coordinator. Another provision we are looking to strike from the unrepresented chart is that capped employees receive a cost-of-living increase on the non-PERS years. They are entitled to any COLA that any other employees receive, so we are reading the language. The third provision is consistent with what was approved with the AFSCME contract, if there is a PERS increase, that is shared equally between employee and employer.

Mr. Mitchell asked if in moving these employees from nonprofit to county employees, is it an equivalent cost or is there an increase in something. Ms. Green said total cost will probably be from Comptroller McCain. We tried to bring them over at a consistent level. They did not receive a huge increase, nor was there a decrease.

Public comment: None

Motion: I, Commissioner Mitchell move to approve of Resolution No. 22-655, a resolution setting grade and salary range of employees fixed by ordinance or resolution per NRS 245.045 for appointed Storey County officials for the 2022-23 fiscal year and superseding prior year action by resolution for appointed Storey County employees with the addition of Cook, Kitchen Aide, and Meals on Wheels Coordinator; deletion of the cost of living provision for capped employees; and adding language that PERS increases will be shared equally between the employee and county. **Seconded by:** Commissioner Gilman. **Vote:** Motion carried by unanimous vote.

18. RECESS TO CONVENE AS THE STOREY COUNTY LIQUOR PROTECTION DISTRICT BOARD

19. DISCUSSION/FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: Consideration and possible approval of the 2nd reading amending the General Business License adding an On-Sale and Off-Sale Liquor License for Virginia City Mexican Restaurant, 65 North C Street, Virginia City, NV. Applicants are Hipolito G. Cerda and Arturo Valadez.

Public Comment: None

Motion: I, Commissioner Mitchell move to approve of the 2nd reading amending the General Business License adding an On-Sale and Off-Sale Liquor License for Virginia City Mexican Restaurant, 65 North C Street, Virginia City, NV. Applicants are Hipolito G. Cerda and Arturo Valadez. **Seconded by:** Commissioner Gilman, **Vote:** Motion carried by a 3-0 vote.

20. RECESS TO CONVENE AS THE STOREY COUNTY HIGHWAY BOARD

21. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION: Report of Public Works Department regarding roads and highways in Storey County.

Mike **Northan** said the 2022 road rehab project is closed and Public Works is planning for 2023, increase grind and repave of Electric Avenue up to the guard shack. Tesla will pay a portion of this cost. Continuing shoulder work on Six Mile Canyon Road.

Public Comment: None

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

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

- A. Bitcoin Depot – Out of County / 2870 Peachtree Rd. NW # 327 ~ Atlanta, GA
- B. H & D Construction, LLC – Contractor / 1755 E. Plumb Ln # 170 ~ Reno, NV
- C. Ironclad Electric – Contractor / 4690 Longley Ln. Ste 32 ~ Reno, NV

D. Stord Warehousing LLC – General / 727 Milan Ste. 300 ~ Sparks, NV
E. The Hungry Miners Kitchen – General / 355 N. F St. ~ Virginia City, NV

Public Comment: None

Motion: I, Commissioner Mitchell move to approve of the transfers within the 2021-2022 Storey County Sewer Budget in the amount of \$10,500. **Seconded by:** Commissioner Gilman. **Vote:** Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Public Comment: None

Motion: I, Commissioner Mitchell move to approve the second readings of business licenses listed under agenda item 23, known as A through E. **Seconded by:** Commissioner Gilman. **Vote:** Motion carried by unanimous vote.

24. PUBLIC COMMENT: (No action) None

25. ADJOURNMENT of all active and recessed Boards on the Agenda: Chairman Carmona adjourned the meeting at 11:03 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

By: _____
Doreayne Nevin, Clerk-Treasurer.