

JUNE 1, 2022

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: There were no minutes submitted for approval due to the ongoing election duties.

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

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: Mr. Rackley 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. Shank and passed.

UNCLASSIFIED DEPARTMENTS:

ROAD DEPARTMENT & LANDFILL – Dan Hill was present.

Mr. Hill reported that he was out spraying weeds when he realized there was a Commission meeting this morning. Mr. Hill reported that they did some patching out at Coeur last week. They are currently prepping valley roads for the Mag Chloride project.

Approval to advertise/hire Road Maintenance Worker I/II position: Mr. Rackley made a motion to approve the advertising and hiring to fill the vacant Road Maintenance Worker I/II position at the Road Department. Motion seconded by Mrs. Shank and passed.

Approval of ROW (Right of Way) form 299 for Spaulding Canyon Road and approval of authorized officer to sign official documents: Mr. Hill was contacted by Julie McKinnon of the BLM regarding a Right of Way for Spaulding.

Mr. Rackley made a motion to approve submitting the Right of Way form 299 for Spaulding Canyon Road to the BLM and approve Dan Hill as the authorized officer to sign official documents. Motion seconded by Mrs. Shank and passed.

LANDFILL & RECYCLING – Dan Hill was present.

Mr. Hill stated that things are going well. They went a whole week without having to clean up the Grass Valley Transfer site. Mr. McDaniel will be taking a few days off.

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS – John Handka was present.

Mr. Handka reported that since the last meeting they have been diligently working on all the grounds. Mr. Handka took a trip up to Unionville. Those he spoke to up there thanked the department for all the work they do. Mr. Handka did meet with Tim Whittaker, and he is doing fine. NDF (Nevada Division of Forestry) went back to Big Meadow Cemetery and finished up. The crew has been fixing drip lines and several broken sprinklers in the park.

Request for approval to install 160' of gutter and 6 downspouts at the Annex Building in the amount of \$3,250.00: The current gutters are old and leaking. It was noted that the funds would come from the Building Fund. Mrs. Childs stated that this is not on the Capital Improvement list. Mr. Handka stated that he has it in his maintenance budget.

Mrs. Shank made a motion to approve the installation of 160' of gutter and 6 downspouts at the Annex Building in the amount of \$3,250.00. Motion seconded by Mr. Rackley and passed.

Approval of costs to replace flooring: Mr. Handka stated that this is on the Capital Improvement List. Mrs. Childs stated that it is on the list for FY23-24. If it is to be done sooner, the Board will have

to relook at the list. Mrs. Shank asked about office furniture being moved. Mr. Handka stated that his staff would have to do it. The total cost for the Administration Building would be \$32,154.94. Mrs. Childs also added that her office did get new carpet when the Archive was built, but it is already showing the cement through.

Mrs. Shank made a motion to approve the quotes from Carpet King in the amount of \$32,154.94 to replace the flooring in the Administration Building to be paid out of the FY22-23 budget, and also having them look at the flooring in the Recorder's office. Motion seconded by Mr. Rackley and passed.

SENIOR CENTER / VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR – The Board was given the June Newsletter. Mrs. Shank reported that their numbers are starting to go up. She is looking forward to the interviews for the Senior Center Director this afternoon.

PERSHING COUNTY FIRE/AMBULANCE –
LOVELOCK FIRE: Chief Wilcox was present.

Chief Wilcox reported that they currently have 20 firefighters (2 new ones). There have been five fire calls in the last two weeks. The truck they received from the BLM is still being outfitted. Chief Wilcox has the title and will get it signed over to the County. Two firefighters received their Firefighter I Certificates. Three firefighters will be going to the Conference in Virginia City. They are doing their yearly SCBA (self-contained breathing apparatus) fit-testing. Fire inspections are on-going.

AMBULANCE: Chief Wilcox reported that he drew up the bid for the new ambulance. The price came in at \$214,473. Chief Wilcox also reported that in the last two weeks there were approximately 23 calls. Marti Nolan joined the meeting via Zoom. Mrs. Shank asked how long it will take to hear back from the State on the Ambulance License. Mrs. Nolan stated that it is out of her hands. Mrs. Shank stated that it must be submitted to Medicaid by June 30th.

COMMUNITY CENTER – Mrs. Hudson stated that Ms. Munden was unable to attend the meeting today, but everything is going well.

IT DEPARTMENT – Justin Abbott was present.

Mr. Abbott reported that they are getting ready to do the T1 conversion at the Admin Building that will take place on June 8th. Mrs. Hudson asked about the phone in Planning and Building. Mr. Abbott is still working on it.

Approval of data sharing agreement with WNDD (Western Nevada Development District) to allow authorized Pershing County employees to access analytic data collected as part of WNDD broadband mapping project: Mr. Abbott spoke about the mapping project, stating that Pershing County participated and helped pay for it. This agreement allows us to have access to the data that was collected. The authorized Pershing County employees will be Mr. Abbott, Amanda Burrows, and Heidi Lusby-Angvick.

Mrs. Shank made a motion to approve the data sharing agreement with WNDD to allow authorized Pershing County employees to access analytic data collected as part of the WNDD Broadband Mapping Project. Motion seconded by Mr. Rackley and passed.

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

Mrs. Lusby-Angvick thanked the Commissioners for participating in the housing meeting on May 17th and the visioning workshop on May 18th.

PUBLIC DEFENDER – The Board was given the monthly report.

ELECTED DEPARTMENTS:

LACEY DONALDSON, CLERK-TREASURER – Mrs. Donaldson stated that Early Voting started on Saturday and turnout has been low.

Approval of corrections/changes to the Tax Roll: The following corrections/changes were submitted for approval:

APN # 001-192-21 Royal Hotels
Acct. # MH001601 Pooler

APN # 009-100-12 Baker
APN # 007-441-14 Knight
APN # 007-530-07 Shank
APN # 010-432-15 Hernandez
APN # 010-441-21 Sohmers
APN # 007-591-02 Phillips Land Holding

Mr. Rackley made a motion to approve the corrections as submitted. Motion seconded by Mrs. Hudson. Mrs. Shank abstained as one of the corrections was for her property. Motion carried.

Approval of purchase of patented mining claims on APN # 009-350-77 and # 003-071-46 by Wade Robison: It was noted that Mr. Robison had petitioned the Board to explore the patented mining claims and now he is asking to purchase them.

Mr. Rackley made a motion to approve the purchase of patented mining claims on APN # 009-350-77 and # 003-071-46 by Wade Robison. Motion seconded by Mrs. Shank and passed.

Mrs. Donaldson informed the Board that a special meeting is needed for Friday, June 24, 2022, to Canvass the Results of the Primary Election. The meeting was set for 9:00 a.m.

RENE CHILDS, RECORDER-AUDITOR – Mrs. Childs reported that it is end of month, but it is too early for her to have any reports. She also informed the Board that a special meeting is needed to approve the tax rate. Mrs. Childs stated that she would not receive the information from Taxation until after June 25th. A meeting was set for June 27th at 9:00 a.m.

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

Approval of Amendment to Agreement dated September 8, 2017, between Pictometry International Corp. and Pershing County in the amount of \$4,400.00: Mr. Rackley made a motion to approve the Amendment to the Agreement as presented, in the amount of \$4,400.00. Motion seconded by Mrs. Shank and passed.

Approval of renewal of Farr West Engineering Contract Agreement & Scope of Work, Exhibit A, in the amount of \$42,000.00 for FY 2022-2023: This contract is for GIS services. Mrs. Hudson stated that this contract has a significant increase from last year. Ms. Basso-Cerini stated that she has looked for other Engineering firms, but so far, she hasn't found one more economical.

Mrs. Shank made a motion to approve the renewal of the Farr West Engineering Contract Agreement & Scope of Work, Exhibit A, in the amount of \$42,000.00 for FY 2022-2023. Motion seconded by Mr. Rackley and passed.

BRYCE SHIELDS, DISTRICT ATTORNEY – Mr. Shields reported that Lauri Jensen received her provisional license yesterday to practice law in Nevada. He is looking forward to July 1st when he is able to hire a new Deputy District Attorney.

SHERIFF'S OFFICE – *SALARY RESOLUTION, V. PHILLIPS:* Mr. Rackley made a motion to approve the Salary Resolution for Valiree Phillips, moving her from a Dispatcher I, Range 26, Step 1, to a Dispatcher II, Range 27, Step 1 effective May 9, 2022. Motion seconded by Mrs. Shank and passed.

DERBY FIELD AIRPORT: REPLACE CAMERAS AT AIRPORT USING CARES ACT FUNDING GRANT – Mr. Rackley stated that there is \$8,400 left under this grant. The Board had a quote from FCC Communications in the amount of \$8,937.72. It was noted that there is also another Airport CARE grant in the amount of \$9,000.00.

Mrs. Shank made a motion to approve replacing the cameras at the Airport in the amount of \$8,937.72, using CARES Act Grant Funding. Motion seconded by Mr. Rackley and passed.

BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT: UPDATE ON MATTERS RELATING TO PERSHING COUNTY – Esther McCullough was present via Zoom. She introduced Bradlee Mathews, who will be the Deputy District Manager in Winnemucca starting next week. Mark Hall, Black Rock

Field Manager; Kathleen Rehberg, Humboldt Field Office Field Manager; and Donovan Walker, Fire Management Officer, were also present via Zoom.

Mark Hall gave an update on the “Every When” Event to be held the 4th of July week at the lower end of the Black Rock playa. They have withdrawn their application, as they have sold less than 100 tickets. Most likely they will be seeking an SRP (Special Recreation Permit) for 100 people on playa that week. He is anticipating other unorganized campers that week as well. The BLM is working with the Pershing County Sheriff’s Office on a Safety Plan. The 4th of July Event usually sees between 1,000 and 5,000 people. Mr. Shields asked if there is a written agreement between the BLM and the PCSO. Mr. Hall stated that there is a standing MOU (Memorandum of Understanding). They are also working on providing financial assistance to Pershing County through a contract reimbursement.

Mr. Hall also spoke about Burning Man. They are working through stipulations. Peak Population will be 80,000.

Kathleen Rehberg spoke about mining projects in Pershing County. The Colada mine had some non-compliance issues. They will be going through the EA (Environmental Assessment) process. For Lincoln Hill, the Coeur Rochester exploration plan was approved. They have started the cultural mitigation and will start drilling as well. A new plan will be coming in for the Wild Cat Exploration project, in Seven Troughs. They have been doing some exploration and will be submitting a Plan of Operation.

Ms. Rehberg also spoke about the Geothermal Lease Sale. It is currently in the 30 day comment period. There are 92 parcels state-wide, with 23 in the Humboldt District. The Ormat Juniper Project is in the EIS (Environmental Impact Statement) phase. The project has issues with a TCP (Traditional Cultural Properties). The BLM has met with Pyramid Lake’s Cultural Committee. They hope to get the EIS started this year. Ormat also has their New York Canyon transmission line project. They have changed their route a few times, so they are finally getting the information out to start the EA process.

Ms. McCullough spoke about wild horse and burrow gathers. They were approved for 3 gathers this year; Buffalo Hills, Blue Wing, and Calico, which will be done in July, August, and September. For all three they will be going to Low AML (Appropriate Management Level) with fertility control. For 2023 they have applied for the East Pershing Complex.

Ms. Rehberg spoke about the Lovelock Cave Days. It hasn’t been held the last two years and this year’s was a great success. The participating 4th graders were very excited. Mrs. Shank stated that our local museum was thrilled to have them back and next year will be even better.

Mr. Hall spoke about the Black Rock Rendezvous, which was held Memorial Day weekend. It is setup on the Gerlach side of the playa. They repaired fencing at Trego and did some work on an abandoned well head that has been flooding the playa. Mr. Hall and Ms. Rehberg also spoke about National Trail Days, with both events taking place in Humboldt County. If anyone has any suggestions for locations in Pershing County for next year, they welcome them.

Mr. Walker spoke about the engine transfer to the Lovelock Volunteer Fire Department. He also reported that they are looking at staffing 11 engines this fire season, with two being stationed in Lovelock. He has several positions he is currently working on filling. They are continuing seeding past burn areas in Buena Vista Valley and working on controlling medusa head. They will also be working at Poker Brown and Seven Troughs as well, putting in field breaks, seedlings, juniper reduction, etc. Seeding and field breaks are also planned for Dixie Valley. Plans for the east range project will be starting next fiscal year, with seeding, juniper reduction and invasive control. Mr. Walker stated that they did see a funding increase on the fuels side.

Mr. Walker also reported that there were two fires in May, with over 300 acres burning in Churchill County and over 300 acres in Golconda. Those two fires had more acres burned than all of last year. There is grass growing this year, which we didn’t have last year. They are continuing their refresher training for returning firefighters. As of today, the Airbase in Winnemucca will be open for business as a re-load base.

Mrs. Shank thanked Ms. McCullough for getting everything done in regard to the Unionville Cemetery.

NEVADA ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES: OVERVIEW AND UPDATES – Vinson Gunthrea, Executive Director of NACO, and Jennifer Berthiaume, Government Affairs Manager, were present.

Mr. Gunthrea gave an overview of the NACO Board and staff. Mr. Gunthrea moved from the Deputy Director position to the Executive Director in August 2021. NACO usually comes before the county commissions annually, but that was paused for a while, as meetings went virtual during the pandemic. It was noted that Commissioner Shank is Pershing County's representative on the NACO Board, and she has been a great partner between Pershing County and NACO. Along with the county commissions, NACO also works with those affiliate associations, such as the Clerk's Association, the Assessors, and the District Attorneys. DA Shields is the current President of the DA's Association and has also been a great partner. The annual conference will be held in Storey County September 27-29, 2022.

Mr. Gunthrea stated that NACO is building capacity and preparing for the future. It was noted that Ms. Berthiaume is located in NACO's Clark County office. NACO recently hired a public health coordinator, Taylor Allison, with funding from a Workforce Grant from the State. NACO also has a Natural Resources Office, Jacob Brinkerhoff.

Mr. Gunthrea stated that one of the most important ways NACO advocates and supports counties is their advocacy on collective county issues at the Nevada Legislature. They monitor and track bills that may affect counties. Each Session NACO receives 5 Bill Draft Requests. For the 2021 Session they submitted 4 and 3 were signed by the Governor. Those bills are:

Assembly Bill 1 requires all newly elected legislatures receive training on local government as part of their new legislature training that is administered by the Legislative Council Bureau.

Assembly Bill 2 increased the number of boards an individual can serve on when appointed by the Governor.

Assembly Bill 33 established a consistent approach for the courts to use when determining paternity in adoption proceedings.

Looking to 2023, Ms. Berthiaume stated that their Legislative Committee has been meeting monthly. During Session, they will meet weekly. NACO's 5 BDRs are due by September 1st, so those will go before the full NACO Board at their August 4th meeting. NACO also provides support to counties on fiscal note requests. NACO always monitors unfunded mandates, the State budget, funding for indigent defense, rural CPS Assessments, Medicaid match, any services the counties partner with the State on, and making sure those State services don't get pushed down to the counties.

Mr. Gunthrea also spoke about the National Association of Counties (NACo), whom have a strong lobby presence on Capitol Hill. The Nevada Association of Counties relies on them for information and support on Federal issues. NACO has two representatives on the National Board.

Mrs. Hudson asked where NACO stands on water rights. Mr. Gunthrea stated that NACO has in the past, argued for issues that might affect collective county issues on water rights. The issue of water rights tends to divide their board. Without a consensus they won't make a stand. Mrs. Hudson stated that the State Water Engineer just needs to follow the law.

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

Mr. Evans reported that there will be a Planning Commission meeting tonight to review a lot line adjustment. Mr. Evans gave the Board his monthly report.

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL TO ADVERTISE/HIRE ¾ TIME ADMINISTRATIVE CLERK I/II – Mrs. Hudson stated that she requested this be put on the agenda. Mrs. Hudson stated that before

she became a board member, Mr. Evans asked this board for help. His department has taken on more duties and responsibilities. There are times that both Mr. Evans and Mr. Franco are out of the office. She feels there needs to be someone there all the time. On Mondays and Fridays, there is only one person in the office, so the office is closed if something comes up. Mrs. Shank also asked why they chose ¾ time. Mr. Evans stated that historically, there have always been 3 people in the office. Mrs. Childs stated that this position is not in the budget. Mrs. Shank also stated that they currently work 4 – 10 hours shifts, and one option would be to go back to 5, 8 hour shifts. Mrs. Shank also stated that the office hasn't had 3 people for many years. She also stated that Mrs. Hudson wanted to hire a Planner as well, and neither position is in the budget. Mrs. Shank also suggested sharing a position with the Clerk's office. Mrs. Donaldson stated that it has been done before with another office, but when her office is busy, she can't share that employee. Mrs. Hudson asked why a ½ time position couldn't be approved then, to answer the phone, etc. Mr. Evans feels that he is the only department being scrutinized for asking for another employee where other departments are just approved. Mrs. Childs stated that there are a lot of times that office closes at 4:00. She wanted to know if an additional employee would guarantee that the office is open till 5. Mr. Evans stated they close early because they've worked through their lunch hours. Mrs. Shank stated that legally, they shouldn't be working through their lunches and the office should be open till 5 regardless. Mrs. Shank stated that she has heard that office is rarely busy and has a lot of downtime. Mrs. Shank stated that if another position is added that office needs to be open from 8-5 always. Mr. Rackley has no problem approving this position, but funding needs to be looked at. Mrs. Shank feels the funding is available, but this should have been requested during budget time. This item will be put back on the agenda after the Board has a chance to look at funding.

DISCUSSION REGARDING APPROVING/ACCEPTING AND MOVE FORWARD WITH THE PROPOSED COMMUNITY VISION LANGUAGE IN CHAPTER 1 OF THE PERSHING COUNTY MASTER PLAN AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED TO ITS UPDATE – Cynthia Albright was present.

Ms. Albright gave an update on the work she has done to update the County's Master Plan. Ms. Albright stated that she didn't want to present to the community until the Commissioners had a chance to review the changes. The Community Vision Statement (Pg. 5 of the Master Plan) has been updated to reflect a business friendly community. The original concept was about preserving the rural agricultural environment. Ms. Albright stated she's not saying that is any less important, but the goal is growth, so that should be at the forefront. Ms. Albright read the statement in its entirety:

Pershing County is a business-friendly community that supports new industry and attracts residents who value affordable housing, a rural heritage, and a welcoming environment. The community celebrates its agricultural resources, historic architecture, vast open spaces, and unique location along the second longest interstate highway in the U.S.

Residents and visitors alike have easy access to recreational opportunities and services within the City of Lovelock as well as access to walking trails to mountain peaks. There is an overwhelming community spirit in Pershing County.

The county worked to expand its water supply, energy, and telecommunications services, particularly in the City of Lovelock and Derby Airfield, through a collaborative effort with local and state agencies to ensure its readiness for evolving change and its commitment to balancing demand with available natural resources and available infrastructure.

Ms. Albright stated that she was open to any input and asked the Board if there was anything they would like to change or add. Mrs. Hudson stated that she liked it how it is written. Mr. Rackley and Mrs. Shank agreed. Ms. Albright stated that when she presents to the community, she will not only go through the vision statement, but also where we are from a demographics perspective.

Ms. Albright also spoke about the "Guiding Principles". She provided the original principles and the revised list. Ms. Albright stated that she just updated some wording and changed the order. Ms.

Albright stated that she feels it is important to embrace and enhance any recreational opportunities and really market them. She is still managing the agricultural land, maintaining our character, and preserving our resources. Those are important, but have been moved down the list to send the message that we are inviting and welcome to change.

Carl Clinger, member of the Planning Commission, expressed his concern that this is a significant change, and it isn't on the Planning Commission's agenda for tonight. Mr. Evans stated that they wanted to come before the BOC first and then will go to the Planning Commission.

COOPERATIVE EXTENSION / 4-H: Colby Burke and Regan Barrick were present. Mrs. Burke stated that they currently have 138 enrollments. They have 29 active leaders, with 3 more possible leaders in the screening process. Mrs. Burke gave the Board a list of the clubs that are being offered. She also introduced Regan Barrick, who is the new admin staff. Mrs. Burke stated that the Livestock clubs have ended, and the Livestock Show is in the books. The Board was given the 4-H calendar for June. She wanted to reiterate that 4-H is not just about livestock. 4-H Camp registration is due today. There are only 5 youth currently registered, but she is expecting at least twice that number.

Mrs. Shank asked Mrs. Burke to speak about what she is doing at the Senior Center. Mrs. Burke stated that the program is funded by the USDA (United States Department of Ag) and is not just for seniors. Mrs. Burke is also teaching 3rd graders how to pick better snacks, discussing every aspect of how that fruit gets to their plate. There is also an exercise aspect. With the Seniors, she has established a wellness committee and they are working on a wellness campaign. They have planned on doing an herb-kit project with the kids and the seniors. They are also making the sewing classes available to the seniors as well. Trying to do multi-generational projects.

RANDY SCILACCI, JR, REQUEST TO LEASE PARCEL #007-451-01 LOCATED NEAR DERBY FIELD AIRPORT FOR GRAZING: Randy and Christy Scilacci from Scilacci Farms were present.

Mrs. Scilacci stated that they drove the property and there is an adjoining parcel that already has a good fence.

Mrs. Shank asked what their proposal is. They would like a multi-year lease. They will provide updates to the Board as often as the Board sees fit regarding the maintenance they do, etc. They are asking for a zero dollar lease with property up-keep.

Mr. Shields has done some research. If the County is going to go forward, we have to publish a notice of intent to lease the property and then a public hearing has to be held. Mr. Shields will move forward with the process, and it can be on the first July agenda.

BOARD APPOINTMENTS: LIBRARY BOARD, VOLUNTEER ADVISORY BOARD, PLANNING COMMISSION, AND GRASS VALLEY ADVISORY BOARD– A letter of interest was received from Tami Belcher for the Library, Janice Rutherford to be reappointed to the Volunteer Board, and Tori Apperson to be reappointed to the Planning Commission and expressing interest in the Grass Valley Advisory Board.

Mrs. Shank made a motion to appoint Tami Belcher to the Library Board, reappoint Janice Rutherford to the Volunteer Board, reappoint Tori Apperson to the Planning Commission and appoint Tori Apperson to the Grass Valley Advisory 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 spoke about the Derby

Field project and its expenditures. The new brush truck for the Grass Valley Fire Department was also added to the list.

RE-ORGANIZATION OF COMMISSION BOARD APPOINTMENTS (TELEVISION DISTRICT AND DERBY FIELD AIRPORT): Mr. Rackley asked for this to be put back on the agenda. With all that is going on at the Airport, it is not the right time to change the Commission liaison. Mr. Rackley assured the Board that John Handka will be included in all projects. Mr. Handka and Mr. Rackley also took a ride up to Toulon. Mrs. Hudson stated that she was fine with this as long as Mr. Rackley continues to work with Mr. Handka.

Mr. Rackley made a motion to reinstate his appointment as Commission Liaison to the Television District and Derby Field Airport. Motion seconded by Mrs. Shank and passed.

REPORT FROM ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT/HR REP: APPROVAL TO SEND LETTER TO THE NEVADA STATE WATER ENGINEER'S OFFICE ENCOURAGING THE STATE ENGINEER TO UPHOLD SENIOR WATER RIGHTS IN PERSHING COUNTY AND NEIGHBORING COUNTIES – Mrs. Wesner stated that they had discussed writing a letter to the State Water Engineer asking that they uphold the senior water rights in Pershing County. She will draft the letter and have Mr. Shields review it.

Mrs. Hudson made a motion to approve sending a letter to the Nevada State Water Engineer's office encouraging them to uphold the Senior water rights in Pershing County and neighboring counties. Motion seconded by Mrs. Shank and passed.

The meeting recessed at 11:17 a.m. for a Litigation meeting and reconvened at 11:26 a.m.

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

ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS: Mrs. Hudson would like the approval of a ¾ time Planning and Building position on the next agenda.

CORRESPONDENCE: There was no additional correspondence.

MATTERS OF THE BOARD FOR DISCUSSION; BOARD MEMBER REPORTS; BOARD LIAISON REPORTS: Mr. Rackley attended the Library Board meeting. Mrs. Shank attended the Museum Board meeting. The Museum members will be coming to a meeting next month to give an update. Mrs. Hudson has upcoming water meetings. It was also noted that the swimming pool is open and holding water!

PUBLIC INPUT: Carl Clinger stated he is very concerned with the updates he sees being made to the Master Plan, moving Ag to the bottom. He is also concerned that we are being compared to Lyon County, which is a bedroom community to Washoe. Mrs. Hudson stated that we are still an Ag Community. Mr. Clinger also spoke about the Farr West Engineering report for Grass Valley, they mention a water board. Water Boards have to be approved by the Governor. He suggested reviving the Natural Resource Board and they could appoint a committee.

APPROVAL OF 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.

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

The meeting recessed at 11:44 a.m. and reconvened at 1:00 p.m.

INTERVIEW OF APPLICANTS FOR SENIOR CENTER DIRECTOR: The Commission was joined by Susann Bendure and Virginia Rose of the Senior Center Advisory Board. The following five candidates were interviewed for the Senior Center Director position. They were Jeneice Cornejo, Christina Larsen, Amanda Guzman, and Silvia Portillo. Giana Gonzales did not come for her interview. The Board asked each candidate a list of 14 questions. Each candidate was also given a skills test consisting of writing a letter and developing a spreadsheet.

SELECTION OF SENIOR CENTER DIRECTOR; SET SALARY FOR SENIOR CENTER DIRECTOR: Mrs. Shank stated that her concern is filling the other vacancies. The new Director will have to schedule interviews and get the administrative position and a cook position filled. Mrs. Shank feels her top candidate is worth more than \$16 per hour. Mr. Rackley stated that he has tried to bring Directors in at a higher pay and has always been shot down. The Board picked Silvia Portillo as the first choice and Christina Larsen as the second choice.

Mrs. Shank made a motion to offer the Senior Center Director position to Silvia Portillo with a starting salary of \$36,000.00 and if she doesn't accept, to offer the position to Christina Larsen at the current base salary. Motion seconded by Mr. Rackley and passed.

As there was nothing further to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 2:46 p.m.

Approved 8/17/2022: _____/s/
Shayla Hudson, Chairwoman

Attest: _____/s/
Lacey Donaldson, Clerk