



Board of Mineral County Commissioners

Hawthorne, Nevada
December 21, 2016

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

Honorable Jerrie Tipton	Chairman
Honorable Paul MacBeth	Vice-Chairman
Honorable Nancy Black	Member
Honorable Christopher Nepper	Clerk-Treasurer
Honorable Sean Rowe	District Attorney

Absent: None

1. Pledge of Allegiance and Safety Message

Pledge of Allegiance lead by Commissioner Black

Safety Message – None

2. Public Comment – None

Honorable Judge Shirley gave an accounting of fund 55 11th Judicial District Court Actuals for FY 2015-2016, discussion ensued. He stated the Court would be sending a refund to Mineral County.

Cherrie George, Senior Services Program Director, stated she was still waiting for a letter from the School Board regarding the 6th Street School. Due to changing of Boards members, we may need to start the process over.

3. Approval of Agenda/Necessary Changes

Item number 8 will be continued to the end of the day.

Public Comment: None

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Commissioner MacBeth, seconded by Commissioner Black and unanimously carried by the Board to approve the change to continue item number 8. Acceptance of minutes for December 21, 2016 to the end of the day.

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.

Honorable Christine Hoferer, Recorder presented the Board with vouchers for approval.

Honorable Chris Nepper, Clerk Treasure stated the Quarterly Department Head Budget meeting would be set for January 18, 2017.

Public Comment: None

5. Treasurer’s Accounting Fund Summary Balance Report and Financial Horizon Credit Union Accounts Report – presented for review, discussion and possible action.

The Treasurer’s Accounting Fund Summary Balance Report and Financial Horizon Credit Union Accounts Report were present for review.

Public Comment: None

6. Reports and Correspondence

Deputy Treasurer read a letter that was received from Mary Marinello resigning from the Mineral County Convention & Tourism Authority Board.

7. Minutes of December 7, 2016 – for review and possible action.

The minutes of December 7, 2016 were presented for approval.

Public Comment: None

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Commissioner MacBeth, seconded by Commissioner Black and unanimously carried by the Board to accept and approve the minutes of December 7, 2016 as presented.

8. Minutes of December 21, 2016 – for review and possible action.

The minutes of December 21, 2016 were present for approval.

Public Comment: None

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Commissioner MacBeth, seconded by Commissioner Black and unanimously carried by the Board to accept and approve the minutes of December 21, 2016 as presented.

Carla James – For consideration and possible action relative to the BLM program updates.

9. Public Comment: None

Commissioner Tipton discussed the need for signage near Mina to caution traffic about wild burros on the highway.

Ms. James stated the new Field Office Manager, Kenneth Collum would be starting in February 2017.

10. Cherrie George, Senior Services Program Director – For consideration and possible action relative to acceptance of Aging and Disability Services Division (ADSD) Nutrition Services Incentive Program (NSIP) grant.

Ms. George presented the Aging and Disability Services Division (ADSD) Nutrition Services Incentive Program (NSIP) grant for \$1995.00 to the Board for approval.

Public Comment: None

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Commissioner MacBeth, seconded by Commissioner Black and unanimously carried by the Board to accept and approve the Aging and Disability Services Division (ADSD) Nutrition Services Incentive Program (NSIP) grant for \$1995.00.

11. Honorable Jay Gunter, Justice of the Peace – For consideration and possible action relative to review and possible renegotiation of Walker River Tribal Contract.

Honorable Sean Rowe, District Attorney gave background of the current Walker River Tribal Contract.

Ruby Hamrey stated their office was not able to keep up with the number of tickets coming into their office. She stated in 2007 there were 12 tribal tickets written and in 2016, 2,045 tribal tickets were written.

Mr. Gary Hall, Chief of Police Walker River Tribe discussed how funds are distributed from citations.

Mr. Gunter further broke down how funds are distributed.

Commissioner Tipton asked if Tribal and Justice Court would work together on a grant for another part-time staff.

The Board asked both parties to come back to the January 18th Commissioner Meeting and update them regarding the progress on hiring a part-time position to assist with processing Tribal tickets.

Public Comment: Garth Price asked how the BRAZOS System works.

12. Courtney Oberhansli, Mineral County Librarian – For consideration and possible action relative to the appointment of two (2) members to the Library Board of Trustees.

Commissioner Tipton read letters of interest from Keith Hughes and Christine Clifford.

Public Comment: None

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Commissioner MacBeth, seconded by Commissioner Black and unanimously carried by the Board to appoint Linda Miller to the Library Board of Trustees.

Public Comment: Todd Russell advised of the importance of a community library.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Commissioner MacBeth, seconded by Commissioner Black and unanimously carried by the Board to appoint to Keith Hughes as a new member the Library Board of Trustees.

- 13. Larry Grant, Hawthorne Utilities Director** – For consideration and possible action relative to authorization to negotiate possible purchase of existing Walker Lake Refuse Service.

Public Comment: Garth Price asked about the business and billing structure of Chuck It Disposal.

Ben Miller discussed his history with disposal service at Walker Lake.

Alan Todd Russell asked questions related to costs of hauling garbage.

Mr. Grant discussed the current garbage issues at Walker Lake. Mr. Grant stated he would like permission to discuss with Chuck It Disposal a purchase option for fair market value. Discussion ensued.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Commissioner MacBeth, seconded by Commissioner Black and unanimously carried by the Board to approve Larry Grant permission to pursue negotiations for the Chuck It Disposal.

- 14.** For consideration and possible action relative to extending one of the temporary employees for an additional month, ending January 31, 2017.

Mr. Grant stated one of the 60 day employees left Hawthorne Utilities for another position and asked for the remaining 60 day employee's length employment to be extended to 90 days.

Public Comment: None

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Commissioner MacBeth, seconded by Commissioner Black and unanimously carried by the Board to approve extending one of the temporary employees for an additional month, ending January 31, 2017.

- 15. Honorable Board of County Commissioners** – For consideration and possible action relative to the appointment of a Temporary Fire Chief.

Mr. Rowe stated the current Chief was on leave.

Ms. Hoferer stated her concerns.

Discussion ensued regarding appointing an emergency interim temporary Fire Chief.

Sheriff Adams said he felt the Board needed to review resumes and bring the issue back to the board.

Craig Nixon, former Mineral County Fire Chief stated the Board has appointed temporary a Fire Chief in the past.

Patrick Hughes stated he has the resume of Charlie Mann who would be willing to accept the appointment.

Public Comment: Cherrie George stated concerns.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Commissioner MacBeth, seconded by Commissioner Black and unanimously carried by the Board to appoint Charlie Mann as the interim temporary Fire Chief of Mineral County until the Fire Chief returns not exceed 6 months, at a salary offer of 36,000 annual effective upon his acceptance of the appointment.

- 16. Bill Ferguson, Undersheriff** – For consideration and possible action relative to approval of leave donations for T.C. Knight.

Mr. Ferguson stated he understood Fire Chief Knight was low on sick leave.

Mr. Knight is to use his "Use or Loose" leave down to 240 hours prior to accepting leave donations.

Donations per employee not to exceed 80 hours of sick leave and not to exceed 90 days total or per FMLA (Family Leave Medical Act) requirements.

Public Comment: None

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Commissioner MacBeth, seconded by Commissioner Black and unanimously carried by the Board to allow sick leave donations to TC Knight after he uses his "use or loose" leave.

TIME SPECIFIC ITEMS:

11:00 AM Closed Session – Pursuant to Nevada Revised Statute 241.015(2)(b)(2) to receive information from legal counsel relative to existing litigation involving claims by Bobby Sanchez et al. against Mineral County.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Commissioner MacBeth, seconded by Commissioner Black and unanimously carried by the Board to move to a closed session Pursuant to Nevada Revised Statute 241.015(2)(b)(2) to receive information from legal counsel relative to existing litigation involving claims by Bobby Sanchez et al. against Mineral County.

Immediately Following Open Session – For consideration and possible action relative to Pursuant to Nevada Revised Statute 241.015(2)(b)(2) to receive information from legal counsel relative to existing litigation involving claims by Bobby Sanchez et al. against Mineral County.

Public Comment: None

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Commissioner MacBeth, seconded by Commissioner Black and unanimously carried by the Board to return to open session Pursuant to Nevada Revised Statute 241.015(2)(b)(2).

Public Comment: None

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Commissioner Black, seconded by Commissioner MacBeth and unanimously carried by the Board to approve the Settlement Agreement reached in the matter of the claims of Bobby Sanchez, et al., against Mineral County.

Immediately Following Honorable Sean Rowe, District Attorney – For consideration and possible action relative to approval of Settlement Agreement reached in the matter of the claims of Bobby Sanchez, et al., against Mineral County.

Public Comment: None

Item address in open session.

Board of Highway Commissioners

Public Comment

Commissioner Recognition

DA Sean Rowe thanked Commissioner Black and MacBeth for their service. Commissioner Tipton thanked Commissioner Black for stepping into the open Commissioner's seat and thanked Commissioner MacBeth for his service.

There being no further business to come before this Board, the meeting of the Board adjourned until Tuesday, January 3, 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: *Jerrie Tipton*
Jerrie Tipton, Chairman

Date: _____

Attest:

Christopher Nepper, Clerk of the Board

Mineral County is an equal opportunity provider and employer. If you wish to file a Civil Rights program complaint of discrimination, complete the USDA Program Discrimination Complaint Form, found online at http://www.ascr.usda.gov/complaint_filing_cust.html, or at any USDA office, or call (866) 632-9992 to request the form. You may also write a letter containing all of the information requested in the form. Send your completed complaint form or letter to us by mail at U.S. Department of Agriculture, Director, Office of Adjudication, 1400 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20250-9410, by fax (202) 690-7442 or email at program.intake@usda.gov.