

**MARCH 15, 2017**

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m. by Carol Shank, Chairwoman. Those present were Robert McDougal and Larry Rackley, Commissioners; Bryce Shields, District Attorney; Karen Wesner, Administrative Assistant; and Lacey Donaldson, Clerk.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Mr. McDougal stated that he had one correction to his Board report on the last page. He attended the Humboldt River Working Group meeting, not the Humboldt River Water Basin meeting.

Mr. Rackley made a motion to approve the minutes from the February 1, 2017 regular meeting as amended. Motion seconded by Mr. McDougal and passed.

Mr. McDougal made a motion to approve the minutes from the February 15, 2017 meeting as submitted. Motion seconded by Mr. Rackley and passed.

**PUBLIC INPUT:** There was no public input 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:** Mr. Rackley made a motion that no 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. McDougal and passed.

**NEVADA DIVISION OF FORESTRY: RENEWAL OF INTERLOCAL CONTRACT BETWEEN DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION AND NATURAL RESOURCES, DIVISION OF FORESTRY AND PERSHING COUNTY AND REVISIONS TO WFPP (WILDLAND FIRE PROTECTION PROGRAM) SCOPE OF WORK FOR 2017-2019 FOR WILDLAND PROTECTION –** Mike Friend, Western Region Fire Management Officer, was present along with Captain Emory Paul and Chief Joe Fording.

The Board was given a list of revisions made to the Scope of Work for 2017-2019. Mr. Shields stated that he has been in contact with Brian Stockton, the Attorney General representing the Division, and he suggested a view changes to the recitals. Mr. Shields stated that these changes are not of any substance and he would recommend the Board approve the agreement subject to those changes.

Mr. McDougal made a motion to approve the interlocal contract between Pershing County and the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, Division of Forestry with the revisions to the WFPP Scope of Work for 2017-2019 and the changes mentioned by Mr. Shields. Motion seconded by Mr. Rackley and passed.

**UNCLASSIFIED DEPARTMENTS:**

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

Mr. Hill reported that the roads are all drying out. Since the last meeting, the crew finished patching the road up to Coeur. They also worked on Muddy Road and are starting on Old Emigrant Road. Mr. Hill reported that all the County roads are open and passable. There is still some work that needs to be done at Placeritas and Tim DeLong will be helping them with Poker Brown Gap. Mr. Hill also reported that they repaired Van Diest Road and the crew has started laying soy bean oil throughout the county.

**LANDFILL –** Dan Hill was present.

Mr. Hill stated that the inspection went well. Mr. Rackley stated that there was some blown garbage in Grass Valley and they will be coming back at a later date to make sure it got cleaned up. Mr.

Rackley also mentioned an agreement with the Sheriff's Department to patrol the Grass Valley transfer station. Mrs. Childs stated that there is an item in the Landfill Budget to cover some over-time if the deputy is working out there, but it hasn't been used in quite a while.

Mr. McDougal asked if the County has an indemnification form that is signed when community members are helping with projects, such as Mr. DeLong helping the Road Department. Mr. Shields stated that he does have a written document that can be signed when he is made aware of these things.

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

Mrs. Shank thanked Mr. Handka for the work done in the Commission room. Mr. Handka stated that they still have another day's worth of work to do in there. They have also been working on the site for the Clamper's plaque dedication. They are still working on converting all the lights at the Community Center to LEDs. It is a very time consuming project as they have to rewire each fixture. As time permits, they have been working at Lone Mountain Cemetery filling in graves. Mr. Handka stated that they need to work on a drainage plan for up there. Mr. Handka also stated that he and Mrs. Shank met with Wendy Nelson to discuss the Lover's Lock area. The crew also fixed a leak in the bathroom in the DA's office.

*Approval of quotes and to proceed with installation for Imlay Community Center AC, Heater/AC for Jury Room and Mackenzie Hodges' office:* Mr. Handka stated that the Imlay Community Center seems to be getting quite a bit of use. Mrs. Shank asked Mrs. Childs if there was any money in the Town of Imlay budget. Mrs. Childs stated that very little revenue comes into that fund. The Building Fund is probably the only option, but Mrs. Childs cautioned that those funds will have to be used for the ADS replacement, so spending needs to be tightened. She stated that there was \$25,000 budgeted for asbestos abatement, which hasn't been needed, so that could be used.

Mr. McDougal made a motion to approve proceeding with the installation of air conditioning at the Imlay Community Center in the amount of \$4,940.00 and heating and air conditioning in Ms. Hodges' office and jury room in the amount of \$7,680.00. Motion seconded by Mr. Rackley and passed.

Mr. McDougal stated that at the Fair and Rec meeting last night they discussed the restrooms and concessions at McDougal Field. They would like to change the padlocks. They were also told that the irrigation timers have not worked for two years. Mr. Handka stated that this is the first he has heard of this and as of last summer, the timers worked. Mr. McDougal would just like clarification as the Rec Board will replace them if necessary. He asked if Mr. Handka would mind attending the next meeting.

**PLANNING AND BUILDING DEPARTMENT / IMLAY WATER SYSTEM: REQUEST FOR REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF A PARCEL MAP APPLICATION ON APN #007-421-01 FOR ROBERT KENNERSON. THE APPLICANT IS PROPOSING THE DIVISION OF THE EXISTING PARCEL INTO ONE (1) 13.08 ACRE +/- PARCEL AND THREE (3) 1.0 ACRE +/- PARCELS. THE APPLICANT IS PROPOSING TO USE THE THREE (3) ONE ACRE PARCELS TO PUT UP ADVERTISING BILLBOARDS AND POSSIBLY SELL THE REMAINING 13.08 ACRE PARCEL. THE PARCEL IS ZONED INDUSTRIAL (I) AND LOCATED ABOUT 6 MILES SOUTHWEST OF LOVELOCK, NV OFF OF INTERSTATE 80 IN PERSHING COUNTY – Mr. Evans stated that this item came before the Planning Commission on March 1<sup>st</sup> and they recommended approval.**

Mr. Rackley wanted to know if the County can restrict the number of billboards put up. Mr. Shields stated that Mr. Clinger had approached him as well in regards to the number of billboards allowed on I-80. Mr. Shields stated that he has not had time to do the research.

Mr. McDougal made a motion to postpone the decision on the parcel map pending legal review. Motion seconded by Mr. Rackley and passed.

**UNCLASSIFIED DEPARTMENTS, CONT.D:  
PERSHING COUNTY FIRE/AMBULANCE –**

*Ambulance / Lovelock Fire Department:* Chief Carmichael was present.

Chief Carmichael reported that they are back on track with their ambulance reporting and are close to having the back-log input as well. Chief Carmichael and Trina Allen will be meeting with REMSA today to make sure that billing is on track as well. Chief Carmichael also reported that he has one member done with their EMT (Emergency Medical Technician) class and another about half-way through.

In regards to the Fire Department, the membership is down to 18. A member resigned last night and another took a leave of absence. Chief Carmichael spoke about the equipment that will be purchased through the Hazmat grant, stating that equipment was also purchased for the rural departments.

Mrs. Shank asked if any billing was being done on accidents that happen on I-80. Chief Carmichael was not aware that a system had been approved by the Commission. Mrs. Shank stated that the Board did approve working with a company, as well as the billing rates and she will get Chief Carmichael the information.

Mr. Rackley stated he was told Chief Carmichael was also helping the Grass Valley Department with some hazmat training. Chief Carmichael stated that they have to set it up through the State Fire Marshal's Office, but as soon as that is done he can proctor the testing.

Chief Carmichael also reported that he has someone going to DMV today to get their F Endorsement. Chief Carmichael is looking for a point of contact at DMV, as he has heard they have already changed their protocol.

COOPERATIVE AG EXTENSION – Steve Foster was present.

Mr. Foster reported that he attended the Alfalfa Forage Conference in December in Reno. He also participated in the Cattleman's Update in January. He gave a presentation on the current research regarding cow size.

Mr. Foster stated that there are webinars available for local producers on resistance and insects, insecticides, soil health, and nicotinoids, but he hasn't had a lot of participation. The yearly pesticide training was held for local pesticide applicators.

Mr. Foster attended a presentation on Nevada's Pollinator Protection Plan. His colleague from Ohio State University gave a presentation on alfalfa weed control. Brandon Scholtz from Humboldt County spoke about common weeds in Nevada and weed management. Mr. Foster also attended the Ag Expo in Tulare, California. Mr. Foster also gave pesticide training at the Nevada Landscape Conference.

Mr. Foster attended the following meetings: Big Meadow Conservation District, Western SARE (Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education), State Coordinators teleconference, Humboldt Water Shed Weed Management Association, and the Nevada Youth Range Camp planning meetings. They will be moving the Youth Range Camp from Big Creek Canyon in Austin to Smith Creek Ranch. Mr. Foster also stated that he attended the Western Beef Resource Committee meetings last week and they updated their Cow/Calf Management Handbook.

Mr. Foster reported that the office handed out 22 free radon test kits during Radon Action Month. The kits are still available for purchase.

In 4-H news, the Livestock Judging Contest has been cancelled due to scheduling conflicts. A field day will be held on March 25<sup>th</sup> in preparation for the show and sale on May 14<sup>th</sup>. The Nevada Junior Livestock Show in Reno will be May 17<sup>th</sup> through May 21<sup>st</sup>.

Upcoming programs include Feed Lot School on March 24<sup>th</sup> and March 31<sup>st</sup> at Western Nevada Cattle Feeders. Mr. Foster reported that the Fiber Optics that was installed in January still hasn't been hooked up. We are continuing to pay for the T1 line until it is hooked up. They also received a new interactive video system. The County paid for the one they had, so it could be used in the Commission room if needed.

**GRASS VALLEY ADVISORY BOARD:** Linda Workman was present.

Ms. Workman stated that the Town Hall has been changed to April 29<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. The Craft Fair has been moved to May 6<sup>th</sup>. She thanked the Road Department for fixing Muddy Road and putting up stop signs. She also stated that there is no street sign on the road between Youngberg and Logan. The Board will have Mr. Hill look into it.

**ELECTED DEPARTMENTS:**

RENE CHILDS, RECORDER-AUDITOR – Mrs. Childs gave the Board the month end reports.

**PROCLAMATIONS AND AWARDS:** There were no Proclamations or Awards considered.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** Mr. McDougal sent thank you letters to Senators Heller and Cortez-Masto, and Representatives Titus, Amodei, Kihuen, and Rosen. The Board also had a letter from Ruby Vista Resources, LTD in regards to a Water Pollution Control Permit and a letter from the Nevada Division of Environmental Protection regarding the Lovelock Ranch Organic Residue Reuse Project.

**APPOINTMENT OF AUDITING FIRM EIDE BAILLY TO PERFORM THE AUDIT FOR PERSHING COUNTY FOR YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2017 PURSUANT TO NRS 354.624:**

Mr. Rackley made a motion to appoint Eide Bailly to perform the annual audit for Pershing County for the year ending June 30, 2017 pursuant to NRS 354.624. Motion seconded by Mr. McDougal and passed.

**PUBLIC HEARING ON AN ORDINANCE DECLARING A MORATORIUM FOR A PERIOD OF UP TO 180 DAYS WITH THE ABILITY TO EXTEND IT BY RESOLUTION FOR UP TO AN ADDITIONAL 60 DAYS, ON THE ACCEPTANCE AND PROCESSING OF PLANNING OR OTHER APPLICATIONS FOR CONSTRUCTION OR OPERATION OF RECREATIONAL MARIJUANA ESTABLISHMENTS:**

Mr. Shields stated that there was additional verbiage added to the title in the final draft of the Ordinance. Mr. Shields read the amended title as follows:

AN ORDINANCE DECLARING A MORATORIUM, FOR A PERIOD OF UP TO 180 DAYS WITH THE ABILITY TO EXTEND IT BY RESOLUTION FOR UP TO AN ADDITIONAL 60 DAYS, ON THE APPLICATION, LICENSING, AND OPERATION OF RECREATIONAL MARIJUANA ESTABLISHMENTS AND THE CULTIVATION, MANUFACTURING, PRODUCTION, TESTING, TRANSPORTATION, AND SALE OF RECREATIONAL MARIJUANA IN PERSHING COUNTY.

Mr. Shields stated that the reason for the additional verbiage is that Pershing County does not have any provisions in our zoning regs or taxing scheme to address establishments of this nature.

Mrs. Shank asked for any public comment and there was none.

Mr. McDougal wanted to reiterate that the reason for the moratorium is that the State Department of Taxation has been tasked with creating the regulations for recreational marijuana sales and they have not. This postpones any action until such a time as they do.

Mr. Shields stated that he also provided an additional rationale on page 4 of the Ordinance and asked the Commission to make sure they agreed with the statements or had anything to add.

Mr. Rackley made a motion to adopt Ordinance #326 declaring a moratorium, for a period of up to 180 days with the ability to extend it by Resolution for up to an additional 60 days, on the application, licensing, and operation of recreational marijuana establishments and the cultivation, manufacturing, production, testing, transportation, and sale of recreation marijuana in Pershing County. Motion seconded by Mr. McDougal and passed unanimously.

**ELECTED DEPARTMENTS, CONT.D:**

**BRYCE SHIELDS, DISTRICT ATTORNEY** – *Approval of out of state travel for Child Support Enforcement National Training which will be paid for with State Incentive funds and scholarship award:* Mr. Shields stated that he is contractually obligated to attend these trainings. This particular training is in Anchorage, Alaska, September 24-28, 2017. The cost of the travel and training will be paid for with State Incentive funds and Mr. Shields has also received a scholarship to attend. Mr. Shields stated that he and Mrs. Blondheim will be attending.

Mr. McDougal made a motion to approve the out of state travel of Bryce Shields and Elizabeth Blondheim to attend Child Support Enforcement National Training in Anchorage, Alaska to be paid for with State Incentive funds and a scholarship award. Motion seconded by Mr. Rackley and passed.

**APPROVAL OF INTERLOCAL CONTRACT BETWEEN THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, DIVISION OF WELFARE AND SUPPORTIVE SERVICES AND THE PERSHING COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY, CHILD SUPPORT DIVISION FOR CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT SERVICES JULY 1, 2017 TO JUNE 30, 2021:**

Mr. Shields stated that this contract pertains to the incentive funds discussed earlier. The counties are tasked with providing child support enforcement mechanisms. The State provides each county, depending on size and number of cases, incentive funds, which come from the Federal Government. The county is responsible for 1/3 of the cost to operate the program.

Mr. Rackley made a motion to approve the Interlocal Contract between the Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Welfare and Supportive Services and the Pershing County District Attorney, Child Support Division for Child Support Enforcement Services effective July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2021. Motion seconded by Mr. McDougal and passed.

**PUBLIC HEARING ON ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 2.90, SENIOR CENTER ADVISORY BOARD, CLARIFYING THAT THE CITY OF LOVELOCK APPOINTS THREE REGISTERED VOTERS WHO ARE RESIDENTS OF THE CITY TO SERVE ON THE BOARD, AND THAT PERSHING COUNTY APPOINTS TWO REGISTERED VOTERS WHO LIVE IN THE COUNTY TO SERVE ON THE BOARD:**

Mrs. Shank stated that she believed that when the Board was established the County was given three seats because they provide more funding for the Center. However, more people who utilize the Center live in the City. Mrs. McKinney has also had a problem finding someone who lives outside of the City to fill that third seat.

Mrs. Shank asked if there was any public comment. Carolyn Hultgren asked for clarification as City residents are also residents of the County. Mr. McDougal stated that the Ordinance specifies that three seats are to be filled by those residing in the City and two seats are to be filled by those not residing in the City.

Mr. McDougal made a motion to adopt Ordinance #327 amending Chapter 2.90, Senior Center Advisory Board, clarifying that the City of Lovelock appoints three registered voters who are residents of the City to serve on the Board and that Pershing County appoints two registered voters who live in the County to serve on the Board. Motion seconded by Mr. Rackley and passed unanimously.

**APPROVAL TO APPOINT NACO REPRESENTATIVE AS POINT OF CONTACT FOR THE FALLON NAS EXPANSION AND APPROVAL OF CERTIFICATE OF NON-DISCLOSURE REGARDING COOPERATING AGENCY STATUS FOR FALLON RANGE TRAINING COMPLEX MODERNIZATION EIS:**

Mr. Shields explained that the letter is to Fallon NAS (Naval Air Station) requesting that they grant us Cooperating Agency Status. This would provide Pershing County with information regarding their expansion and whether or not it has any impact on us. Because NACO (Nevada Association of County Officials) provides us with expertise in Federal Land Use issues they volunteered to be our point of contact. Tori Sundheim will serve in that capacity.

Mr. Rackley made a motion to approve appointing Tori Sundheim, the NACO Representative, as our point of contact for the Fallon NAS expansion and approved signing the Certificate of Nondisclosure regarding cooperating agency status for Fallon Range Training Complex Modernization EIS. Motion seconded by Mr. McDougal and passed.

**DISCUSSION REGARDING A COUNTY POLICY ON THE COMPLETION OF LATE EVALUATIONS AND IMPACT ON EMPLOYEES AND ADMINISTRATION:** Mrs. Shank stated that what has happened is some employees' annual evaluations are not being completed timely. This causes the employee to have to wait for their merit increase and causes additional work for payroll.

Mrs. Wesner is going to work with POOL/PACT in regards to some wording that can be added into our personnel policies. Mrs. Shank suggested that the merit increase goes into effect automatically on the anniversary date, regardless of whether or not the evaluation has been submitted.

At present, Mrs. Wesner delivers a memo to the Department Head 30 days prior to the employee's anniversary date. Mrs. Wesner thought she could start filling out the majority of the forms (name, date, position, etc.) and then deliver them to the Department Head with a two week deadline.

Mrs. Childs also wanted the Board to be aware that the untimeliness can affect the budget as well, because if it happens after July, those wages cannot be put against the old year.

Sheriff Allen stated that he did not have a problem with that, but would like some language to retract an evaluation or pay increase if the situation changed between the submittal date and the anniversary date.

Mr. McDougal stated that he feels if evaluations are not done timely there needs to be something put in the supervisor's personnel file.

**PUBLIC INPUT:** Judge Shirley spoke about a bill (AB207) that is before the Legislature that has to do with selecting the jury pool. This bill would contemplate pulling names from multiple sources. Judge Shirley stated that they currently only use the Voter Registration list. This could result in a huge fiscal impact. Mrs. Shank stated that she will make sure this is on NACO's radar.

He also spoke about the Indigent Defense Bill. Judge Shirley stated he wouldn't take an official stance on the bill; however, he sat on the Indigent Defense Commission and hasn't seen the crisis in the rural counties that they keep referring to.

**DISCUSSION REGARDING POTENTIAL ANONYMOUS DONATION THAT COULD NET \$10,000.00 FOR THE PERSHING HEALTHCARE FOUNDATION. THE DONOR WISHES THE COMMUNITY TO COME UP WITH \$10,000.00 AND THEY WILL MATCH IT. THE DEADLINE IS JUNE 6, 2017. ALL DONATIONS MADE FOR THIS FUNDRAISING CHALLENGE NEED TO HAVE "MATCH IT" IN THE SUBJECT LINE:** Carolyn Hultgren, Pershing Healthcare Foundation Chair, Patty Bianchi, Pershing General Hospital CEO, and Cindy Hixenbaugh Pershing General Hospital COO and Pershing Healthcare Foundation Vice-Chair, were present.

Ms. Bianchi stated that an anonymous citizen has pledged to donate up to \$10,000 to the Pershing Healthcare Foundation if the community will donate matching funds. They have collected \$200 so far and the deadline is June 6, 2017.

**JERRY ALLEN, SHERIFF:** Sheriff Allen stated that he attended the Sheriff's and Chief's meeting last month. They discussed some pending legislation. One of the bills would require body and vehicle cameras. Sheriff Allen did speak with a vendor this morning, but he did not put any funds in his budget request for this equipment. There is also a bill regarding protective orders that he is watching.

Sheriff Allen reported that they have had a high number of inmate transports this past week. He stated that one of the deputies was involved in a vehicle accident and the vehicle is in the shop waiting

for insurance approval. Another vehicle just came back from having the transmission replaced. The County is seeing an influx of burglaries lately.

Sheriff Allen toured the Churchill County Jail to see how that process is proceeding. He also attended three meetings with Burning Man, plus a conference call this week. Sheriff Allen stated that his end goal is to go separate command and he is working on obtaining quotes to determine what the cost will be.

**SALARY RESOLUTIONS: J. ADAMS, SENIOR CENTER & M. SPRINGER, LIBRARY –** Ms. Adams' Salary Resolution was approved at a previous meeting, but not to be paid retroactively to August of 2016 as requested. Mrs. McKinney stated that the late evaluation was her fault and asked that the Commission please approve the increase retroactively.

Mr. McDougal stated that he still agrees with his original feelings on the matter. The evaluation was untimely. The untimeliness doesn't reflect poorly on Ms. Adams. Mr. McDougal stated that there should be consequences for it being late. Mr. Rackley stated that the employee shouldn't be penalized. Mr. McDougal replied that he is trying to make a statement so that the Department Heads will stop turning them in late.

Mrs. Shank stated that there is two parts to this increase. Ms. Adams was entitled to a merit increase, which is grievable if not made retro. The second part would be the reclassification to Administrative Clerk II.

Mr. Rackley made a motion to approve the merit increase for Jade Adams effective August 12, 2016.

Mrs. McKinney asked if the merit increase could be effective from August 12<sup>th</sup> until today and then approve the reclassification as of today's date.

Mr. Rackley added to his motion to include the approval of the reclassification as of today's date. Motion seconded by Mr. McDougal.

Mrs. Childs asked for clarification as we have never separated the merit from the reclassification. Mrs. Wesner stated that the Board doesn't approve the merit increase. She can do that paperwork with Mrs. McKinney and it would be retroactive to Ms. Adams' anniversary date. All the Board is deciding on is the reclassification.

Mrs. Shank stated that she agreed that a statement needs to be made, but the two employees on today's agenda should be made whole and then the Commission should move forward with a policy. Mrs. Donaldson added that a reclassification doesn't have to be done on an employee's anniversary date. The timing is up to the Department Head.

Mr. Rackley withdrew his motion.

Mr. McDougal made a motion to approve the Salary Resolution for Jade Adams moving her from an Administrative Clerk I to an Administrative Clerk II effective August 12, 2016 and the Salary Resolution for Mandy Springer moving her from a Library Tech I to a Library Tech II effective August 27, 2016. Motion seconded by Rackley. Mr. McDougal was opposed. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL FOR PERSHING COUNTY TO SPONSOR THE IMLAY SEWER COOP FOR AN APPLICATION TO BE LISTED ON THE STATE REVOLVING LOAN FUND LIST FOR SEWER SYSTEM GRANT FUNDING:** Mrs. Shank explained that this doesn't put any responsibility for the system on the County. This would allow them to apply for funding through the State Revolving Loan Fund.

Mr. Rackley made a motion to approve Pershing County sponsoring the Imlay Sewer Coop for an application to be listed on the State Revolving Loan Fund List for sewer system grant funding. Motion seconded by Mr. McDougal and passed.

**A AND H INSURANCE: UPDATE ON INFORMATION FOR PERSHING COUNTY HEALTH BENEFITS –** There was nothing to report today.

The meeting recessed at 11:20 a.m. for a litigation meeting. At 11:30 the Board met in a closed labor session pursuant to NRS 288.220 to meet with the County's labor representative regarding labor negotiations. The meeting reconvened at 12:20 p.m. for vouchers.

**VOUCHERS:** Mr. McDougal made a motion to approve the vouchers as submitted, with the exception of a voucher for Vendor #471, Robert McDougal. Motion seconded by Mr. Rackley and passed.

Mr. Rackley made a motion to approve the voucher for Vendor #471, Robert McDougal. Motion seconded by Mrs. Shank. Mr. McDougal abstained. Motion carried.

**REPORT FROM LEGAL COUNSEL:** Mr. Shields did not have anything to report.

**REPORT FROM ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT:** Mrs. Wesner stated that she is working on closing out the Imlay Sewer CDBG (Community Development Block Grant). All draw requests are due by March 22<sup>nd</sup>. She is also trying to stay on top of the BDRs (Bill Draft Requests).

**SELECTION AND APPROVAL TO PURCHASE LAPTOPS FOR USE BY COMMISSIONERS AND OTHER STAFF:** Mr. McDougal made a motion to approve the purchase of four laptops for a cost not to exceed \$900 each. Motion seconded by Mr. Rackley and passed.

**STATE LEGISLATION UPDATE: BDRs AND BILLS THAT COULD HAVE AN IMPACT ON PERSHING COUNTY –** Mrs. Shank has asked that this be on each agenda through the Legislative Session. She mentioned the two bills discussed this morning with Judge Shirley. NACO would like a decision regarding Pershing County's support or opposition of the Indigent Defense Bill. None of Commissioners are in support.

Mrs. Donaldson mentioned AB272 which would extend the hours of early voting, extend the hours on Election Day. It also requires electronic poll books and the printing of all election material in Mandarin and Cantonese. This bill would also require polling places on Indian Colonies and Reservations.

Mrs. Donaldson also stated that there is a bill that would create a Technology Fund for the Treasurers. It would take money from the General Fund, but at this time, if the Treasurer's office requires any technology upgrades, they would come out of the General Fund.

**SET WORKSHOP DATES TO DISCUSS AND HAVE PRESENTATIONS ON THE LAW ENFORCEMENT FACILITY:** A workshop was scheduled for Tuesday, April 18, 2017 at 8:30 a.m.

**UPDATE ON MATTERS RELATING TO THE PERSHING COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND CONSERVATION ACT:** Mr. McDougal spoke about his trip to Washington, DC. He spent a day with Alan Freemeyer, the lobbyist for Coeur Rochester and Pershing Gold. They visited the offices of all of Nevada's congressional delegation. The entire delegation had signed on as co-sponsors last fall, so they are asking for that again. Mr. McDougal stated that it is an expensive trip, but feels they made some positive accomplishments. If he is needed to testify on behalf of the bill in the future, he will go back.

Mrs. Shank stated that she received a call concerning a bill that would decrease the domestic well water usage from 2 acre feet to ½ acre foot. Mr. McDougal stated that it is his understanding that those restrictions would only be applied to vastly over-appropriated basins.



**MATTERS OF THE BOARD FOR DISCUSSION, BOARD MEMBER REPORTS, BOARD LIAISON REPORTS:** Mr. Rackley has been working on recruiting members for the 911 Advisory Commission. He also reported that he may have found a forklift for the Recycling Center.

Mr. McDougal attended Fair and Rec meeting last night. On Monday, he attended the PCEDA (Pershing County Economic Development Authority) meeting. Mrs. Lusby-Angvick is moving forward with WNDD (Western Nevada Development District) staff in implementing the strategic planning process. Mr. McDougal also stated that the City is willing to rent office space to PCEDA for \$1 per year.

Mrs. Shank reported that the Museum Board had asked J & K Llamas to come give a quote to do zero-scaping, and they were supposed to be here today. Mrs. Shank stated that she has been working on a number of projects, including updating the County’s website. She has also been gathering information on a four day work week.

Mr. McDougal also stated that Abbi Agency is working on a website for Economic Development.

Mr. Rackley stated that he will be attending the Airport Conference meeting in Gardnerville the first week in April.

**PUBLIC INPUT:** Barbara Rackley spoke about the position of the rock for the Clampers plaque. She feels it needs to be turned toward Main Street. With it facing Central Avenue, it is blocked by vehicles and trees and cannot be seen from Main Street.

As there was nothing further to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 1:33 p.m.

Approved 5/3/16: \_\_\_\_\_ /s/  
Carol Shank, Chairwoman

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