

## SEPTEMBER 1, 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; Sarah Renfroe, Deputy Clerk; and Justin Abbott, IT.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Mrs. Hudson made a motion to approve the July 8, 2021 special meeting and the July 16, 2021 special meeting minutes as submitted. Motion seconded by Mrs. Shank and passed.

**PUBLIC INPUT:** Linda White was present on behalf of Lovelock Frontier Days. Mrs. White thanked the Board with a magnet and tin of M & M's. She said that it was a very successful event and is looking forward to next year, August 5-8, 2022.

### **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 asked Mr. Shields for clarification on agenda item 11(E) regarding Mr. Kennerson appealing the permit decision from Mr. Evans. Mr. Shields stated that it does not apply.

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 took three days to patch a stretch of road near the Sonoma Ranch. Mr. Hill stated that the patchwork should hold up now and the owners were very happy. The crew also did some other work up there as well. Mr. Hill said that a clean-up on a cattle guard located on the trap club road gave the crew some trouble. The clean-up should have taken one hour; instead it took two days due to it being completely rotted. The crew had to patch 54 holes on a stretch of road near the Vesco Ranch. The Vesco Ranch supplied the department with water to help fix the holes caused by hay trucks. Mr. Rackley asked Mr. Hill if the hay trucks also caused the holes near the Sonoma Ranch. Mr. Hill replied yes. Mrs. Shank asked about the mosquitos in Imlay. Mr. Hill replied that the mosquitos are at bay at this time due to lack of water.

**LANDFILL** – Dan Hill was present.

Mr. Hill reported that they haven't cleaned the transfer sites because they have been busy. The crew has checked on those transfer sites, they are not bad, but plan on cleaning them next week. Mr. Hill stated they have buried the fire debris and a lot of mattresses. Mr. Rackley asked Mr. Hill if the motel debris was included in the bury. Mr. Hill replied that he was not sure, but will ask. Mr. Hill stated that his whole crew had fixed a fence all the way around. One of the crew members noticed on Thursday that a part of the fence had been cut and someone was driving through on top. Mr. Hill said that they put a trail camera where the fence had been cut and by Friday, they have captured the culprits on camera. Mr. Hill stated that he is not sure everything they stole, but for sure they were stealing gas. On the trail camera there is a license plate photo so they will use that as evidence. Mrs. Shank asked Mr. Hill if he has a full crew. Mr. Hill replied yes, but he has had some staff sick and one with a family emergency. Mr. Hill said that things are going good and when his staff is healthy, he is looking forward to getting some bigger projects done.

**PROCLAMATIONS AND AWARDS: YEARS OF SERVICE CERTIFICATE/PIN-** Dan Hill was presented with a pin and certificate for 25 years of service to Pershing County. Rosario Torres was presented with a pin and certificate for 5 years of service to Pershing County. (Not present) Maria Olivas was recognized for her 15 years of service to Pershing County.

**UNCLASSIFIED DEPARTMENTS, CONT.D:**

**SENIOR CENTER/VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR** – Mr. Rackley gave the update. They are averaging 21-25 homebound meals per day. They hired Kelli Brown as the second cook. She starts Tuesday, September 7<sup>th</sup>.

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

Mr. Handka reported that his staff has been working on the weeds that are everywhere, mainly focusing on the weeds on the Windmill property and the Sheriff’s office property. Mr. Handka wanted to stress to the Board that there has been higher than normal metal detecting in the park. He feels that the detecting is destroying the grass by making divots. Mrs. Shank needed clarification on if there is a metal detecting policy in the City. Mr. Rackley replied that there is not a policy. Mr. Handka stated that there are Ordinances in place that metal detecting is not allowed in state parks, but nothing in reference to county property. Mrs. Shank said that is something that they could put on the agenda. Mr. Handka feels that the divots and holes made by metal detecting is a safety hazard.

Mr. Handka also reported that there has been a jump in vandalism. Mr. Rackley replied that the Courthouse gazebo was damaged. Mr. Handka said the gazebo has been fixed. Mr. Handka stated that there were children caught on video behind the Library doing damage. He said he spoke with the Chief of Police and he will go to the school and talk to the children. Mr. Handka said that the video could be better if the equipment was updated.

Mr. Handka asked if the County was going to supply additional masks for the employees. Mrs. Shank replied that the decision is on the agenda for today and there are mask options available for employees.

Mr. Handka stated that the District Court has electronic locks. These locks were not installed by Buildings and Grounds, but they now need maintenance. Mr. Handka is unsure how to proceed.

**PERSHING COUNTY FIRE/AMBULANCE:**

**GRASS VALLEY FIRE:** Sean Burke was present via Zoom.

Mr. Burke stated things are going well. The calls have been moderate, mostly medical calls due to COVID and the smoke in the air.

**GRASS VALLEY ADVISORY BOARD** – Sean Burke was present via Zoom.

Mr. Burke reported that State Senator Ira Hansen and State Assemblywoman Alexis Hansen were speakers at the last Advisory Board meeting. They spoke to a large crowd including people from Pershing and Humboldt counties.

**LEPC** – Sean Burke was present via Zoom.

Mr. Burke stated that the Board will need to make a decision regarding mask wearing.

**COMMUNITY CENTER** – Mrs. Hudson gave the report.

Mrs. Hudson said she talked with the coordinator, Gisselda Canales last week. Mrs. Canales said after a few hiccups, things are going well. Mrs. Hudson will request that Mrs. Canales either come to the next meeting in person or submit a written report.

**IT DEPARTMENT** – Justin Abbott was present.

Mr. Abbot reported he has been very busy. A technician from our consultant came to help with the network up grades. They finished mounting all the wireless access points at the Sheriff’s Office and Courthouse. He has also been working on remote access for the Sheriff’s mobile units. Mr. Abbott relayed that the new phone system is coming soon; they have all the equipment they just need the network up. He has been working with NNIS to hold us over until AT&T is ready. NNIS said all the

testing looks good and solid. Mr. Abbott stated that he is concerned about the network resource servers he feels they are starting to show their age and might need to consider upgrading in the future.

**MARK WLASCHIN, DEPUTY SECRETARY OF STATE, VOTER OUTREACH PROGRAM:** Mr. Wlaschin was present via Zoom.

Mr. Wlaschin was present on behalf of the Secretary of State Barbara Cegavske. Mr. Wlaschin discussed the campaign for their Voter Outreach Program. The program is to provide facts to current and future voters. It will provide open communication between the voters, county clerks and the SOS office. Mr. Wlaschin asked the Board what the best way would be to get a group together in order to discuss these issues. Mrs. Shank asked for clarification on what they are doing to prevent voter fraud. Mr. Wlaschin responded by saying he would like to have an in person meeting to answer any questions they might have. Mrs. Shank stated she would prefer an in person meeting as well. Mr. Rackley and Mrs. Hudson agreed that the in person meeting would be beneficial. Mrs. Shank suggested a larger group meeting at the Community Center.

**UNCLASSIFIED DEPARTMENTS, CONT.D:**

*IT DEPARTMENT, CONT.D – Approval of either time and materials quote or fixed cost quote for assistance from J4 Systems to assist in reconfiguring firewalls and networking in support of new wide area network and internet deployment for cost no to exceed \$14,100:* Mr. Abbott explained to the Board that switching internet providers is a huge task. He asked J4 for a quote for either Time and Materials or a Fixed Cost for assisting with reconfiguring firewalls and networking in support new Wide Area Internet. He explained that this is needed in order to move forward with the AT&T project. Mr. Abbott presented to the board both proposals. Mr. Abbott cautioned that the Time and Materials proposal could cost more if the time takes longer. The second quote is a Fixed Cost proposal in the amount of \$14,100.00. Mrs. Shank asked where the money would come from. Mrs. Childs stated that it would have to come out of Ad Valorem, as we don't have any room left in the Building Fund.

Mrs. Hudson made a motion to accept the Fixed Cost proposal with J4 Systems, not to exceed \$14,100.00. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Shank and passed.

*Review and possible approval of AT&T Internet proposal as-is or next steps for process:* Mr. Abbott presented the Board with a spreadsheet showing three different cost proposals. He explained that this would be Phase I of the Internet build out. The three proposed plans are all a three year contract that is billed monthly. The difference in pricing for each proposal is based on bandwidth speeds. Mr. Abbott feels the third pricing option provides the best balance between minimum viable service and ideal service. Without having the budget with her, Mrs. Childs wasn't sure how these costs compare to our current costs. Mrs. Shank also stated that American Recovery Plan money can also be used for this. Mrs. Shank asked what current services this would replace. Mr. Abbott stated that it would replace our current AT&T internet service. Mr. Abbott also reminded the Board that this is part of their previous decision when they selected NNIS for internet until we received a proposal for AT&T. It was also noted that this works in conjunction with the Economic Development project we are working on with Danny Bax and ATP.

Mrs. Shank made a motion to approve the AT&T Internet Proposal #3 in the amount of \$3,626.70 per month. Motion seconded by Mrs. Hudson and passed.

**PERSHING COUNTY FIRE/AMBULANCE REPORTS –**

*AMBULANCE:* Rodney Wilcox was present.

Mrs. Shank asked Chief Wilcox for clarification on the ambulance rates. The Ambulance base rate is \$950.00; if oxygen is used it is \$27.00; mileage is \$25.00 per mile; supplies and disposable set-up is \$110.00. Chief Wilcox stated that the ambulance has been very busy, especially this past month. The team has participated in training, with the last training class on Tuesday taught by Mr. Burke. Chief Wilcox reported that Mrs. Nolan has been working on the re-certifications from the State.

*FIRE:* Chief Wilcox was present.

Chief Wilcox relayed to the Board that they have received eight calls. The Fire Department has one new member. The firehouse has been painted, with a new sign ordered. Chief Wilcox stated that they will be testing for Firefighter I in October, and the State has agreed with the date. They participated in a two-hour training class with the Sheriff's office regarding the railroad. Chief Wilcox stated they have been doing fire inspections with Mr. Heidemann. The Community Center was inspected and a list of violations was given. When they re-inspected the building, the list had not been completed. Mrs. Shank asked for a copy of the list. Mr. Rackley asked if Mr. Handka had seen the list, he replied that he had and has been working on it. Lastly, Chief Wilcox stated that all their equipment is in good shape.

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** – Heidi Lusby-Angvick was present via Zoom.

Mrs. Lusby-Angvick thanked the Board for moving forward on the Broadband. She also reported that West Coast Salmon would like to come to the next meeting and give an update.

**PUBLIC DEFENDER** – Steve Cochran was present.

Mr. Cochran reported that it is business as usual. He mentioned Agenda Item #10, stating that he has reviewed the Plan and likes it. He thanked Judge Shirley for his hard work and assistance in putting this together. They will have to see how things go once the shorter window for initial appearance, not excluding weekends and holidays, goes into effect.

**APPROVAL OF PERSHING COUNTY'S AMENDED PLAN FOR THE PROVISION OF INDIGENT DEFENSE SERVICES; COSTS EXCEED THE CURRENT BUDGET FOR INDIGENT DEFENSE:** Judge Shirley presented to the Board Pershing County's Amended Plan for the Provision of Indigent Defense Services, which exceeds the current budget for Indigent Services. Judge Shirley stated that the Board approved the initial plan about three months ago, but the State wanted changes. Judge Shirley also remarked that the requirement of this plan is bogus, and the money is not being put where it is needed. Judge Shirley feels Mr. Cochran would tell the Board the money would be better spent getting defendants treatment. The new requirements don't allow appointment of counsel by judges, which was only a problem in Las Vegas. The idea when amending the plan was not to spend a lot of money, but the State did agree to cover any cost overages.

Mrs. Shank agreed with Judge Shirley that we were already providing quality services. She also asked about the Counsel Administrator and where they would be located. Judge Shirley stated that they would probably be located here, but they could also work remotely, so a physical office isn't necessary. Mr. Shields stated that the Counsel Administrator is a key component of this plan. This position goes into effect on October 1<sup>st</sup>. We are tasked with hiring this person, but the money is not being provided up front. We will have to bill the Indigent Defense Commission and hope for reimbursement. The County needs to decide whether they are going to hire a person at cost and hope to be reimbursed, or allow the Department of Indigent Defense to handle this aspect. Mrs. Shank doesn't want to give them that control, but it isn't in our budget. Judge Shirley stated he would find funds to cover it. Judge Shirley stated that they will advertise and bring their recommended candidate before the Board.

Mrs. Shank made a motion to approve the Amended Plan for the Provision of Indigent Defense Services, including the advertising and hiring of a Counsel Administrator to meet the October 1<sup>st</sup> deadline, with reimbursement requested from the State. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Hudson and passed.

**APPROVAL OF LEASE AGREEMENT WITH SEVEN TROUGH'S DISTILLERY FOR THE WINDMILL PROPERTIES LOCATED AT 925 CORNELL AVENUE AND 950 DARTMOUTH AVENUE. THE LEASE WILL BE FOR A TERM OF SIX MONTHS COMMENCING SEPTEMBER 1, 2021 AND ENDING MARCH 1, 2022 AT THE RATE OF \$1,600.00 EACH MONTH. THE LEASE AGREEMENT WILL CONTAIN A PURCHASE OPTION FOR THE WINDMILL PROPERTIES IN THE AMOUNT OF NOT LESS THAN**

**\$220,000.00:** It was noted that the County will have the first right of refusal. Mr. Shields stated that he talked to Tom Adams, the owner of the Seven Trough's Distillery. Mr. Adams reviewed the contract and told Mr. Shields that he has no concerns about the lease agreement.

Mrs. Hudson made a motion to approve the Lease Agreement with Seven Trough's Distillery for the Windmill properties as presented, to include a purchase option in an amount not less than \$220,000.00. Mrs. Shank seconded the motion, motion carried.

**PLANNING & BUILDING DEPARTMENT / IMLAY WATER SYSTEM / PERSHING ELECTRICAL:** James Evans was present.

Mr. Evans presented his monthly permits issued, business license applications, monthly water reports and all fees collected reports. Mr. Evans stated that they are live on Caselle, their new utility billing software. Mrs. Shank asked Mr. Evans about the revision of the Development Code and the Master Plan. Mr. Evans replied that Farr West has all the data and they will be moving forward in the next couple weeks.

**LETTER/DOCUMENTS FROM ROBERT KENNERSON, ARENA OUTDOOR ADVERTISING, APPEALING THE DECISION OF THE PLANNING DIRECTOR, JAMES EVANS, DENYING TWO BUILDING PERMIT APPLICATIONS FOR A TOTAL OF EIGHT BILLBOARD SIGNS –** Mr. Evans presented the Board with the documentation from Mr. Kennerson. Mr. Evans stated that in March of 2020 Mr. Kennerson applied for the building permits for eight billboards. The permits were denied because two of the land parcels are zoned AMR (Ag, Mining, Recreation). The original permits were returned to Mr. Kennerson with a sticky note attached stating "denied". Mr. Kennerson stated in the past he had permits approved in AMR. He also was unsure if the sticky note was proper notification, so he contacted Mr. Shields and Mr. Evans several times throughout the year for clarification. In the meantime, the permits also expired. It was also noted the Mr. Evans had approved billboard in AMR previously and through research realized it was not allowed.

Mrs. Shank made a motion to uphold the Planning Director's denial of two building permit applications for a total of eight billboards from Robert Kennerson, Arena Outdoors as they are not allowed in AMR. Motion seconded by Mrs. Hudson and passed.

**ESTER MC CULLOUGH, DISTRICT MANAGER, BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT:** PRESENTATION ON MATTERS RELATING TO PERSHING COUNTY – Ms. McCullough, along with Kathleen Rehberg, Humboldt Field Manager; Andy Bourder (?), Assistant Field Manager for the Black Rock Field Office; and Donovan Walker, Fire Manager were all present via Zoom.

Mr. Bourder reported that as of September 1<sup>st</sup> there are currently 556 camps with an estimate of 4,600 people on the Playa. Mr. Bourder informed the Board that they estimate anywhere from 10,000-15,000 people over the holiday weekend. They have a staff of 7 BLM civilians, 14 BLM Law Enforcement Officers, 9 Pershing County Deputies, and 1 contractor out there. The medical services are provided by Nevada Department of Health. They have issued 30 citations and assisted Pershing County Law Enforcement with 1 arrest. They have had 2 serious accidents, a rollover and an UTV accident.

Mr. Bourder also gave an update on Jackson Mountain. The Herd Management EA (Environmental Assessment) is out and the Public Comment period ends September 7<sup>th</sup>. They will be conducting an emergency gather on the Jacksons starting September 15<sup>th</sup>. The goal is to remove 600

horses over a seven to ten day period. They are being removed due to the lack of forage and water. Mr. Bourder spoke about the Calico EA, which was signed on July 28<sup>th</sup>. Lastly, he reported about the geothermal exploration that is currently going on in Gerlach.

Ms. Rehberg gave a Minerals update. She reported that the final EIS (Environmental Impact Survey) for Relief Canyon Mine was published and should be signed by the end of September. Coeur Rochester is working on an exploration project of about 250 acres on Lincoln Hill. The EA went out for the 30-day public comment period on August 20<sup>th</sup>. Ms. Rehberg reported that Pershing County has six geothermal parcels that will be sold in October. They have been working with Ormat, Star Peak Geothermal and C-Punch Ranch on various projects. The appraisal for the C-Punch land sale has been contracted and they are hoping to get it by the end of the year. Ms. Rehberg spoke about the drought and stated that approximately 18 permittees have taken voluntary reductions in numbers. Relating to the Wild horse and burros, the East Pershing complex was flown in June and is scheduled for a gather in 2022.

Mr. Walker gave an update on the fire season. The fire level remains high, but thankfully they haven't experienced a lot of fire activity this season. They have responded to 37 fire responses this year, which is well below average, for a total of 127 acres for the entire summer. They had 17 fires with 30 acres burned on BLM land; BIA had 2 fires, totaling 59 acres; and 18 mutual aid fires for a total of 38 acres. The break has allowed them to send a lot of resources elsewhere to help with the National fire situation this year, which is dire. Of course, they are maintaining enough resources to work if they are needed here. Mr. Walker also reported that they received a thirty percent bump in their field budget this year and are looking at hiring more people. Mr. Walker stated that they are looking at 9,300 acres in Pershing County that they plan on treating. They are also looking at expanding their field fire breaks. Mr. Walker also stated that they are still planning on transferring one of their engines to the Lovelock Volunteer Fire Department, but they haven't received their replacement engines yet.

**CLOUD SEEDING: APPROVAL TO PARTICIPATE IN A CLOUD SEEDING PROGRAM FOR A COST OF \$1,750.00 FROM PERSHING COUNTY (WILLIAM PENNINGTON FOUNDATION WILL PAY HALF OF THE AMOUNT OF \$60,000.00; PCWCD (PERSHING COUNTY WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT) TO PAY \$1,750.00) –** Bennie Hodges was present on behalf of the Humboldt River Basin Water Authority. He asked the Board for \$1,750 to cloud seed in five sites on the Humboldt River and two sites on the Sonoma Mountains. The total cost of the five seedings is \$120,000.00. The William Pennington Foundation has agreed to pay \$60,000.00. The other half would be split between the five counties on the river, each paying \$3,500. Mr. Hodges told the Board that PCWD will pay half of the \$3,500 for Pershing County.

Mrs. Shank made a motion to contribute \$1,750.00 for the Cloud Seeding Program. Motion seconded by Mrs. Hudson and passed.

**ELECTED DEPARTMENTS:**

LACEY DONALDSON, CLERK-TREASURER- Mrs. Donaldson reported that she attended the Annual Elections Conference last week along with Sarah Renfroe. Mrs. Donaldson has Tax Roll Corrections that she will bring to the next meeting.

RENE CHILDS, AUDITOR-RECORDER- Mrs. Childs reported her and her staff are busy as usual, especially because it is payroll week. They have been recording many annual mining claims. Mrs. Childs informed the Board that the BLM reimburses Law Enforcement for working at the Playa during the non-sanctioned Burning Man event.

LAUREEN BASSO-CERINI, ASSESSOR- *OSG Connect Outsourced Services Agreement for Tax Roll preparation as approved in the 2021-2022 Budget, #001-014-52180-000, \$7,000.00:* Ms. Basso-Cerini thanked Mr. Shields for helping her with contract. Connect Outsourced Services will be used to create and send out Assessment Notices.

Mrs. Shank made a motion to approve the contact with OSG Connect Outsourced Services, not to exceed \$7,000.00. Motion seconded by Mrs. Hudson and passed.

Ms. Basso-Cerini reported she is working with Mrs. Donaldson on tax corrections. She is also working on Business Declarations. Morgan Root is working on the appraisal cycle and will be able to get out in the field once the air quality improves.

JERRY ALLEN, SHERIFF – Sheriff Allen reported that they are working with the BLM in preparation of Renegade Man (non-sanctioned Burning Man). He also reported that they are very low on staff at fifty percent. He stated they are using reserves to accommodate. They are actively looking to fill the open positions, but will need some incentives to entice applicants. Sheriff Allen reported that he received notice on another retiree and will need an item on the next agenda to advertise. Mrs. Shank would like to hold a workshop to discuss plans for the Law Enforcement Center.

**DERBY FIELD AIRPORT: JERRY FREY, FREY SPRAY, REQUEST TO UTILIZE COUNTY WATER FAUCET AND REIMBURSE COST OF WATER** – Mrs. Shank asked if Mr. Frey is going to reimburse the County for the water. Mrs. Childs stated that she would gladly bill him if there was an increase on the bill from last month.

Mrs. Shank made a motion to bill Frey Spray for the water usage at Derby Field. The amount will be determined by the water overage from the previous month's bill. Mrs. Hudson seconded the motion and it passed.

Mrs. Shank asked Mr. Rackley about the Airport Hangar Agreements. Mr. Shields replied that they are ready to go, but the Airport Board needs to approve them. Mrs. Shank said that it needs to be put on the agenda.

**APPROVAL OF CDBC GRANT APPLICATION FOR IMLAY WATER SYSTEM UPGRADE:** Mrs. Shank felt that this was a grant that would be a good one to apply for. Mr. Evans was asked about the improvements that need to be done. Mrs. Wesner was asked when the deadline is; she will look into it. Mrs. Shank stated that they could hire a company like Farr West to do an analysis. Mrs. Wesner stated that a new water tank would be a benefit.

The meeting recessed for a Litigation meeting at 11:45 a.m. and reconvened at 12:03 p.m.

**UPDATE FROM EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT RELATING TO COVID-19; UPDATE ON AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN GRANT FUNDING AND FISCAL RECOVERY FUNDS:**

AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN GRANT- Mrs. Shank reported that the County has received half of the funding from the American Rescue Plan Grant. Mr. Rackley wanted to have some of the money dedicated to the Derby Field water project. Mrs. Hudson stated that she feels it would be better to wait and see what State funds will be available. Mrs. Shank is working with Mrs. Childs and Mrs. Donaldson on a report that needs to be filed sixty days after receiving the money. Mrs. Shank stated that there are so many things that need to be done before allocating the money, such as public hearings, meetings and workshops. Mrs. Shank said that she agrees with Mrs. Hudson that the money does not need to be spent now. Mrs. Shank believes that the County needs someone that has expertise to manage this funding and keep everything in compliance.

REQUEST FROM CHINA SPRINGS YOUTH CAMP, MINDEN, NEVADA, FOR \$6,771.33 FROM PERSHING COUNTY'S ARA FUNDS TO ASSIST WITH REVENUE SHORTFALL – Mr. Rackley stated that there is already a County tax that funds China Springs. Mrs. Hudson asked for clarification on the number of youth Pershing County sends to China Springs. Mrs. Shank replied that it has been several years since Pershing County has sent any one there. Mr. Rackley was not in favor of approving \$6,711.33 to China Springs Youth Camp.

Mrs. Shank made a motion to wait and review the guidelines for the ARA funding before making a decision. Mrs. Hudson seconded the motion. Mr. Rackley opposed. Motion carried.

**DISCUSSION/ACTION TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION IN LINE WITH DIRECTIVE 045, THAT PERSHING COUNTY WILL AUTOMATICALLY ADOPT THE LATEST CDC GUIDANCE RELATED TO MASK REQUIREMENTS. CURRENTLY, THE CDC RECOMMENDS, AND THE STATE OF NEVADA REQUIRES, THAT EVERYONE, INCLUDING FULLY VACCINATED INDIVIDUALS, WEAR A MASK IN PUBLIC INDOOR SETTINGS IN COUNTIES WITH SUBSTANTIAL OR HIGH RISK OF COVID-19 TRANSMISSION. PERSHING COUNTY HAS BEEN DESIGNATED FOR TWO CONSECUTIVE WEEKS AS HAVING A HIGH RISK OF COVID-19 TRANSMISSION** – Mr. Rackley asked Mr. Shields for clarification on if the mask is a requirement or a recommendation. Mr. Shields stated that CDC makes recommendations and the State adopts the recommendations. The State has made masks a requirement in public indoor settings in counties with substantial or high risk of COVID-19 transmission. Mr. Shields reported that Pershing County is under substantial risk of transmission. Mrs. Shank asked if the Governor gave the counties the option to accept the recommendation. Mr. Shields replied that the Governor gave the counties the option to make it more restrictive, not lessen the restrictions. Mrs. Hudson stated that on the website Pershing only has one active case. She wanted to know how that was high risk. Mrs. Hudson stated that she does not believe that the County should follow what the CDC mandates. Mr. Rackley agreed with her.

Mrs. Hudson made a motion that the mask mandate is up to the individual or the business not the County.

Mrs. Shank asked Mr. Shields opinion on going against the Governor's mandate. Mr. Shields replied that all they are doing is declaring a political protest, it doesn't change the mandate.

Mrs. Shank seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Mr. Shields wanted to caution the Board that this could be confusing to the public and businesses could get in trouble. It also puts certain people at risk.

The meeting recessed for lunch at 12:25 p.m. and reconvened at 1:00 p.m.

**INTERVIEW OF APPLICANTS FOR SENIOR CENTER DIRECTOR:** One applicant, Gisselda Canales, was interviewed for the Senior Center Director position.

**SELECTION OF SENIOR CENTER DIRECTOR; SET SALARY FOR SENIOR CENTER DIRECTOR:** Mrs. Shank recommended the hiring of Gisselda Canales for the Senior Center Director position, with the stipulation that she help at the Community Center until someone else is found.

Mrs. Shank made a motion to offer the position to Gisselda Canales. Motion seconded by Mrs. Hudson, requesting that she continue helping at the Community Center until a new coordinator is found. Motion passed.

Mrs. Childs stated that the Board needs to watch her hours, as she has already gone over time working at both places. Mrs. Shank asked about Ms. Canales' start date. Mr. Rackley stated Ms. Canales is currently making \$16.00 per hour at Community Center. Mrs. Shank asked Mr. Rackley what he recommends her pay be as the Senior Center Director. Mr. Rackley replied that the previous Senior Center Director was making \$33,500 per year. Mr. Rackley feels that \$33,500. sufficient. Mrs. Childs commented that \$16.00 per hour is \$33,280.

Mrs. Shank made a motion for Ms. Canales starting pay to be \$33,500 per year, with a starting date as September 13<sup>th</sup>. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Hudson and passed.

**REPORT FROM LEGAL COUNSEL:** No report.

**REPORT FROM ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT/ HR REP:** REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF HIGHER HOTEL ROOM RATE FOR COUNTY OFFICIALS ATTENDING THE 2021 NACO (NEVADA ASSOCIATION OF COUNTY OFFICIALS) CONFERENCE IN FALLON, NEVADA – Mrs. Shank made a motion to approve the higher room rate for attendance at the 2021 NACO Conference in Fallon. Mrs. Hudson seconded the motion and it passed.

**ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS:** Mrs. Shank would like to hold workshops to discuss the Law Enforcement Center and the American Recovery Funds.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** Mrs. Wesner read a letter from Jennifer Ott from the USDA. The letter states that they will not be seeking funds, nor will they be offering treatment for Mormon crickets.

**BOARD MEMBER REPORTS; BOARD LIAISON REPORTS:** Mrs. Shank spoke about Mrs. Hudson participating in the Inter-Government Executive Committee for the Naval Expansion meeting. Mrs. Shank listened on the phone. Mrs. Shank attended the Hospital Board meeting. The Health Care Foundation had a very successful fundraiser. Mrs. Shank listened in on the NACO meeting last Friday.

Mr. Rackley attended an Airport Advisory Board meeting.

**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.

**WORKSHOP WITH EMERGENCY SERVICES SUBCOMMITTEE; REVIEW OF REPORT SUBMITTED; FUTURE WORKSHOP DATES (SEPTEMBER 20, 2021):** Rodney Wilcox, Sean Burke (Zoom) and Marti Nolan (Zoom).

A workshop was held to review the report submitted by the Emergency Services Subcommittee. Another workshop is scheduled for September 20<sup>th</sup>.

As there was nothing further to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 2:56 p.m.

Approved 9/15/21: \_\_\_\_\_/s/\_\_\_\_\_  
Larry Rackley, Chairman

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_/s/\_\_\_\_\_  
Sarah Renfroe, Deputy Clerk