



Board of Mineral County Commissioners

Hawthorne, Nevada
Wednesday March 1, 2017

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

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

Absent: None

1. Pledge of Allegiance and Safety Message

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Tipton.

Safety Message – None

2. Public Comment - None

3. Approval of Agenda/Necessary Changes

Public Comment: None

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Commissioner Tipton, seconded by Commissioner Hegg and unanimously carried by the Board to accept the Agenda as presented.

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 to the Board by Honorable Christine Hoferer.

Public Comment: None

5. Reports and Correspondence

No reports or correspondence to address.

Public Comment: None

6. Minutes of February 1, 2017 – for review and possible action.

Minutes of February 1, 2017 commission meeting were presented for approval.

Public Comment: None

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Commissioner Tipton, seconded by Commissioner Hegg and unanimously carried by the Board to approve the Minutes of February 1, 2017 as presented.

7. Business License Applications – The following applications will be presented for discussion and possible action. (Public comment following each application):

Thomas Henderson, Healthy Trees, 2578 S. Curry St #5, Carson City, NV 89703;
New Business Application – Countywide

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 Thomas Henderson, Healthy Trees.

Gerald V Wells, G. Vincent Wells Construction, 12265 Darlene Circle, Reno, NV 89506;
New Business Application – Countywide

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 Gerald V. Wells, G. Vincent Wells Construction.

Michaelia R. Adams, Massage Therapy by Michaelia, 597 E Street, Hawthorne, NV 89415; New Business Application.

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 Michaelia R. Adams, Massage Therapy by Michaelia.

- 8. Mark Nixon, Mineral County Regional Planning Commission** – For consideration and possible action relative to approval of Special Use Permit Application by Dajin Resources Corporation.

Public Comment: Eric Hamrey, Public Works Director, asked to have the Road Agreement attached to the Special Use Permit.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Commissioner Tipton, seconded by Commissioner Hegg and unanimously carried by the Board to approve the Special Use Permit for Dajin Resources Corporation.

- 9. Barbara Owens, Mineral County Convention & Tourism Authority** – For consideration and possible action relative to appointment of a Hotel Representative to the Mineral County Convention & Tourism Authority.

Letters of interest from Tina Manzini, Woody Isom and Michal Thyne were presented to the Commissioners for the Mineral County Convention & Tourism Authority, discussion ensued.

Public Comment: Kendall Harris asked about the qualifications of Woody Isom as the Board member.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Commissioner Tipton to appoint Tina Manzini to the Mineral County Convention & Tourism Authority. Motion dies for lack of a second.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Commissioner Hegg, seconded by Commissioner Price and unanimously carried by the Board to appoint Woody Isom to the Mineral County Convention & Tourism Authority as the Hotel Representative member.

- 10.** For consideration and possible action relative to acceptance of letter of resignation of Barbara Owens, Mineral County Park & Recreation Director.

The letter of resignation of Barbara Owens, Mineral County Park & Recreation Director was presented to the Board. The Commissioners thanked Ms. Owens for her work at the County.

Public Comment: None

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Commissioner Tipton, seconded by Commissioner Hegg and unanimously carried by the Board to accept the resignation of Barbara Owens as the Mineral County Park & Recreation Director, effective March 23, 2017.

- 11. Honorable Chris Hegg, County Commissioner** – For consideration and possible action to move the County Park and Recreation operations management under the Roads and Grounds Department and eliminate the Park and Recreation Director position.

Commissioner Price expressed concern over eliminating the position.

Eric Hamrey, Public Works Director, stated Building and Grounds would be able to absorb care of the parks if the responsibility were transferred to the department.

Barbara Owens, Park and Recreation Director asked that the position not be eliminated, discussion ensued regarding the value of the Park and Recreation Director position and future plans for the department.

Public Comment: None

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Commissioner Tipton, seconded by Commissioner Hegg and unanimously carried by the Board move to park maintenance under direction of Buildings and Grounds effective March 23, 2017.

12. For consideration and possible action for temporary assignment of a youth events coordinator for YCAC, Boys and Girls Club/youth activities.

Discussion ensued regarding a temporary youth events coordinator. Barbara Owens asked Melissa Isom to come forward and discuss the duties she was responsible for under the Parks and Recreation Director.

It was decided to put an agenda item on the March 15th agenda to discuss the Youth Coordinator for Mineral County.

Public Comment: None

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Commissioner Tipton, seconded by Commissioner Hegg and unanimously carried by the Board to appoint Melissa Isom as the temporary, full-time youth events coordinator effective March 1, 2017, until the position is filled at the hourly rate of \$14.66.

13. **Larry Grant, Hawthorne Utilities Director** – For consideration and possible action relative to USDA Community Facility Equipment Grant for Hawthorne Utilities Office/Shop Cameras & Security System, Board signature is required on the Letter of Conditions, Grant Agreement, Letter of Intent to Meet Conditions and Request for Obligation of Funds.

Mr. Grant explained that the USDA Community Facility Equipment Grant was approved by the prior Board. He explained employee and asset security was important.

Public Comment: None

14. **Honorable Board of County Commissioners** – For consideration and possible action relative to approval of Nevada Rural Counties RSVP Program, Inc. invoice.

Public Comment: None

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Commissioner Tipton, seconded by Commissioner Hegg and unanimously carried by the Board to approve paying the RSVP invoice for \$8,822.00.

15. For consideration and possible action relative to a joint meeting with the Mineral County Museum Advisory Board to review and conduct interviews for Museum Conservator.

Public Comment: Gary Funk stated letters of interest for Museum Board Members would be submitted to the Commissioners.

16. **Honorable Sean Rowe, District Attorney** – For discussion and update concerning temporary Hawthorne Justice Court personnel provided through the JOIN grant and the Walker River Paiute Tribe.

Public Comment: Ms. Amber Torres, Chairman of the Walker River Paiute Tribe, discussed the additional Justice Court staff member the Tribe is supporting through the JOIN grant.

17. For consideration and possible action relative to possible conveyance of Mineral County Trust property within the boundaries of the Walker River Paiute Tribe to the tribe for public use, APN#005-250-03.

District Attorney Sean Rowe discussed the interest of the Walker River Paiute Tribe in obtaining the property known as the Road Runner Motel, APN#005-250-03, located on the Reservation. This is not county owned property; it is in trust to Mineral County for back taxes owed in the amount of \$7,136.81.

Larry Grant, Hawthorne Utilities stated there is a water well on the property and that it should be abandoned and capped prior to transferring the property.

Public Comment: Amber Torres, Chairman of the Walker River Paiute Tribe stated the Tribe is interested in utilizing the property to benefit the Community and County.

TIME SPECIFIC ITEMS:

10:00AM Rachel Schlick, BEC Environmental, Inc. – For consideration and possible discussion relative to Rural Desert Southwest Brownfields Coalition – Presentation on activities in Mineral County and across Coalition area; discussion of community activities and sites to be assessed.

Ms. Schlick gave a presentation on Rural Desert Southwest Brownfields Coalition and explained the mission of the Brownfields Coalition. Discussion ensued regarding Brownfields sites in Mineral County.

Public Comment: None

11:00AM Eric Johnson, Nevada Division of State Parks – For consideration and possible action relative to new state park proposed for East Walker River, a portion of the properties being in Mineral County.

Eric Johnson of Nevada Division of State Parks and Charlie Donahue the Administrator for Division of State Lands were present to discuss the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NIFWIF) interest in a new State Park for East Walker River. Discussion ensued regarding targeted properties.

Timing and development of properties were discussed. The discussion also included water issues, repairs to the stone house at 9 mile, fees, and grazing.

Eric Hamrey asked for a foot print of the land.

Commissioner Tipton expressed concern about road maintenance for the state park. Mr. Johnson discussed ideas and options for road maintenance.

Undersheriff Bill Ferguson asked about support for Law Enforcement and Search & Rescue. Discussion ensued regarding Law Enforcement, Fire and Emergency Services in the area. The timeline for Law Enforcement staffing was discussed.

Public Comment: Craig Nixon asked about legislative funding, discussion ensued regarding partial vs. full funding for the Park.

Beth Cichowlaz asked for clarification of the Ranger to be stationed near 9 Mile.

Board of Highway Commissioners – No action

Public Comment None

Commissioner Recognition None

There being no further business to come before this Board, the meeting of the Board adjourned until Wednesday, March 15, 2017 at 9:00 AM.

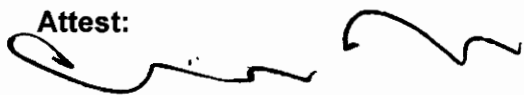
A verbatim recording of this meeting has been prepared and by reference becomes a part thereof.

Approved: Board of County Commissioners

By: 
 Garth D. Price, Chairman

Date: 3-15-17

Attest:


 Christopher Nepper, Clerk of the Board

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