

THE PERSHING COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY CENTER BOARD
MEETING MET ON MONDAY, November 4, 2019 AT THE PERSHING COUNTY COMMUNITY
CENTER AT 2:00P.M.

PRESENT: Ted Bendure, Chairman Rob McDougal, Member
David Skoglie, Member Vijay Ratti, Member
Pat Rowe, Member Lynn Christopherson, Secretary
Heidi Lusby-Angvick, Executive Director ED Dixie McKay, Director Com Ctr

ABSENT: County unfilled position, David Skelton, Steve Foster, Mike Springfield

PUBLIC - None

1. **Meeting was called to order at 2:00 P.M. by Ted Bendure;** Pledge of Allegiance.
2. **PUBLIC INPUT:** None at this time
3. **Approval of Minutes:**
4. **Community Center Updates:** Discussion about cleaning the facility. Discussion about maintenance issues from Dixie McKay to the Buildings and Grounds crew are not always being heeded. Oftentimes there are communication issues between the different departments and so activities are not completed. Ongoing discussion about the custodial management to try and resolve the issues. There are no authorities to the Community Center Director position to manage the custodial staff. Also, a problem of when staff is coming in and working without the knowledge of Dixie McKay, which is a safety issue.

Memorialize the discussion: Motion by Robert McDougal: Recommendation to the Commissioners that the community center custodial jobs be directed to the Community Center Director and that all other maintenance and upkeep requirements stay with Buildings and Grounds; and that the crew will inform the Director when they are entering and exiting the building (COMMUNICATION/accountability is key). Seconded by Pat Rowe; Unanimous Approval, 0 Nays

Instruction to Dixie on when to be at the commissioners meeting, more discussion about there being a meeting between HR, Dixie, John Handka, Commissioner Rackely, and Ted Bendure to discuss custodial issues.

5. **Community Center Director Comments;** See attached report: Discussion about the folding doors having a chain around the handles in order to secure them, is this a violation of ADA/OSHA/Health Department/Safety; per fire department, the other doors allow ingress and egress. Outside doors are to be rekeyed and repaired as soon as the local locksmith returns from vacation. Discussion about keys for the building; who makes the decision of WHO gets a key. Some of these entities such as Sheriff and Hospital MUST have a key for emergency management purposes. Other keys are dispersed per the board, to certain departments and to employees.
6. **Hwy 95 RDA:** We are no longer with Hwy 95 RDA and are looking at going to go to NNRDA (Northeastern NV Regional Development Authority). Heidi and Rob McDougal were at a NV Works meeting when they were given a report on the NV DETR director's amazing visit of the rurals. The DETR Director stated that she had visited several of the RDA's including Hwy 95 RDA; Heidi and Rob, nor any other representative from Lovelock/Pershing were invited to the visit. Heidi sent an email (less than 50 words) to the other members of the RDA asking why Lovelock and Pershing were not included in the DETR visit. This questioning of the Fallon/Churchill officials apparently upset them and they approached GOED and told them that they wanted a (in their words) "divorce" from Heidi/Pershing County. So, now the City and County are discussing with NNRDA as to how joining would work. PCEDA board agreed that the communication between the 4 entities (Pershing, Lovelock, Churchill, Fallon) has not been occurring. GOED helped bridge the divide, split the funds and start the conversation of going to NNRDA. There was discussion as to how the structure of GOED allocates money and determines Regional Development Authorities. Without being in an RDA there would be no State funds and zero support. There is some hesitation of going to NNRDA because of the

beneficial relationship with Western Nevada Development District which holds our Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy; however we are able to be in any organizations that we deem important. One thing that will not be discussed (if we end up in NNRDA), because the topic is too volatile, is water from the Humboldt River.

7. **EPA Brownsfield Grant Update:** Converse Consultants have been hired. We had a Windshield tour of the community with the consultants and EPA Region 9 and NDEP representatives. The visitors were so impressed at the community support (many local officials and historians participated in the tour), that they really appreciated the tour. They also very rarely see city and county working together on Brownfield projects. A list of the properties were identified. The grant has 4 certified sites budgeted – what are the 4 sites we’d like to have certified? Discussion on the Phase 1’s and Phase 2’s and how the process works. Discussion on the history of the creation of the Lovelock Industrial Park. Board would like to see certified sites for job creation and housing developments. We do need to try to create a greenspace out of a brownfield, it makes EPA happy to have this occur. If someone is buying or selling property, we need to offer the assessments for those transactions. Discussion about different parcels in the community; Vijay mentions a property out by the Rodeo grounds and what it’s owner may potentially do with it.

8. **PCEDA Breakfast Meetings:** No Planning has occurred.

9. **Work Plan Update:** Suggestion by David Skelton is should we have another steering committee meeting to check on our progress and how we can move forward with the next steps. As for one of the goals, Heidi has been moving forward with Workforce Development – on the RFP committee for NV Works, and participating in the Humboldt County construction workforce planning committee.

10. **PCEDA Director Comments:** Resiliency Training through WNDD – Heidi, Rob, Ted and Pat are interested in attending. David Skelton requested putting the business list on the county’s website, Heidi will ask IT to do this. Stats in the Pershing/Humboldt area (Top 10 employers asked) 875 new mining sector jobs in Humboldt, 303 new mining jobs in Pershing, 300 new non-mining jobs at the county lines (company in Pershing). In Winnemucca: Grocery Outlet 20 jobs, Loves Truck Stop 20 jobs, another Dotty’s 10-15 new jobs, Great Basin expansion, Southwest Gas expansion, Hampton Inn expansion, Fairfield Inn expansion, Model T branded as Quality Inn, 2 others branded, Shady Court sold to someone in Reno for cash, only have 428 apartments in Winnemucca, they have 8 studio apartments coming in, only 70 houses on the market, they need about 175 houses on the market at all times, they need entry level houses and apartments and RV Parks are PRIME. For the next 5 years, in the region, construction labor is going to be 1985 mining construction workers, Lithium NV will have 800 construction workers and 300 employees. For the region we need RV Parks, apartments and houses. Influx of people will occur in 2021.

11. **Board Member Comments:** Rob McDougal update about the county commission and the Chamber of Commerce’s status. David Skelton forwarded the business list to the Chamber to assist them with reaching out the businesses so they can solicit members. Discussion regarding the visitors center and chamber. David Skoglie told the board about a drywall installer that has moved to Lovelock, and a heating/cooling business that is new to the county.

10. **Next meetings:** December 2, 2019, 9 a.m. for only 1 hour. January 6, 2020, 2 p.m.

11. PUBLIC INPUT:

12. Adjourn: 3:50 p.m.