

JULY 15, 2020

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Mr. McDougal made a motion to approve the June 3, 2020 regular meeting minutes as submitted. Motion seconded by Mr. Rackley and passed.

PUBLIC INPUT: There was no public comment.

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 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.

EMERGENCY AGENDA ITEM FOR IMLAY WATER: Mrs. Shank explained that an emergency has presented itself and due to a public safety risk, this item has been added to the agenda in order to approve the purchase of parts to repair the Imlay Water System.

James Evans, Planning and Building Director, stated that the system has been displaying a lot of power/pump fails. He has had BSL Electric come out several times and the motor and pump need to be replaced. The average life expectancy of these items is 15 years and they have been in for over 20. The quote of \$7,233.85 does not include any contingency or the invoices from BSL. Mr. Evans stated that they are still able to provide water. It will take three or four days for the parts to arrive.

Mr. McDougal stated that the well head has been welded shut and asked if that was normal. Mr. Evans stated that he doesn't know, but they will be putting a different cap on it. Mr. McDougal would also like Mr. Evans to do his best to notify the residents when the date has been set for the repair, so that they might curtail their water usage.

Mr. Hill asked if the backup system works. Mr. Evans stated that it does, but can't pump as much water. Mr. Hill also suggested having a couple water trucks staged in the area in case of fire. Mr. Evans and the Board agreed.

Mr. McDougal made a motion to approve the purchase and installation of the necessary parts for the Imlay Water System. Motion seconded by Mr. Rackley and passed.

UNCLASSIFIED DEPARTMENTS:

ROAD DEPARTMENT – Dan Hill was present.

Mr. Hill reported that the crew is just about done prepping and patching the roads in Grass Valley for the chip seal project. They have been running the screening plant, but are getting ready to move it to Grass Valley. There were some blow-outs out by the Vesco Ranch that they repaired and they are still working on repairing some behind Rye Patch. Mr. Hill has been spraying weeds when the weather permits. They picked up the new county vehicle. They also put in a new cattle guard at Gold Banks. They have also been fogging in Imlay for mosquitoes.

APPROVAL OF DONATING THE USE OF COUNTY EQUIPMENT AND MAN HOURS TO ASSIST IN REMOVING DEBRIS ASSOCIATED WITH LOVELOCK'S MAIN STREET FIRE AND LOCATED AT THE CORNER OF CORNELL AVENUE AND MAIN STREET IN LOVELOCK; WAIVER OF DUMP FEES FOR THE DEBRIS: Mrs. Shank stated

that as of now, the City of Lovelock does not have any plans for clean-up. She asked Mr. Hill what his thoughts are. Mr. Hill wanted to make sure that the plan wasn't for someone else to use the County's equipment. That is not the plan. Mr. McDougal would also like to see the City add the County to their insurance. Mrs. Shank stated that Mr. Shields will do what is needed to protect the County. Mr. Hill asked about the Landfill fees, as he doesn't feel they should be waived. Mrs. Shank stated that unless the City liens the property, there isn't any money to cover the fees. Mr. McDougal stated that he was told by the Mayor that a demolition company would need to be hired for the buildings.

Mr. Shields spoke over the phone, stating that the City has been dragging their feet and should have declared that area a nuisance so that clean-up could have begun sooner. Mr. Shields does agree that a specialized contractor is needed to tear down the main building. At this time we are only talking about cleaning up the debris from the vacant lot. The fire investigation is still on-going, but the debris is not evidence at this point. There will be no reimbursement, so the community needs to step up and get this done.

Judge Wagner, speaking as an individual and on behalf of the owner of the corner property, stated that permission was never given for the debris to be stored on the empty lot.

Mr. Shields wanted to emphasize that if the County helps with equipment and dump fees that would go a long way in getting this taken care of.

Mr. McDougal made a motion to donate the use of County equipment and man hours to assist in removing the debris associated with the Lovelock Main Street Fire and waive the dump fees for the debris as appropriate for the clean-up. Motion seconded by Mr. Rackley and passed.

UNCLASSIFIED DEPARTMENTS, CONT.D:

LANDFILL & RECYLCING – Dan Hill was present.

Mr. Hill stated that the Grass Valley transfer site needs to be cleaned up again. The new employee seems to be working out well.

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS – John Handka was present.

Mr. Handka reported that Fast Glass came out to address the threshold on the lower Courthouse door. They are currently waiting for parts, as initially they received the wrong ones. Those parts have been used at the Administrative Building. Mr. Handka also reported that they repaired a leak in the drip system at the Lone Mountain Cemetery. They also had to fix two valves at the Courthouse, which resulted in the water being off longer than expected. They have been having some issues with one of the A/C units at the Community Center. The shelving in the Law Library is finished.

Mr. McDougal asked what the problem was at the swimming pool. Mr. Handka stated that the pool is still leaking, but not as much. He believes there is a valve leaking.

Mr. Handka also reported that there has been continued vandalism out at the ball fields. Someone keeps turning the water on at Lone Mountain Cemetery as well.

Mrs. Shank asked about the speakers in the Commission room. Mr. Handka stated that he is addressing the issue. Worst case scenario, it may cost \$587 to replace the unit if it is not under warranty. The unit will have to be sent in.

Approval to purchase 3 cameras to replace damaged cameras for Library and Pool House in the amount of \$4,023.88 and approval to upgrade camera software in the amount of \$1,456.00: Mrs. Shank asked where the funding is coming from. Mr. Handka stated that it could come out of the Building Fund or the Buildings and Grounds fire/security line item. Mr. McDougal asked if there was POOL/PACT funding available for this. Mr. Handka stated that there has been in the past, but they don't meet until September. Mrs. Shank stated that if the amount is under \$10,000, POOL/PACT will review the request sooner.

Mrs. Childs stated that there is funding available in the Building Fund; however, she reminded Mr. Handka that all Capital Projects had to get approval from the Board.

Mr. Rackley made a motion to replace the damaged cameras at the Library and Pool House and upgrade the camera software as presented. Motion seconded by Mr. McDougal and passed.

Mr. Shields asked that Mr. Handka submit a police report for the damage.

Mrs. Shank informed the Board that Donovan Walker from the BLM (Bureau of Land Management) had asked if the County would approach NDOT about partnering on a reseeding project. She spoke with someone at NDOT and they agreed.

SAFETY / COMMUNITY HEALTH NURSE / CEMETERY – Cheryl Haas submitted a written report. The Health Department is still busy with COVID-19 updates and keeping the communication lines open with Dr. Van Guilder and Sean Burke. Ms. Haas will be reaching out to the school nurse for a list of students needing immunizations for the upcoming school year. Ms. Haas is also working on the upcoming Flu Pod in September.

The Cemetery Board has a meeting today. They will set up chairs in the Annex lobby six feet apart and will wear masks. A number of trees have blown down at Lone Mountain Cemetery during recent wind storms. Buildings and Grounds has removed them and fixed the fence. They will look at replacing the trees in the future. The GPS mapping is still on hold due to COVID-19.

The COVID-19 safety classes have been sent out to all county employees. Ms. Haas will be working with Mr. Abbott to set up a computer at the Road Department so they can do their training.

COMMUNITY CENTER – *Community Center custodial staffing and Director Authority*: Mr. McDougal stated that PCEDA (Pershing County Economic Development Authority) has been discussing removing the Community Center from their management. They may begin working on amending the Ordinance. Mr. McDougal stated that they haven't spoken about the custodial position recently. Mr. McDougal would like to work with Mr. Shields on the Ordinance first and then move forward with having the custodial staff report to the Director. Mrs. Childs stated that there isn't a custodial position budgeted to the Community Center; it is under Buildings and Grounds, so she would have to augment budgets. Mr. McDougal stated that we will do whatever can legally be done, but doesn't want menial things to prevent streamlining the Community Center.

PERSHING COUNTY EMERGENCY OPERATIONS MANAGER / LEPC – Sean Burke was on the phone.

Mr. Burke stated that he is working on closing out the grant from the last fiscal year. We were awarded \$7,300 from the EMPG (Emergency Management Planning Grant) supplemental grant. Mr. Burke also stated that the future of the EMPG grant is in question. This grant funds our AlertSense Program as well as the satellite telephones and half the DEM (Director of Emergency Management) salary. Given the current fiscal situation in the State, we should plan on this grant not being renewed.

Mr. Burke also sent out the current contact list for AlertSense. There has been a lack of cooperation from various departments in obtaining contact information. Mrs. Shank asked that Mrs. Wesner contact the various departments that have missing information.

GRASS VALLEY FIRE – Mr. Burke reported that the Burn Ban is in effect. Thunderstorms are expected this weekend, so they are preparing for a busy weekend. The Department's water tender is still being repaired by the County Road Department.

GRASS VALLEY ADVISORY BOARD – Mr. Burke stated that he received a call from a concerned resident regarding an agricultural operation. There is quite a bit of dust, noise and traffic going through the Sonoma Ranch. Mr. Burke encouraged the individual to call the Sheriff's Office. Mr. Burke also reported that they are working on scheduling a Town Hall and a Candidates Night for September 26th at 1:00 p.m.

IT DEPARTMENT – Mr. Abbott submitted a written report. John Joseph from J4 Systems came and did a walkthrough of the County buildings with Mr. Abbott to start the initial planning. The pershingcountynv.gov domain has been approved and paid for. We are just waiting for the registrar to

finish setting it up. Mr. Abbott has started moving forward again on the computer upgrades, starting with the Assessor's office. He has also been working with more departments, teaching them how to run Zoom meetings independently.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – *Brownfields Grant project update:* Heidi Lusby-Angvick was on the phone.

Mrs. Lusby-Angvick stated that there is a Brownfield Quarterly meeting on August 13th at 10:00 a.m. The Virtual Visioning Tour of downtown Lovelock has been posted online at lovelock.com. The Build NV Core Program will be having its first class in Lovelock August 3rd through 13th. There are currently 54 students signed up and there are scholarships available. Mrs. Lusby-Angvick is also continuing to work on the Civic Grant application.

ELECTED DEPARTMENTS:

LACEY DONALDSON, CLERK-TREASURER – Mrs. Donaldson reported that it took the better part of two weeks to proof and balance tax calculation, but tax bills were approved yesterday and should be in the mail by Friday.

RENE CHILDS, RECORDER-AUDITOR – Mrs. Childs gave the Board the Fund Balance reports. Mrs. Childs stated that the office has been extremely busy. Mrs. Childs is very concerned that we will be over budget for the end of the year, stating that Departments may have cut budgets on paper, but have not cut their spending.

LAUREEN BASSO-CERINI, ASSESSOR – Ms. Basso-Cerini submitted a written report. The Storey County Assessor was going to come give a presentation to the Board, but has to reschedule. The part-time employee in the office is currently working additional hours as needed. Ms. Basso-Cerini is in the process of learning the Personal Property data entry. DMV hours remain 9am till 3pm, closed from 12pm till 1pm. They have been extremely busy.

Assessor's Technology List of Expenditures per NRS 250.085: The list of expenditures for the years was given to the Board.

Mr. Rackley made a motion to approve the Assessor's Technology List of Expenditures per NRS 250.085 as presented. Motion seconded by Mr. McDougal and passed.

BRYCE SHIELDS, DISTRICT ATTORNEY – *Approval of Resolution pursuant to NRS 228.130, authorizing the Attorney General to assist the District Attorney upon request by the District Attorney:* Mr. Shields explained that if there was a case that presented a conflict of interest with the District Attorney's office, the District Attorney could ask the Attorney General's office to step in.

Mr. Rackley made a motion to adopt Resolution #20-0708, authorizing the Attorney General to assist the District Attorney upon request. Motion seconded by Mr. McDougal and passed.

Approval of five attorneys nominated by the 11th Judicial District Court Judge and the Lake Township Justice of the Peace to act as Third Tier Conflict Counsel: Mr. Shields gave the Board a list of five attorneys that would act as Third Tier Conflict Counsel. Mr. Shields stated that he would try to have the actual contracts done for next meeting.

Mr. McDougal made a motion to approve the list of five attorneys nominated by the 11th Judicial District Court Judge and the Lake Township Justice of the Peace to act as Third Tier Conflict Counsel. Motion seconded by Mr. Rackley and passed.

Approval of contacts with five private attorneys to act as Third Tier Conflict Counsel for Indigent Defense cases: Mr. Shields will have the contract for the next meeting.

Mr. McDougal asked about the Ordinance for the zoning change for the data center. Mr. Shields stated that it was a Master Plan Amendment, so once the Master Plan Amendment was approved it became effectual.

PROCLAMATIONS AND AWARDS: RETIREMENT PRESENTATION FOR UNDERSHERIFF TOM BJERKE – The Board presented Undersheriff Bjerke with a gift honoring his 20 years with Pershing County and a total of 32 years in law enforcement.

ELECTED DEPARTMENTS, CONT.D:

JERRY ALLEN SHERIFF – Sheriff Allen reported that the Jail is currently at 43% capacity, with 11 in custody and 1 in outside treatment facility. They are currently working on implementing the changes to law that took effect on July 1. Sheriff Allen reported that he has no pool to draw from for the current openings in the department. Sheriff Allen stated that he has received two applications for Dispatch and possibly one for Deputy. Mr. Rackley stated he felt the deputies should receive a 10% salary increase.

Approval to purchase 2 patrol vehicles due to the damage caused during a Law Enforcement incident: Mrs. Donaldson gave the Board an update on the insurance status. The Tahoe has been deemed totaled and they are working up the settlement. They are sending an adjuster to look at the other vehicle. Sheriff Allen is requesting \$130,000.00 to replace the two vehicles. Mrs. Shank stated that they are short staffed, so do they have enough vehicles for everyone right now. Sheriff Allen stated that they do.

Sheriff Allen stated that he feels we should have replacement cost insurance on the emergency vehicles. Even if the replacement is approved, it takes six to eight weeks to have a new vehicle in service.

Mrs. Shank asked about funding in Option Tax. The Resolution allows for one jail vehicle and one patrol vehicle, however, Sheriff Allen stated that the Board only approved ordering the jail vehicle.

Mr. Rackley made a motion to approve the purchase of one patrol vehicle out of the Option Tax Fund. Motion seconded by Mr. McDougal and passed.

Mrs. Childs reiterated that the Resolution sets the purchase price to not to exceed \$67,000.00.

Salary Resolution, E. Blondheim to Undersheriff: Mr. Rackley made a motion to approve the Salary Resolution for Eric Blondheim, classifying him as the Undersheriff with a starting pay of \$31.77, with an increase to \$34.39 in six months. Motion seconded by Mr. McDougal and passed.

UPDATE ON PROGRESS OF SITE LOCATION, DESIGN, FUNDING, AMENITIES AND CONSTRUCTION OF FUTURE LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER: Mr. Rackley spoke about the lots in the Industrial Park. Mr. McDougal stated that he feels it is ludicrous that we own lots in the Industrial Park and they are not for sale. If nothing else, the lots could be sold and the funds used towards the new Law Enforcement Center. Mr. McDougal still likes the idea of the property across the street from the current SO and feels the County should make an offer on the Windmill property.

Mr. Shields received a call from the owner asking if we were still interested. The owner has reduced the price significantly and would like to meet with the BOC. Mrs. Shank asked if the Board would be agreeable to the DA negotiating with the owner on a price.

Mr. McDougal made a motion to authorize the District Attorney to move forward with negotiations on the Windmill property. Motion seconded by Mr. Rackley and passed.

DERBY FIELD: Mr. Rackley spoke with Armstrong Consultants and it is rumored that the FAA (Federal Aviation Administration) will be releasing grant funds at the end of the month.

T.V. DISTRICT: APPROVAL TO REPLACE THE CBS (24) TRANSLATOR WITH A NTV50 NICOM DIGITAL TRANSMITTER/RECEIVER OPTION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$15,000.00 – Mr. Rackley stated that Mr. Powell has put in a temporary receiver.

Mr. McDougal made a motion to approve the replacement of the CBS (24) Translator with a NTV50 Nicom Digital Transmitter/Receiver option in the amount of \$15,000.00. Motion seconded by Mr. Rackley and passed.

MUSEUM BOARD: APPROVAL OF OUTGOING LOAN AGREEMENT FOR ARTIFACTS ON LOAN AT THE MARZEN HOUSE MUSEUM THROUGH THE NEVADA STATE MUSEUM – Mr. Shields stated that he doesn't have the information yet.

BOARD APPOINTMENTS: PCEA, RESCIND BOARD APPOINTMENT FOR TORI APPERSON AND RE-ADVERTISE POSITION – Mr. Rackley made a motion to rescind the board appointment for Tori Apperson on the Pershing County Economic Development Authority and re-advertise the position. Motion seconded by Mr. McDougal and passed.

RECREATION – Letters of interest were received from Doris Bridges and Charlsie Wilcox. Mr. McDougal made a motion to appoint Doris Bridges to the Recreation Board. Motion seconded by Mr. Rackley and passed.

A letter was also received from the City of Lovelock updating their board appointments.

DISCUSSION / APPROVAL OF THE COUNTY PAYING FOR IDENTITY THEFT PROTECTION FROM ORA IDENTITY GUARD FOR APPROXIMATELY 15 EMPLOYEES OF THE COUNTY AND THE 11TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT WHO HAVE BEEN IMPACTED BY FRAUDULENT CLAIMS TO COLLECT UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS. THE ESTIMATED COST OF THE PROTECTION SERVICE IS \$60.00 PER YEAR FOR EACH EMPLOYEE FOR A TOTAL OF APPROXIMATELY \$900.00: It was noted that the number of employees is now up to 25. Mrs. Shank explained that fraudulent Unemployment Claims have been filed on County and 11th Judicial District Court employees. The County doesn't pre-pay these benefits, so we didn't find out until we received the bill. Mrs. Shank would like to try to use CARES Act funding to cover the cost of the benefits if possible.

Mr. Rackley made a motion to approve the County paying for Identity Theft Protection from ORA Identity Guard for the affected employees of the County and the 11th Judicial District Court who have been impacted by fraudulent claims to collect unemployment benefits. Motion seconded by Mr. McDougal and passed.

NEVADA RURAL HOUSING AUTHORITY: APPROVAL TO TRANSFER THE COUNTY'S 2020 PRIVATE ACTIVITY BOND CAP (PABC) TO NEVADA RURAL HOUSING AUTHORITY (NRHA) AND APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE TRANSFER OF THE COUNTY'S 2020 PRIVATE ACTIVITY BOND VOLUME CAP – Katie Coleman was on the phone.

Ms. Coleman explained the program. With the transfer of the Private Activity Bond Cap to NRHA, it allows the continued successful operation of the Home At Last Program that provides affordable housing opportunities for rural Nevada. Through the program, 9,000 families have achieved homeownership. The transfer of the PABC does not obligate Pershing County in any way. It simply give NRHA the financing tools to continue to offer access to the affordable homeownership programs.

Mr. McDougal made a motion to approve Resolution #20-0709, providing for the transfer of Pershing County's 2020 Private Activity Bond Volume Cap to the Nevada Rural Housing Authority. Motion seconded by Mr. Rackley and passed.

Ms. Coleman also spoke about the CARES Act funding, which will provide rental assistance. Ms. Coleman will provide additional information to Mrs. Wesner.

PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING APPLICATIONS BY BLACKSTONE REALTY INVESTORS, #87853 AND NORTHERN NEVADA RENEWABLE RESOURCES, LLC, #88421, ACTING THROUGH THEIR AGENT GREGORY M. BILYEU, PROPOSING TO CHANGE THE POINT OF DIVERSIONS FROM PERSHING COUNTY TO WASHOE COUNTY; APPROVAL TO SEND LETTER TO THE NEVADA DIVISION OF WATER RESOURCES

REGARDING DECISION: Tom Moura, a local farmer, expressed his concern as well as Rusty Kiel, Manager of Lovelock Meadows Water District. The concern is that water is being moved out of Pershing County. Mrs. Shank stated that it has been the County's stance to oppose all water applications in Pershing County.

Greg Bilyeu, representing Blackstone Realty and Northern Nevada Renewable Resources, spoke over the phone. Mr. Bilyeu stated that Application #87853 asks to transfer the water rights from a well just east of the county line in Pershing County to a well one mile north, just west of the county line in Washoe County. The water rights will continue to be used in Pershing County. Application #88421 would transfer water from a well in Pershing County that is no longer active to another farm unit within the same basin, but in Washoe County. Both applications would keep the usage of the water for agricultural purposes.

Mr. McDougal stated that when he saw these applications come up, he contacted Bennie Hodges, former Pershing County Water Conservation District Manager and member of the Humboldt River Water Basin Authority. Mr. Hodges researched the applications and the water is staying in the same basin and will continue to be used for agriculture. The movement is minimal. Mr. McDougal agrees with Mr. Moura about being vigilant, but doesn't have a problem with either of these applications.

Mr. Rackley stated that it is still taking water out of Pershing County and he would worry that it would set a precedent. Mr. McDougal stated that Application #87853 is moving the point of diversion out of Pershing, but the water will still be used in Pershing. Mrs. Shank felt like the two applications are kind of a wash, one moves water out of Pershing and the other is bringing water back into Pershing.

Mr. Shields stated he is always concerned about water rights being removed from land as it affects the property value. He also agrees that it would set a precedent.

Mr. Bilyeu stated that Application #88421 does move the point of diversion and place of use of less than 160 acre feet of water into Washoe County. He wanted to point out that the existing well in Pershing County has been dry for about 15 years and is unusable. Nevada Renewable Resources has filed an application for a new well in Pershing for the remainder of the water right. In regard to Application #87853, the water will be used in Pershing County. He understands the concern about moving water out of the county, but the water will continue to be used for agricultural purposes.

Mr. McDougal stated that Application #87853 would actually benefit Pershing County. Any purposed change to the usage would have to go back through this same process. Although Application #88421 would move water out of Pershing, the purpose would still be for agriculture.

Mr. McDougal made a motion to support Application #87853 and oppose Application #88421 by sending a letter to that effect to the Nevada Division of Water Resources. Motion seconded by Mr. Rackley and passed.

LIBRARY UPDATE: Kathie Brinkerhoff was present.

Ms. Brinkerhoff reported that they have gone through the books and thinned them out. Mandy Springer is doing a virtual summer reading program, with packets available for pick-up.

APPROVAL TO APPLY FOR A \$10,000.00 LSTA MINI GRANT FOR 2020-2021 WITH 10% MATCH, WHICH WILL BE COVERED BY STAFF TIME – Ms. Brinkerhoff stated that not knowing when restrictions will be lifted, they have some projects that can be done at home. They also have some tools that can be checked out for projects as well, including metal embossing tools.

APPROVAL TO APPLY FOR A \$13,906.00 CARES ACT GRANT WITH NO MATCH REQUIRED – Ms. Brinkerhoff stated that they are looking at purchasing hot spots, laptops, and other

electronic devices to make available for check-out. Ms. Brinkerhoff will talk to Mr. Abbott about what items to purchase.

Mr. Rackley made a motion to approve applying for a \$10,000.00 LSTA Mini Grant and \$13,906.00 in CARES Act funding. Motion seconded by Mr. McDougal and passed.

REPORT FROM LEGAL COUNSEL: Mr. Shields stated that he received an email regarding the Marzen House museum exhibits. The BLM doesn't place a monetary amount on artifacts, so we can also place a zero in the contract.

APPROVAL OF OUTGOING LOAN AGREEMENT FOR ARTIFACTS ON LOAN AT THE MARZEN HOUSE MUSEUM THROUGH THE NEVADA STATE MUSEUM – Mr. McDougal made a motion to approve the outgoing loan agreement for artifacts on loan at the Marzen House Museum through the Nevada State Museum. Motion seconded by Mr. Rackley and passed.

Mr. Shields also spoke about the fraudulent unemployment claims. He has spoken with the Deputy Attorney General and DETR (Department of Employment, Training and Rehabilitation) has over 45,000 fraudulent claims. The fraudulent claims are being investigated by the Secret Service nationwide. Mr. Shields stated that the Attorney General requires each person affected to submit a claim. It was noted that the DA's office is not investigating, but have referred the issue to local law enforcement.

REPORT FROM ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT / HR REP: APPROVAL FOR PURCHASE OF COUNTY VEHICLE THROUGH OPTION TAX FUND – Mr. Rackley made a motion to approve the purchase of the new County vehicle through the Option Tax Fund. Motion seconded by Mr. McDougal and passed.

Mrs. Childs stated that the purchase will be out of the Building Fund, not the Option Tax Fund.

Mr. Rackley amended his motion to state that the vehicle will be paid for out of the Building Fund. Motion seconded by Mr. McDougal and passed.

ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS: No items were discussed.

CORRESPONDENCE: There was no additional correspondence.

UPDATE FROM EMERGENCY OPERATIONS AND RE-EVALUATION OF RESOLUTION #20-0302, DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY RELATING TO THE COVID-19 (CORONAVIRUS); DISCUSSION REGARDING ECONOMIC RECOVERY FOR PERSHING COUNTY; DISCUSSION REGARDING IMPACT TO THE PERSHING COUNTY BUDGET FOR FY2020-2021; DISCUSSION REGARDING PROCESS AND DISTRIBUTION OF THE CARES ACT FUNDING: Mrs. Childs and Mrs. Shank participated in a call with NACO (Nevada Association of County Officials) on Monday. There are a lot of restrictions for using this funding. An employee or accounting firm can be hired to track expenditures attributed to the CARES ACT and COVID-19. Mrs. Childs stated that Eide Bailley, our current accounting firm, is one of the firms recommended. Mrs. Childs thinks we should contract with them. Mrs. Shank thought they didn't want us using our regular auditor, but she is not sure. We will also have to have a single audit, due to the amount of the grant.

Mr. McDougal was told by someone that they tested negative, but was still told to quarantine for 14 days. If they test negative, they should be able to return to their normal functions. Mrs. Childs stated that she was also told that you had to test negative twice. Mr. Shields stated that he was tested yesterday and he was told to quarantine for 14 days even if he tests negative.

MATTERS OF THE BOARD FOR DISCUSSION, BOARD MEMBER REPORTS, BOARD LIAISON REPORTS: Mr. McDougal reported that there is a Recreation Board meeting tonight. The two previously scheduled meetings didn't have a quorum. The Humboldt River Water Basin Authority will be having a phone conference on August 19th.

Mr. Rackley reported that the recycle board met last week.

Mrs. Shank reported that her boards are just starting to hold meetings again.

PUBLIC INPUT: There was no public comment at this time.

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS: Mr. McDougal made a motion to approve the vouchers as submitted, with the exception of a voucher for Mr. Rackley. Motion seconded by Mr. Rackley and passed.

Mr. McDougal made a motion to approve the voucher for Mr. Rackley. Motion seconded by Mrs. Shank. Mr. Rackley abstained. Motion carried.

As there was nothing further to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 11:36 a.m.

Approved 8/19/20: _____ /s/
Carol Shank, Chairwoman

Attest: _____ /s/
Lacey Donaldson, Clerk