

JULY 21, 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.

A moment of silence was held to honor Bill Soares, an employee of the County who passed away.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Mrs. Hudson made a motion to approve the minutes from the June 16, 2021 Regular meeting, the June 18, 2021 Special meeting, and the June 28, 2021 Special meeting as submitted. Motion seconded by Mrs. Shank and passed.

PUBLIC INPUT: Mike Gottschalk came to encourage the Commission to join Lander, Elko and Eureka counties in becoming a Constitutional County. Mr. Gottschalk feels this confirms their Oath of Office to Protect and Defend the Constitution. Mr. Rackley stated that the District Attorney is reviewing the language provided and they will move forward after that time.

Mrs. Shank stated that she has tickets for the Pershing Health Care Foundation Dinner on August 14th if anyone is interested.

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.

Approval to advertise/hire vacant Administrative Clerk I/II position: Mrs. Shank asked if this position could be reduced to half-time. Mr. Hill stated that he thought about it and would like it to stay a full-time position.

Mrs. Hudson made a motion to approve advertising and hiring to fill the vacant Administrative Clerk I/II position at the Road Department. Motion seconded by Mrs. Shank and passed.

Mr. Hill stated that they were using the Envoy about a month ago on a trip to Reno and the transmission blew up. The cost of a new transmission is \$1,800 and the Road Department could install it at no cost; however, the vehicle is only valued at approximately \$3,700. The vehicle has 160,000 miles on it. Mr. Hill would recommend selling it at auction.

The crew started patching Coal Canyon, but the broom broke the first day. Mr. Hill found and purchased a used broom at State Purchasing for \$1,400. They charged the air conditioner and it is working good. Mr. Hill has been spraying weeds on Upper Valley and will move on to Lower Valley. They also mowed weeds in a subdivision in Grass Valley and on Wilkinson. They received a report of a washout at Stone Cavern, so it has been fixed. They have also been blading around the valley and are currently working on Duncan's Road. It could use some gravel, so they will haul some out there. They also finished fixing the water line in Imlay with the help of Lovelock Meadows. The screening plant has been set up at the Community pit to make some gravel. Mr. Hill reported that Jacob Pritchard, the Road Department's newest hire, has been in the office for the last few days learning how to do vouchers, etc. to fill the gap when the secretary leaves. The weight limit signs have been installed on Union and

Holmstrom. Willow Creek also washed out, so Mr. Monroe is up there fixing it today. The mining company that is working out there is helping with the repairs. Mr. Hill stated that the new Landfill employee is also helping patch.

LANDFILL & RECYCLING – Dan Hill was present.

Mr. Hill reported that the new hire seems to be a “go-getter” and is working out well. The Road Department cleaned up the Imlay and Grass Valley transfer sites.

Salary Resolution, C. Howell: Mrs. Shank made a motion to approve the hiring of Colby Howell at an Advanced Step, Range 24, Step 7, effective July 12, 2021. Motion seconded by Mrs. Hudson and passed.

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS – John Handka was present.

Mr. Handka stated that they have been working on weeds and sprinklers. The frost-free line at the ball field has been repaired again. He also put some night lights between the concession stand and the storage units and will be adding some more lights to the concession stand as well. The bullet resistant windows are being installed in the Justice Court office today.

GRASS VALLEY FIRE – Sean Burke spoke via Zoom.

Mr. Burke reported that things are going well. Their call volume is up with mostly medical calls and a few fires, some being mutual aid calls. The Department currently has 17 members and they are about 2/3 through the Fire Fighter I program. Mr. Burke spoke about the Department’s brush truck being permanently out of service. He hopes the Board can identify funding to replace it. Mrs. Hudson asked about State Purchasing. They do not have anything available.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT/LEPC – Sean Burke spoke via Zoom.

Mr. Burke stated there was a LEPC meeting on July 14th. They will be holding an active shooter drill on Friday, August 13th. All the grants are on track. Mr. Burke also reported that they paid out about \$26,000 in supplemental funds from the COVID Vaccination grant. There is still about \$26,000 left for the next fiscal year, but spending it will depend on further vaccination efforts, which have currently stalled.

GRASS VALLEY ADVISORY BOARD – Sean Burke spoke via Zoom.

The Advisory Board will be meeting next Monday, July 26th. The Grange has resumed their meetings at the Community Center. The Boy Scout Troop has also expressed interest in holding their meetings there. Mr. Burke stated that the dead trees outside the Community Center still need to be removed.

IMLAY FIRE DEPARTMENT – Mr. Rackley attended their annual street dance this past Saturday. He also delivered two new AEDs (Automated External Defibrillators).

SAFETY/CHN/CEMETERY – Ms. Haas submitted a written report.

IT DEPARTMENT – Justin Abbott was present.

Mr. Abbott reported that he is currently working on the annual renewals and also the phone system and network connectivity projects. He is working on a network assessment with CISA (Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency) through the Secretary of State’s office. Mr. Abbott stated that he has seen a significant increase in support requests. The remote monitoring system is back online.

Mrs. Hudson asked where we were at with the phone system. Mr. Abbott stated that the equipment has started arriving at FCC and they are looking at starting to deploy the equipment the first two weeks of August. He is also looking at a date toward the end of August to switch over from AT&T to Star2Star. He will be working with FCC tomorrow to go over the programming requirements.

Mrs. Lusby-Angvick asked how this network project ties into the broadband project with ATP Solutions. Mr. Abbott stated that we do not have a contract for internet service, so it can be switched at any time. Mrs. Lusby-Angvick is also concerned that Mr. Abbott is not communicating with ATP and

that the new network connectivity project will not interface with broadband. Mr. Abbott has been communicating with Danny Bax at ATP, but he has to move forward with upgrades to the County network. He also stated that the phone system does not care what internet provider we use, but it has to be faster than what we currently have.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – Heidi Lusby-Angvick was present.

Mrs. Lusby-Angvick reported that WNDD (Western Nevada Development District) had their regular meeting earlier this month and voted unanimously to do Broadband mapping for the region. They will come make a presentation to the Commission at a later date and will be requesting \$2,850. Mrs. Lusby-Angvick stated that there will be lots of federal funding available for Broadband, but we aren't ready. OSIT (Office of Science, Innovation & Technology) will be here on August 3rd at City Hall if anyone is available.

Mrs. Lusby-Angvick also reported that there will be a Job Fair at the Community Center next Saturday from 4-6 p.m. She has a commitment from a handful of businesses, including Manpower and the Hospital, but will do some more outreach.

Mrs. Lusby-Angvick attended a Nevada News Business Weekly meeting last Thursday. Presentations were given about construction and housing. Materials and supplies are still very hard to get, as well as employees. In regard to Pershing County, would we have more workers if we had housing available?

Rental Agreement for PCEDA office at Lovelock City Hall: Mrs. Hudson made a motion to approve the rental agreement for the Pershing County Economic Development Authority office at City Hall as presented. Motion seconded by Mrs. Shank and passed.

Approval of Nevada 95-80 Regional Development Authority Cooperation Interlocal Agreement: Mrs. Lusby-Angvick stated that the agreement is not available as of yet and asked if this could be moved to the next agenda.

Brownfields Update: Mrs. Lusby-Angvick stated that this has been a fun project to work on. They are scheduling the last of the free workshops in September. To date, they have done 28 Phase Is, 18 Phase IIs, and 16 Re-use Plans. The next meeting will be in person on August 25th. The next grant funding opportunity will be released in October.

Mr. Rackley asked if there was an update about the data center or the solar projects. Mrs. Lusby-Angvick stated that she didn't have anything to report in an open meeting, but would be willing to speak to him after the meeting.

SEVEN TROUGHS DISTILLERY, REPRESENTATIVES TO DISCUSS SHORT TERM LEASE AGREEMENT FOR THE WINDMILL PROPERTY, APN 001-131-07 AND 001-131-02, 925 CORNELL AND 950 DARTMOUTH AVENUES, LOVELOCK, NEVADA: Mr. Shields stated that Tom Adams was supposed to appear before the Board today, but is no longer available. He will be submitting a written offer for the next meeting.

Mr. Shields also spoke about Broadband. He asked what the cost is and how we are planning to pay for it. Mrs. Lusby-Angvick didn't have any cost estimates. Mr. Abbott thought AT&T's estimate for our 4 buildings was around \$40,000. The estimate to build out fiber was in the millions. Mrs. Lusby-Angvick doesn't feel the constructions costs will be what have been estimated because the fiber is closer than originally thought.

ELECTED DEPARTMENTS:

LACEY DONALDSON, CLERK-TREASURER – Mrs. Donaldson informed that Board that when she was proofing the tax bills prior to them being printed, she found an error with one of the

Special Assessments. Devnet came back out on July 12th to fix the Assessment and re-run Tax Calculation. The bills have been proofed again and should be in the mail now.

Approval of corrections/changes to the Tax Roll: No corrections were submitted.

BRYCE SHIELDS, DISTRICT ATTORNEY – Salary Resolution, B. Allen: Mrs. Hudson made a motion to approve the Salary Resolution for Brailen Allen, moving her from an Administrative Clerk II, Range 26, Step 3 to a Child Support Case Worker I, Range 31, Step 1, effective July 1, 2021. Motion seconded by Mrs. Shank and passed.

LAUREEN BASSO-CERINI, ASSESSOR – Ms. Basso-Cerini was present via Zoom.

Amended Contract with Eagleview for Pictometry flights to be paid from the Assessor’s Technology Fund Account #001-014-53932-000: Mrs. Hudson made a motion to approve the amended contract with Eagleview for Pictometry flights, to be paid from the Assessor’s Technology Fund. Motion seconded by Mrs. Shank and passed.

DERBY FIELD AIRPORT: Mr. Rackley reported that he was out there Monday with the fence contractor and the gate technician. Hopefully the changes fix the issue. He also received the NDOT (Nevada Department of Transportation) Aviation Inspection Report. There are a couple improvements that need to be made. Mr. Rackley spoke about the 8” water line proposed project. He spoke with Farr West and they had done a design in the past and he asked them to look at it again. Mr. Rackley also spoke about an incident that occurred the weekend before last, where a plane flew in and blew a tire. The pilot picked up the pieces and left the plane on the taxi-way. It stayed there until the repairs could be made and has since been moved.

BOARD APPOINTMENTS: Letters were received from Eric Blondheim asking to be reappointed to the Wildlife Advisory Board, Doris Bridges for the Recreation Board, and Tori Apperson for the Grass Valley Advisory Board.

Mrs. Shank made a motion to reappoint Mr. Blondheim to the Wildlife Advisory Board and Mrs. Bridges to the Recreation Board. Motion seconded by Mrs. Hudson and passed.

The Commission is still waiting for a response from Paul Schlehr before making an appointment to the Grass Valley Advisory Board.

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 FUNDING FOR PERSHING COUNTY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,306,252.00 – It was noted that NACO (National Association of County Officials) is holding another workshop on August 6th.

NEVADA RURAL HOUSING AUTHORITY: APPROVAL TO TRANSFER THE COUNTY’S 2021 PRIVATE ACTIVITY BOND CAP (PABC) TO NEVADA RURAL HOUSING AUTHORITY (NRHA); APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE TRANSFER OF THE COUNTY’S 2021 PRIVATE ACTIVITY BOND VOLUME CAP – Diane Arviso was present from Rural Housing.

Ms. Arviso gave an overview of the programs offered by Rural Housing and what the Private Activity Bond Cap is used for.

Mrs. Shank made a motion to adopt Resolution #21-0713, approving the transfer of Pershing County’s Private Activity Bond Cap to Nevada Rural Housing Authority in the amount of \$270,937.05. Motion seconded by Mrs. Hudson and passed unanimously.

The meeting recessed at 10:08 a.m. for a Litigation meeting and reconvened at 10:32 a.m.

REPORT FROM LEGAL COUNSEL: No report.

REPORT FROM ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT/HR REP: APPROVAL OF CDBG (COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT) GRANT AGREEMENT (CRV20/PF/34 – COVID ROUND 2 FUNDING) FOR SENIOR CENTER HVAC SYSTEM UPGRADE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$39,774.00 – Mrs. Shank made a motion to approve the CDBG Grant Agreement for the Senior Center HVAC System upgrade in the amount of \$39,774.00. Motion seconded by Mrs. Hudson and passed.

ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS: Mrs. Shank asked if a new Resolution needed to be put on the agenda for the increase to the Landfill Assessment. Mr. Shields will speak with Ms. Basso-Cerini.

DISCUSSION REGARDING SETTING WORKSHOPS TO DISCUSS VARIOUS MATTERS RELATED TO COUNTY PLANNING AND WHAT TOPICS WILL BE DISCUSSED – Mrs. Shank suggested workshops to discuss Broadband and Technology; and the proposal on Emergency Services. She also stated that she would be fine with an item on a regular agenda in lieu of a workshop.

REQUEST TO SEND A LETTER TO MIKE FUESS AT NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (NDOT) AND WILL BARTER ASKING THAT THE CEMENT BARRIERS ON THE BRIDGE GOING TOWARDS THE RODEO GROUNDS (AIRPORT ROAD) BE PAINTED AND OTHER ROAD MAINTENANCE CONCERNS SUCH AS PUNCTURE VINE ERADICATION; FOLLOW-UP CORRESPONDENCE TO NDOT CONCERNING STATUS OF THE G-29 BRIDGE AND ANTICIPATED REPLACEMENT DATE: Mrs. Shank made a motion to send a letter to Mike Fuess and Will Barter at the Nevada Department of Transportation asking that the cement barriers on the bridge going towards the Rodeo Grounds on Airport Road be painted and also informing them of other road maintenance concerns as necessary, including the G-29 Bridge replacement. Motion seconded by Mrs. Hudson and passed.

CORRESPONDENCE: There was no additional correspondence.

The meeting recessed at 10:45 a.m. to attend a dedication of the Memorial Tree for Randy Mancebo in the Courthouse Park. The meeting reconvened at 11:14 a.m.

MATTERS OF THE BOARD FOR DISCUSSION, BOARD MEMBER REPORTS, BOARD LIAISON REPORTS: Mrs. Hudson stated that she has a meeting with Rob Rule regarding the proposed Naval Expansion. She would like Mr. Shields to attend as well. Mrs. Hudson stated that she has not had a chance to meet with the new Community Center Coordinator.

Mr. Rackley is spending a lot of time at the Senior Center.

Mrs. Shank did not have anything to report.

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

APPROVAL OF 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, BSL Electric. Motion seconded by Mr. Rackley. Mrs. Hudson abstained. Motion carried.

As there was nothing further to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 11:31 a.m.

Approved 9/15/21: _____/s/
Larry Rackley, Chairman

Attest: _____/s/
Lacey Donaldson, Clerk