

## MARCH 3, 2021

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Mrs. Hudson made a motion to approve the January 20, 2021 minutes as submitted. Motion seconded by Mrs. Shank and passed.

**PUBLIC INPUT:** Amanda Burrows spoke about amending the Resolution the Board passed on February 2, 2021 regarding the Emergency Powers of the Governor of Nevada. She has been speaking to local businesses and found that there have been 18 complaints filed. Business owners like the original Resolution, but are concerned and would like a stronger resolution adopted. They all really like that White Pine County's Resolution directs the Sheriff to use his discretion in responding and enforcing complaints relating to the emergency directives. It also directs the District Attorney to not prosecute these matters. Mrs. Burrows will provide the language for a proposed Resolution for the next meeting.

**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 Mrs. Hudson and passed.

### **UNCLASSIFIED DEPARTMENTS:**

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

Mr. Hill reported that he has been working on the bridge at the old channel. Parts of the road were eroding away. Mr. Hill met with Eric Pender of Q&D Construction. Mr. Pender is in charge of the bridge work they are doing on the river channel on the old highway. Mr. Hill had him look at our situation on Union Road. Mr. Pender suggested fixing the structures with box culverts as the engineering is already approved by the State. He stated that it would cost approximately 1/2 a million for Q & D to do it. Mr. Hill feels the Road Department could do the demolition and dirt work, which should save some money.

Mr. Hill also reported that they patched some holes and extended a culvert in the Industrial Park. Mr. Hill bladed a road up to the Pedro Pit and flushed out the sewer in the Industrial Park. Gerry Monroe and Robert Parish finished the back of Rye Patch Road and then moved to Halfway House. They got a good start on that, but it dried up. Galen Reese and Mr. Parish headed over Rocky Canyon. Kevin Machado and Bill Blondheim have been working in the Dago area blading out the passes and are now headed towards Jersey Valley.

*Weight limit of 10 ton on Union Bridge:* Mrs. Shank asked if there were any objections. Mr. Hill stated that he hasn't had a chance to speak with everyone, but Mr. Moura is ok with it. Mrs. Hudson stated that it is a safety concern. Mr. Hill agreed and stated that it is necessary even if people don't agree.

Mrs. Shank made a motion to approve adding a weight limit of 10 ton on Union Bridge. Motion seconded by Mrs. Hudson and passed.

**LANDFILL & RECYCLING** – Dan Hill was present.

Mr. Hill stated he didn't have much to report. They have been battling with the wind.

*Update on re-opening of Recycling Center and approval to move Volunteer Workmen's Comp responsibilities to the City of Lovelock:* Mrs. Shank stated that the Recycling Center opened on Saturday and 18 people came. She stated that they also had a lot of help. Mrs. Shank stated that she is still speaking with Mrs. Childs and the City regarding the workmen's comp item and will put it back on the agenda if necessary.

*Discussion on process to increase Landfill Assessment fees:* Mr. Shields explained that all that is needed to increase fees is to amend the Ordinance. Public hearings and workshops were discussed. Mr. Shields will move forward with drafting the Ordinance for the next meeting.

*SENIOR CENTER / VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR – Update on Reopening:* Mr. Rackley stated that the Senior Center is scheduled to reopen on March 15, 2021. Mr. Rackley will be meeting with Dr. VanGuilder on Saturday to discuss any concerns. The new Director started on Monday. The biggest obstacle for reopening right now is the cleaning. The staff are doing their best, but there is also a shortage of custodial help currently.

*Approval to advertise/hire vacant ¾ time Administrative Clerk I/II / Homebound Driver position:* Mrs. Shank made a motion to approve the advertising and hiring to fill the vacant ¾ time Administrative Clerk I/II / Homebound Driver position at the Senior Center. Motion seconded by Mrs. Hudson and passed.

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

Mr. Handka reported that the new stove has been installed at the Community Center. The doors into the courtroom have been refinished and sealed. They are also polishing the brass. Mr. Handka also stated that they are working on the rain gutters. He is having someone come in and put leaf guards in some areas, like at the Library. They are also repositioning some of them at the Courthouse to move them away from walking paths. Mr. Handka also put some solar night lights on and around the gate at the Airport.

Mr. Handka also reported that he has an issue at the Community Center with a camera being obstructed in a common area by an employee. He would like direction from the Commission on how to handle the situation. Mrs. Hudson stated that she is concerned about employee safety and whatever is going on needs to stop. Mr. Handka also asked if pets were allowed in county buildings. The Board felt that only service animals should be allowed. Mr. Handka stated that there was a Sheriff's office dog that urinated in the building. Mrs. McKay (over Zoom) stated that the incident with the SO canine happened months ago and she spoke with the individual. Mr. Handka stated that there was an animal in the building yesterday. Mrs. McKay stated that she was not aware of that. The Board had some questions for legal counsel, but Mr. Shields had stepped out of the room. When Mr. Shields returned it was re-addressed. There is a County policy regarding animals/pets and if someone has an issue, they should bring it up with Mrs. Wesner, as she is the HR Rep. Mr. Shields will speak to Mr. Handka outside of the meeting.

Mr. Handka also reported that the contractor is finishing up the brown coat of stucco at the Imlay house. They had half of the house done yesterday when Mr. Handka was out there. The final coat will be applied within 10-15 days. The B&G crew will go in and finish up any touch up painting inside.

*Approval to advertise/hire for temporary Buildings and Grounds Maintenance Worker I/II:* Mr. Handka stated that it is getting to their busy time of year and the help is needed. Mrs. Childs wanted it noted that the County is still responsible for 1/3 of the salary for the employee that is on leave.

Mrs. Shank made a motion to approve advertising and hiring a temporary Buildings and Grounds Maintenance Worker I/II. Motion seconded by Mrs. Hudson and passed.

*Lovelock Street Fever Car Show – Annual Show N Shine June 4, 5, and 6, 2021 at the Courthouse Park:* Ms. Burke was present.

Ms. Burke stated that the event would start after 5 p.m. on Friday, continue all day Saturday, and ½ day on Sunday. Mrs. Shank asked about COVID restrictions. Ms. Burke stated that they would do whatever is required. It is an outside event and cars will be spaced six feet apart.

Mrs. Hudson made a motion to approve the request by the Lovelock Street Fever Car Show to hold their annual Show N Shine on June 4-6, 2021 at the Courthouse Park. Motion seconded by Mrs. Shank and passed.

(This was addressed later in the meeting and placed here for continuity.) In regard to the other items listed under Buildings and Grounds on the agenda, Mr. Rackley stated that he felt this had already been addressed, so he moved on. Mrs. Shank stated she wanted confirmation that those things had been done. Mr. Rackley stated that Mr. Handka is being included in airport discussions. Mr. Rackley stated that there is nothing Buildings and Grounds needs to do at Toulon Peak. Mr. Shields suggested that the Board ask Mr. Handka if access to the buildings at Toulon Peak is needed. This will be put back on the agenda so more information can be obtained.

**ROB RULE, NAS FALLON: PRESENTATION OF UPDATE ON MATTERS RELATING TO THE FALLON NAVAL AIR STATION / FALLON RANGE TRAINING COMPLEX FUTURE EXPANSION AND OTHER MATTERS RELATING TO PERSHING COUNTY –** Mr. Rule and Jerry “Pipper” Burns were both present via Zoom.

Mr. Rule and Mr. Burns gave a brief overview of the Modernization project and the process to this point.

Mr. Shields asked if the Board wanted to talk more about the B-20 expansion. He also asked Mr. Rule to speak about stakeholder meetings, etc. Mr. Rule stated that they were tasked to form an Intergovernmental Executive Committee. This is to ensure that the Navy is doing their due-diligence and communicating with all stakeholders. They hope to have an organizational meeting within the next two weeks with a formal meeting in April. The committee will include Pershing, Churchill, Lyon, Mineral and Nye counties, as well as the BLM (Bureau of Land Management) State Director, the United States Fish and Wildlife State Director, the Department of Natural Resources, the Nevada Department of Wildlife, and tribes within the vicinity.

Mr. Rackley stated that Pershing County’s concerns have not been addressed. Mr. Shields stated that these meetings are exactly where they can be addressed. He would like an agenda item for the next meeting to appoint Pershing County’s representative. Mr. Rule stated that they would also be willing to speak with Pershing County on a one-on-one basis if necessary.

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

Mr. Evans gave the Board his monthly permit and fees collected report. He held interviews on Friday for the vacancy in his office. Mr. Evans also reported that he read Imlay Water meters and took the water sample to Reno on Monday.

**BARTT CAMPBELL, ASPEN CREEK CONSTRUCTION – DISCUSSION REGARDING THE FROST DEPTH FOR PERSHING COUNTY, REQUEST TO LOWER TO 24” –** Bartt Campbell and Michael McGuinness were present. Mark Hauenstein of Technical Designs was also present.

Mr. Hauenstein spoke about the prior discussion regarding the frost depth. Pershing County's frost depth is currently 36" and is prescriptive. If an individual would like a lower frost depth considered they would need to provide a soils test. The cost for a soils test is approximately \$2,000.

Mr. Campbell spoke about the frost depth, stating that it is based on how deep the ground freezes in a community. He has spoken with several engineers and the soil stability has nothing to do with it. He stated that both Humboldt and Lander counties have set theirs to 24". He doesn't see the reason for ours to be 36". The additional 12" causes a substantial increase of cost from start to finish. It will also delay the start for at least a month. Mr. McGuinness also stated that in parts of the county, you will hit the water table at 36".

Mr. Rackley asked if the soils test would encompass the whole area. Mr. Hauenstein stated that if a contractor was working in a development, the test would only need to be done once. If only one building is being constructed in the area, then it would need to be done for that one building. Mr. Shields asked about setting the frost depth in accordance with the elevation. Mr. Hauenstein stated that could be an option.

Mr. McGuinness spoke about a geotech report, as one was done at the Airport a couple years ago, and includes a soils report.

Bingo Wesner stated that frost depth doesn't matter for concrete as there are concrete pads placed on top of the ground. Carl Clinger stated that the Natural Resources Conservation Service has complete soil maps.

Mr. Campbell spoke about a project that has been held up for three months because of this. Mr. Campbell stated that it is hard to pull permits in Lovelock because of the plan review. He stated that we won't see development if we don't have a department that helps people.

Mr. Evans stated that our previous plan checker may not have been doing us any favors. Mr. Hauenstein is providing a much more thorough review.

Mr. Evans will work with Mr. McGuinness to obtain the necessary reports to bring back before the Board for further discussion.

**DISCUSSION REGARDING STATUS OF HIRING A CONSULTANT TO REVISE/UPDATE THE MASTER PLAN AND INCLUDING THE COUNTY WATER RESOURCE PLAN; HOW THE COUNTY WILL BE HANDLING BUILDING PERMITTING AND INSPECTIONS FOR THE WEST COAST SALMON FACILITY, SOLAR FARM PROJECTS AS WELL AS FUTURE LARGE DEVELOPMENTS WITHIN PERSHING COUNTY** – Mr. Evans stated that Cynthia at Stantec is still working on providing a quote for updating the Master Plan. We should get it next week or so.

In regard to the new projects, Mr. Evans and Mr. Hauenstein have met with West Coast Salmon. Steve Brigman from Shaw Engineering will be inspecting the concrete. Mr. Rackley just wants to make sure there is a process in place for these bigger inspections. Mr. Hauenstein stated that they are meeting with West Coast Salmon again on Friday and they will be providing a schedule for inspections. If they have special requirements, we will work with them to get it done. They will have weekly coordination meetings. Mr. Hauenstein and Shaw Engineering will be doing the inspections and Mr. Evans will do what he can. Shaw's charges will be incorporated into the permitting fees.

#### **UNCLASSIFIED DEPARTMENTS, CONT.D:**

**LIBRARY** – Kathie Brinkerhoff was present.

Ms. Brinkerhoff stated that there was a Library Board meeting last week. Ms. Brinkerhoff has spoken to her staff and the Library Board members about opening the Library. They would like to wait until staff has received their second vaccine. She would also like to talk with Dr. VanGuilder at the Board of Health meeting this afternoon. Currently, they are planning

on opening March 22<sup>nd</sup>. Mrs. Shank stated that the Library Board had quite a discussion about whether to open the doors. They would like to keep the doors locked and Mrs. Shank disagreed with them. Mrs. Hudson stated that the Library is publicly funded, and the public has a right to go to the Library. Mrs. Shank stated that by statute, the Library is overseen by the Library Board, not the Commissioners. The Commission only has budgetary control. None of the Commissioners could see a difference in the status of the Library if the doors are remaining locked. Mrs. Shank stated that the employees are paid by the County and questioned how busy they are if the Library stays closed. She also stated that with the doors locked, people don't know it's open.

Carolyn Hultgren stated that going in and looking at books is not all that happens at a library. Amanda Burrows stated that the Library needs to be open.

Ms. Brinkerhoff stated that her staff either has underlying health conditions or live with someone who does. Mrs. Donaldson stated that other County employees do as well, but are required to come to work and deal with the public every day. It gives the impression that those employees are entitled to more safety than others.

Ms. Brinkerhoff also reported that they are working on their grants and they have acquired some chrome books. Mr. Abbott has also been working on improving the Library's Wi-Fi.

LOVELOCK FIRE/AMBULANCE DEPARTMENT – Chief Rodney Wilcox was present.

Chief Wilcox reported that EMS (Emergency Medical Services) is going strong. They currently have 22 members, with two out on medical leave. All their equipment is in good shape. The City's truck had some issues, but is back in service. Their training is currently geared for Firefighter I and they are doing that once a month. EMS is working on their CEUs (Continuing Education Units) once a month as well. The State Fire Marshall's office has opened up their training again, so they will start sending people as classes become available.

Chief Wilcox stated that he thought the joint City-County meeting went well. They decided to form a committee to discuss options for EMS. Mrs. Shank is working with Mayor Giles on the make-up of the committee, but she feels all members should be objective and maybe not a member of the Fire Department. Mr. Shields stated that someone from the department needs to be included. Marti Nolan spoke from Zoom. Mrs. Nolan suggested in lieu of the Fire Chief or EMS Director, that another officer from the Fire Department be appointed. Chief Wilcox would like to see movement as soon as possible.

GRASS VALLEY FIRE – Mr. Rackley read an update from Sean Burke. They had a busy February with numerous medical calls. There is a renewed push to complete the Firefighter I training. Mr. Burke has been preparing for the Budget Workshops. He also reported that the AFG (Assistance to Firefighters Grant) grant did not get submitted to replace the SCBAs (self-contained breathing apparatus). All departments will have to wrestle with how to replace them on their own.

LEPC – Mr. Rackley also read Mr. Burke's report on Emergency Management. They are currently focused on COVID-19 vaccinations. Safeway Pharmacy will be holding an event this weekend, March 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup>, at the Community Center. There will also be a drive-through pod on March 27<sup>th</sup> for first doses and April 24<sup>th</sup> for the second dose. The logistics for this event are being arranged now and they are also looking at scheduling additional pods. The Health Nurse is giving 50-60 vaccinations per week and the Hospital Clinic is doing 20 or less. Mr. Burke stated that a long-term, standing plan is needed to continue to deliver vaccines. It was also noted that the State has \$52,000 earmarked for Pershing for COVID-19 vaccination support.

COMMUNITY CENTER – Dixie McKay was present.

Mrs. McKay gave the Board a written report with updated numbers through February. Mrs. McKay stated that the report also has several questions and/or concerns; however, she does not want the Board to answer them publicly, but to think about them for the future. Over the next two months, the Center could see upwards of 1,500 people. Mrs. McKay feels this warrants a carpet shampoo and she has been told by the installer that it is ok to shampoo it every three to four months. Mrs. McKay also stated that Bruce Medeiros has been filling in for the regular custodian and the Center has never looked better. She stated that the problems with Buildings and Grounds need to be resolved, but it is not her problem anymore. Mr. Rackley thanked Mrs. McKay for all she has tried to do to resolve any issues.

Amanda Burrows stated that Mrs. McKay is a great employee and has been very supportive to 4-H. Carmen Turrillas also commended Mrs. McKay for all her hard work.

**PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING PROPOSED PROJECT FOR CDBG-COVID (ROUND 2) FUNDING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$39,774.00:** Mrs. Shank stated that she spoke with Jessica Sanders at CDBG (Community Development Block Grant) about what the money can be used for and it is very restricted. One thing it can be used for is Meals on Wheels. Any approved use would take effect July 1, 2021. Mrs. Shank wasn't sure if the Senior Center would have a need for the funding. She stated that other counties are using the funds for HVAC improvements, but we have already started those things with other funding. It cannot be used to upgrade the electrical system. Mrs. Shank stated that the deadline for submittal is quickly approaching.

**UNCLASSIFIED DEPARTMENTS, CONT.D:**

IT DEPARTMENT – Justin Abbott was present.

Mr. Abbott didn't have anything new to report today.

*Discussion for all County Social Media (Facebook, Twitter webpages, etc.) pages to include IT Technician as the Administrator of the pages, those needing to make changes and have other access will be assigned as users:* Mrs. Shank stated that she put this item on the agenda. The Recycling Center and the Museum were discussed as both may have had Facebook pages that can no longer be accessed. Mrs. Donaldson stated that she has a Facebook page for her office and as an elected official, she doesn't feel IT needs to have administrative authority over her page. Mrs. Donaldson stated that if she is not available, a member of her staff also has access.

Mrs. Shank made a motion to approve the IT Technician having Administration over any County Social Media pages. Mr. Shields would like to do some research before moving forward. Motion was withdrawn.

*ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – Discussion to send a letter on a regular basis (weekly/bi-monthly) to the Nevada Department of Transportation (NDOT) concerning the replacement of the G29 Bridge:* Mrs. Shank made a motion to send a letter to NDOT and the Railroad bi-weekly concerning the replacement of the G29 Bridge. Motion seconded by Mrs. Hudson and passed.

PUBLIC DEFENDER – Mr. Cochran submitted a written report. He stated that he has plenty of clients who have community service obligations and will be directing them to the Recycling Center once again.

CODE ENFORCEMENT – Fran Machado was present.

Mrs. Machado gave the Board an update on open complaints, etc. She currently has 169 open complaints county-wide.

**COMMUNITY CENTER, CONT.D –**

*Acceptance of resignation of Dixie McKay, Director:* Mrs. Shank made a motion to accept the resignation of Dixie McKay as Community Center Director, effective March 30, 2021. Motion seconded by Mrs. Hudson. Mr. Rackley objected. Motion carried.

*Approval to advertise/hire Director position; Discussion on how to effectively cover the Community Center scheduling, custodial duties and event setup; going forward with advertising and hiring positions to remedy ongoing issues: custodial maintenance or clerical – permanent or temporary:* Mrs. Shank and Mrs. Hudson stated that further discussion is needed regarding what is needed for the position. The job description needs to be looked at. Mrs. Shank asked if it should be a “Director” position or just a facilitator. Mrs. Shank also stated that the position would be ½ time and asked where the office would be. Mrs. Hudson suggested sitting down with Mr. Shields and Mrs. Wesner. It was also noted that the PCEDA (Pershing County Economic Development Authority) Board doesn’t want to oversee the Community Center anymore. Mr. Shields stated that he would like to attend the next PCEDA meeting.

*Discussion regarding giving scheduling priority to Community Emergency Operations (EOC), community medical programs such as flu pods, immunizations and community disaster relief; during COVID shutdown, limiting large event scheduling until event is individually approved by the Board of Health:* Mrs. Shank made a motion that the items noted above have priority. The motion was withdrawn.

**ELECTED DEPARTMENTS:**

**LACEY DONALDSON, CLERK-TREASURER –** *Approval of corrections/changes to the Tax Roll:* Mrs. Donaldson gave the Board a spreadsheet with 34 corrections.

Mrs. Hudson made a motion to approve the corrections to the Tax Roll as presented. Motion seconded by Mrs. Shank and passed.

**RENE CHILDS, RECORDER-AUDITOR –** Mrs. Childs gave the Board the monthly fund balances. She informed the Board that the Administration Building and the Courthouse both had high usage of the color copies for January, with \$560 reflected on the monthly bill.

*Set date required for Public Hearing Date per NRS 354.596(4) for Tentative Budgets:* The Public Hearing Date for the County’s Tentative Budget was set for May 19<sup>th</sup> at 8:45 a.m., during the regular meeting.

**LAUREEN BASSO-CERINI, ASSESSOR –** *Salary Resolutions for J. Hill, Administrative Clerk II, and M. Root, Appraiser I:* Mrs. Shank made a motion to approve the Salary Resolution for Jennifer Hill, Initial Employment at an Advanced Step of Administrative Clerk II, Range 25, Step 5 and the Salary Resolution for Morgan Root, Initial Employment of an Advanced Step, Appraiser I, Range 29, Step 5. Motion seconded Mrs. Hudson and passed.

Ms. Basso-Cerini stated that Mrs. Hill will be starting March 5<sup>th</sup>, but will only be working Fridays for a while. Ms. Root will start on March 9<sup>th</sup>. On March 8<sup>th</sup> only Darol Gilliland will be in the office, so DMV will be closed. Ms. Basso-Cerini also informed the Board that she needs to know as soon as possible if there is going to be an increase to the Landfill Assessment.

**UPDATE ON PROGRESS OF SITE LOCATION, DESIGN, FUNDING, AMENITIES AND CONSTRUCTION OF FUTURE LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER:** Mr. Rackley stated that he is meeting with Sheriff Allen tomorrow to go over plans. The Power Company is disconnecting the service to the little house next week. Mr. Abbott asked if he needed to participate in the plan review as to the IT department and its needs for the new building.

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

**BOARD APPOINTMENTS/RESIGNATIONS: SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT /RECYCLING BOARD** – A letter of resignation was received from Susann Bendure.

Mrs. Shank made a motion to accept Susann Bendure's resignation from the Solid Waste Management/Recycling Board. Motion seconded by Mrs. Hudson and passed.

**AIRPORT ADVISORY BOARD** – Mrs. Shank made a motion to declare Keith Odle's seat on the Airport Advisory Board vacant due to his death. Motion seconded by Mrs. Hudson and passed.

**CARES FUDNING: UPDATE FROM EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT RELATING TO COVID-19** – No update was given.

**REPORT FROM LEGAL COUNSEL: PERSHING COUNTY ET AL V BLM – EAST PERSHING COMPLEX GATHER PLAN APPEAL, DISCUSSION OF LETTER TO THE BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR, AND NEVADA'S CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION INFORMING THOSE ENTITIES AND PERSONS OF THE GROSSLY EXCESSIVE NUMBER OF WILD HORSES WITHIN THE EAST PERSHING COMPLEX** – Mr. Shields stated that this matter is currently in front of the Department of Interior's Administrative Appeals Board. He explained that approximately three years ago the BLM Winnemucca District decided that they were going to do a Wild Horse and Burrow Gather Plan for the East Pershing Complex, which is basically the entire county east of I-80. They stated that the Plan was needed as the range and animal health was suffering; however, they were going to hold off on the gather until they have the space and funding to do so. Pershing County did not feel this was an appropriate determination by the BLM because if they determined a gather was needed, then it should be done immediately. We appealed the determination in front of the Administrative Appeals Board and after some further complications, the Federal Government moved to dismiss Pershing County's standing, as well as two other plaintiffs. Mr. Shields stated that Pershing County is still in the appeal process as we are suffering a concrete harm that is identifiable. It was suggested that we write a letter explaining what has occurred and send it to the Department of the Interior, the BLM, and to Nevada's Congressional Delegation. Mr. Shields stated that Pershing County is not anti-wild horse and burrow, but we are certainly anti-range destruction.

Mrs. Hudson made a motion to approve allowing the District Attorney to move forward with constructing a letter to send to the Department of the Interior, the BLM, and to Nevada's Congressional Delegation regarding the East Pershing Complex Gather Plan appeal. Motion seconded by Mrs. Shank and passed.

**MEMBER APPOINTMENT FOR THE NEWLY CREATED NEVADA LOCAL JUSTICE REINVESTMENT COORDINATING COUNCIL REPRESENTING PERSHING COUNTY** – Mr. Rackley suggested that the District Attorney be appointed.

Mrs. Hudson made a motion to appoint Bryce Shields to the newly created Nevada Local Justice Reinvestment Coordinating Council to represent Pershing County. Motion seconded by Mrs. Shank and passed.

**REPORT FROM ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT / HR REP:** Mrs. Wesner was up to date with BDRs until this morning.

**UPDATE ON LEGISLATIVE MATTERS THAT COULD IMPACT COUNTIES:**

Mr. Shields spoke about a Bill that NACO is supporting that would allow the Board of Commissioners to hire their own legal counsel for civil matters. The DA's Association is opposing this bill. An appointed attorney may give advice contrary to what is right in order to protect their job.

**ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS:** There was nothing additional discussed.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** There was no additional correspondence discussed.

**MATTERS OF THE BOARD FOR DISCUSSION; BOARD MEMBER REPORTS;**

**BOARD LIAISON REPORTS:** Mrs. Shank reported that there have been a couple of Recycling meetings. She also stated that she received an email regarding a report that is due regarding the Recycling Center. Mr. Rackley will look at it.

Mrs. Hudson attended a Humboldt River Water Basin Authority meeting in person. She also attended the PCEDA meeting where they discussed the Community Center.

Mr. Rackley reported that there is a Senior Center Advisory Board meeting next Wednesday.

Mrs. Hudson stated that she will attend the April 21<sup>st</sup> Commission meeting via Zoom as she will be out of town.

**PUBLIC INPUT:** Carl Clinger stated that Mr. Shields has shared with him the draft Ordinance regarding allowing solar in the Ag Preservation District. He had questions regarding use of prime farmland.

**VOUCHERS:** Mrs. Hudson made a motion to approve the vouchers, with the exception of a voucher for Vendor #521, BSL Electric. Motion seconded by Mrs. Shank and passed.

Mrs. Shank made a motion to approve the voucher for Vendor #521. Motion seconded by Mr. Rackley. Mrs. Hudson abstained. Motion carried.

As there was nothing further to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 12:50 p.m.

Approved 4/21/21: \_\_\_\_\_ /s/  
Larry Rackley, Chairman

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