

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

Honorable Garth Price	Chairman
Honorable Jerrie Tipton	Vice-Chairman
Honorable Chris Hegg	Member
Honorable Christopher Nepper	Clerk-Treasurer
Honorable Sean Rowe	District Attorney

**Absent:**

**1. Pledge of Allegiance and Safety Message**

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Hegg

Safety message was provided by Emergency Manager, Patrick Hughes regarding accidents during the Christmas season, handout provided.

**2. Public Comment**

George Dean stated that this was his step 2 grievance because his agenda item regarding this matter had been removed from the agenda.

District Attorney, Sean Rowe stated that if this matter was not resolved before the next meeting it should be placed back on the agenda.

Commissioner Hegg stated that because the Clerk's office was assisting the Assessor's office there were not checks and balances between the two offices; he would like the Board to look into the problems at the Assessor's office.

Mike James, Public Guardian advised they had a potential ransom-ware attack on their computers.

Patrick Hughes advised he belonged to a Federal Cert program that sends out notifications regarding cyber attacks; he had forwarded the link to Bret Towe.

Larry Grant stated he had been contacted by people at the base regarding a grant from the Department of Energy for utilizing the geothermal at the El Cap well for the boilers at the base; he will keep the Board apprised on the situation.

**3. Approval of Agenda/Necessary Changes**

Clerk-Treasurer requested item 6 be changed to read November 15, 2017

Mr. Rowe advised the open and closed items were not needed.

Public Comment: Commissioner Tipton advised that she had participated in a Western Governors Association of counties meeting in Arizona; she learned that the Federal Government had a Board for Drone conversation; discussed was who would be responsible for the clean up after an Air accident. (

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY** Commissioner Tipton, seconded by Commissioner Hegg and unanimously carried by the Board to approve the agenda with these changes.

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

Accounts Payable vouchers were presented for review.

Christine Hoferer advised she had asked to have her agenda items be removed; she didn't mean it to include the audit item.

Ms. Hoferer requested the Board to revisit this item due to the fire department having an item that needed to be paid.

## 5. Reports and Correspondence

E-mail from Lawrence Worthen was read regarding his request to the Nevada Department of Transportation for "No Hunting: signs to be placed at Walker Lake.

## 6. Minutes of September 13, October 3, 4, November 1, 2017, November 15, 2016 – for review and possible action.

The minutes for September 13, October 3, 4, November 1, 2017 and November 15, 2017. was presented for review.

Public Comment: None

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY** Commissioner Tipton, seconded by Commissioner Hegg and unanimously carried by the Board to approve the minutes for September 13, October 3, 4, November 1, 2017 and November 15, 2017.

## 7. Business License Applications – The following applications will be presented for discussion and possible action.

A. **Blair D. Chavin**, Blair Consortium LLC., 280 K Street, Hawthorne, Nevada; New Applicant

Public Comment: None

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY** Commissioner Hegg, seconded by Commissioner Price and unanimously carried by the Board to approve the business license application for Blair Consortium LLC.

B. **Jeff Perry**, Briggs Electric Inc.; 5111 Convair Dr., Carson City, NV 89706; New Applicant

Public Comment: None

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY** Commissioner Tipton, seconded by Commissioner Hegg and unanimously carried by the Board to approve the business license application for Briggs Electric Inc.

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY** Commissioner Tipton, seconded by Commissioner Hegg and unanimously carried by the Board to recess the Board of Commissioners and to convene the Liquor Board.

## 8. Liquor License Applications – The following applications will be presented for discussion and possible action.

A. **Barbara Edington**; Veterans of Foreign Wars; 890 A Street, Hawthorne, Nevada; New Applicant.

Miss Edington advised they were having the Hospital Christmas party at the Convention Center

Public Comment: None

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY** Commissioner Tipton, seconded by Commissioner Hegg and unanimously carried by the Board to approve the liquor license application for Veterans of Foreign Wars.

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY** Commissioner Tipton, seconded by Commissioner Hegg and unanimously carried by the Board adjourn the Liquor Board and to convene the Board of Commissioners.

## 9. Vern Watson, Mineral County Fire Chief – For consideration and possible action relative to permission to pursue the acquisition of an Aircraft Rescue Firefighting Apparatus ARFF for a nominal fee.

Mr. Watson advised the Board the Fire Department had the opportunity to acquire a \$3,000 gallon Oshkosh Aircraft Rescue Firefighting apparatus (ARFF) for a nominal fee of \$500; he had also talked to the Government staff at base regarding storage and maintenance and the District Attorney regarding the contract language. Mr. Watson stated that Betty Easley had volunteered to pay for the purchase fee.

Public Comment:

Larry Grant asked what kind of endorsement you needed to drive the ARFF. He was advised it was a class B.

Ms. Easley advised that in the last ten years they have had five dead stick landings; she requested that work be done to get the ARFF apparatus to be stored at the airport because of the Military requirements.

Ms. Hoferer requested that Mr. Watson get with her office to make sure the donation was processed properly.

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY** Commissioner Tipton, seconded by Commissioner Hegg and unanimously carried by the Board to allow Fire Chief, Vern Watson to pursue the purchase of the Aircraft Rescue Firefighting apparatus (ARFF).

10. **Larry Grant, Chairman Hawthorne Industrial Airport/Mineral County Airport Land Use Advisory Committee** – For consideration and possible action relative to the removal of TC Knight from membership of HIA/MCALUAC as per Bylaws, and approval of procedure to fill said vacancy.

Mr. Grant advised the Board that several attempts had been made to reach Mr. Knight; the Hawthorne Industrial Airport/Mineral County Airport Land Use Advisory Committee had voted to remove Mr. Knight and to advertise for the position.

Public Comment: None

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY** Commissioner Hegg, seconded by Commissioner Price and unanimously carried by the Board to remove TC Knight from membership of the Hawthorne Industrial Airport/Mineral County Airport Land Use Advisory Committee and to proceed to fill the vacancy.

11. **Mark Nixon, Chairman Mineral County Regional Planning** – For consideration and possible action relative to commission acceptance of resignation of Betty Easley from the MCRPC and approval of procedure to fill vacancy.

Mr. Grant advised that Ms. Easley had tendered her resignation and the Planning Commission had accepted.

Public Comment: None

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY** Commissioner Tipton, seconded by Commissioner Hegg and unanimously carried by the Board to accept the removal of Betty Easley and to approve the procedure to fill the vacancy.

12. **Patrick Hughes, Mineral County LEPC Chairman** – For consideration and possible action relative to Notification of new members added to MCLEPC.

Mr. Hughes advised TC Knight was being moved to member at large, and accepted by committee to appoint Chris Lawrence as the representative for the Fire Department with Vern Watson as his proxy and to appoint Carol Lemieux as the representative for the hospital.

Public Comment: None

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY** Commissioner Tipton, seconded by Commissioner Price and unanimously carried by the Board to accept the positions as presented by the Mineral County LEPC Committee.

13. **Randy Adams, Mineral County Sheriff** – For consideration and possible action relative to offering a sign-on bonus for Deputy Sheriff position's to alleviate personnel shortage.

Mr. Adams advised they had four positions open and they had no applicants; they would like to offer a sign-on bonus to entice people to the area. Discussion ensued.

Mr. Rowe was going to contact the union to see if there would be an issue.

Public Comment: None

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY** Commissioner Tipton, seconded by Commissioner Hegg and unanimously carried by the Board to allow the Sheriff's Office to offer a sign on bonus for new hires not to exceed \$3,000, time limit not to exceed past July 1, 2018; half to be paid at end of FTO and other half to be paid at the end of the years probation; will be paid out of the Sheriff's Department budget.

14. **Thomas W. Kilsby** – For consideration and possible action relative to Shores Drive road repair.

Walter Steinau was present to represent Mr. Kilsby, he stated Mark Nixon was contracted to put water on Mr. Kilsby's property, in order to do this the pavement was cut. Mr. Kilsby has been looking for someone to repair the road.

Larry Grant, Hawthorne Utilities Director advised this was the New subdivision put in by Nevada Land and Ranches. The water was put in by Walker Lake GID but it was not a Walker Lake GID road.

Mr. Hamrey advised they were not county roads; he stated they were the homeowners and developers roads.

Discussion Ensued

Commissioner Tipton advised Mr. Kilsby to talk to the Walker Lake GID Board. Commissioner Tipton asked Public Works, Hawthorne Utilities, and the Building Inspector to look into who was responsible for the road repair.

Public Comment: None

15. **Barbara Edington** – For consideration and possible action relative to Letter of Intent to Re-organize the Walker Lake Town Advisory Board.

Commissioner Tipton advised there were bylaws for Walker Lake Town Advisory Board that needed to reviewed by those interested and to go from there to re-organize the board.

Mr. Nepper provided a copy of the bylaws on file.

Ms. Edington advised there were 37 people at a meeting and 7 people interested to be on the board.

Public Comment: None

16. **Honorable Christopher Nepper, Clerk-Treasurer** – For consideration and possible action relative to a resolution authorizing a Medium-term Obligation (or Installment Purchase Agreement) in the amount of \$91,000.00 for the purchase of new election equipment.

Mr. Nepper explained this purchase was mandated by the State. The county did not have the funds for the purchase so it was necessary to go for Medium-term financing.

Mr. Nepper read Resolution 17-025 into the record.

Susan Maple asked if the smaller counties had tried to object to this mandate.

Public Comment: None

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY** Commissioner Tipton, seconded by Commissioner Hegg and

unanimously carried by the Board to adopt Resolution 17-025 authorizing a Medium-term Obligation in the amount of \$91,000.00 for the purchase of new election equipment as read into the record.

17. **Honorable Jerrie Tipton, County Commissioners** – For consideration and possible action relative to becoming a cooperating agency with the BLM re: Greater Sage Grouse Land Use Plan, planning efforts.

Commissioner Tipton advised NACO had asked if Mineral County would become a cooperating agency with the BLM for the Greater Sage Grouse planning efforts. Discussion ensued.

Public Comment: None

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY** Commissioner Hegg, seconded by Commissioner Price and unanimously carried by the Board to approve becoming a cooperating agency with BLM for the Greater Sage Grouse Land Use Plan, planning efforts and to ask NACO to be a joint Representative. Letter to be written for the chairman to sign.

18. **Honorable Board of County Commissioners** – For consideration and possible action relative to replacement of expiring fire department equipment.

Mr. Watson provided an itemized price list from L. N. Curtis showing the payment for a five, six or seven year payment; he advised the LEPC Committee was worried about the language. Discussion ensued regarding the equipment and how to finance; Mr. Rowe advised this would have to be a Lease Purchase agreement.

Commissioner Price stated he thought the state would contact them if the Fire Department was not in compliance.

Mr. Watson advised that three complaints had been filed against the Fire Department. The Criminal Intent and Fire Marshall was taken care of; also the State EMS was 98% complete.

Ms. Hoferer asked if the company would work the county on the time frame for the payment.

The Board requested the resolution for financing for the Lease Purchase agreement be put on the agenda in two weeks.

Public Comment: None

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY** Commissioner Tipton, seconded by Commissioner Hegg and unanimously carried by the Board to move forward with the proposal for the replacement of expiring fire department equipment.

19. For consideration and possible action relative to a list of projects from Mineral County to include in the WNDD Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS).

Item Continued to December 20, 2017.

20. For consideration and possible action relative to forgiveness for letter of support written by Chairman Price regarding PILT funding.

Commissioner Tipton advised this was time sensitive, the letter from the Chairman to Congress regarding our support for the full funding of PILT.

Public Comment: None

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY** Commissioner Tipton, seconded by Commissioner Hegg and unanimously carried by the Board to forgive Chairman Price for signing letter without Board approval.

21. **Closed Session** – Pursuant to NRS 288.220 to discuss/review all labor/bargaining unit contracts, grievances and negotiations. Not Needed

22. **Open Session** – Discussion and possible action relative to all labor/bargaining unit contracts, grievances and negotiations. Not Needed.

**TIME SPECIFIC ITEMS:**

- 10:30 AM Public Hearing Mineral County Board of Commissioners** – For consideration and possible action relative to adopting a proposed ordinance to amend MCC 3.34 to increase the 911 surcharge from \$.25 to \$1.00 per telephone line per year.

There was no public discussion

Public Comment: None

- 11:00 AM Public Hearing** – For consideration and possible action relative to adopting a proposed ordinance to limit the discharge of firearms within township limits or within 1,500 feet of a residence.

District Attorney, Sean Rowe advised there was an issue with the language regarding the discharging of a firearm within a certain distance of another person's residence. Mr. Rowe was going to present the board with an amendment regarding changing the language to read discharging firearms within so many feet of another person's residence.

Public Comment: None

- 12:30 PM Regional Transportation Commission**

- 1:00 PM Honorable Board of County Commissioners** – For consideration and possible action relative to Nuisance Complaint for Parcel #001-201-04.

A copy of the complaint was provided to the Building Inspector, Mike Fontaine.

Public Comment: None

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY** Commissioner Tipton, seconded by Commissioner Hegg and unanimously carried by the Board to send the Building Inspector, Mike Fontaine to check on the Nuisance Complaint for Parcel #001-201-04.

- 3:00 PM George Pomeroy** – For consideration and possible action relative to petition to sell APN: 06-640-36 Mineral County.

The Board advised this property was unavailable at this time. Board advised going to the airport advisory board, there might be property for lease.

- 5:30 PM Public Hearing Mineral County Board of Commissioners** – For consideration and possible action relative to adopting a proposed ordinance to amend MCC 3.34 to increase the 911 surcharge from \$.25 to \$1.00 per telephone line per year.

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY** Commissioner Tipton and seconded by Commissioner Hegg to adopt the proposed ordinance to amend MCC 3.34 to increase the 911 surcharge from \$.25 to \$1.00 per telephone line per year.

A vote of the Board disclosed the following:

<b>Ayes:</b>	Commissioner Tipton, Hegg, Price
<b>Nays:</b>	None
<b>Abstain:</b>	None
<b>Absent:</b>	None

Motion carried and so ordered

Public Comment No Public Present

6:00 PM **Public Hearing** – For consideration and possible action relative to adopting a proposed ordinance to limit the discharge of firearms within township limits or within 1,500 feet of a residence.

Commissioner Hegg advised the Board that Art Jones felt the distance should be extended and that he was planning a shooting range

District Attorney advised the public of the amendment to the ordinance. Discussion ensued.

See attached sign in sheet for the public in attendance.

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY** Commissioner Tipton and seconded by Commissioner Hegg to adopt the ordinance presented and read into the record as presented and as amended. A vote of the Board disclosed the following:

**Ayes:** Commissioner Price, Tipton and Hegg  
**Nays:** None  
**Abstain:** None  
**Absent:** None

Motion carried and so ordered

Public Comment: None

**Board of Highway Commissioners** - Nothing to report

**Public Comment** – James Essenpreis said thank you to the Commissioners. Chairman Price advised that he would do reorganization of the Board; Appointments and Commissions at next meeting in December. Commissioner Tipton would like one of the other commissioners to take CAHS.

**Commissioner Recognition** – Commissioner Hegg recognized the work being done by Public Works.

There being no further business to come before this Board, the meeting of the Board adjourned until Wednesday, December 20, 2017 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:   
Garth Price, Chairman

Date: 12.20.17

**Attest:**



Christopher Nepper, Clerk of the Board

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