

## **FEBRUARY 2, 2022**

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** No minutes were submitted for approval.

**PUBLIC INPUT:** There was no public comment.

**REVIEW OF ALL AGENDA ITEMS TO DETERMINE IF ANY DO OR DO NOT IMPOSE A DIRECT AND SIGNIFICANT ECONOMIC BURDEN ON A BUSINESS OR DIRECTLY RESTRICT THE FORMATION, OPERATION, OR EXPANSION OF A BUSINESS:** Mrs. Hudson made a motion, seconded by Mr. Rackley and passed, that no agenda items impose a burden on a business or restrict the formation, operation, or expansion of a business.

### **UNCLASSIFIED DEPARTMENTS:**

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

Mr. Hill reported that he got a cattle guard from the BLM (Bureau of Land Management) for Grass Valley Road. The crew plowed Spaulding. Mr. Reese bladed to Limbo Ranch. Mr. Machado and Mr. Blondheim bladed Dixie Valley, Pleasant Valley and Jersey Valley. Mr. Monroe worked on Callahan to Jungo and is now working in Grass Valley. The crew also installed a culvert at the far end of Herschell Road.

*Salary Resolution, J. Pritchard:* Mr. Pritchard has obtained his CDL (Commercial Driver's License).

Mr. Rackley made a motion to approve the Salary Resolution for Jacob Pritchard moving him from a Road Maintenance Worker I, Range 27, Step 6 to a Range 27, Step 7. Motion seconded by Mrs. Hudson and passed.

**LANDFILL** – Dan Hill was present.

The Grass Valley Transfer Site has been cleaned up with the help of Haas, as there were a lot of dumped white goods. Mr. Hill looked into us doing our own hauling. Mr. Hill is budgeting \$150,000 for hauling services this year, which is an increase from our current contract. It would cost the County approximately \$120,000 for wages and truck maintenance alone. The purchase of our own truck would cost approximately \$350,000. This doesn't seem feasible. Mr. Hill also reported that he has received two applications for the vacant position. He is hoping to get some more, but will probably interview next week.

**SENIOR CENTER / VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR** – Mr. Rackley did not have anything to report. Mrs. Shank asked if they could at least get a written report from Ms. Canales. Mr. Rackley stated that she will provide one.

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

Mr. Handka stated that they have been putting desks together for various offices. He replaced some bases and bulbs in the markers at the Airport. Mr. Rackley asked about the Airport fuel dispenser. Mr. Handka doesn't have an update.

Mr. Handka also reported that he had port-a-potties delivered to McDougal Field in preparation for the Balloon Races and youth softball.

*Street Fever Car Club, Request to use Courthouse Park and bathrooms for annual Show N Shine event to be held June 3-5, 2022:* Patty Burke Reese was present.

Mrs. Hudson made a motion to approve the request from the Street Fever Car Club to use the Courthouse Park and bathrooms for their annual Show N Shine event to be held June 3-5, 2022. Motion seconded by Mr. Rackley and passed.

**PERSHING COUNTY FIRE/AMBULANCE –**

*AMBULANCE REPORT:* Marti Nolan was present via Zoom. She reported that for January they had 32 calls, 2 transfers and 1 transfer to Derby Field.

*LOVELOCK FIRE:* Chief Wilcox was present via Zoom. Chief Wilcox thanked the Road Department for their help with the installation of the new BLM building. A representative from the State will be here on Saturday to proctor the Fire Fighter I written test. There were 2 fire calls in January. Chief Wilcox reported that he will be back in town on February 10<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Heidemann reported that the grant for the SCBAs (Self Contained Breathing Apparatus) has been submitted. He also stated that he was contacted by POOL/PACT regarding central CPR training centers.

*RYE PATCH FIRE:* Mr. Rackley read an email from Chief Staci Bristow. The department has been hit hard by COVID. They also have two members that are out of state. This left only one active member. Two members are working on their EMS (Emergency Medical Services) training. All members are current on physicals.

**COOPERATIVE EXTENSION –** Steve Foster and Colby Burke were present.

Mr. Foster gave the Board a copy of the Community Assets for Pershing County survey. He will be conducting a pesticide training in March. Mrs. Shank asked about the admin clerk recruitment. Mr. Foster stated that the position has been posted and two applications have been received.

Mrs. Burke gave the Board the monthly newsletter. There are currently 130 youth members participating in 16 clubs. The annual Livestock Show will be on Sunday, May 1<sup>st</sup>.

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

Mr. Abbott reported that he has been busy budget planning. He has received a lot of requests from other departments for quotes and to purchase items. Mr. Abbott reported that there is a complex and continuing issue with the State / Child Support connection. He has received one application for the IT Tech position, which closes on February 18<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Abbott has been communicating with CISA (Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency) in regard to the vulnerability assessment we did last year. They are offering some new services that are free to local government. Brian Mitchell from AT&T came out last week to do a site visit to figure out how we will bring fiber into the buildings. The Courthouse is the most concerning. They did find conduit running from the park, but are still concerned about the conduit between the Courthouse and the Admin Building.

Mr. Rackley asked where we are at with the new phones. Mr. Abbott did some prep work and will get the phone over to the Senior Center. The Sheriff's office is next on his list. Mrs. Shank asked about the problem with the Planning Department's phones. Mr. Abbott will get some more information and look into it further.

**PUBLIC DEFENDER –** Mr. Cochran gave the Board his monthly case load report. He did attend latter in the meeting and give an oral report as well. Things are going well. Mr. Cochran is curious what other counties are doing in regard to the 48 hour first appearance rule.

**MUSEUM BOARD:** Museum Board members Bonnie Skoglie and Penny Belanger were present.

**JESSE LEE RENO CHAPTER 1422 OF E CLAMPUS VITUS, REQUEST TO ERECT HISTORICAL MONUMENT AT THE MARZEN HOUSE MUSEUM –** Four members of the Clampers were present. They would like to place a monument at the Museum to memorialize the mining town of Mazuma, Nevada. The dedication would take place on April 2, 2022. Mrs. Skoglie stated that the Museum Board approves of this request.

Mr. Rackley made a motion to approve the request of the Jesse Lee Reno Chapter 1422, E Clampus Vitus to erect a historical monument at the Marzen House Museum, working with the Museum Board regarding the placement. Motion seconded by Mrs. Hudson and passed.

**REQUEST FOR APPROVAL TO REALLOCATE GRANT CC-22-01-016 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$6,150.00 TO INCLUDE SOCIAL MEDIA AVENUES INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO GOOGLE ADS, FACEBOOK ADVERTISING, HIRING PERSON TO MANAGE THE SOCIAL MEDIA ACCOUNTS AND BILLBOARD ADVERTISING (MATCHING FUNDS TO BE COVERED BY VOLUNTEERS AND MUSEUM BUDGET) –** Mr. Rackley made a motion to approve the reallocation to Grant CC-22-01-016 in the amount of \$6,150.00 as stated. Motion seconded by Mrs. Hudson and passed.

**APPROVAL OF DEACCESSIONING INVENTORY ITEMS TO BE AUCTIONED AT A RENO AUCTION HOUSE –** It was noted that the Auction House is Lightning Auctions. A list of the items was given to Mrs. Wesner.

Mrs. Hudson made a motion to approve deaccessioning inventory items from the Museum to be auctioned at a Reno Auction House. Motion seconded by Mr. Rackley and passed.

**SAM SANDERS, UPRISE FIBER: REQUEST FOR LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR PROJECT TO CONNECT FIBER TO THE HOME BUILD FOR THE CITY OF LOVELOCK AND THE SURROUNDING AREAS IN PERSHING COUNTY, TO SUBMIT WITH APPLICATION FOR A FEDERAL GRANT TO HELP FUND THE PROJECT THROUGH THE USDA’S RECONNECT PROGRAM, WHICH IS DUE FEBRUARY 22, 2022 –** Brandon Fuller was also present.

Mr. Sanders and Mr. Fuller gave an overview of their project. The project will bring high speed fiber from Derby Field to Rye Patch. The project requires that fiber touch every single building in the area, even the farm areas. Mr. Sanders stated that they are working with the Governor’s office of Science and Technology, NDOT and other State offices. Mr. Rackley asked if there would be other companies making a similar request. Mr. Sanders stated there would be none in our area. He stated that the application process has a scoring matrix that is weighted pretty heavily toward tribal land. Because we don’t have very much, we won’t score as high as others. Because of that, they will be applying for a 100% grant that requires 25% matching funds. The grant would be for \$32,000,000, making their contribution \$8,000,000. Mrs. Shank asked if they had spoken with Mrs. Lusby-Angvick. Mr. Sanders stated that they have.

Mrs. Hudson made a motion to write a letter of support for Uprise Fiber’s project to connect fiber to the home build for the City of Lovelock and surrounding areas in Pershing County. Motion seconded by Mr. Rackley, pending approval of the content by Mr. Shields. Motion carried.

**ELECTED DEPARTMENTS:**

**LACEY DONALDSON, CLERK-TREASURER –** Mrs. Donaldson stated that at the end of January the office sent out courtesy letters to taxpayers who are delinquent or paid a wrong amount.

*Approval of corrections/changes to the Tax Roll:* Mrs. Donaldson gave the Board an extensive list of corrections.

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

**RENE CHILDS, RECORDER-AUDITOR –** Mrs. Childs gave the Board the month end reports. The Budget Workshops have been scheduled. Mrs. Childs stated that she will not have the final revenue figures from the State until March 25<sup>th</sup>. She asked if the Board would be ok setting a brief meeting the last week of March to review those figures. The Board agreed on March 31<sup>st</sup> at 8:30 a.m.

**BRYCE SHIELDS, DISTRICT ATTORNEY –** Mr. Shields stated that he has had several employees out sick, but everyone is back this week.

JERRY ALLEN, SHERIFF – *Salary Resolution, V. Phillips*: Mr. Rackley made a motion to approve the Salary Resolution for Valiree Phillips, moving her from a part-time dispatcher to a full-time dispatcher. Motion seconded by Mrs. Hudson and passed.

Mrs. Shank asked about the Burning Man Contract. Sheriff Allen will have something on the next agenda to discuss the upcoming event and contract negotiations.

**DERBY FIELD:** Mr. Rackley reported that Farr West was able to obtain the permit for the water line replacement. Mr. Rackley stated that the next step will be working with Mr. Shields on the material list and bid documents. Mrs. Shank mentioned the funding opportunity for hangers. Mr. Rackley stated that they don't have all the details worked out yet, but it would be \$100,000 over 4 years. Mrs. Shank asked about the hanger agreements. Mr. Shields stated the Board has already approved them.

**UNIONVILLE CEMETERY: APPROVAL OF PERPETUAL ROW (RIGHT OF WAY) GRANT N-59759 EXHIBIT A GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS** – Mrs. Shank stated that she has been speaking to the BLM concerning the cemetery and our request to make the deed unrestricted. She was told that if we made the ROW a perpetual right-of-way, the State could approve our request.

Mr. Rackley made a motion to approve the Perpetual ROW Grant N-59759 Exhibit A General Terms and Conditions as presented. Motion seconded by Mrs. Hudson and passed.

**BOARD APPOINTMENTS:** Mrs. Hudson made a motion to reappoint Dale Talcott to the Cemetery Board and Ted Bendure to the Pershing County Economic Development Board and accept the resignation of Barbara Rackley from the Museum Board. Motion seconded by Mr. Rackley and passed.

**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** – Mr. Rackley updated the spreadsheet to reflect the Imlay Water design and the Rye Patch Fire House expansion. Mr. Rackley stated that they would discuss the Rye Patch project at the next Chief's meeting.

The meeting recessed at 9:39 a.m. for a Litigation meeting and reconvened at 9:51 a.m.

**EXECUTION OF “SUBDIVISION SETTLEMENT PARTICIPATION FORMS” AND RELEASES PURSUANT TO THE ONE NEVADA AGREEMENT ON ALLOCATION OF OPIOID RECOVERIES (“ONE NEVADA AGREEMENT”) PREVIOUSLY AGREED UPON FOR PARTICIPATION IN SETTLEMENTS WITH (1) THE STATE OF NEVADA AND OPIOIDS DISTRIBUTOR DEFENDANTS AMERISOURCEBERGEN DRUG CORPORATION, CARDINAL HEALTH, AND MCKESSON AS LISTED IN EXHIBIT C TO THE ONE NEVADA AGREEMENT, AND (2) THE STATE OF NEVADA OPIOID MANUFACTURER DEFENDANT JANSSEN/JOHNSON & JOHNSON AS LISTED IN EXHIBIT C TO THE ONE NEVADA AGREEMENT; AND (B) EXECUTION OF AN “AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO THE ONE NEVADA AGREEMENT ON ALLOCATION OF OPIOID RECOVERIES” REGARDING A REDUCTION IN ATTORNEY’S FEES TO THE ONE NEVADA AGREEMENT FOR PURPOSES OF THESE TWO SETTLEMENTS ONLY:** Mr. Shields recommends signing the document so that negotiations can continue.

Mrs. Hudson made a motion to approve the execution of the “Subdivision Settlement Participation Forms” and releases pursuant to the One Nevada Agreement on allocations of Opioid Recoveries. Motion seconded by Mr. Rackley and passed.

**REPORT FROM LEGAL COUNSEL:** Mr. Shields did not have anything to report.

**REPORT FROM ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT/HR REP:** Mrs. Wesner stated that she has submitted the CDBG (Community Development Block Grant) grant quarterly report. She is still working on updating the job descriptions.

**ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS:** Mrs. Shank spoke about the upcoming Planning meeting. Sheryl Gonzales would like to set up two additional meetings. She is looking at February 25<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm and March 4<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** There was no additional correspondence for the Board's review.

**BOARD MEMBER REPORTS / BOARD LIAISON REPORTS:** Mrs. Hudson didn't have anything to report. Mr. Rackley didn't have anything to report. Mrs. Shank attended the Rural Health District's initial meeting, which was held in Churchill County. They will be meeting with State Health in a few weeks. Marsha Foreman, our Community Health Nurse, is taking some vacation time and then will be retiring on April 1<sup>st</sup>.

Mrs. Hudson left the meeting at 9:57 a.m.

**PLANNING & BUILDING DEPARTMENT / IMLAY WATER / PERSHING COUNTY ELECTRIC UTILITY:** James Evans was present.

Mr. Evans gave the Board his monthly reports. Cynthia Albright's contract has been signed. Mr. Evans took the water samples to Reno yesterday.

**APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS:** Mr. Rackley made a motion to approve the vouchers as submitted. Motion seconded by Mrs. Shank and passed.

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

As there was nothing further to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 10:10 a.m.

Approved 3/16/22: \_\_\_\_\_  
Shayla Hudson, Chairwoman

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