

**JULY 17, 2019**

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Mr. McDougal made a motion to approve the minutes from the June 5, 2019 regular meeting as submitted. Motion seconded by Mrs. Shank and passed.

**PUBLIC INPUT:** Mr. Abbott stated that this week marks the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Apollo 11 mission and the moon landing.

**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 made a motion that no agenda 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.

**UNCLASSIFIED DEPARTMENTS:**

ROAD DEPARTMENT – Dan Hill was present.

Mr. Hill reported that he has a young man helping out through Vocational Rehabilitation. He has been doing a really good job.

The Road Department crew has been very busy. They helped out at the Landfill last week while Mr. Nielsen was on vacation. They cleaned up the Imlay and Unionville burn areas at the transfer sites. The crew has also been hauling chips and patching roads. There was a hole in the culvert on Old Emigrant, so it has been replaced. A sink hole was discovered on Peterson. They put a trench plate over it for now as there is still water running. Just this morning Mr. Hill received a phone call that there is another one on Peterson that is critical. He will work with the Water District to get it fixed as soon as possible. A trench plate has also been put over a hole on Rogers Road along with barrier walls.

Mr. Hill also stated that he had previously informed the Board that one of his trucks was in the shop. The head gasket ended up being replaced. He hasn't received the bill yet, but it will be costly. Mr. Hill stated that he also had the front breaks, disks, and rotors replaced on the old loader, which costed \$6,000.

The crew has also been spraying weeds on the side of the roads as time permits. They also put soy bean oil down on part of Peterson. Once they get another load they will finish Peterson and also do the Landfill.

LANDFILL – Dan Hill was present.

Mr. Hill reported that Mr. Nielsen is back from vacation. They had quite a mess in the burn area, but it has been cleaned up. They also shipped out a load of metal and are cleaning up the waste oil. Mr. Hill stated that he hasn't received any complaints regarding the transfer sites.

*Request to NDOT (Nevada Department of Transportation) to increase the speed limit on Frontage Road (FRPE-01) from Toulon interchange to Westfall Road to 65 mph:* Mr. Rackley stated that we have talked about this before and sent a request previously. Mr. Rackley thought,

since NDOT is here today, that he would bring it up again. Mr. Bonner, NDOT Government Liaison, stated that we will need to submit the request in writing again.

**COMMUNITY CENTER** – *Diane Johnson, Crazy 4 Scraping, Request to have NNIS install additional internet lines for a 3-day event, to be paid for by the Crazy 4 Scraping Club:* Ms. Johnson stated that they have approximately 70 machines that they need to hook up to the internet. They have already spoken to NNIS.

Mrs. McKay didn't have any issues, but has not discussed it with Mr. Handka. Mrs. Shank asked that Ms. Johnson coordinate the installation, etc. with Mrs. McKay.

Mrs. Shank made a motion to approve the request from the Crazy 4 Scraping Club to have NNIS install additional internet lines for a 3-day event to be paid for by the Club. Motion seconded by Mr. McDougal and passed.

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

Mr. Handka reported that since the last meeting the crew has been spraying weeds, working on the sprinkler systems, and preparing for Frontier Days. The tree service was supposed to come in this week, but with the recent winds they had some emergency jobs in Reno/Sparks that they had to take care of. They should be here Monday and Tuesday next week.

Mr. Handka stated that he is getting ready for the movie in the park this Friday. He is going to leave the outer lights on in the Park this time as there was a minor incident last time. This will not affect the showing. The Pool lights will also still be on as there is a private event that evening as well. It was noted that the movie organizers are aware of the change.

Mr. Handka also reported that a cooler went out at the Community Center. A replacement has been ordered and should be here by mid-week next week. Mr. Handka stated that after the tree trimming is done, he will start work on the handicap parking at the Museum.

Mr. Handka, at the direction of the Board, had D&D Plumbing look at the plumbing in the rental house in Imlay. He did receive a quote from them to replace the piping. Mr. Handka is working on obtaining an additional quote from another plumber. Mr. Handka also looked at the subfloor in the bathroom. The subfloor is in good condition, but the flooring needs to be replaced. Mr. Handka also had a company come measure the windows, so he will have a cost estimate to replace them ready for the next meeting.

*Approval of window blinds for the Pershing County Administration Building not to exceed \$12,000.00 to be paid from the Capital Improvement Fund:* Mrs. Shank made a motion to approve the purchase of window blinds for the Administration Building at a cost not to exceed \$12,000, to be paid from the Capital Improvement Fund. Motion seconded by Mr. McDougal and passed.

*Approval to purchase new air conditioner unit for the Community Center not to exceed \$10,000.00:* Mrs. Shank asked where the funds for this are coming from. Mr. Handka stated that it would be coming out of his regular budget.

Mrs. Shank made a motion to approve the purchase of a new air conditioner unit for the Community Center, not to exceed a cost of \$10,000. Motion seconded by Mr. McDougal and passed.

**GRASS VALLEY FIRE DEPARTMENT** – Sean Burke was present.

Mr. Burke reported that they currently have 16 members. Their Burn Ban is in effect as of July 15<sup>th</sup>. They have not had any significant fires in Grass Valley, but they did provide mutual aid on two significant fires. The first was on June 25<sup>th</sup> on State Route 400 where two separate fires burned approximately 1,500 acres. The second was on July 13<sup>th</sup> in Humboldt County by the airport subdivision.

Mr. Burke also reported that their first out brush/medical truck is having some serious mechanical issues. It has been taken to the Ford dealership in Winnemucca for repairs and they are looking at a large bill. The truck does have 165,000 miles on it, so they have started to look at some replacement options. They did approach the BLM (Bureau of Land Management) last year about their excess surplus property, but they did not have what the department was looking for. Mr. Burke stated that he would continue to work with them.

The department burned the burn pit at the transfer site for the last time this year about three weeks ago and it is already full.

Mr. Burke also stated that they have been working through their SCBA (self-contained breathing apparatus) Recapitalization Project. They were unable to schedule a Chief's meeting due to scheduling conflicts, but hope to have that soon. Their initial look, speaking with LN Curtis, is between \$6,000 and \$6,500 for one unit. They have over 50 to replace throughout the county. They are looking at a phased in replacement strategy, with grant funding being Plan B. LEPC does have about \$25,000 a year available through a Hazmat grant.

Mr. Burke also spoke about the Safer Grant and the reimbursement it provides for new members. He submitted a reimbursement request for about \$5,000, but will only receive about \$2,000. There were some additional requirements that we were unaware of.

SAFETY – Cheryl Haas was present.

Ms. Haas reported that she has been working with Mrs. Shank going through the old files and inventory. She has consolidated all the employees into work groups. She has also been speaking with POOL/PACT to learn and understand the e-learning. She was also given information on the other programs they offer. She is also working with JJ Keller in regard to OSHA requirements. She sent out the yearly mandatory requirements to all departments to take their courses on line. Some new requirements have also been added to various departments.

**NDOT: PRESENTATION AND APPROVAL OF THE ANNUAL WORK PROGRAM FOR PERSHING COUNTY; VALIDATION OF THE TOP TWO CONCERNS BASED ON PREVIOUS DISCUSSIONS** – Cole Mortenson, Deputy Director and Lee Bonner, Government Liaison were present.

Before beginning his presentation, Mr. Mortenson awarded Heidi Lusby-Angvick with the Transportation Champion Award.

Mr. Mortenson spoke about all the personnel changes within the department, including the Governor, Lt. Governor, and Comptroller. Mr. Mortenson gave a presentation on NDOT's projects in Pershing County. The average annual expenditures in Pershing County are \$3,356,474. Pershing County's top priorities include a study plan to reconfigure the intersection of SR398, Central Avenue, Western Avenue, and Dartmouth Avenue to include a community space and a painted or physical roundabout; a study for plan improvements to the intersection of SR856, Cornell Avenue, 14<sup>th</sup> Street and Upper Valley to alleviate dangerous sight problems; relocate pedestrian boxes at the intersection of SR398 and SR396; evaluate the intersection of SR398 and SR 396 for possible elimination of the traffic signal; construction of an interchange on I-80 from Westfall Road; and installation of a welcome sign on bridge I-854.

In FY19 they completed cold mill and overlay on SR397; removed and replaced culverts on SR399; purchased aggregate and material for future NDOT yard; and completed a chip seal on SR400. Projects to be completed in FY20 include chip seal on SR407; chip seal on SR396; structure I-854 Airport Road bridge joints and overlay; structure G-1346 Cornell over I-80 joint

replacement; structure B-1304 Rye Patch over spillway new joints and overlay; and a project on I-80.

Mr. McDougal asked what the B-28 structure is. Will Barter of NDOT stated that it is on Upper Valley Road where the river runs under Pitt Taylor. He stated that this structure will be repaired prior to the replacement of G-29.

Mrs. Shank made a motion to accept the Annual Work Program for Pershing County as presented by NDOT. Motion seconded by Mr. McDougal and passed.

**UNCLASSIFIED DEPARTMENTS, CONT.D:**

EMERGENCY OPERATIONS MANAGER/LEPC – Charlie Sparke was present.

Sean Burke spoke again about the replacement of the SCBAs. Mr. Sparke stated that Lovelock has replaced most of theirs and he has gotten some for the other departments as well. Mr. Burke stated that bottles have been replaced, but he is talking about the whole pack. Mr. Sparke stated that buying four a year would eat up the entire grant. Mr. Sparke was also concerned about whether SERC (State Emergency Response Commission) would keep sponsoring the grant if we do the same thing every year.

Mr. Sparke also reported that he finally spoke with someone regarding the Hazmat and the United We Stand Grants. Their committee has scheduled and cancelled two meetings, so there have been no awards made.

*HMEP (Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness), Fire Shows West Grant approval:* Mr. Sparke stated that he is requesting funding for eight registrations. He has requested funding for eighteen in the past, but has never had interest from that many to attend.

Mr. McDougal made a motion to approve the HMEP Grant as presented. Motion seconded by Mrs. Shank and passed.

IT DEPARTMENT – Justin Abbott was present.

Mr. Abbott stated that the Recorder's office is working with Tyler this week doing a parallel payroll and will "Go-Live" the last week of the month. The Assessor is going live this week with Devnet. From an IT perspective, both conversions seem to be going smoothly. He will make some updates to the website for records lookup. Mr. Abbott reported that there was a service outage on the GIS land maps that are accessible on the website. He is working with Farr West to get it resolved.

*Cyber Hygiene – Authorization to conduct continuous scans of public facing networks and systems:* Mr. McDougal asked about the Cyber Hygiene contract under the Clerk-Treasurer's update. Mrs. Donaldson stated that this was initiated by the Secretary of State's office. Mr. Abbott stated that he is still going through the document to determine what is being asked of us that we aren't already doing. Mr. Abbott stated that they want to be able to look at anything that's facing the internet to see what can be accessed from the outside. They don't want to log in to our machines or access email, etc. Mrs. Shank wondered why this was coming from the Secretary of State and not the State itself. Mrs. Donaldson stated that Secretary Cegavske is implementing this as an election security precaution. Mr. McDougal stated that federal election oversight would be the only element the Federal Government would have reasonable authorization to look into. Once Mr. Abbott has more information the Board will consider approving this authorization. Mr. Abbott did say that he felt having more people looking at your security to assess the holes is not a bad thing.

**ELECTED DEPARTMENTS:**

**LACEY DONALDSON, CLERK-TREASURER** – Mrs. Donaldson stated that the 2019-2020 Tax Bills should be in the mail and headed to taxpayers this week.

**RENE CHILDS, RECORDER-AUDITOR** – *IBM statement of work for service elite contract renewal/extension:* Mrs. Childs stated that this is an extension to our current contract for the AS400, which we will still need for a while after the conversions are completed. This used to be handled through ADS.

Mrs. Shank made a motion to approve the IBM Statement of Work for Service Elite Hardware Support Extension as presented, in the amount of \$2,344.09. Motion seconded by Mr. McDougal and passed.

Mrs. Childs stated that the outside auditors will be here July 29-31. That is their “Go-Live” week as well, but the schedule could change due to implementation of the Cashiering module in the Treasurer’s office.

**ASSESSOR’S OFFICE** – *Log of changes made to the Secured Roll:* Mr. McDougal made a motion to accept the Assessor’s Log of Changes made to the Secured Roll. Motion seconded by Mrs. Shank and passed.

*Approval of higher hotel room rate at Fall Assessor’s Conference in Ely, NV, September 9-12, 2019:* The Board did not have an amount to approve. This will go on the next agenda for consideration.

Later in the morning Mrs. Wesner informed the Board that the rate is \$94.00 per night.

Mr. McDougal made a motion to approve the higher hotel room rate of \$94.00 for the Fall Assessor’s Conference in Ely, Nevada September 9-12, 2019. Motion seconded by Mrs. Shank and passed.

**UPDATE ON PROGRESS OF SITE LOCATION, DESIGN, FUNDING, AMENITIES AND CONSTRUCTION OF FUTURE LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER:**

Mr. Rackley stated that he attended the City Council meeting and they approved the lot line adjustment.

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

**GRASS VALLEY ADVISORY BOARD:** Sean Burke and Paul Schlehr were present.

Mr. Burke reported that all of the positions on the Board are filled. The next meeting is July 29<sup>th</sup>. There will be a guest speaker presenting on stroke prevention. They will also be discussing Humboldt General Hospital’s new Ground Gold Membership Program, which covers out-of-pocket expenses for ambulance transportation. The cost of membership is \$55.00. Mr. Burke stated that they will also promote the Pershing Healthcare Dinner that is coming up.

Mr. Burke also reported that the local Grange Program is continuing to use the Center for their monthly meetings. Mr. Burke also received a call from the Democratic Party wanting to use the facility for their caucus in February.

To follow-up on some issues of concern from the last meeting, Mr. Burke stated that the Mormon crickets are still an issue. He asked if the BLM had any plans to do additional bating. The other topic of discussion was the Zip Code change. Mrs. Shank stated that she had planned to ask the BLM about the crickets. Mr. McDougal stated that he thought Congressman Amodei

was looking into the zip code issue. Mrs. Shank stated that he is supposed to be here on September 29<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Burke also stated that Mrs. Richards from the Sonoma Ranch has been working with the Humboldt County Library to have the book mobile come out. The Board is working on promoting more use.

**PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED ORDINANCE 336 AMENDING TITLE 17 OF THE PERSHING COUNTY DEVELOPMENT CODE WITHIN CHAPTER 302, ALLOWED USES, AT SECTION 17.302.05-3, TABLE OF USES (COMMERCIAL USE TYPES) TO ALLOW A NEW USE TYPE TITLED “WINERY” IN THE LOW DENSITY RURAL, MEDIUM DENSITY RURAL, LOW DENSITY SUBURBAN, AGRICULTURAL-MINING-RECREATION, GENERAL RURAL, AND OPEN SPACE, GENERAL RURAL NON-REGULATORY LAND USE DISTRICT; WITHIN CHAPTER 304 (USE CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM) AT SECTION 17.304.30 (CC) TO CREATE A NEW USE TITLED “WINERY” THAT WOULD ALLOW WINERIES TO BE ESTABLISHED IN CERTAIN REGULATORY ZONES SUBJECT TO A SPECIAL USE PERMIT AND APPLICABLE LOCAL AND STATE LICENSES:** Mrs. Donaldson stated that she inadvertently published the title prior to the amendment, so she has re-advertised and re-set the public hearing for the August 7<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Mr. McDougal stated that he had the opportunity to tour the Bentley Heritage Distillery in Minden. He wants to make sure we aren't prohibiting something similar coming to Lovelock.

**DERBY FIELD AIRPORT: DISCUSSION REGARDING CREATING A CONTRACT WITH NNIS TO INSTALL ANTENNA/CAMERAS ON TV DISTRICT TOWER ON TOULON PEAK IN ORDER TO PROVIDE BETTER INTERNET SERVICE FOR THE FUEL CARD READER AT THE AIRPORT; UPDATE ON INSTALLATION OF SIGN TO BE PLACED AT AIRPORT –** Mr. Shields stated that he would like to speak with someone from NNIS.

Mr. Rackley stated that Mr. Moura is making some adjustments to the sign.

**JERRY ALLEN, SHERIFF:** Sheriff Allen spoke about the incident in Imlay. The department is putting in lots of overtime. There are currently 16 inmates in custody, with 24 over the weekend.

**APPROVAL TO PURCHASE RV TRAILERS NOT TO EXCEED \$10,000.00 AND REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF 2019 BURNING MAN EVENT BUDGET –** Sheriff Allen stated that he is trying to increase the department's infrastructure for the Burning Man event. He would like to purchase at least 2 trailers and then rent 2 more. Sheriff Allen stated that the trailers are included in the Burning Man budget, but the requested amount is \$25,000, not \$10,000.

Sheriff Allen gave an overview of his budget proposal. He stated that the new EIS approved a population up to 80,000. As Sheriff Allen isn't sure if Burning Man will use that number or stay below the 79,999 per the current contract range, he budgeted conservatively. Sheriff Allen also spoke about the County's contract vs. the EIS (Environmental Impact Statement). The EIS specifies that the event is 9.5 days, while our contract is for 8 days. Sheriff Allen stated that he accounted for the additional 1.5 days in his budget. Mr. Shields stated that we must abide by the 8 days in the settlement agreement. If we want to increase the days per

that agreement, we would have to negotiate with Burning Man. Mr. McDougal asked if it would be reasonable to ask that the days be adjusted in the agreement. Mr. Shields thought it was reasonable.

Due to the addition of the day and ½, Sheriff Allen will remove that amount from the budget and get updated numbers to the Board.

Mr. McDougal made a motion to approve the RV trailer purchase not to exceed \$25,000. Motion seconded by Mrs. Shank and passed.

Later in the afternoon the Commission returned to the discussion regarding the Sheriff's Burning Man budget. Sheriff Allen stated that these budget numbers are only possible because the District Attorney has allowed him to use the amount set aside for his office. Mr. McDougal asked why we aren't using the 80,000 population number. Roger Vind of Burning Man stated that of the 80,000 approved only 70,000 are ticketed sales. He stated that they don't know how much staff they will need to meet the obligations put on them by the BLM. They would like to stay under 80,000; that was a number the BLM came up with. Mr. McDougal stated that he just wanted to make sure that if Burning Man goes over 79,999, we are compensated the additional \$60,000. Mr. Vind stated that has never been a problem.

Mr. McDougal made a motion to approve the Sheriff's Burning Man budget as presented in the amount of \$301,041.31. Motion seconded by Mrs. Shank and passed.

**KRISTOFFER FISCHER, ENTERPRISE FLEET MANAGEMENT:** REVIEW OF PROPOSAL TO PROVIDE VEHICLE FLEET MANAGEMENT SERVICES FOR PERSHING COUNTY AND DISCUSSION WHICH FUNDS WILL PAY FOR VEHICLES – OPTION TAX; DISCUSSION REGARDING POSSIBLE AMENDMENT TO OPTION TAX RESOLUTION TO PROVIDE FUNDING FOR THE DOWN PAYMENT AND LEASE OF ADDITIONAL VEHICLES FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT – Mrs. Childs spoke to the Department of Taxation. If we are financing over \$50,000, we will need to go through Medium-Term Financing. Mr. Shields was concerned about the total price we would be paying for the vehicles. Sheriff Allen disagreed; with the aftermarket equipment that is what they cost. There was also some concern about the amount of mileage that the Sheriff's office puts on their vehicles. Mr. Rackley stated that it sounds like the Board is not in favor of moving forward. Mr. McDougal doesn't think it is a good option for Sheriff's department vehicles.

**PLANNING AND BUILDING/ IMLAY WATER:** James Evans was present.

Mr. McDougal spoke about discussions with an attorney regarding a solar project. Mr. Evans stated he was waiting on an "opinion" from the DA as the land being proposed would have to be taken out of Ag Preservation.

Mrs. Shank asked if Mr. Evans has looked at training opportunities for his department for the upcoming year. Mr. Evans stated that there are some upcoming things, but they would be dependent on cost. Mrs. Shank stated that it is important that the department does continuing education to stay ahead of possible growth.

Mrs. Shank also asked about the connex. Mr. Evans stated that he was looking at doing it this fall.

**APPROVAL TO IMPLEMENT AN ALTERNATIVE WORK SCHEDULE PROPOSAL FOR THE PLANNING AND BUILDING DEPARTMENT EMPLOYEES PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 10 OF THE PERSHING COUNTY EMPLOYEES CONTRACT AND CHAPTER 5.3.2 OF THE PERSHING COUNTY PERSONNEL RULES –** The Board had a letter from

Mr. Evans outlying the proposed schedule for the office. The office will be open during regular business hours and Mr. Evans and Mrs. Garretson would work 10-hour shifts, rotating Monday or Friday off between the two of them. Mrs. Shank would like this to be reviewed at the end of September.

Mr. McDougal made a motion to tentatively approve a new work schedule for the Planning and Building Department with a review after 60 days. Motion seconded by Mrs. Shank and passed.

Mrs. Evans stated that they will start with the first pay period in August.

**BOARD APPOINTMENTS:** There were no letters submitted.

**UPDATE ON THE PERSHING COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND CONSERVATION ACT:** Mr. McDougal asked that this be put back on the agenda as he recently spoke with Alan Freemyer. He was told that the legislation was going to be heard again in the Energy and Natural Resources Committee.

**BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT, WINNEMUCCA DISTRICT:** UPDATE ON MATTERS RELATING TO PERSHING COUNTY – Ester McCullough, Derek Messner, Kevin Thistle, and Eric Nolan were present.

Ms. McCullough spoke about the Unionville Cemetery, stating that the Notice of Realty Action is in the Washington Office. Once it is published in the Federal Register there is a 30-day period and then the action will be complete.

Regarding wild horses and burros, the BLM conducted a burro gather, which concluded on July 3<sup>rd</sup>. They gathered 188 burros out of the Seven Troughs area and moved them to Palomino Valley. Mr. Rackley asked if Ms. McCullough knew how many are left. She did not.

Updates on mining: Coeur Rochester/Packard Mine – They are reviewing an internal draft EIS and hope to have it out for public comment by the end of August.

Relief Canyon – They are collecting baseline studies now to move forward with their EIS. The BLM will have to select the third-party contractor to write the EIS.

Spring Valley/Elko Mining Group – They are continuing exploration and starting baseline studies to submit a new Plan of Operations.

Colodo Mine/EP Minerals – They are in the process of compiling baselines for modifications to their Plan of Operations.

Hycroft – The draft EIS was published on May 17<sup>th</sup>. The comment period closed July 1<sup>st</sup>, so they are working on the final EIS to be available September 6<sup>th</sup> and the Record of Decision (ROD) to be signed on October 11<sup>th</sup>. This will also include a Fish and Wildlife Service Eagle Take Permit, which is anticipated to be signed October 18<sup>th</sup>. It was noted that there are eagle nests nearby, so the Fish and Wildlife Service had to be notified. The Take Permit authorizes the taking of the habitat, etc. The Board would like to see the maps for this project.

Regarding Geothermal, there is a Lease Sale planned for September. Across the Winnemucca District there is 154,000 acres and 56 parcels that have been identified for the sale.

Regarding Burning Man, the Record of Decision was signed last night. The event will remain capped at 80,000.

Ms. McCullough turned the discussion over to Kevin Thistle to talk about the Fire Season. Mr. Thistle stated that the fire season is here, just a little later than last season. The Winnemucca District is staffing 5 Chief Officers and has 12 engines, 3 dozers, and 2 water

tenders. NDF (Nevada Division of Forestry) is still staffing the one engine and crew out of Humboldt Camp. The BLM has been hosting the Las Vegas Helitack Crew and their Type 3 helicopter. It is currently being used at the Dome Fire in Battle Mountain. The BLM has had heavy airtanker support for two fires in Humboldt County and two fires in Pershing County. For 2019 the BLM has responded to 19 fires, totaling 7,092 acres. 17 of them were human caused and 2 were caused by lightning. There have been 7 fires in Pershing County, totaling 1,749 acres. All 7 were human caused. Three of those fires (Union Fire, Big Canyon Fire and the Humboldt Fire) are billable.

Mr. Thistle and Mr. Messner spoke about the various vacant positions within their department. Mr. Messner stated that there is a nation-wide shortage. Mr. Messner spoke about fuel levels. He also spoke about their seeding projects. Mr. Messner stated that they do the Unionville fuel break every year, but this year, every time it has been scheduled NDF is called out on a fire. It may have gotten done yesterday. Mr. Messner also stated that they have been working with NDOT (Nevada Department of Transportation) on putting in green strips and fuel breaks along I-80. Mr. Messner stated that a lot of their efforts have been geared toward cleaning up after the Martin Fire. They seeded 140,000 acres after that fire. Mr. McDougal asked what they are seeding with. Mr. Messner stated that it depends on the area. They use both native and non-native seeds. Above 6,000 feet they only use natives.

Mrs. Shank asked about the Mormon crickets. There is a concern in Grass Valley, and they have asked if there will be any additional bating. Mr. Messner stated that the crickets aren't something the BLM handles. That would be handled by the Agricultural Plant Health and Inspection Service.

Mr. McDougal stated that he had a conversation with Mark Hall a year or so ago regarding the possibility of funding for improvements to various roads leading to the Black Rock Desert. The Board asked if funding was available and what do we need to do to request it. Ms. McCullough will look into it. Mrs. Shank also asked if they had discussed putting signage near Porter Springs and Seven Troughs to help direct people to the playa.

Mr. Rackley asked about the brush truck for Rye Patch. Mr. Nolan stated that the last he heard, the BLM's replacement was supposed to be here by June 21<sup>st</sup>, but it hasn't arrived. As soon as they get their new one, they will transfer the old one to Rye Patch. Mrs. Shank stated that Grass Valley is also in need of one.

Mr. Shields wanted to pass along a thank you to the BLM's real estate division for a quick turn-around time on the property at Toulon Peak.

**REPORT FROM LEGAL COUNSEL:** Mr. Shields stated that he received an email from State Senator Hansen regarding SB 316. This legislation makes blocking a major, minor, or general county road a misdemeanor public nuisance offence. Mr. Shields stated that he is aware of three roads on the Humboldt Range that are currently blocked. Mr. Shields feels the Commission should discuss a solution to get those roads open. Mrs. Shank suggested starting with a letter.

Mr. Shields also stated that the Option Tax Resolution does need to be updated as there is at least one project on the priority list that has been completed.

**REPORT FROM ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT:** APPROVAL OF RECLASSIFICATION RANGE 13 FOR P. DICKERMAN; S. THORNHILL; G. REED JR.; P. PASCUAL; A. PAREDES; R. NICHOLSON; J. BOHAN; P. FLES, AS PER PERSHING

COUNTY LAW ENFORCEMENT SALARY SCHEDULE CHANGE – Mr. McDougal made a motion to approve the Reclassification to Range 13 for Deputies Dickerman, Thornhill, Reed Jr., Pascual, Paredes, Nicholson, Bohan, and Fles as presented. Motion seconded by Mrs. Shank and passed.

Mrs. Childs clarified that the Sheriff's Department budget will have to be augmented.

**ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS:** There were no other items discussed for future agendas.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** Mr. McDougal stated that a letter of support was mailed to Congressmen Amodei regarding the Lands bill.

**MATTERS OF THE BOARD FOR DISCUSSION, BOARD MEMBER REPORTS, BOARD LIAISON REPORTS:** Mr. McDougal stated he has been involved in the WNDD (Western Nevada Development District) Board meetings. They have had some issues with NNDA (Northern Nevada Development Authority). The two executive boards are meeting and getting things worked out so that they are working together and not against each other.

Mrs. Shank gave the Board a written report. She met with Senator Cortez-Masto on July 3<sup>rd</sup> regarding the Naval expansion. Mrs. Shank also attended the National NACo Conference in Las Vegas. There were a lot of good topics discussed. Mrs. Shank also spoke about the prior plans to re do the playground. She doesn't think she can comply with the grant that was obtained, but does have some other ideas.

Mr. Rackley spoke about the TV Board. They have been receiving several complaints about Channel 4. Norm Powell went up there yesterday. There is an issue with the translator that will cost some money to repair. There have also been issues with Channel 5. PBS out of Reno is no longer available due to antenna or signal issues. We haven't been able to get the signal from anywhere else.

**PUBLIC INPUT:** Roger Vind of Burning Man as for clarification. The Board approved the expenditure for the trailers, but Sheriff Allen is re-working the rest of the numbers to reflect the correct amount of days. Mr. Vind would like a copy of the updated document. (\*Approval of amended budget included under the Sheriff's Update)

Carolyn Hultgren stated that some properties in the Humboldt River Ranch have also had issues with Mormon crickets.

Mrs. Shank reminded the Board and audience that the annual Pershing Healthcare Dinner is August 17<sup>th</sup>.

Brenda Heintz from Imlay stated that they would like the Commissioners to hold another town hall and suggesting August 15<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm. The Board did not have a problem with that date. Ms. Heintz stated they would like to discuss mosquitoes, Mormon crickets, and the transfer site.

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

Mr. Rackley asked about the Capital Improvement list. Mrs. Childs will have an item on the next agenda for the Commission to approve it.

The meeting recessed at 11:49 a.m. and reconvened at 1:30 p.m.

**WORKSHOP REGARDING PLACEMENT OF BUSINESS LICENSE DEPARTMENT; APPROVAL TO MOVE THE BUSINESS LICENSE DEPARTMENT TO THE PLANNING AND BUILDING DEPARTMENT OR LEAVE WITHIN THE**

**SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT:** Mrs. Shank asked Sheriff Allen if the Business License function is a burden to his department. Sheriff Allen stated that it isn't necessarily a burden, but some more functionality would be helpful.

Mr. McDougal asked what the status of the sale of the electric utility is. Mr. Rackley stated that it is a no go for this year due to budgets. Mr. McDougal also stated that the utility billing doesn't take up much time in the Planning Department.

Mr. McDougal asked about the necessity of background checks. Mr. Shields stated that he feels it is standard practice in other jurisdictions.

Mr. Rackley asked Mr. Evans if moving the Business License function to his office is doable. Mr. Evans did not have any problems with it.

Ted Bendure asked if the change to the personnel's hours in Planning & Building would affect when you could get licenses. The office will still be open Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. till 5:00 p.m.

Mrs. Shank asked Mr. Abbott when we will get the new software. Mr. Abbott stated that it would be by the end of the calendar year. Devnet is working on converting all of the State's Assessor's and aren't working on anything else until that is done.

Mr. Shields asked about Gaming and Liquor Licenses. Mr. McDougal stated that they should develop a list of businesses that would require a background check.

Mrs. Shank made a motion to move forward with moving the Business License function to the Planning and Building Department with a target date of October 1, 2019. Motion seconded by Mr. McDougal and passed.

**PUBLIC INPUT:** There was no public comment.

As there was nothing further to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 2:15 p.m.

Approved 10/2/19: \_\_\_\_\_ /s/  
Larry Rackley, Chairman

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