



Board of Mineral County Commissioners

Hawthorne, Nevada
January 3, 2024

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

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

1.	<p>Pledge of Allegiance</p> <p>Pledge of Allegiance was led by the Board</p>
2.	<p>Approval of Agenda/Necessary Changes</p> <p style="text-align: center;">A MOTION WAS MADE BY Commissioner Schlepp, seconded by Commissioner Grant and unanimously carried by the Board to approve the agenda as presented.</p> <p>Public Comment: None</p>
3.	<p>Board of County Commissioners – For consideration and possible action relative to organization of the Board; Appointments and Commissions.</p> <p>Discussion ensued regarding the Board Assignments.</p> <p>Commissioner Schlepp advised removing Cassie Hall and since they are covering her assignments between the two of them. They will leave the assignments as they are and the remaining assignments open until another commissioner is appointed.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">A MOTION WAS MADE BY Commissioner Schlepp, seconded by Commissioner Grant and unanimously carried by the Board to appoint Larry Grant as Chairman and Curtis Schlepp as Vice Chairman and to leave the Board Assignments as they are and the remaining assignments open until the Commissioner position is filled.</p> <p>Public Comment: None</p>
4.	<p>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.</p> <p>Tammy Hamrey, Interim Comptroller advised they have payroll and the sheriff’s office leave payout coming up.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">A MOTION WAS MADE BY Commissioner Schlepp, seconded by Commissioner Grant and unanimously carried by the Board to approve a transfer from PILT of \$250,000 to General Fund.</p> <p>Public Comment: None</p>
5.	<p>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.</p> <p>Ms. Burke provided updates for:</p> <p>Thriving Communities Program – She is waiting for travel reimbursement. She will be calling Mainstreet America, the tribe and school district as they were the community partners on this grant so she wants to keep them apprised of what is going on and to let them know what they agreed to.</p> <p>Brownfield Cleanup Grant – She has called Converse to check on things.</p> <p>Stop Grant – She is submitting monthly reimbursement</p> <p>JAG grant – The first monthly report and reimbursement request due Jan 25, 2024. The reimbursement is about \$19,000.</p> <p>NV Division of State Parks Land & Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) – She has heard</p>

	<p>nothing on this.</p> <p>Kelly Zuniga asked her to see if there were any energy efficient grants for the Museum. She is talking about putting in a drop ceiling.</p>
6.	<p>For consideration and possible action relative to applying for the T-Mobile Hometown grant to purchase solar panels and possibly shade structures for the swimming pool. This is a non-matching grant.</p> <p>Ms. Burke advised they applied for \$50,000 and the original plan for the grant was to make pickle ball courts out of the tennis courts. They decided it would be better to purchase solar panels and shading for the swimming pool.</p> <p>Austin Fisher, Interim Public Works Director asked if they could use some of the grant money for the electrical at the pool. At this moment the pool will not open this summer.</p> <p>Discussion ensued</p> <p style="text-align: center;">A MOTION WAS MADE BY Commissioner Schlepp, seconded by Commissioner Grant and unanimously carried by the Board to allow Ms. Burke to apply for the T-Mobile Hometown grant for the purchase of solar panels upgrade the pool house and shade structure.</p> <p>Public Comment: None</p>
7.	<p>For consideration and possible action relative to applying for the Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation grant to purchase turnouts and Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus masks for the fire department. This is a non-matching grant.</p> <p>Ms. Burke advised this grant was for \$25,000.</p> <p>Chris Lawrence, Fire Chief, advise they would help to purchase of turnouts.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">A MOTION WAS MADE BY Commissioner Schlepp, seconded by Commissioner Grant and unanimously carried by the Board to allow Mr. Lawrence to apply for the Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation grant to purchase turnouts and Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus masks for the fire department.</p> <p>Public Comment: None</p>
8.	<p>Reports and Correspondence</p> <p>Cherrie George, Senior Services Director, provided the Board with a Notice of Intent to Retire about March 29, 2024.</p> <p>Jaren Stanton, District Attorney, advised that Kevin Chisum, Assessor received a letter that is of interest to the Board. Mr. Chisum advised that he received a bankruptcy Court filing Rawhide Acquisition Holding LLC and Rawhide Mining LLC . Currently they have a tax bill of \$720,000 outstanding. Mr. Stanton advised they could have a seat at the table at the bankruptcy hearing. They would participate in this action and report back to the Board.</p>
9.	<p>Minutes of December 20, 2023 and December 21, 2023 – For review and possible action.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">A MOTION WAS MADE BY Commissioner Schlepp, seconded by Commissioner Grant and unanimously carried by the Board to approve the minutes of December 20, 2023 and December 21, 2023.</p> <p>Public Comment: None</p>
10.	<p>Commissioner Board Updates</p> <p>Commissioner Schlepp and Commissioner Grant advised that they took time off for the holidays and family.</p>
11.	<p>Chris Lawrence, Fire Chief – For consideration and possible action relative to approval or denial of the Mineral County Written Workplace Safety Plan as presented. If approved, signatures of current Commissioners to adopt the plan.</p>

	<p>Mr. Lawrence advised they had worked with POOL PACT on this plan. Discussion ensued regarding the departments doing their own safety plan.</p> <p>District Attorney Jaren Stanton stated that he thinks this is a document that is utilized when needed.</p> <p>Item will be revisited to give the Board a chance to view.</p> <p>Mr. Niedzwiecki asked what subject matter experts did he have to review and what were their qualifications. Were they OSHA qualified?</p> <p>Mr. Lawrence advised that he someone from each of the departments and POOL PACT. POOL PACT provides the county OSHA training. He asked how other counties create their safety plan.</p> <p>Mr. Lawrence advised that he used them as a reference for how to create a safety plan.</p> <p>Item was revisited.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">A MOTION WAS MADE BY Commissioner Schlepp, seconded by Commissioner Grant and unanimously carried by the Board to approve the Mineral County Written Workplace Safety Plan as presented.</p> <p>Public Comment: None</p>
<p>12.</p>	<p>For consideration and possible action relative to approval for Fire Chief to sign resolution with Fire Recovery USA.</p> <p>Mr. Lawrence provided information on Fire Recovery USA. He advised that they take 22% for billing the insurance carriers.</p> <p>Resolution 24-001 was read into the record by Clerk-Treasurer Teresa McNally</p> <p style="text-align: center;">A MOTION WAS MADE BY Commissioner Schlepp, seconded by Commissioner Grant and unanimously carried by the Board to adopt Resolution 24-001 as read into the record.</p> <p>Motion was amended</p> <p style="text-align: center;">MOTION WAS MADE BY Commissioner Schlepp, seconded by Commissioner Grant and unanimously carried by the Board to adopt Resolution 24-001 as read into the record. And to have the Fire Chief sign.</p> <p>Public Comment: Mr. Niedzwiecki suggested that the Sheriff follow up on this for his department.</p>
<p>13.</p>	<p>For consideration and possible action relative to donation of reserve 1990 Ford Engine VIN#1FDXK84A8LVA45622 to Fish Lake Valley Volunteer Fire Department.</p> <p>Mr. Lawrence advised Fish Lake Valley Volunteer Fire Department did not have a Fire Engine. He has two reserve engines and so he would like to donate this one. He loaned them this engine pending approval from the Board.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">A MOTION WAS MADE BY Commissioner Schlepp, seconded by Commissioner Grant and unanimously carried by the Board to approve the donation of 1990 Ford Engine VIN#1FDXK84A8LVA45622 to Fish Lake Valley Volunteer Fire Department.</p> <p>Public Comment: None</p>
<p>14.</p>	<p>Honorable Bill Ferguson, Sheriff – For consideration and possible action relative to the purchase of satellite radios for the Sheriff’s Office, Fire Department, and/or Utilities Department with a total cost of approximately \$224,000 to be financed through Lease Servicing Center, Inc. dba NCL Government Capital, Government Capital Corporation, or County funding sources.</p> <p>Mr. Ferguson advised that Mr. Stanton suggested using funds that the county has and then the Sheriff’s Office pay it back.</p>

Mr. Ferguson advised that he was willing to pay \$25,000 a year for Dispatch Services that they receive from the tribe.

Austin Fisher, Interim Public Works Director would like to have two radios.

Mr. Lawrence advised that he had a line item of \$29,000 and he could possible use ambulance funds and Hawthorne Town funds.

Mr. Ferguson advised that each radio was \$11,000 each. There was a \$100 monthly fee, and \$700 installation fee.

Discussion ensued regarding what departments would these units benefit. Public Works advised they would pay for theirs from RTC funds. The Assessor would like one and he would pay for it from Assessor Tech funds. Hawthorne Utilities would like one and to take the cost from their restricted funds. The Board decided to pay for the units but the departments would be responsible for the monthly fees.

Mr. Ferguson advised that he could see if they could come out and do a demonstration for the rest of the departments.

Mr. Stanton recommended the Board approve the initial amount and the individual department can negotiate for their units.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Commissioner Schlepp, seconded by Commissioner Grant and unanimously carried by the Board to allow the purchase of satellite radios for the number of units in Bill Ferguson, Sheriff's proposal for the Sheriff's Department, Fire Department and Search and Rescue. Not to exceed \$245,500 for a total of 21 units and the funding to come from Local Assistance and Tribal Consistency Fund (LACTF) funds.

The motion was amended to read, not to exceed \$255,000.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Commissioner Schlepp, seconded by Commissioner Grant and unanimously carried by the Board to allow the purchase of satellite radios for the number of units in Bill Ferguson, Sheriff's proposal for the Sheriff's Office, Fire Department and Search and Rescue not to exceed 255,000 for a total of 21 units and the funding to come from Local Assistance and Tribal Consistency Fund (LACTF) funds.

Public Comment: Mr. Niedzwiecki asked if there was an hourly rate and would it not be prudent to put a unit in Mina.

The Board advised they did not have a building in Mina.

Jean Peterson asked if the plan carries an interest rate?

The Board advised the plan was for the county to use the funding they have to purchase the radios.

- 15. Ana Conway, Hawthorne Utilities Office Manager** – For consideration and possible action relative to increasing the salary range for the vacant Hawthorne Utilities Director position from \$68,000 to \$78,000 (DOE) Depending on Experience, and amending qualifications, selection criteria.

Ms. Conway stated that she recommended \$68,000 to \$78,000 but this rate should be higher because of the certification requirements that is required. She recommends \$68,000 to \$80,000.

Discussion ensued regarding the reason for adding the \$2,000 to the salary range.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Commissioner Schlepp, seconded by Commissioner Grant and unanimously carried by the Board to adjust the Director position range to \$68,00 to \$80,000 due upon experience and requiring the Voice Stress Analysis testing and Phycological test to the job requirements.

Public Comment: None

Tammy Hamrey Interim Comptroller asked about agenda item 16, to review applicants for this position. Does she need to repost.

District Attorney Jaren Stanton advised that he does not think they would need to, they could move

	<p>forward with the current applications but if you repost the job you can keep the applications you have and receive new applications.</p> <p>Ms. Conway advised they could continue because she posts for ten days and they could add any additional applications to the agenda at the last minute</p> <p>Commissioner Grant advised that it needs to be advertised because this would allow more experienced applicants to apply.</p> <p>The Board advised placing back on the agenda for February 21, 2024 meeting.</p>
16.	<p>Tammy Hamrey, Interim Comptroller – For consideration and possible action relative to review Hawthorne Utilities Director applicants and scheduling interviews for January 17, 2023, meeting.</p> <p>Item moved to February 21, 2024 meeting.</p>
17.	<p>For consideration and possible action relative to review Public Works Director applicants and scheduling interviews for January 17, 2023, meeting.</p> <p>Ms. Hamrey provided the Board with applications to review.</p> <p>Commissioner Grant stated that he thinks the Public Works Director needs to have a CDL and he would like to make the change to the job description. He does not think they need to rush into hiring. He would prefer to make the hiring appointments with a full board.</p> <p>Ms. Hamrey advised that it would push this selection out another couple of months.</p> <p>The Board asked to reagenda until next meeting.</p>
18.	<p>Courtney Oberhansli, Library Director – For consideration and possible action relative to filling one vacancy on the Mineral County Library Board of Trustees</p> <p>Ms. Oberhansli advised they had a letter of intent and the Library Board did vote to recommend to appoint Kay Bencoter to the Mineral County Library Board of Trustees.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">A MOTION WAS MADE BY Commissioner Schlepp, seconded by Commissioner Grant and unanimously carried by the Board to appoint Kay Bencoter as a member to the Mineral County Library Board of Trustees.</p> <p>Public Comment: None</p>
19.	<p>Kyle Isom, Recreation and Community Development Director – For consideration and possible action relative to approval and possible funding to purchase new flag for Veteran's Park that is strong wind resistance to withstand our winds.</p> <p>Julie Sanchez provided information on the size and quotes for the big flag.</p> <p>Jean Peterson advised that American flags express was the original company they had used.</p> <p>A MOTION WAS MADE BY Commissioner Schlepp, seconded by Commissioner Grant and unanimously carried by the Board to approve the purchase from American flags Express for the 30x50 flag not to exceed \$2,500 and to be paid from PILT.</p> <p>Public Comment: None</p>
20.	<p>Janet Wilson, Community Chest and Kyle Isom, Recreation and Community Development Director – For consideration and possible action relative to entering a Memorandum of Understanding between the County and Community Chest Cow Bus Program for use of the Young Citizens Activity Center (YCAC) located at 589 C Street, Hawthorne, to run early childhood education classes.</p> <p>Mr. Stanton provided the Board with the contents of the Memorandum of Understanding. He advised them this was for them to adopt or not adopt.</p> <p>Ms. Wilson Assistant Director of the Early Childhood Education Program read her goals for this program.</p> <p>The Memorandum of Understanding was read into the record by Commissioner Grant.</p>

	<p>A MOTION WAS MADE BY Commissioner Schlepp, seconded by Commissioner Grant and unanimously carried by the Board to allow the Memorandum of Understanding between Mineral County and Community Chest Cow Bus Program for use of the Young Citizens Activity Center (YCAC) and to have the Chairman sign.</p> <p>Public Comment: Rick Niedzwiecki asked about the 6th street school asbestos.</p> <p>Mr. Grant advised him this was not on the agenda.</p> <p>Teresa McNally, Clerk-Treasurer, thanked Ms. Wilson for bringing the program here.</p>
21.	<p>Michelle Dow, Chairman Hawthorne Industrial Airport/Mineral County Airport Land Use Advisory Committee and Eric Hamrey, Airport Manager – For consideration and possible action relative to approval of Charles Perry, Woody Isom and Tony Tipton to fill the Aviation related two-year terms that they had previously held. The term runs from January 1, 2024 to December 31, 2025.</p> <p>A MOTION WAS MADE BY Commissioner Schlepp, seconded by Commissioner Grant and unanimously carried by the Board to appoint Charles Perry, Woody Isom and Tony Tipton to fill the Aviation related two-year terms on the Airport Board from January 1, 2024 to December 31, 2025.</p> <p>Public Comment: None</p>
22.	<p>Closed Session – Pursuant to Nevada Revised Statute (NRS) 241.015(2)(b)(2) to receive information from legal counsel relative to general pending litigations. Not needed</p>
23.	<p>Open Session – Discussion and possible action relative to information on general pending litigations.</p>
24.	<p>Closed Session – Pursuant to NRS 288.220 to discuss/review all labor/bargaining unit contracts, grievances and negotiations. Not needed</p>
25.	<p>Open Session – Discussion and possible action relative to all labor/bargaining unit contracts, grievances and negotiations.</p>

Board of Highway Commissioners - None


Public Comment - None

Commissioner Recognition - Commissioner Schlepp wished everybody a happy New Year.

There being no further business to come before this Board, the meeting of the Board adjourned until Wednesday, January 17, 2024 at 9:00 A.M.

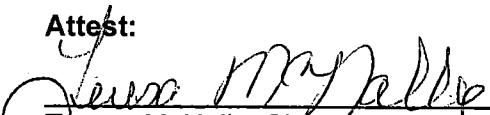
A verbatim recording of this meeting has been prepared and by reference becomes a part thereof.

Approved: Board of County Commissioners

By: 
 Larry Grant, Chairman

Date: Jan-17-2024

Attest:


 Teresa McNally, Clerk of the Board

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ITEM: Water Rates

DATE: January 17, 2024

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10:00 AM

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