



Board of Mineral County Commissioners

Hawthorne, Nevada

January 17, 2024

The Honorable Board of Mineral County Commissioners met this day in a regular session with the following people present:

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| Honorable Larry Grant | Chairman |
| Honorable Curtis Schlepp | Vice Chairman |
| Tina Manzini | Member |
| Honorable Teresa McNally | Clerk-Treasurer |
| Honorable Jaren Stanton | District Attorney |

1. Pledge of Allegiance and Safety Message

Pledge of Allegiance was led by the Board

2. Approval of Agenda/Necessary Changes

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Commissioner Schlepp, seconded by Commissioner Manzini and unanimously carried by the Board to approve the agenda as presented.

Public Comment: None

3. Accounts Payable Vouchers, Credit Card Approval Form Requests, Capital Outlay Purchase Orders and Comptroller's Cash Report by Fund presented for review, discussion and possible action.

Deputy Kayla Majors advised the Board there was charge for paper plates, and forks.

Jaren Stanton, District Attorney stated this was his office. He feels there are employees that work through their lunch. Employees are people and it should not be too much for the county to provide resources for them to do their job.

Discussion ensued regarding the voucher to Trusteez for yard cleanup.

District Attorney Jaren Stanton advised there needed to be a lien placed against the property where this work was done. He suggested the bills for the work to be sent to the address the county has for property taxes first.

Interim Comptroller Tammy Hamrey advised they would be doing the scheduled transfers for Mina, Luning and Walker Lake.

4. Alyssa Burke, Grant Administrator - Presented for review, discussion, and possible action on research and collaboration in support of available and pending grant applications and other available funding.

Ms. Burke provided updates on:

Community Development Block Grant – She was contacted by Jessica Sanders with the CDBG program to ask if we are interested in making the Boys and Girls Club project a go. Discussion ensued regarding where this project was. She would put back on the agenda in February.

Off Highway Vehicle Grant – Waiting on Gary Moody and Rob Mathias. The in-kind match was going to be done by Public Works.

Thriving Communities – She advised the Main Street America Team would be here on February 1st and second. She has sent calendar invites out.

Brownsfield grant – Has not put the scope of work out yet. There was a glitch with sampling in the Scope of Work. they had to remove the assessment work because the grant was for clean-up only.

Land and Water Conservation Fund – She was contacted about the Monument Beach Project. After answering their questions, they said they had all the information they needed and would get back to us.

Safe Streets and Road for All Grant - Opening in February. This is a Planning Grant and then they would be able to apply for an implementation grant. She believes she will need vehicle accidents and fatality statistics. She will be asking questions.

Sheriff Bill Ferguson advised that the Sheriff's Office had stats.

Community Change Program – This is through the Environmental Protection Agency. She advised that two proposals at twenty million per project could be submitted. It had been suggested a

Geothermal project and the new Courthouse Facility as long as they include energy efficiency in the project.

5. For consideration and possible action relative to the project proposal for the T-Mobile Hometown Grant to be included with the application.

Item 18 and 26 was addressed with this item.

Ms. Burke talked to Kyle Isom, Recreation and Community Development Director regarding the electrical issues at the pool. When they looked at the timeline for the funding, it would not be here in time for the pool season.

Mr. Isom advised Vinnie's Electric diagnosed the problems before they did the power quality study.

Public Works Interim Director Austin Fisher advised that he should have a quote by today or tomorrow to see what the dollar amount would be to get the work done.

Commissioner Grant advised having the discussion at the meeting on Thursday, January 18, 2024.

Ms. Burke advised that she would like approval to move forward with the Solar Panels and Shades on the grant.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Commissioner Schlepp, seconded by Commissioner Manzini unanimously carried by the Board to exclude the Pool House electrical area from the T-Mobile Hometown Grant and to move forward with the solar panels and shade structures.

Public Comment: None

6. For consideration and possible action relative to Congressionally Delegated Spending (CDS).

Ms. Burke was advised by Rural Partners Network that fifteen high dollar impact projects are funded in this region. They can apply through the state. She contacted Congressman Horsford's office but had not heard back. She will continue to check on this funding.

Discussion ensued regarding submitting for the Courthouse facility, the sidewalk in front of the school and roads.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Commissioner Schlepp, seconded by Commissioner Manzini and unanimously carried by the Board to apply for the Congressional Delegation Spending Grant to include entering for all three opportunities that were discussed.

Public Comment: None

7. **Clerk-Treasurer Accounting Fund Summary Balance Report and Financial Horizon Credit Union Accounts Report** – presented for review, discussion and possible action.

Financial Horizons Credit Union Accounts Report was presented for review. Clerk-Treasurer Teresa McNally advised she had been in election training, so the Clerk-Treasurer Fund Summary Balance Report did not get done.

8. **Reports and Correspondence**

The Board received a Notices of Intent for the Deputy Sheriff Association and Dispatchers Association to enter into formal negotiations.

9. **Minutes of January 3, 2024** – For review and possible action.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Commissioner Schlepp and seconded by Commissioner Grant to approve the minutes of January 3, 2024, as presented. A vote of the Board disclosed the following:

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| Ayes: | Commissioner Grant Commissioner Schlepp |
| Nays: | None |
| Abstain: | Commissioner Manzini |
| Absent: | None |

Motion carried and so ordered

Public Comment: None

10. Commissioner Board Updates

Commissioner Schlepp advised he had attended the Airport Board Committee meeting. They discussed property at the Industrial Park and how the area has been managed. They put bids out for the vacant lot.

District Attorney Jaren Stanton advised redoing the resolution and possibly lower the amount and extend the deadline for the vacant lot. He would put back on the agenda.

Commissioner Grant advised that he attended a CAHS meeting and Local Emergency Management Commission meeting. They discussed grants and they have training set up with the American Red Cross and also terrorist training, and have active shooter training with the school and hospital; Planning Commission was starting a lands bill to acquire 20-30 acres outside of Mina and some land outside of Hawthorne. Walker Lake Advisory Board would like to change the name of Monument Beach, look for grants to put in a playground, and they would like to put some kind of art on the beach.

Commissioner Manzini advised she had nothing at this time.

11. Kim Dow – For consideration and possible action relative to the BLM program updates.

Ms. Dow provided information on Geothermal, Solar, Navy Expansion, Mining, Fiber Optic Line. She advised they gathered 1500 wild horses between November 7, to November 29, 2024. Eighty-one mares were treated and released, and 109 stallions were released.

Commissioner Schlepp asked about a Burro gather in this area.

Ms. Dow advised that it is was on the request list for this fiscal year.

Assessor Kevin Chisum asked about a construction timeline for Lebra Solar project.

Ms. Dow advised that they did not have a projected timeline.

Commissioner Grant advised that the county was having trouble with keeping up with the drilling and exploration permits that the BLM was issuing. He advised that the County had asked to be notified when new projects were going to start so we could issue special use permits and to keep up with what is happening.

Ms. Dow advised she would look into this.

12. Chris Lawrence, Fire Chief – For consideration and possible action relative to approval of Mineral County Local Emergency Planning Commission, Hazmat Plan, for submission to the State.

Mr. Lawrence advised the documentation had to be turned into the State Emergency Response Commission. He provided information on the changes to the plan.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Commissioner Manzini, seconded by Commissioner Schlepp and unanimously carried by the Board to approve the Mineral County Local Emergency Commission, Hazmat Plan, for submission to the State.

Public Comment: None

13. For consideration and possible action relative to approval of the following Mineral County Local Emergency Planning Commission Member applicants: Brandon Means, Department of the Army, Maria Menjivar, Program Manager, Central Nevada Health District and David Ziegler, GRC Nevada Inc.

Mr. Lawrence advised Brandon Mearns name was misspelled.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Commissioner Schlepp, seconded by Commissioner Manzini and unanimously carried by the Board to accept the Mineral County Local Emergency Planning Commission Member applicant Brian Mearns.

Public Comment: None

MOTION WAS MADE BY Commissioner Manzini, seconded by Commissioner Schlepp and unanimously carried by the Board to accept the Mineral County Local Emergency Planning Commission Member applicant Maria Menjivar.

Public Comment: None

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Commissioner Schlepp, seconded by Commissioner Grant unanimously carried by the Board to accept the Mineral County Local Emergency Planning Commission Member applicant David Ziegler.

Public Comment: None

- 14. Austin Fisher, Airport Manager** – For consideration and possible action relative to recommendation by the Airport Committee for the Mineral County Commissioners to approve a donation of county equipment for five (5) days to help with leveling and movement of materials at the racetrack.

Would reagendize for next meeting

- 15.** For consideration and possible action relative to approval and signature for FAA Grant Application (\$500,000) for the replacement of the Airport Rotating Beacon and Tower and Electrical Lighting Vault Equipment and Vault Project for 2024-25.

Donna Oberhansli, Public Works Office Manager advised they had \$36,533, so they would be able to cover the grant match of \$31,250.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Commissioner Schlepp, seconded by Commissioner Manzini and unanimously carried by the Board to apply for the FAA Grant Application (\$500,000) for the replacement of the Airport Rotating Beacon and Tower and Electrical Lighting Vault Equipment and Vault Project for Fiscal Year 2024-25. \$3,125 to be paid from Airport funds and to have chairman sign..

Public Comment: None

- 16.** For consideration and possible action relative to review and approval and signature for FAA Grant Application (\$250,000) to construct North Hangar Area Taxiway Project for 2024-25.

Ms. Oberhansli advised this was for construction of the taxiway. The grant match was \$15,625. They had the \$5283.33 they would need \$10,341.57. This has not been budgeted for and could be pushed back a year.

Board advised waiting on this grant.

- 17. Michelle Dow, Chairman Hawthorne Industrial Airport/ Mineral County Airport Land Use Advisory Committee and Austin Fisher, Airport Manager** – For consideration and possible action relative to the Airport Committee recommendation that the Mineral County Commissioners approve the present improvements at the Racetrack and those future improvements be presented in writing to the Airport Committee.

Commissioner Schlepp stated that this was a forgiveness item. Sidewalk material was moved to this area without approval from the Airport Committee. Any major improvements need to go before the Airport Committee.

- 18. Kyle Isom, Recreation and Community Development Director & Austin Fisher Interim Public Works Director** – For consideration and possible action relative to review Scope of Work and progress of swimming pool electrical.

Discussed with item 5.

- 19. Tammy Hamrey, Interim Comptroller** – For consideration and possible action relative to review Public Works Director applicants and scheduling interviews for January 17, 2023, meeting.

Ms. Hamrey provided a copy of the job description and advised that this was an administrative position and if they use the equipment the union could bring a grievance for taking work from the employees.

Commissioner Grant would like to add the requirement of a Class A CDL. He would also like them to have knowledge of HVAC, road repair, budgets and finance.

District Attorney Jaren Stanton advised that if there was staffing issues and they are not qualified then it would be hard for them to get the job done. He also advised they could not add a Voice Stress Analysis except for law enforcement, but they can do the psychological test.

Commissioner Schlepp would like to give them a year to get the CDL.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Commissioner Schlepp, seconded by Commissioner Manzini and unanimously carried by the Board to accept with changes of a CDL requirement with one year, and to have Pool Pact review and to bring back to Board if needed.

Public Comment: None

20. **Mark Nixon, Chairman, Mineral County Regional Planning Commission** – For consideration and possible action relative to approval of Special Use Permit Application by Quartz Lake Mining Inc, Joe Sawyer President, American operations for underground mining operation, APN: 006-460-02, T7NR31E; APN 006-470-01, T7NR32E.

Mr. Nixon advised this was for the special use permit for Pamlico. The stipulation was not to block access road. Planning commission recommended approval.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Commissioner Manzini, seconded by Commissioner Schlepp and unanimously carried by the Board to approve the special use permit for Quartz Lake Mining Inc, Joe Sawyer President, American Operations for underground mining operation, APN: 006-460-02, T7NR31E; APN 006-470-01, T7NR32E.

Public Comment: None

21. For consideration and possible action relative to approval by Mineral County Commissioners of Special Use Permit Application by Quartz Lake Mining, Joe Sawyer, President of American Operations to build and run-rock mill that has a double line tailings facility, 24 hours, 7 days a week. APN 007-110-01.

Mr. Nixon advised the mill was existing, but they are going through the process of rebuilding it. It is in Mina and in a M3 zone. The Planning Commission recommends approval.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Commissioner Schlepp, seconded by Commissioner Manzini and unanimously carried by the Board to approve the Special Use Permit for Quartz Lake Mining, Joe Sawyer, President of American Operations to build and run rock mill that has a double line tailings facility APN 007-110-01.

Public Comment: None

22. **Chris Johnson** – For consideration and possible action relative to highway speed limit signs.

Mr. Johnson advised he had been talking to the Department of Transportation. They advised him the county did not list this as a concern at the last workshop. They advised him to take his concerns to the county.

Commissioner Schlepp stated that he did talk to someone at Department of Transportation. They did put it on the list of things to look at.

District Attorney Jaren Stanton stated that the Department of Transportation had seventeen counties to work with and this is probably the reason they asked him to go through his Board of Commissioners. He thinks the Board should comply with this request, so the county looks like a cohesive unit. The Board did not have the authority to tell a private citizen to act on their behalf.

Mr. Nixon advised the Planning Commission went to the workshops and requested the signs and turn lanes. They supplied them with the maps for the turn lanes. He thinks they could include it in the Master Plan and maybe it would help.

Sheriff Ferguson advised that the state was on a bi-annual budget. He also stated that Mina has sidewalks on one side of the highway. This could be the difference between Walker Lake and Mina. He advised that they do a survey, and it could raise the speed limit again. He advised this is the jurisdiction of the Highway Patrol.

23. For consideration and possible action relative to renaming Monument Beach to Bighorn Beach and initiate revitalization to beach.

They would like to revitalize Walker Lake. They would like to name it Bighorn Beach.

Commissioner Grant advised the Walker Lake Conservancy and Walker Lake Working Group had the monument installed.

Chris Johnson provided information on the ideas the West Walker Lake Advisory Board had for the

revitalization. They want permission to rename the beach right now.

Commissioner Grant advised that this was not just Walker Lakes Beach it is Mineral County's, and he believes they need input from everybody.

Mr. Stanton advised that first they need to find out who owns that land and if it is leased what could be done on that land.

Assessor Kevin Chisum advised that it looked like it was owned by the State of Nevada.

Mr. Stanton advised checking for a lease and if they need to send a letter to the state informing them of the interest to rename the beach.

24. **Honorable Larry Grant, Commissioner** – For consideration and possible action relative to moving the scheduled meeting of June 19, 2024, to June 18, 2024, or June 20, 2024.

Commissioner Grant advised the meeting fell on the Juneteenth Holiday.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Commissioner Manzini, seconded by Commissioner Grant, and unanimously carried by the Board to move the Board of Commissioner's scheduled meeting of June 19, 2024, to June 18, 2024.

Public Comment: None

25. For consideration and possible action relative to reviewing Senior Services Director's Job Description, make necessary changes, set wage scale, and post the position.

Discussed with item

Senior Services Director Cherrie George advised that her salary was funded by grants and the general fund, the starting salary was \$35,000 to \$42,000, and she works 40 hours a week. She is required to has a food safety certification. All position at the Senior Center are safety sensitive and require pre-employment drug test, background check, and are subject to random testing.

District Attorney Jaren Stanton advised that state has requirements also like criminal history. He thinks the statute needs to be included in the job description.

Discussion ensued regarding wages, job requirements and qualifications.

Ms. George advised that she does not have a degree, she thinks it should say work equivalency.

The Board would like to have the phycological evaluation added and the criminal background statute.

Commissioner Schlepp would like the date created added to the bottom of the job description.

MOTION WAS MADE BY Commissioner Manzini, seconded by Commissioner Grant and unanimously carried by the Board to set the Senior Services Director wage at \$48,000 to \$52,000 and all of the other additions to the document like the date at the bottom, phycological evaluation, and criminal background statute on this job description.

Mr. Stanton advised posting it until filled

Motion was amended.

MOTION WAS MADE BY Commissioner Manzini, seconded by Commissioner Grant and unanimously carried by the Board to set the Senior Services Director wage at \$48,000 to \$52,000 and all of the other additions to the document like the date at the bottom, phycological evaluation, the criminal background statute on this job description, and posting until filled.

Public Comment: None

26. For consideration and possible action relative to an update of the swimming pool electrical and mechanical issues, to include funding and planning to ensure pool is opened prior to June 1, 2024.

This item was discussed with item 5.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Commissioner Grant, seconded by Commissioner Schlepp and unanimously carried by the Board to Pursuant to Nevada Revised Statute (NRS) 241.015(2)(b)(2) to receive information from legal counsel relative to general pending litigations

and Pursuant to NRS 288.220 to discuss/review all labor/bargaining unit contracts, grievances and negotiations.

Public Comment: None

Public Comment: Clerk-Treasurer Teresa McNally is going to schedule a special meeting on February 14, 2024.

27. **Closed Session** – Pursuant to Nevada Revised Statute (NRS) 241.015(2)(b)(2) to receive information from legal counsel relative to general pending litigations.
28. **Open Session** – Discussion and possible action relative to information on general pending litigations.
29. **Closed Session** – Pursuant to NRS 288.220 to discuss/review all labor/bargaining unit contracts, grievances and negotiations.
30. **Open Session** – Discussion and possible action relative to all labor/bargaining unit contracts, grievances and negotiations.

TIME SPECIFIC ITEMS:

10:00 AM Public Hearing: For consideration and possible action relative to rate review and proposed rate increases for Hawthorne Water System, Sewer Operations, Mina/Luning Water System and Hawthorne Landfill.

Hawthorne Utilities Office Manager Ana Conway provided Power Point presentation on the rate increases. She advised there would be a 3% increase on the base rate for Sewer User and Sewer Capitalization. The increase for Landfill was \$2.00 increase for Hawthorne, \$1.00 increase for Mina, Luning, and Walker Lake. She would like to raise the compensation for the Solid Waste Review Board workers to \$100 for their time. This is a four-member board and they have gone to a four-year term. They would like to charge \$75 dollars for every refrigeration unit brought to the landfill. They have been using John Rubert's services for the discharge. When their employee has their EPA 608 certification The \$75 should cover the cost of the discharge and disposal.

Commissioner Schlepp asked if they should not be asking for more in the rate increases, for equipment replacement.

Ms. Conway advised they had \$70,000 in their repair and maintenance fund.

Dana Tommila asked if losing the contract for garbage and those salaries impact this rate increase. Why are we getting a rate increase when they are saving by getting rid of garbage? She asked if the Utility department gets grants to pay for this equipment.

Ms. Conway advised they were paying those wages until June 30, 2024. They are not saving money by getting rid of the garbage. They have received twenty-one million in grants in the last ten years.

Max Pattee asked about the garbage equipment and was told it was not on the agenda and could not be discussed.

Dee Schaar asked if the new contractor will pay landfill fees.

Ms. Conway advised that Mineral County has chosen to waive the landfill fees for municipal solid waste but not for construction, and demolition.

Raime Millsap advised that he was at the meeting last year and the water rates from the base were discussed. He wanted to know if the base was still using the Hawthorne water and did the rates get adjusted.

Ms. Conway advised they are still on the same mutual contract they had in the past they get the same rate increase as Hawthorne. They are not currently using Hawthorne water. They have a standpipe and sewer and are paying the same rate as everybody else.

Commissioner Manzini advised that most people need to know what their base rate is.

Commissioner Schlepp stated the Board was discussing the replacement of the aging equipment at the Landfill, so he asked to have her figure and increase of \$1.50 and \$2.50.

Ms. Conway requested the Board to leave the increase as is and wait to see where they are in six months.

Discussion ensued regarding getting the information out to the people so they would understand why the rates needed to be increased..

Ms. Conway requested the Board to leave the increase as is and wait to see in six months. She advised that she will sit down with anybody that has a question.

Ms. Schaar asked if the money for the water and sewer line infrastructure was included in the base rates. Asked if the property in Babbitt was for sale.

Ms. Conway advised all of this money goes to pay for loans.

District Attorney Stanton advised that it was not for sale right now because they are cleaning it up.

5:30 PM Public Hearing: For consideration and possible action relative to rate review and proposed rate increases for Hawthorne Water System, Sewer Operations, Mina/Luning Water System and Hawthorne Landfill.

Hawthorne Utilities Office Manager Ana Conway provided a PowerPoint presentation.

Commissioner Schlepp advised the Board was discussed the replacement of the aging equipment at the Landfill, so he asked to have her figure \$1.50 and \$2.50 increase.

Ms. Conway advised that it generate about \$20,000.

Gladys Porter asked about clean-up day being eliminated

Ms. Conway advised that it was in the contract for the new company to assist with the clean-up.

Resolution 24-002 Hawthorne Water System was read into the record by Hawthorne Utilities Office Manager, Ana Conway.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Commissioner Schlepp, seconded by Commissioner Manzini, and unanimously carried by the Board to adopt and sign Resolution 24-002 as read into the record.

Public Comment: None

Resolution 24-003 Mina Luning Water System was read into the record by Hawthorne Utilities Office Manager, Ana Conway.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Commissioner Manzini, seconded by Commissioner and unanimously carried by the Board to adopt and sign Resolution 24-003, Mina/Luning Water System as read into the record.

Public Comment: None

Resolution 24-004 Hawthorne Wastewater System was read into the record by Hawthorne Utilities Office Manager, Ana Conway.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Commissioner Schlepp, seconded by Commissioner Manzini, and unanimously carried by the Board to adopt and sign Resolution 24-004 Hawthorne Waste Water System as read into the record.

Public Comment: None

Resolution 24-005, Landfill operating cost HVAC was read into the record by Hawthorne Utilities Office Manager, Ana Conway.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Commissioner Grant, seconded by Commissioner Manzini, and unanimously carried by the Board to adopt Resolution 24-005 Landfill operating cost HVAC as read into the record.

Public Comment: None

The Board advised raising the base rate to 14.50 and to raise the compensation for the Solid

Waste Review Board workers to \$100.

Resolution 24-006 Landfill was read into the record by Hawthorne Utilities Office Manager, Ana Conway.

Budgeted this fiscal year was \$68,000 for the Mina and Luning Transfer facility.

There was a question from the public regarding contractors with disassembled refrigerator units.

George Dean Interim Utility Director advised that it had to have documentation as to who did the work.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Commissioner Schlepp, seconded by Commissioner Manzini and unanimously carried by the Board to adopt and sign Resolution 24-006 Landfill as read into the record.

Public Comment: None

Ms. Conway advised the Solid Waste Review Board meets in May for the year.

Gladys Porter asked if there was a special rate for older people in Mina & Luning. She also asked about the transfer station in Mina

Ms. Conway advised there were rates for low income. The deadline to apply was May 1st. The Mina Transfer Station has been budgeted for this year. The Director is determining how many days a month to have open.

Public Comment: None

Board of Highway Commissioners:

Public Comment: None

Commissioner Recognition:

There being no further business to come before this Board, the meeting of the Board adjourned until Thursday, January 18, 2024, at 9:00 AM.

THURSDAY, January 18, 2024

Pledge of Allegiance

1. Pledge of Allegiance was led by the Board

2. REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION MEETING

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

Date of Meeting: Thursday, January 18, 2024

Place of Meeting: Commissioners Room, Mineral County Courthouse 105 S. A Street, Hawthorne, NV.

Time of Meeting: 9:00 A.M.

Agenda items:

1. Call RTC Meeting to Order.
2. Minutes of September 21, 2023, for review and possible action.
3. Airport Fuel Report.
4. RTC Fund Report.
5. Road Report:

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6. Public Comment.

7. Adjournment.

3. **Honorable Board of Commissioners** – For discussion only – County department updates to Board of commissioners including departmental priorities, projects timelines, and necessary collaborations between departments.

Building Inspector Stephanie Flow advised the front of the Pool was a façade on top of a block wall. They can take that off and paint. She talked to Mark Nixon about revamping the pump, it also needed to be off the ground. Mr. Nixon said he would not do the work, but he would look at it when it is done. Public Works Director Austin Fisher said they could put a drain in the floor. Ms. Flow provided the Board with a copy of Chapter 8 of the Nuisance Ordinance. She stated this document gives her the ability to generate a fund and to use that fund. She has been looking at different ways to recoup the money put out for the cleanup. She has three properties that she is going to file the notice of violation on and have it recorded.

District Attorney Jaren Stanton advised that he was going to send a bill to the person who is currently paying the tax and if it does not get paid he going to put a lien on the property.

Commissioner Schlepp stated that he had a problem with fining some people and using their money to clean up other property for people who do not want to clean up their property.

Discussion ensued regarding the different ways to get the payment for cleaning up property.

Interim Director Austin Fisher advised that he requested a separate quote for the pump. Everything he is doing has already been covered. He was working with Stephanie Flow and Kyle Isom

Museum Director Kelli Zuniga advised that she was sharing everything that relates to Mineral County with a gentleman named Doug Berry who does Youtube Videos. It has been slow. She has been going through the Safety Manual and having things fixed. The Travel Nevada brochures that she used to get are slowing done.

Interim Director George Dean advised they were working to get the tank project done; there were somethings that still needed to be taken care, but the company was dragging their feet. He is holding payment until everything is complete. They think they have found parts for the Landfill loader the cost was looking at about \$25,000, but it will need to be line bored. They have been taking care of water leaks. and they had a cleanup at the lagoons due to a partial plug problem in the main pond.

Public Guardian Laticha Mitchell advised that they have been really busy for the last month. She has fifteen clients and, one passed away from COVID; she has five more in facilities that have COVID. Her clients are in their ninety's so she is expecting more deaths; they have taken on two Power of Attorney's; two private pay and she is managing finances for three. They have two houses to sell, and she has been able to bring money to the county from some fees that she has collected; Every six months she goes into court to give an accounting of her job. She has been taking training on mental health to help her with the loss of clients.

District Attorney Jaren Stanton advised the Building Inspector to create a program and then bring her ideas for charging people for clean-up back to the Board..

Recreation and Public Development Director Kyle Isom advised that Sherrie Davis with GOED was impressed with how much the town was cleaned up. The meeting for the Main Street Program was well attended. The Northern Nevada Development Authority conference is next Wednesday for him and Curtis; he talked to NDOT about changing Main Street into three lanes and they were interested. They were putting in the softball irrigation lines. The lights are an issue, they are applying for a grant and Brad Larramendy has offered to help in the funding; they have eighteen confirmed baseball teams for the tournament; he had no update on the rodeo grounds; Ms. Flow was going to help him repair the Big Flag, the new flag was ordered. The cameras at the park are working. There was some vandalism and instead of turning them in he went down there and made them clean up the mess. He talked with Congressman Horsford's Office on the CDS Grant. They want to hold a meeting on February 5, 2024 fifth. YCAC league is in their second week. Pick top two priorities. YCAC league in second week. Rural Business Development Grant with the Chamber of Commerce.

District Attorney Jaren Stanton advised the cameras have been useful for law enforcement. Mr. Stanton advised asking Congressman Horsford his suggestions for the meeting. Then pick the top two priorities.

Commissioner Grant stated that he saw the Youtube Video and It was superb. He asked Ms. Zuniga to think about the Old Courthouse becoming the Museum.

District Attorney Jaren Stanton advised that there was a jury trial that had county employees on it. They should not be retaliated against for doing their civil service. He advised putting the Community Pool and Tribal Contingency Fund on the February 7, 2024 meeting, then on February 14th meeting to include the department heads.

Sheriff Bill Ferguson had nothing to report.

Courtney Oberhansli advised there was more people coming in; some of them kids. She was going to work on getting the book mobile going; she talked to Public Works Interim Director Austin Fisher about getting the grass in. She was working on an Astronomy Grant, Collection Development Grant that she uses for updating the nonfiction; and a food preparation grant; she is bringing in a new person who will be doing sessions and this will give her a full staff.

Fire Chief Chris Lawrence advised that there had been a lot of house fires in the last couple of months; the workplace safety plan was done; but they are still working on the Emergency Operations Plan; one of his employees retired so he sent an offer letter to the Emergency Manager at Esmerelda County for the position. He got one Ambulance back, but his pickup has to go into the shop for transmission problems. He was working with the Building Inspector to get power to his new building.

Assessor Kevin Chisum advised his office was starting new construction. The new businesses are not going to his office to get the declaration forms. Sheriff Bill Ferguson advised talking to the District Attorney to change the form. Fire Chief Chris Lawrence advised he would look to make sure everything is taken care of on the form. The tax system Devnet had a glitch, and some tax payments went to Esmerelda; They are working with Esmerelda to correct the problem.

Clerk-Treasurer Teresa McNally advised that the office was busy with elections and taxes. She thanked Mr. Lawrence for helping her with transportation back and forth to Schurz for the election.

Senior Services Director Cherrie George advised the Senior Center was fully staffed. They had to shut down after Christmas for a week because the staff was sick with COVID like symptoms. She was working on grant reports for the last quarter; She asked the Building Inspector down to look at dining room floor for the third time. She has submitted her retirement and is leaving in March 2024.

Commissioner Schlepp advised that he was working on land for sale and putting together a marketing proposal. Then he will bring to the Board for review.


Ms. McNally advised that she did get \$10,000 that was to be used for the survey and appraisal of the land.

Commissioner Manzini advised that she was getting emails that are coming to Cassie Hall. The other two Board members advised her that she could answer the emails and attend the meetings.

There being no further business to come before this Board, the meeting of the Board adjourned until Wednesday, February 7, 2022, at 9:00 AM.

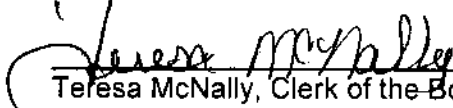
A verbatim recording of this meeting has been prepared and by reference becomes a part thereof.

Approved: Board of County Commissioners

By: 
Larry Grant, Chairman

Date: Feb - 7 - 24

Attest:


Teresa McNally, Clerk of the Board

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