

**APRIL 6, 2016**

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m. by Darin Bloyed, Chairman. Those present were Pat Irwin and Carol Shank, Commissioners; Bryce Shields, District Attorney; Karen Wesner, Administrative Assistant; and Lacey Donaldson, Clerk.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Mr. Irwin made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 17, 2016 and the March 2, 2016 regular meetings as submitted. Motion seconded by Mrs. Shank and passed.

**PUBLIC INPUT:** Carolyn Hultgren spoke about some information she got from Healthy Nevada. Pershing General Hospital received an award for having 90% or higher of their employees vaccinated for the flu virus. Pershing County was ranked #2 for health outcome, but ranked 17<sup>th</sup> in health behaviors.

Terah Malsam, Public Relations Officer for the BLM, introduced David Campworth who is the new Humboldt River Field Office Manager. Mr. Campworth gave an overview of his prior experience with the Fish and Game and looks forward to working with our community.

**REVIEW OF ALL AGENDA ITEMS TO DETERMINE IF ANY DO OR DO NOT IMPOSE A DIRECT AND SIGNIFICANT ECONOMIC BURDEN ON A BUSINESS OR DIRECTLY RESTRICT THE FORMATION, OPERATION, OR EXPANSION OF A BUSINESS:** Mrs. Shank stated that she thought Item #28 regarding water applications and Item #29 regarding the Wilderness Lands Bill would fall under this category.

Mr. Irwin made a motion that Agenda Items #28 and #29 may impose a direct and significant economic burden on a business or directly restrict the formation, operation, or expansion of a business. Motion seconded by Mrs. Shank and passed.

**YEARS OF SERVICE AWARD/CERTIFICATE:**

Tim Ricketts was not present, but will be given a five year service pin and certificate.

**UNCLASSIFIED DEPARTMENTS:**

**ROAD DEPARTMENT** – Brian Greene was present.

Mr. Greene reported that since the last meeting he had a couple blades fix the shoulders on Coal Canyon Road. There was also some snow, so he had blades working all over the County. The crew is also working on laying soy bean oil down on the valley roads. The screening plant is running at the Big 5 pit. The Imlay crew installed a culvert on the backside of Rye Patch and has been spraying weeds. Mr. Greene stated that they are transporting equipment in today to do maintenance. There is a blade clearing weeds on the race track road today as well as a blade and water truck finishing up at Blue Wing.

**LANDFILL** – Brian Greene was present.

Mr. Greene reported that Mr. Nielsen is attending the SWANA (Solid Waste Association of North America) training in Winnemucca this week. Mr. Greene also reported that there was work done on the loader and it is now back in service.

*Approval to renew contract with Hoss Disposal for Rural Solid Waste Collection Services:* It was noted that the contract has been reviewed by District Attorney Shields and no changes were made.

Mrs. Shank made a motion to approve the renewal of the contract with Hoss Disposal for Rural Solid Waste Collection Services as presented, expiring February 28, 2019. Motion seconded by Mr. Irwin and passed.

SENIOR CENTER/VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR – Jordan McKinney was present.

Mrs. McKinney reported that their Annual Birdhouse Raffle is coming up on April 28<sup>th</sup>. Breakfast this month will be held on April 29<sup>th</sup>. Mrs. McKinney stated that the Center received another sizable donation from the estate of Zelma Cerini, so in total they have received approximately \$24,000. The next Advisory Board meeting will be next Tuesday, April 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 a.m. Yesterday there was an Alzheimer's and Dementia Training put on by the University. Mrs. McKinney stated that it was very educational and she is going to try to schedule another date.

**PROCLAMATIONS AND AWARDS:** Mrs. Shank made a motion and read a Proclamation declaring April 3 – 9, 2016 National Volunteer Week. Motion seconded by Mr. Irwin and passed.

Mr. Irwin made a motion and read a Proclamation declaring April 2016 National County Government Month. Motion seconded by Mrs. Shank and passed.

**UNCLASSIFIED DEPARTMENTS, CONT.D:**

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

Mr. Handka stated that they have been doing quite a bit of work on issues that were presented in the Jail Inspection completed by the State.

In regards to the Airport, all the work has been completed with the exception of the roof. The cost to replace the roof is approximately \$16,000. Mr. Irwin stated that he would like to get through the Budget workshop this afternoon and re-evaluate all the Capital Improvement Projects. Mr. Handka stated that he is aware of the budget conflicts, but feels with all the money that has already been spent out there, not fixing the roof would be a waste.

Mrs. Shank asked about the weeds. Mr. Handka stated that they are currently working on the sprinkler systems and if the wind cooperates, they will spray the weeds. Mrs. Shank also asked about the cemeteries. Mr. Handka stated that he has called NDF (Nevada Division of Forestry) to get a clean-up crew out.

*Marianne Papa, 2016 Frontier Days, Discussion regarding issues relating to certain booths at the event:* Ms. Papa showed the Board a picture of a bounce house. They would like to establish a “kids zone” with several different bounce houses. There has always been a concern with placing inflatables on the grass. Ms. Papa stated that when speaking to the vendor, they prefer placing them on the grass because in July it will be very hot. It was also noted that they are deflated every night and the vendor hasn't had an issue at other venues. They would also like to bring in a mechanical bull. The company is fully licensed and insured. This is also an inflatable item. Mr. Irwin asked Mr. Shields about adequate insurance. Mr. Shields would like to review the Frontier Days Committee's insurance policy as well as the vendor's. Mr. Irwin suggested that the Frontier Days Committee work with Mr. Handka on the location of vendors and this item will be put back on the agenda once Mr. Shields has reviewed the insurance.

**BID AWARD:** PERSHING COUNTY ROAD DEPARTMENT TYPE II PAVEMENT BID – It was noted that bids were opened yesterday, April 5<sup>th</sup> and were received as follows:

Q & D Construction	\$1.70 per square foot for a total of \$204,000
Hunewill Construction	\$1.68 per square foot for a total of \$201,600
Z 7 Development	\$2.16 per square foot for a total of \$259,200
Sierra Nevada Construction	\$1.40 per square foot for a total of \$168,000

All the bids were reviewed by Brian Greene, Road Department Superintendent.

Mr. Irwin made a motion to award the Pershing County Road Department Type II Pavement Bid to Sierra Nevada Construction in the amount of \$168,000 being the most responsive and responsible bid. Motion seconded by Mrs. Shank and passed.

**UNCLASSIFIED DEPARTMENTS, CONT.D:**

**COMMUNITY CENTER/ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – Approval of Construction Contract with Ferrel Construction for kitchen remodel project:** Mrs. Shank made a motion to approve the construction contract with Ferrel Construction for the Community Center kitchen remodel project as presented. Motion seconded by Mr. Irwin and passed.

**PERSHING COUNTY FIRE/AMBULANCE DEPARTMENTS –**

**PERSHING COUNTY FIRE COORDINATOR REPORT:** Mike Heidemann was present.

Mr. Heidemann reported on the status of the F Endorsement project. The changes were passed and the “drop dead” date for DMV (Department of Motor Vehicles) is May 8<sup>th</sup>. The next step for the County is to adopt a program. Mr. Bloyed asked Mr. Heidemann to present a format to the Board. Mrs. Shank asked that Mr. Heidemann work with the Fire Chiefs. Mr. Bloyed stated he would speak with the Fire Chiefs and tell them there is a deadline to get this done.

There was also discussion regarding the transition to a new EMS (Emergency Medical Services) reporting system. Mr. Irwin stated that the State adopted a new program called Trip Tix. The system went live April 1, 2016 and all ambulance services using the State’s system are mandated to use it. Mr. Irwin did not know where the Department was at with this transition.

**BID OPENING/AWARD: PERSHING COUNTY COURTHOUSE WINDOW**

**REPLACEMENT PROJECT –** Mrs. Shank stated that she is concerned about opening these bids not knowing the outcome of the Budget meeting this afternoon.

Two bids were received as follows:

DeBell Windows	\$81,500
Beautiful Homes Nevada (BHN)	\$62,609

Mr. Bloyed wanted the record to reflect that BHN is doing some work for him personally.

Mr. Shields will review the bids for compliance and this matter will be addressed later in the day.

Later in the morning, Mr. Shields gave the Board an overview of the bids received. The bid specs require a five year warranty. DeBell offered a four year warranty and included a lead test, with the price of that test to be determined. BHN’s bid did not meet the bid specs regarding the interior color and also did not include bug screens. It was decided that, as neither bid conforms 100% to the bid specs, Mr. Shields will contact both bidders for clarification and this will be put back on the next agenda.

**UNCLASSIFIED DEPARTMENTS, CONT.D:**

**IMLAY FIRE DEPARTMENT: Approval of 2016 Agreement, Imlay Volunteer Fire Station Project:** Mrs. Shank made a motion to approve the 2016 Agreement with Aspen Creek Construction to complete the construction of the interior of the Imlay Firehouse for an amount not to exceed \$43,961.00 with work being completed prior to June 15, 2016. Motion seconded by Mr. Irwin and passed.

LEPC – Mrs. Shank stated that they have a meeting this Thursday. Mr. Heidemann spoke about the Emergency Managers meeting that was held in Minden.

**ELECTED DEPARTMENTS:**

**LACEY DONALDSON, CLERK-TREASURER –** Mrs. Donaldson did not have anything to report.

**Approval of corrections/changes to the Tax Roll:** Mrs. Donaldson gave the Board three corrections to the Tax Roll as follows:

APN 006-080-24	American Mustang Heritage, Request to remove Mobile Home
APN 007-281-27	Alpha & Omega Fellowship, Requesting Church Exemption
APN 001-065-03	St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, Requesting Church Exemption

A memo from the District Attorney’s office was included clarifying the qualifications to receive an exemption. No refunds or credits will be given.

Mr. Irwin made a motion to approve the three changes to the Tax Roll as presented. Motion seconded by Mrs. Shank and passed.

RENE CHILDS, RECORDER-AUDITOR – Mrs. Childs gave the Board the monthly ending fund balance report.

LAURI CERINI-JONES, ASSESSOR – Mrs. Cerini-Jones stated that the Assessor’s Conference is April 18-22 in Pahrump and she will be carpooling with some other counties.

Mrs. Cerini-Jones also reported that her office has been working with Coeur Rochester as they feel they were double taxed on some mining equipment. It was noted that this equipment is assessed by the State and not the Assessor. Once the figures are worked out we will have to refund approximately \$70,000.

**TELEVISION ADVISORY BOARD: APPROVAL FOR OUT OF STATE TRAVEL AND HIGHER HOTEL ROOM RATE FOR TWO TV BOARD MEMBERS TO ATTEND THE ANNUAL BROADCASTERS CONFERENCE IN SPOKANE, WA ON MAY 13-15, 2016** – Larry Rackley stated that the TV Board did approve the two members attendance at this conference.

Mr. Irwin made a motion to approve the out of state travel and higher hotel room rate not to exceed \$100 for two TV Board members to attend the Annual Broadcasters Conference in Spokane, Washington on May 13-15, 2016. Motion seconded by Mrs. Shank and passed.

**BID OPENING/AWARD: PERSHING COUNTY COURT HOUSE FLOOR PROJECT** – Mr. Bloyed asked Mr. Shields if the Board should open the bids as Justice Court is not ready for this project. Mr. Shields stated that the agenda calls for them to be opened. If the Board decides to award the bid it is good for 60 days. He also noted that the bid can be awarded contingent on the outcome of today’s budget meeting.

The following bids were received:

Carpet King	\$49,980
Nevada Flooring and Carpet	No Bid
Fallon Floors	\$112,606

Mr. Shields will review the bid documents and report back to the Board later in the meeting.

Later in the day, Mr. Shields stated that the bid from Fallon Floors did not conform to the bid specifications as the Round Room was included. Their bid also does not include the baseboards being caulked or painted. The bid from Carpet Kind does comply.

Mrs. Shank made a motion to award the Pershing County Courthouse Floor Project to Carpet King in the amount of \$49,980 being the most responsive and responsible bid and contingent on the status of the budget. Motion seconded by Mr. Irwin and passed.

**PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED ORDINANCE #321, AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING CHAPTER 13.40 ENTITLED “PERSHING COUNTY CEMETERIES”:** There was no public comment.

Mrs. Shank made a motion to adopt Ordinance #321 establishing Chapter 13.40 entitled “Pershing County Cemeteries” as proposed. Motion seconded by Mr. Irwin and passed unanimously.

**SALARY RESOLUTION: V. PHILLIPS, ASSESSOR’S OFFICE** – Mr. Irwin made a motion to approve the Salary Resolution for Valiree Phillips moving her from an Administrative Clerk I, Range 23, Step 2 to an Administrative Clerk II, Range 26, Step 1 effective March 24, 2016. Motion seconded by Mrs. Shank and passed.

**APPROVAL OF AMENDED SPECIAL ASSESSMENT FOR THE LOVELOCK VALLEY GROUNDWATER BASIN FOR FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2016 TO JUNE 30, 2017 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,940.05 PURSUANT TO NRS 534.040(2):** Mrs. Donaldson stated that she compared the amended report with the first one the Board approved and the only difference is the total amount of the Assessment didn't match the Certification on the first document.

Mrs. Shank made a motion to approve the amended Special Assessment for the Lovelock Valley Groundwater Basin for Fiscal Year July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017 in the amount of \$2,940.05. Motion seconded by Mr. Irwin and passed.

**ADVISORY BOARD APPOINTMENTS/RESIGNATIONS:** A letter was received from Alejandra Bozarth asking to be appointed to the Museum Board.

Mrs. Shank made a motion to appoint Alejandra Bozarth to the Museum Board with a term expiring January 5, 2017. Motion seconded by Mr. Irwin and passed.

An email was received from Leslie Millican resigning from the Library Board.

Mr. Irwin made a motion to accept the resignation of Leslie Millican from the Library Board. Motion seconded by Mrs. Shank and passed.

A letter of interest was received from Betty Jane May asking to be reappointed to the Library Board. It was noted that Ms. May's original appointment expired and was filled by another candidate.

Mr. Irwin made a motion to appoint Betty Jane May to the Library Board with a term expiring June 30, 2016. Motion seconded by Mrs. Shank and passed.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** A letter was received from the Humboldt County Commissioners regarding the First Level Conflicts Council Agreement. The letter states that as of June 30, 2016 they will be terminating the agreement with Pershing County.

**PERSHING COUNTY APPOINTMENT TO THE SELECTIVE SERVICE SYSTEM LOCAL BOARD:** It was noted that Mr. Bloyed was asked to sit on this Board, but, as he is a retired member of the Armed Forces he is not eligible. Mr. Irwin stated that he would accept the appointment.

Mrs. Shank made a motion to appoint Commissioner Irwin to the Selective Service System Local Board. Motion seconded by Mr. Bloyed and passed.

**PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED ORDINANCE #322, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 2.28 OF THE PERSHING COUNTY CODE ENTITLED "COUNTY CEMETERY", PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE PERSHING COUNTY CEMETERY ADVISORY BOARD AND FOR THE REPEAL OF ALL IN CONFLICT HEREWITH:** There was no public comment.

Mrs. Shank made a motion to adopt Ordinance #322, an ordinance amending Chapter 2.28 of the Pershing County Code entitled "County Cemetery", providing for the establishment of the Pershing County Cemetery Advisory Board and for the repeal of all in conflict herewith. Motion seconded by Mr. Irwin and passed unanimously.

**WNDD (WESTERN NEVADA DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT): APPROVAL OF PROJECTS AND PRIORITIES FOR THE PERSHING COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY PLAN –** Mrs. Shank stated that she had planned to type something up, but she would like to include the roads that were submitted to NACO (Nevada Association of County Officials) regarding the fuel index project and all the projects on the Capital Improvement Plan.

Mrs. Shank made a motion to include the road projects as submitted to NACO and the projects listed on the current Capital Improvement Plan as priorities for the Pershing County Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy Plan. Motion seconded by Mr. Irwin and passed.

The meeting recessed at 9:52 a.m. for a Litigation meeting and reconvened at 10:06 a.m.

**PLANNING DEPARTMENT, IMLAY WATER SYSTEM & BUILDING DEPARTMENT UPDATES:** Damian McKinney was present.

Mr. McKinney gave the Board the monthly permits and fees collected report. Mr. McKinney also reported that he is starting to work with some of the Imlay residents on getting some things cleaned up. He is also working with people in Rye Patch and Grass Valley. Mr. McKinney also prepared an awareness letter to send to all the Grass Valley residents and had Mr. Shields review it.

**UNCLASSIFIED DEPARTMENTS:**

**PUBLIC DEFENDER** – Steve Cochran was present.

Mr. Cochran reported that the office is busy. He has a jury trial starting tomorrow. Mr. Cochran also spoke about the letter from Humboldt County terminating the Conflict Counsel Contract. Mr. Cochran would like to write a response in regards to the comments that the Humboldt County Public Defender made to the Humboldt County Commissioners. Mr. Cochran also stated that he spoke with Judge Shirley regarding the Mineral County Conflict Council as a means to bring back that lost revenue. He was also thinking about making a proposal to Burning Man.

Mr. Bloyed stated that any outreach on Mr. Cochran's part to help bring in revenue to fund his office would be a great help. Mr. Cochran asked if it was appropriate for him to personally reach out. Mr. Bloyed asked Mr. Shields if it is appropriate for Mr. Cochran to reach out to other counties or if the Board should do it. Mr. Shields doesn't feel it would be a detriment for Mr. Cochran to speak with the Humboldt County Commissioners in regards to that contract being cancelled. He does feel that any discussion with other counties should take place between those counties' boards. Mr. Shields wanted it to be clear that he cannot really council in this matter as it can't look like he is picking his office's opponent.

Mr. Irwin thought it would be more appropriate for Mr. Cochran to speak to the Humboldt County Commission in person. Mrs. Shank will reach out to Mineral County regarding Conflict Counsel.

**VOUCHERS:** Mr. Irwin made a motion to approve the vouchers as submitted. Motion seconded by Mrs. Shank and passed.

**JERRY ALLEN, SHERIFF:** Sheriff Allen reported that he is holding a "Sheriff's Sale" tomorrow and is working on another one. He is also working on updating the grant application for the School Resource Officer. Mr. Irwin asked if Sheriff Allen had any inclination on the funding availability this year. Sheriff Allen stated that he has been advised that the funding looks good for the next few years, but our match may increase over time.

**DECISION FOR 2016 BURNING MAN EVENT (SEPARATE COMMAND OR INTEGRATED COMMAND)** – Sheriff Allen gave the Board a letter regarding the 2016 Burning Man Festival. Sheriff Allen feels that it would be in the best interest of the Sheriff's Department to go with separate command; however, after speaking with the District Attorney and Commissioner Irwin and acknowledging his fiscal responsibility, he doesn't feel a separate command structure would be financially viable.

Mrs. Shank asked if there have been discussions with Burning Man regarding assisting Pershing County with the communication problems. Sheriff Allen stated that there has, but without permanent infrastructure, the proper testing cannot be completed.

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

**REPORT FROM ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT:** Mrs. Wesner did not have anything to report.

The meeting recessed at 10:46 a.m. and reconvened at 11:00 a.m.

**PUBLIC HEARING:** ROD ST. CLAIR, APPLICATIONS #85901 AND #85902, BOTH THE PROPOSED POINTS OF DIVERSION ARE IN THE MUD MEADOW HYDROGRAPHIC BASIN (026), WHICH PROPOSE TO CHANGE THE POINT OF DIVERSION FROM PERSHING COUNTY TO BRADY'S HOT SPRINGS AREA, HYDROGRAPHIC BASIN (075), FERNLEY AREAS, HYDROGRAPHIC BASIN (076), TRACY SEGMENT HYDROGRAPHIC BASIN (083), CARSON DESERT HYDROGRAPHIC BASIN (101), CHURCHILL VALLEY HYDROGRAPHIC BASIN (102) AND THE DAYTON VALLEY HYDROGRAPHIC BASIN (103) – Mr. Bloyed asked for any public comment. He also stated that Pershing County's policy is to protest any water applications that divert water out of Pershing County.

Rod St. Claire introduced Michael Stanka, the water engineer on this project. The Board also had a presentation of Mr. St. Claire's proposal in their packets. Mr. St. Claire stated that there are very few people who would be affected by moving this water.

Mr. Irwin asked if they have a buyer for the water or if this is speculative at this time. Mr. Stanka stated that they are currently in negotiations with several entities. Mr. Irwin also stated that he was concerned about the impact to the Black Rock Desert and the Fly Geysers.

Mr. Bloyed wanted to reiterate that the policy of the County has been to protest any water applications and he doesn't see them doing anything differently today. He also stated that the main reason for the protest is to ensure the County has a seat at the table.

Robert McDougal spoke as a member of the Humboldt River Water Basin Authority. Mr. McDougal stated that they are also protesting these applications. The first reason is that the application is speculative in nature and secondly, because of the cost to move the water.

Debra Struhsacker of Pershing Gold also spoke and wanted the Board to keep in mind that there are mining uses in that area as well.

Mrs. Shank made a motion that the County will formally protest Applications #85901 and #85902 submitted by Rod St. Clair proposing to change the point of diversion from Pershing County to Brady's Hot Springs Area, Hydrographic Basin 075; Fernley areas, Hydrographic Basin 076; Tracy Segment Hydrographic Basin 083; Carson Desert Hydrographic Basin 101; Churchill Valley Hydrographic Basin 102 and the Dayton Valley Hydrographic Basin 103. Motion seconded by Mr. Irwin and passed.

**UPDATE ON THE WILDERNESS LANDS BILL (PERSHING COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND CONSERVATION ACT); DISCUSSION REGARDING DISPOSAL OF SPECIFIED BLM LANDS; DISPOSITION OF PROCEEDS, AUTHORIZED LAND CONVEYANCES, CONVEYANCE OF SPECIFIED BLM LANDS TO PERSHING COUNTY (UNIONVILLE CEMETERY), DESIGNATION OF SPECIFIED WILDERNESS AREAS, RELEASE OF SELECTED WILDERNESS STUDY AREAS; APPROVAL TO SEND COMMENT LETTER OR OTHER ACTION BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS:** Mr. Bloyed stated that it was made clear at the last meeting that not everyone had been notified. The Board will send a letter to the offices of Senator Heller and Senator Reid asking them to postpone any action on this draft. The Board would like to schedule some collaborative meetings to discuss the public's concerns. Mr. Bloyed stated that there is never going to be a "perfect" Lands Bill, but they would like everyone to have a voice in the process. The Commission would like to set separate meetings for Farming/Ranching interests as well as mining interests so that each group can be heard.

Mr. Irwin wanted to reiterate that with this being a three person board, they haven't spoken to each other about this issue since the last meeting. He would like to see the meetings fast-tracked and scheduled within the next two weeks. Mr. Irwin suggested holding the first meeting for those with mining interests the evening of April 20<sup>th</sup> after the regular Commission meeting.

Clifton Abbott stated that he didn't feel two weeks was sufficient notice to the public. He also stated that he felt the Commission was trying to slip this Bill through without any notice to the public.

Mr. Irwin stated that the County has been working on this for a long time and other public meetings have been held. He also stated that the Bill would not move forward without the support of the County, so if they find more time is needed it will be pushed out as long as necessary.

Larry Robbins of the GPAA (Gold Prospectors Association of America) asked if this process can be extended 30 days.

Debra Struhsacker of Pershing Gold had a list of entities that could help distribute the information to those involved in mining. She will give the information to Mrs. Wesner.

The Board decided to schedule the following Town Hall meetings:

April 20, 2016 to hear from and discuss Farming/Ranching concerns.

May 4, 2016 to hear from and discuss Mining concerns

May 17, 2016 to hear from other interested parties

Carl Clinger commented on the concerns that this Bill is being "fast-tracked". He stated that the Checkerboard Lands Committee was started in 2003 to review a lot of these same issues. In 2005, five public meetings were held to discuss the Nevada Wilderness Coalition's proposal. Mr. Clinger suggested that people actually read the Bill as it includes language that offers a lot of protection.

Several other comments from the public were made. Joel Murphy of Florida Canyon asked that a central place be established (online) for all this information so it is readily available. Mr. Murphy also wanted the Commission to clarify the purpose of the Bill.

Ms. Struhsacker stated that her company is in support of the bill and she wanted to clarify some points. She stated that there is a lot of uncertainty in the BLM's (Bureau of Land Management) permitting process and this would help to eliminate some of that uncertainty. She also stated that this would open up redevelopment once a mine's life is over.

Mr. Irwin repeated the fact that this Bill is in draft form and can change.

Matt Marvel stated that he is concerned that this bill creates Wilderness where WSAs (Wilderness Study Areas) have never been conducted.

Mr. Bloyed announced that the Town Halls previously discussed will be held at 6:00 p.m. at the Community Center.

Any correspondence that was presented in regards to this agenda item will be attached to the minutes and made available in the Clerk's office.

**MATTERS OF THE BOARD FOR DISCUSSION, BOARD MEMBER REPORTS, BOARD LIAISON REPORTS:** Mrs. Shank stated that she attended the PCEDA meeting. There were several individuals representing the Portuguese Festa who were concerned with the timeline of the kitchen construction. Mrs. Lusby-Angvick and Ted Bendure will be meeting with the contractor weekly to make sure things stay on the time-line. Mrs. Shank also attended the Nevada Airport Association Conference in Boulder City and made a lot of good connections and heard several good ideas. She also reported that the Central Nevada Regional Water Authority was given a presentation from the US Geological Survey. Studies have already been done on ground water vs surface water, but another study is still being done.

Mr. Irwin reported that he attended a NACO (Nevada Association of County Officials) meeting on March 25<sup>th</sup>. A presentation was given by Judge Hardesty regarding evidence based pre-trial release. Mr. Shields stated that the DA's Association is watching this closely. NDOT (Nevada Department of Transportation) also spoke about the I-11 project. Mr. Irwin stated that Pershing County needs to stay in



the mix. He also stated that Judge Hardesty spoke about Guardianships as well. POOL/PACT is looking at changing their policies, procedures and trainings in relation to Guardianships. Mr. Irwin stated that there are POOL/PACT meetings coming up April 28-29 in Reno. He also attended the TRI-RAC meeting.

Mr. Bloyed has a NV Works budget meeting tomorrow and a Recreation/Tourism Board meeting tomorrow night.

**PUBLIC INPUT:** John Handka stated that he was told that the Judge's office is doing some remodeling, which would change the HVAC contract. They would like to add some walls, which would require additional units that were not in the original plans. Judge Shirley was present and stated that he would work with Buildings and Grounds and will keep the Commission informed.

As there was nothing further to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 1:37 p.m.

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_ /s/  
Darin Bloyed, Chairman

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