



Board of Mineral County Commissioners

Hawthorne, Nevada

January 3, 2018

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

Honorable Jerrie Tipton	Chairman
Honorable Chris Hegg	Vice-Chairman
Honorable Christopher Nepper	Clerk-Treasurer

Absent:	Honorable Garth Price	Member
	Honorable Sean Rowe	District Attorney

1. Pledge of Allegiance and Safety Message

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Hegg

Safety Message - None

2. Public Comment -None

3. Approval of Agenda/Necessary Changes

Board would like to add Bret Towe to Quarterly reports. Items 21 and 22 were not needed.

Public Comment: None

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Commissioner Hegg and seconded by Commissioner Tipton to approve the changes to the agenda as discussed. A vote of the Board disclosed the following:

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

Motion carried and so ordered

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 Recorder Auditor advised the reimbursement to Pershing County was being billed on the first day of the quarter, would like to have voucher approved but was not going to send it off until end of January/February time frame; she also advised the Board of the ending fund balance and that the budget and expenditure request forms would be sent out the next day; after vouchers were posted an updated report on revenue and expenditures would be provided.

5. Reports and Correspondence - None

6. Minutes of December 20, 2017 – for review and possible action.

Public Comment: None

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Commissioner Hegg and seconded by Commissioner Tipton to approve the minutes of December 20, 2017. A vote of the Board disclosed the following:

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

Motion carried and so ordered

7. Kelly Rosemore – For consideration and possible action relative to annual leave extension or buy back.

Ms. Hoferer advised Ms. Rosemore had used some of her leave, she had 68 hours remaining.

Public Comment: None

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Commissioner Hegg and seconded by Commissioner Tipton to approve the buyback of 68 hours for Kelly Rosemore. A vote of the Board disclosed the following:

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

Motion carried and so ordered

8. **Larry Grant, Chairman Hawthorne Industrial Airport/Mineral County Airport Land Use Advisory Committee** – For consideration and possible action relative to signing contract with Carson City Scrap Metal to remove recyclable scrap metal from the Landfill at \$15 per Ton, NTE 1,300 Tons.

Mr. Grant advised he needed a signed agreement to remove scrap metal from the Landfill, he would not exceed 1300 tons; he had talked to other recycling companies but they want the scrap metal brought to them and the Utilities office does not have the equipment to haul the scrap metal.

Public Comment: None

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Commissioner Hegg and seconded by Commissioner Tipton to approve signing the contract with Carson City Scrap Metal for the removal of scrap metal, not to exceed 1,300 tons. A vote of the Board disclosed the following:

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

Motion carried and so ordered

9. For consideration and possible action relative to the approval of renewal of membership of Tony Tipton and Woody Isom as aviation members of the Hawthorne Industrial Airport/Mineral County Airport Land Use Advisory Committee.

Larry Grant advised they had written letters expressing interest.

The Board would like to continue this item to next meeting.

Mr. Grant advised after talking to Commissioner Price and the District Attorney where they had expressed concern regarding a department head sitting on a board he had resigned from the Airport Board.

10. **Mark Nixon, Chairman Mineral County Regional Planning Commission** – For consideration and possible action relative to seeking clarification from the Mineral County Commissioners as to the direction of the Mineral County Regional Planning Commission in zoning for the cultivation and distribution of marijuana.

Mr. Nixon stated the Planning Commissioner would like clear direction from the Board

Commissioner Tipton advised the County had no authority except where it would be allowed; the public's concern was the water use.

Michael Gus advised the objections were for in Hawthorne, not outside of Hawthorne; there was two serious businesses interested in locating in Mina; he felt there should be regulation on advertising and zoning; if a grow facility was allowed there should be a requirement to fill the needs of the people listed with medical marijuana cards; he suggested using the Brothel zoning because it was already out of town. Montgomery Pass would be viable if the issue of transporting across state lines changed.

Mr. Nixon advised the Planning Commission would use M3 and the zoning laws because of agriculture; it would have to be a conditional use permit; water appropriation was the responsibility of the property owner; there should be some Language on the feasibility of applicant so land could not be tied up.

Delinda Briggs advised she owns property near Montgomery Pass they were interested in a grow facility and they had water rights.

Jeff Gundzik advised their intention with this location at Montgomery Pass was to be able to export across state lines; they would like to provide medical products to the county; the State regulation had very extensive qualifications on the application.

Ms. George thought it was a great idea to look at the state requirements.

11. For consideration and possible action relative to – For consideration and possible action relative to the approval of renewal of membership of Wilfred Buffington and David Ellis as members of the Mineral County Regional Planning Commission.

Continue item to next meeting.

12. **Bret Towe, Computer Technician** – For consideration and possible action relative to choosing an internet provider for countywide.

Mr. Towe stated there had been issues with the phones from CC Communications; part of the problem was the internet connections did not have enough band width; he would like approval to switch for short term to Charter Spectrum Internet; he was in contact with an account manager to do a site survey for Mineral County; the Board advised to bring them the quote.

Ms. Hoferer stated they were hoping this would help with the current phone system.

Public Comment: Ms. George asked if this was going to include the Senior Center.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Commissioner Hegg and seconded by Commissioner Tipton to allow Mr. Towe to continue to research an alternative internet provider for the County. A vote of the Board disclosed the following:

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

Motion carried and so ordered

Mr. Towe provided a written quarterly report and updated the Board on the computer and internet issues he was working on.

13. **Jephraim P. Gundzik** – For consideration and possible action relative to a letter to the Board of Supervisors from Queen Valley Resources regarding Medical Marijuana Establishment prohibition under ordinance 17.08.070.

Commissioner Tipton stated there was a need for a medical marijuana facility; this item would need to be revisited to look at rescinding the ordinance banning medical marijuana establishments.

Mr. Gundzik asked when the ordinance would be rescinded; he was here to seek the Boards approval for a grow site; he showed the Board the plans for their grow site and stated they were looking at a \$3 million investment in the first three years; they wanted to contribute to the needs of the County.

Michael Gus thinks the county should get in front of the situation.

The Board requested this item to be on the agenda item on next agenda for the amendment or rescission of ordinance 234A, Bill 250.

Quarterly Departmental “Look Ahead” Projections/Reports – For consideration relative to projects/reports and the status of current/open grant funded projects presented to the Board by County Department heads as follows:

- Honorable Dorothy Fowler, Assessor – absent, written report provided giving update on the reappraised area for the 2019-2020 tax year; taxpayers 2% will see a 2% increase in their improvement value; new construction would be taxes at 35% of the (RCNLD) replacement cost new less depreciation.
- Honorable Christopher Nepper, Clerk-Treasurer advised they had a new staff member; Devnet modules in this month; Dominion would be here to pick up the old and bring new election equipment; election filing had started.
- Honorable Sean Rowe, District Attorney - absent
- Honorable Jay Gunter, Justice of the Peace - absent
- Honorable Christine Hoferer, Recorder Auditor advised they had signed the contract for their recording software; budget prep had started, they would be sending out budget expenditure reports in Excel format; they had HR training in next month; Audit was posted on the website;
- Honorable Randy Adams, Sheriff gave an update on the USDA, OCJ, OHV and Pool Pact grants and the 911 system; Commissioner Tipton asked about the addresses the Sheriff’s Office used for emergency services; they had two interested applicants; looking for grants for body and car cameras and radar.

- Craig Tippens, Chief Juvenile Probation Officer - absent
 - Mike Fontaine, Building Inspector provided a written report; Commissioner Tipton asked if all the Ormat phases were covered under the original special use permit, she asked if he would contact Kyle Snyder regarding phase three and the maintenance of the roads. Mr. Fontaine advised the flood plain conversation was at a standstill until the mapping was revised; looking into substandard construction.
 - Cherrie George, Care & Share advised she would give her report at the next meeting.
 - Carla Hemmer, CAHS - absent
 - Mike James, Public Guardian provided a written report; he advised they had 20 active protected persons; they had adopted new procedures and forms to comply with statute changes; they were also working with the courts to provide mandatory legal representation for protected persons.
 - Beth Cichowlaz, Public Administrator absent
 - Chris Lawrence, Fire Chief stated the Air Pack situation was resolved; working on the crash truck; reviewing all the policies in the fire department.; everything was going well with Remsa but the insurance companies had the wrong mailing address; was also working on getting water tender to Mina.
 - Patrick Hughes, Emergency Management - absent
 - Larry Grant, Hawthorne Utilities Director advised the annual inspection was due in March; they hired a contractor to clean up the desert for \$10 an hour; was working on installation of scale; working on water in mina; SOC would not allow felons on the base, this limits hiring; two water breaks; sewer was consuming their time, well 7 crashed there was sulfur in water, it had to be pulled and rehabbed; he gave an update on the Wetland grant.
 - Courtney Oberhansli, Library Director provided a written report; she advised they had been awarded the 2nd cycle Enrichment grant, Christine Boyles would be attending the Young Adult Library Services Association meeting; she updated the Board on the new services and programs being offered at the Library.
 - Kathy Kachelries, Museum stated it was slow which allowed her to do more research; digitizing event had a great photo turnout; she would be contacting Starla Bisaux regarding the old court house; had internet problems that would cost her an extra \$300; she would be expanding the gift shop.
 - Wanda Nixon, Public Health Nurse stated project at the jail was approved; had talked with Westcare and Sheriff Office for telecare medicine; mental health going well but face to face counselors were needed; renewing contracts for healthcare there were no changes in services at this time.
 - Samantha Lopez, Park & Recreation absent
 - Eric Hamrey, Public Works/Road/Airport gave an update on the Cemetery, Court House Annex, Dog Park, Hawthorne Sign, county weed control, Nurse's office and road maintenance; they were working on the State Parks agreement; still tracking the traffic; Airport grant project almost complete; swimming pool grant underway; had two JPO kids working for them; they got 12 picnic tables from the state.
 - Schyler Hagen advised the Board basketball would be starting next week; they had 66 signed up, they would be using the YCAC, the Junior High Gym and the Cafeteria; working on getting the volunteers through the fingerprint process.
 - Ms. Hoferer stated the Park and Recreation coordinator had not been attending any meetings; did not look like any coordinating was going on; the budget was coming up and the staff members would be needed.
21. **Closed Session** – Pursuant to NRS 288.220 to discuss/review all labor/bargaining unit contracts, grievances and negotiations. Not Necessary
22. **Open Session** – Discussion and possible action relative to all labor/bargaining unit contracts, grievances and negotiations. Not Necessary

TIME SPECIFIC ITEMS:

- 10:00 AM Public Hearing Mineral County Board of Commissioners** – For consideration and possible action relative to approval of lease agreement and medium term obligation in the amount of \$197,080.17 between LN Curtis & Sons and Mineral County Fire Department for Respiratory Equipment.

Commissioner Tipton read Resolution 18-001 into the record.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Commissioner Hegg and seconded by Commissioner Tipton to approve Resolution # 18-001. A vote of the Board disclosed the following:

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

Motion carried and so ordered

Public Comment: None

Ms. Hoferer advised she was going to budget the payment from the Hawthorne Town Fund revenue was starting to come in from the Justice Court. The lease can't be approved until the Department of

Taxation has given approval.

Fire Chief Chris Lawrence advised they were in the process of getting equipment, they were using loaner packs.

The Board requested this item to be back on the agenda for January 17, 2018.

12:30 PM Regional Transportation Commission reschedule in two weeks due to no quorum.

1:00 PM Honorable Board of County Commissioners – For consideration and possible action relative to Nuisance Complaint for the alley way of Armory, Connelly and Bailey.

Mr. Fontaine provided pictures of the alley ways; he would check with the new fire chief regarding a NFPA regulation against debris around a propane tank.

The Board requested this item to be back on the agenda for February 21, 2017.

Board of Highway Commissioners - Nothing to report

Public Comment - Vincent Kellison asked the Board why Mount Grant was awarded a bid for a grant project that Mineral County had used his bid to get. Would like to be on the Agenda and would like to have the work stopped.

Mr. Hamrey advised he would not be at the next RTC meeting.

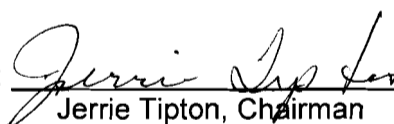
Public comment – Mr. Gant asked what the Board wanted to do about the alleys. Discussion ensued regarding how to keep the alleys clean.

Commissioner Recognition – Commissioner Tipton would like to recognize Vern Watson, as interim Fire Chief and the EMT and Fire Fighters for their work during the Holidays.

There being no further business to come before this Board, the meeting of the Board adjourned until Wednesday January 17, 2018 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: 
 Jerrie Tipton, Chairman

Date: 1.17.18

Attest:


 Christopher Nepper, Clerk of the Board

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