

**JUNE 16, 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 minutes from the May 5, 2021 regular meeting as submitted. Motion seconded by Mrs. Shank and passed.

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

**POOL AND A & H INSURANCE:** ACCEPTANCE OF RENEWAL PROPOSAL FROM NEVADA PUBLIC AGENCY INSURANCE POOL (POOL) AND APPROVAL FOR PAYMENT FROM FISCAL YEAR 2021-2022 FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$221,097.71 – Alan Kalt, Chief Financial Officer for POOL/PACT, and Kent Mowry, A&H Insurance, were present.

Mr. Kalt gave an overview of POOL/PACT and the services offered. Mr. Mowry went over the County's policies. This year's renewal is a 7.84% increase over last year's premium.

Mrs. Shank made a motion to accept the renewal proposal from the Nevada Public Agency Insurance Pool and approve payment from Fiscal Year 2021-2022 funds in the amount of \$221,097.71. Motion seconded by Mrs. Hudson and passed.

**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 they finished up the Coyote Creek project. They also fixed a piece of Tungsten Road. They are getting ready for Mag Chloride in Grass Valley and in the Lovelock Valley. Mr. Hill continues to spray weeds as time allows.

*Permission to reprioritize 10-wheeler funding to buy 1 Ton truck:* Mr. Hill explained that they did find and purchase a replacement 10-wheeler from State Purchasing. He had approval to purchase two, but would like to purchase a 1 Ton truck instead.

Mrs. Hudson made a motion to approve reprioritizing the funding. Motion seconded by Mrs. Shank and passed.

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

*Approval to advertise/hire vacant Landfill Operator position:* Mr. Hill stated that Mitch Nielsen has submitted his resignation and his last day is June 20<sup>th</sup>.

Mrs. Shank made a motion to approve advertising and hiring for the vacant Landfill Operator position. Motion seconded by Mrs. Hudson and passed.

Mrs. Shank stated that things at the Recycling Center are going well.

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

Mr. Handka stated that the annual car show was a couple weekends ago and all went well. The crew planted the Randy Mancebo Memorial Tree and installed the plaque. The dedication will be next month. There has been a lot of garbage left in the park and the bathrooms are pretty messy, but the kids seem to be behaving more. They have been spraying weeds, working at the ballfields and the

cemeteries. Mrs. Shank has heard that there is alcohol being stored or sold at the ballfields. It shouldn't be stored out there and if it is being sold, they need a Liquor License. Mrs. Hudson stated that the Rec Board is aware and will discuss with those involved. There was also some discussion regarding the responsibility of cleaning up after events. Mr. Handka also stated that people are driving where they shouldn't be and a pipe was broken. Mrs. Shank stated that there is no fee to use the facility and they should respect it and follow-through. Mrs. Hudson stated that the electrical upgrades at the Community Center have been completed. Mr. Handka also reported that the electrical upgrades for the Rye Patch Firehouse are almost complete as well.

*Approval to advertise/hire Buildings and Grounds Maintenance Worker I/II:* Mrs. Shank made a motion to approve advertising and hiring for the position of Grounds Maintenance Worker I/II. Motion seconded by Mrs. Hudson and passed.

Mrs. Childs reminded the Board that this position is not in the budget.

PERSHING COUNTY FIRE/AMBULANCE –

*AMBULANCE / LOVELOCK DEPT:* Mike Heidemann was present.

Mr. Heidemann stated that they have completed almost all of the county inspections. They also inspected the food truck that is coming to town tomorrow. They did grant one facility an extension; however, they still haven't addressed the issue. They will be bringing in the State Fire Marshall. There was a fire door removed in the break room at the Extension Office that needs to be put back up. Mr. Handka stated that it hasn't been on as long as he's worked here, but will make sure it is put back on. The grant for Imlay has been completed and Gerry Monroe has been authorized to order the equipment.

*GRASS VALLEY FIRE:* Sean Burke spoke through Zoom.

Mr. Burke reported that they held an EMR (Emergency Medical Responder) course. The brush truck is back from the Ford dealership, but they were unable to determine the cause of the issue. Mr. Burke is declaring this unit unserviceable and will not be putting it back in use. He will work with Mr. Rackley on how to replace the vehicle.

EMERGENCY OPERATIONS MANAGER – Sean Burke was present.

Mr. Burke stated that all current COVID prevention efforts are being administered through the Health Nurse's office and they have seen a decrease in interest for vaccinations. Mr. Burke is still waiting to hear if we were awarded the United We Stand Grant and the OPTE Grant. We are also still waiting for the \$50,000 grant from the State for vaccination efforts. Mr. Burke also noted that we were awarded an EMPG Supplemental Grant quite some time ago to pay for the refrigerated storage and electrical upgrades at the Sheriff's office; however, they have not distributed the funding and cannot be reached.

SAFETY / COMMUNITY HEALTH / CEMETERY – Ms. Burke was unable to attend due to today being a clinic day. She did submit a written report. She noted that they have not seen the turnout for the Pfizer vaccine for youth 12 and over that they had hoped for. The drive-through flu Pod will be held on September 30, 2021 at the Community Center. In regard to Safety, mandatory safety courses for all County employees will begin on July 1, 2021. She is working with POOL/PACT to coordinate building safety inspections. They will also schedule a fire extinguisher class. Safety meetings will start on July 6<sup>th</sup>. She would like one representative from each building or office to attend. Regarding the cemeteries, they had a meeting with Bruce Cheney from Spatial Generations, and he presented a final draft for the new cemetery mapping. Once the corrections are made, the software will be installed. She has not closed Lone Mountain Cemetery yet, as she is waiting on signage. Mr. Handka did provide chains and locks to be used. The Juvenile Department has been helping with the weed clean-up at Lone Mountain. Both cemeteries are looking good, but weeds will always be an issue.

COMMUNITY CENTER – *Approval to offer position of Community Center Coordinator to second applicant, set salary; or re-advertise/hire to fill the vacant Coordinator position:* Mrs. Shank asked if Mrs. Wesner had reached out to the second applicant to see if they were still interested. Mrs.

Wesner stated that she hadn't, but would as soon as she was directed to. Mr. Rackley would like to see the position re-advertised.

Mrs. Shank made a motion to re-advertise to fill the vacant Community Center Coordinator position. Motion seconded by Mrs. Hudson adding that Mrs. Lusby-Angvick be on the interview committee. Motion carried.

**ELECTED DEPARTMENTS:**

**LACEY DONALDSON, CLERK-TREASURER** – *Approval of corrections/changes to the Tax Roll:* There were no corrections submitted.

*Approval to advertise/hire vacant Administrative Clerk I/II position:* Mrs. Shank made a motion to approve the advertising and hiring to fill the vacant Administrative Clerk I/II position in the Clerk-Treasurer's office. Motion seconded by Mrs. Hudson and passed.

*Acknowledgment of Affidavit of Publication of Notice of Sale and Return of Sale:* Mrs. Donaldson reported that 137 parcels were originally listed for sale, 29 of those parcels were redeemed or removed prior to the sale, 96 parcels sold, and 12 received no bids. The total amount collected was \$976,615.00. Mrs. Donaldson also gave an overview of the two prior sales her office held. 2019 was the first sale that Mrs. Donaldson used the services of Bid4Assets. That sale sold 180 parcels for \$1,060,284. 51 received no bids. The 2015 sale was done in person using a local auction company. 66 parcels were sold for \$286,400.00. 52 parcels received no bids. Mrs. Donaldson stated that Bid4Assets has been a significant asset for the community getting these parcels back on the roll with a large increase in excess proceeds.

Mrs. Shank made a motion to acknowledge the Affidavit of Publication of Notice of Sale and Return of Sale as presented. Motion seconded by Mrs. Hudson and passed.

**COEUR ROCHESTER POA 11 CONSTRUCTION UPDATE; POSSIBLE MINE AND PERMITTING UPDATES AS APPROPRIATE; INTRODUCTIONS REGARDING NEW COMMUNITY RELATIONS TALENT ADDED TO THE TEAM:** Elaina Ware, General Manager, was present and introduced Buck McElroy, Project Director; Chantae Lessard, Manager – Communications, Community & Government Relations; Brad Gibson, Manager – HSEC (Heath, Safety, Environment, & Communities). Greg Robinson, Site Development Manager, and Terri West, Permitting Manager, were also present.

Ms. Ware gave a brief update regarding the mine. They are at over 500 days worked without a Lost Time Injury. They continue practicing COVID-19 mitigation efforts. Ms. Ware outlined some of their ongoing projects, including installation of a new crusher. She also spoke about the new Mining Tax that was passed by the Legislature. It will be on gold and silver only, will be in addition to Net Proceeds taxes and will go to education. Lastly, Ms. Ware reiterated their Code of Conduct at Coeur, which is holding themselves to a higher standard, and wanted to make sure the Commissioners know all the contractors and sub-contractors are held to that standard as well.

Mr. Robinson gave an update on POA 11. The project is in full swing. They are still looking at wrapping it all up by the end of next year. The number of contractors will ramp up through the end of this year. With this project and some other projects in the area, Lovelock has filled up, so they are fanning out to some other areas for temporary housing. Mr. Robinson stated that there is a public kiosk at the entrance to the mine with information on POA 11, as well as historical information. He also stated that all the contract personnel are bussing to the site and they are working on busing regular employees within the next month. Mr. Robinson stated that if the Board has heard any complaints regarding the traffic, they would certainly like to hear about it.

Terri West spoke about their next project, the Lincoln Hill Exploration Project. They are currently working on all the required permitting. When they purchased the property there had already been quite a bit of resource development, so they are just building from there. They have submitted

their Plan of Operations to the BLM for review. The Public Comment period for this project is open from July 20<sup>th</sup> through August 20<sup>th</sup>. There will be a notice in the paper and they are continuing public outreach as well.

Mr. Rackley thanked Coeur for the old Packard building that was donated to the Museum. Mrs. Shank also thanked them for helping with the clean-up downtown.

**UNCLASSIFIED DEPARTMENTS, CONT.D:**

IT DEPARTMENT – Justin Abbott was present.

*Review of proposals from Internet Services Providers to provide Managed Network / Internet Connection services at Sheriff's Office (hub), Administration Building (spoke), Courthouse (spoke), and Annex Building (spoke) with a minimum of 50 Mbps/50 Mbps (download/upload) from spoke to hub and minimum 200 Mbps/200 Mbps from hub to public internet:* Amanda Burrows and David Peissner were present from SkyFiber and Jesse Katsaris was present from NNIS. Mr. Abbott went back through the proposals and gave an overview to the Board.

Mrs. Childs wanted to reiterate that if the American Recovery Funds were to be used, nothing can begin till July 1<sup>st</sup>.

Mrs. Shank made a motion to move forward with NNIS's proposal with the understanding that we are looking at moving forward with fiber and would terminate the contract at that time. Motion seconded by Mrs. Hudson and passed.

*Review of VoIP proposals from providers Ooma, Star2Star, and Vonage to replace current county telephone system:* Mr. Abbott stated that he received the remainder of these proposals last night and hasn't had a chance to go through them in detail. He asked that each vendor present their proposals.

Glen Ferriott from FCC and Jason Lathrum from Star2Star were present and gave an overview of their proposal. Dave Petree from Ooma was present via Zoom and gave a presentation of their system, which has no fees for maintenance. The last proposal is from Vonage. Mr. Abbott gave an overview of their system, which is totally hosted in the cloud and has no physical host option. The equipment is rented and would be part of the monthly reoccurring cost. Conference phones would be an additional \$15 per month, per phone.

Mrs. Shank made a motion to select Star2Star's proposal in the amount of \$44,172.33, to replace the current County telephone system. Motion seconded by Mrs. Hudson and passed.

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

PARCEL MAP APPLICATION ON APN #007-441-14 FOR JULIE KNIGHT, PROPOSING TO DIVIDE THE CURRENT PARCEL INTO ONE (1) 77.44 ACRE PARCEL AND ONE (1) 2.5 ACRE PARCEL, GENERAL RURAL (GR) LAND USE, LOCATED AT 2705 WESTERGARD ROAD, PERSHING COUNTY, NV – It was noted that the Planning Commission approved recommendation to the County Commission on June 2, 2021.

Mrs. Shank made a motion to approve the Parcel Map Application on APN #007-441-14 for Julie Knight, allowing the property to be divided into one 77.44 acre parcel and one 2.5 acre parcel, based on the recommendation of the Planning Commission and noting the Findings under Section 17.404.35 of the Development Code, Items A. through O. Motion seconded by Mrs. Hudson and passed.

REQUEST TO HEAR AN APPEAL FROM DESERT MOUNTAIN SURVEYING ON BEHALF OF ALL FINANCE, LLC TO OVERTURN THE DECISION TO DENY THEIR DIVISION INTO LARGE PARCELS MAP APPLICATION BY THE PLANNING COMMISSION ON JUNE 2, 2021 – John Milton was present on behalf of Desert Mountain Survey.

Mr. Milton stated that he failed to attend the Planning Commission meeting. He also stated that he completed a parcel map in 2015 for another client with the same or similar circumstances as this one and it was approved. He asked what has changed since that time. Mrs. Hudson stated that there has

been a misappropriation of water in the basin and this would add 3 more wells. Mr. Evans stated that there was also an issue regarding access. There are only minor roads to this parcel, which may or may not be passable. There is also no adequate fire protection and access for other services. Mr. Milton stated that the section below has already been divided and the owner has asked for permission to use their access.

Mrs. Shank made a motion to uphold the recommendation of the Planning Commission and deny the Division into Large Parcels Application submitted by All Finance, LLC on APN #012-110-02 as one or more findings as outlined in the Pershing County Development Code, Section 17.412 have not been met. Motion seconded by Mrs. Hudson and passed.

The regular meeting recessed at 11:53 a.m. to go into the Liquor Board meeting and reconvened at 11:56 a.m.

**PROPOSAL FROM FARR WEST ENGINEERING TO RESEARCH THE DEVELOPMENT OF REGULATIONS BY PERSHING COUNTY TO ADDRESS WATER RESOURCE CONCERNS IN THE GRASS VALLEY HYDROGRAPHIC BASIN NO. 71 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$6,000.00 –** Mr. Evans stated that Farr West would assist us in developing some regulations to address water issues in the Grass Valley Hydrographic Basin. They would also set up meetings with the State Water Engineer's office. Mrs. Hudson stated that she has spoken to Jeff Fontaine with the Humboldt River Water Basin Authority. He is also setting up a meeting with the State Water Engineer, as well as government officials in Humboldt County. Mrs. Shank asked if Mr. Evans has spoken to Mrs. Childs about the budget. He did not.

Carl Clinger asked if this would include looking into the feasibility of a municipal water system for that area, as that is what needs to be done. Mr. Evans stated that it does not.

Mrs. Childs stated that it could not start until after July 1<sup>st</sup> and it could come out of the General Government line item.

Mrs. Shank made a motion to approve the proposal from Farr West Engineering to research the development of regulations by Pershing County to address water resource concerns in the Grass Valley Hydrographic Basin, No. 71 in the amount of \$6,000.00. Motion seconded by Mrs. Hudson and passed.

**SALARY RESOLUTION, E. FRANCO –** Mr. Evans stated that Mr. Franco has been with the County for three months and is already a valuable asset to the office. Mr. Evans feels his continuing education in construction management justifies an increase in salary.

Mrs. Hudson made a motion to approve the Salary Resolution for Erick Franco, moving him from a Range 30, Step 1 to a Range 30, Step 2 effective July 1, 2021. Motion seconded by Mrs. Shank and passed.

**REQUEST TO ADVERTISE/HIRE PART-TIME (LESS THAN 20 HRS.) ADMINISTRATIVE CLERK I EMPLOYEE TO ASSIST WITH PLANNING COMMISSION MEETINGS, UTILITY BILLING, AND BUSINESS LICENSE PROCESSING –** It was noted that this item is not currently in the budget. Mr. Shields asked why Mr. Franco can't do the minutes. Mr. Evans stated that he and Mr. Franco have full plates already. Mrs. Shank suggested that the board take this under advisement and see if there is an existing county employee willing to do it for a stipend. An item to approve an existing employee taking the Planning Commission minutes for a stipend will be put back on a future agenda.

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

**RENE CHILDS, RECORDER-AUDITOR –** Mrs. Childs stated that she is preparing for year-end. Once all vouchers are entered and the checks run, she will be doing another overview to see what funds need augmentation. Mrs. Childs received an email from Juanita Montes regarding the Family

Resource Center. The Pershing County FRC will be merging with Winnemucca FCAA starting July 1, 2021, so we will no longer be the administer of this grant.

LAUREEN BASSO-CERINI, ASSESSOR – Ms. Basso-Cerini submitted a written report.

JUDGE KAREN STEPHENS, JUSTICE COURT – *Salary Resolution, M. Ortega*: Mrs. Wesner stated that this is in the budget.

Mrs. Hudson made a motion to approve the Salary Resolution for Megan Ortega, moving her from a Court Clerk I to a Court Clerk II, Range 30, Step 1, effective July 1, 2021. Motion seconded by Mrs. Shank and passed.

JERRY ALLEN, SHERIFF – Sheriff Allen reported that he currently has 12 inmates in custody. Another deputy has submitted their resignation. Sheriff Allen made an employment offer for the Admin position, but they had already received a better offer. Sheriff Allen reported that there seems to be a water issue at the Jail. The monthly bill almost doubled. He has advised Buildings and Grounds.

*Investigator position*: Sheriff Allen stated that he is disappointed with the Board with the way the Budget Hearings were handled. When he left on April 5<sup>th</sup>, he was told that his budget would hold as submitted. Decisions were made based on another elected official's comments. He was never afforded the opportunity to defend his position. Mrs. Shank apologized that Sheriff Allen wasn't properly informed of the changes or given the opportunity to speak to them.

**UPDATE ON PROGRESS OF SITE LOCATION, DESIGN, FUNDING, AMENITIES AND CONSTRUCTION OF FUTURE LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER:** No report.

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

**GRASS VALLEY ADVISORY BOARD:** No report.

**DERBY FIELD AIRPORT:** Mr. Rackley stated that there is an individual willing to polish the Mig-15, located at the Airport. He is a local resident. Mr. Rackley also reported that they are having issues with the gate opening and closing and he is working on ordering replacement parts.

**BOARD APPOINTMENTS / RESIGNATIONS:** Mrs. Shank made a motion to appoint Lowell Henderson to the Recycling Board; reappoint Darrell Mancebo and Randy Scilacci to the Wildlife Management Board; appoint Dianna Harrison to the Grass Valley Advisory Board; reappoint Ted Bendure to the Board of Equalization; and reappoint Penny Higby to the Volunteer Advisory Board. Motion seconded by Mrs. Hudson and passed.

**CARES FUNDING: UPDATE/APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURES; UPDATE FROM EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT RELATING TO COVID-19; LIST OF PROPOSED PROJECTS; PRIORITIZING AND CHANGING/AMENDING THE PROJECTS FOR ALLOCATION OF THE COVID-19 AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN FUDNING FOR PERSHING COUNTY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,306,252.00** – There was nothing new to report. It was noted that the Grass Valley Fire Department needs a new brush truck. Mr. Rackley will research some costs and bring the information back to the Board.

**REPORT FROM LEGAL COUNSEL:** Mr. Shields stated that he met with a committee regarding the Opioid Fund litigation proceeds and how they would be distributed State-wide. They didn't really accomplish a lot, so another meeting is scheduled for this coming Monday at 3:00 p.m. Mr. Shields would like a Commissioner to attend along with him. Mrs. Hudson agreed to participate.

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

**ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS:** Mr. Shields spoke about the Planning Commission meeting issue. He stated that he would speak to his staff to see if they were willing to do them. He also stated that his staff is in the same boat as all the other offices, having a lot on their plates.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** Mr. Rackley stated that the Recorder's office has received several requests for forensic audits on the election, that they would like recorded. Mrs. Childs stated that they aren't recordable documents. Mr. Shields is looking into it.

**MATTERS OF THE BOARD FOR DISCUSSION, BOARD MEMBER REPORTS, BOARD LIAISON REPORTS:** Mrs. Hudson spoke about the Community Center, stating that Mrs. Lusby-Angvick, Mr. Handka and Mr. McKinney have all been very helpful. She also reported that a community member was rude to the custodial staff at the Grad Night celebration.

Mrs. Shank reported that she received a call from Jim Barbie from Churchill County. They are looking at setting up some meetings to discuss creating a health district. Mrs. Shank also stated that she has tickets for the August 14<sup>th</sup> Pershing County Healthcare Foundation Dinner. She also has an email asking Pershing County to join Elko and Lander Counties by becoming a constitutional sanctuary. Mr. Rackley also received a letter from Elko County Commissioners regarding the same thing. An item will be put on the next agenda if necessary.

Mr. Rackley did not have anything additional to report.

**PUBLIC INPUT:** No public comment.

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

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

As there was nothing additional to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 12:55 p.m.

Approved 7/21/21: \_\_\_\_\_/s/  
Larry Rackley, Chairman

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