



# Board of Mineral County Commissioners

Hawthorne, Nevada

April 17, 2019

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

Honorable Chris Hegg	Chairman
Honorable Christine Hoferer	Vice-Chairman
Honorable Christopher Nepper	Clerk-Treasurer

**Absent:** Honorable Sean Rowe District Attorney  
Honorable Garth Price Member

## 1. Pledge of Allegiance and Safety Message

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Hegg

No Safety Message

## 2. Public Comment

Della Young presented the Board with a letter regarding the Economic Development Authority being moved to Carson City.

Commissioner Hegg read Ms. Young's letter.

The Board revisited this item

Patsy Dotson advised she was not happy with how the Care and Share was run or the director because of her attitude; the vehicles are having problems, they will no longer deliver meals to anybody but home bound or disabled people. She stated this town looks like a dump, this would not be allowed in California.

## 3. Approval of Agenda/Necessary Changes

Item 18 moved May 1, 2019

Closed Session removed

Open Session removed

Item 22 removed

TS 2:00 and 3:00 moved to May 1, 2019

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY** Commissioner Hoferer and seconded by Commissioner Hegg to accept the changes to the agenda as presented. A vote of the Board disclosed the following:

<b>Ayes:</b>	Commissioner Hegg Commissioner Hoferer
<b>Nays:</b>	None
<b>Abstain:</b>	None
<b>Absent:</b>	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.

Teresa McNally presented a Capital Outlay request for half of the Dog Pound Roof.

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY** Commissioner Hoferer and seconded by Commissioner Hegg to approve the voucher to Leavitt Construction for half of the Dog Pound Roof for \$1342.50 as approved

Ms. McNally advised the General fund looked really good, General indigent was going to be in the red, Hawthorne Town was \$10,000 in the red; the expenditures from the departments were higher than they were last year at this time.

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

Report was presented for review.

**6. Reports and Correspondence** – No Correspondence

**7. Minutes of** – March 25-28, 2019 and April 3, 2019 for review and possible action.

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY** Commissioner Hoferer and seconded by Commissioner Hegg to approve the minutes of April 3, 2019 as presented. A vote of the Board disclosed the following:

**Ayes:** Commissioner Hoferer  
Commissioner Hegg  
**Nays:** Commissioner  
**Abstain:** None  
**Absent:** Commissioner Price

Motion carried and so ordered

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY** Commissioner Hoferer and seconded by Commissioner Hegg to approve the minutes of March 25-28, 2019 as presented. A vote of the Board disclosed the following:

**Ayes:** Commissioner Hoferer  
Commissioner Hegg  
**Nays:** Commissioner  
**Abstain:** None  
**Absent:** Commissioner Price

Motion carried and so ordered

**8. Kenneth Collum** – For consideration and possible action relative to the BLM program updates.

Mr. Collum was present and brought maps and information about the Navy Expansion (FRTC Modernization). He stated they were working with the Ranchers that would be affected; there were 400 unpatented claims in the area; Geothermal in Dixie Valley and Wild Rose, and close to 300,000 acres with public access that would be impacted. The Reno to Vegas run will use the same routes this year but they will be doing an assessment on the route.

Ana Fitzgerald advised she normally comes before the Board to have the Landfill permit from BLM signed; it has not been signed for 2018 when it does get approved it will be post dated; she has been making the payments she just has not received the permit approval letter for 2018.

**9. Chris Lawrence, Fire Chief** – For consideration and possible action relative to providing a brief on partnership with the Red Cross to provide free smoke detectors.

Mr. Lawrence provided information on the program for providing free smoke detectors.

**10. For consideration and possible action relative to Brief on partnership with UNR's Center for the application of Substance Abuse Technologies (CASAT) to provide NARCAN free of cost.**

Mr. Lawrence advised they had become a NARCAN distribution site; Sheriff's Office and the Fire Station both have the kits.

**Nays:** Commissioner Hegg  
**Commissioner**  
**Abstain:** None  
**Absent:** Commissioner Price

Motion carried and so ordered

12. **Honorable Randy Adams, Sheriff** – For consideration and possible action relative to applying for OCJA Grant.

Mr. Adams advised they had applied for \$259,000 through the OCJA Grant; it was for a complete radio system in order to be compliant with the system that the state was going to be using; there is no match by the county. The Grant was already applied for and signed by Commissioner Price. Sheriff Adams doesn't think they will approve the whole grant.

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY** Commissioner Hoferer and seconded by Commissioner Hegg to approve the Sheriff's Office to apply for the OCJA Grant. A vote of the Board disclosed the following:

**Ayes:** Commissioner Hoferer  
 Commissioner Hegg  
**Nays:** Commissioner  
**Abstain:** None  
**Absent:** Commissioner Price

Motion carried and so ordered

13. **Eric Hamrey, Public Works Director** – For consideration and possible action relative to discussion and action on State Beach (AKA Monument Beach) agreement, transfer of land to Mineral County and Agreement from Mineral County Sportsman Club Revitalization Project.

Public Works Director Eric Hamrey and Darren Hamrey (Sportsman Club) was present;

Eric Hamrey provided the Board with a letter of complaint about the restrooms; he stated that he did not know the county was supposed to be maintaining the restrooms at the State Beach; he advised that if the county does not maintain the beach the state is going to close it; he advised it was on the table for the State to turn the beach over to the county, he will contact the state for any documentation for this. He has locked the restrooms and plans on taking them out for now.

Darren Hamrey presented the proposal from the Sportsman club to renovate and revitalize the old State Beach Park area into the Monument Beach Recreation area; \$5,000 for initial work and \$3,000 for upkeep from August 2019 to August 2022 and then turn it back over to the county to up.

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY** Commissioner Hoferer and seconded by Commissioner Hegg to accept the proposal from the Mineral County Sportsman Club to assist Mineral County with the maintenance of Sportsman Beach pending the approval of the District Attorney and incorporation with the current agreement. A vote of the Board disclosed the following:

**Ayes:** Commissioner Hoferer  
 Commissioner Hegg  
**Nays:** Commissioner  
**Abstain:** None  
**Absent:** Commissioner Price

Motion carried and so ordered

14. **Larry Grant, Hawthorne Utilities Director** – For consideration and possible action relative to authorization

**Nays:** Commissioner Hegg  
**Abstain:** Commissioner  
**Absent:** None  
 Commissioner Price

Motion carried and so ordered

15. **Alicia Sweet** – For consideration and possible action relative to the appointment of Solid Waste Review Board Members for the 2019 appeal process for the Landfill Assessment for fiscal year 2019-20.

Alicia Sweet read a letter regarding appointment of the Solid Waste Review Board Members, Robert Swift, representing Hawthorne; Rita Crist, representing Mina; Dennis Blazewick, representing Luning; Pat Mckay, representing Walker Lake also District Attorney Sean Rowe.

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY** Commissioner Hoferer and seconded by Commissioner Hegg to approve the appointment of Robert Swift, Rita Crist, and Dennis Blazewick representing Luning, and Pat McKay as members of the Solid Waste Review Board for the assessment year 2019-20. A vote of the Board disclosed the following:

**Ayes:** Commissioner Hoferer  
 Commissioner Hegg  
**Nays:** Commissioner  
**Abstain:** None  
**Absent:** Commissioner Price

Motion carried and so ordered

Public comment: None

16. **Cherrie George, Senior Services Director** – For consideration and possible action relative to submission of Aging and Disability Services Division (ADSD) FY20 Third-year Transportation and Case Management grant applications (Previously signed and submitted to ADSD on April 3, 2019.)

Commissioner Hoferer advised the Senior Services Director could not attend, the grant was \$69,880 for Transportation and the Case Management was for \$45,128 the grant had a time line so had already been applied for and signed by the chairman.

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY** Commissioner Hoferer and seconded by Commissioner Hegg to approve Senior Services Director to apply for the Aging and Disability Services Division (ADSD) FY20 Third-year Transportation and Case Management grant in the amount of \$69,880 for Transportation and \$45,128 for Case Management. A vote of the Board disclosed the following:

**Ayes:** Commissioner Hoferer  
 Commissioner Hegg  
**Nays:** Commissioner  
**Abstain:** None  
**Absent:** Commissioner Price

Motion carried and so ordered

Public comment: None

17. **David Ellis** – For consideration and possible action relative to the need for a 4-way stop at the intersection of Thorne Road and Post 4 intersection for safety issues.

**Ayes:** Commissioner Hoferer  
 Commissioner Hegg  
**Nays:** Commissioner  
**Abstain:** None  
**Absent:** Commissioner Price

Motion carried and so ordered

Public Comment: None

- 18. **Michael Stephens** – For consideration and possible action relative to hosting the Fireworks show in Hawthorne on July 4<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

Item moved to May 1, 2019

- 19. **Mandy Glazier** – For consideration and possible action relative to the use of the Boys and Girls Club for parties and events.

The Board advised this was a good idea.

- 20. **Closed Session** – Pursuant to NRS 288.220 to discuss/review all labor/bargaining unit contracts, grievances and negotiations. Item Removed
- 21. **Open Session** – Discussion and possible action relative to all labor/bargaining unit contracts, grievances and negotiations. Item Removed
- 22. **Honorable Board of County Commissioners** – For consideration and possible action relative to discussion of any and all pending legislation currently proposed at the Nevada Legislature.

Item was removed

- 23. For consideration and possible action relative to review of 2018-19 and 2019-20 Budget Estimates.

Commissioner Hoferer advised that the budget week was done and then the Records Office received an adjusted proforma report; some assessed valuations had changed and now there was a shortfall of over \$500,000; the Board requested Assessor Kevin Chisum to give them an update on the proforma report.

Mr. Chisum advised that when he put it in the abatement for Luning Solar they coded it as it generates the renewable energy and it changed where it reported the figures; he does not know if it is right but the State was more comfortable with these numbers.

The Budget changes were:

2018-19	Personal Property	\$90,000
	Assessor Commission	\$ 25,000
	Interest	\$ 5,000
	General Indigent	\$ 1,000
	Consolidated	\$50,000
2019-20	911 Surcharge	\$10,000
	Interest	\$10,000
	New Emergency Fund	-\$25,000
	Sheriff's Salary & Benefits	-\$56,000
Capital Projects		
2019-20	Marquee	-\$15,000 (Going Take out of PILT)
PIT Transfer		
		\$150,000 (\$700,000)

information on the control of the weeds naturally versus herbicides.

**11:00 AM Hunter Mitchell, HR Assistant Mount Grant Hospital** – For consideration and possible action relative to allowing county employees to attend/participate in the Wellness Expo on May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2019 during working hours.

Ms. Mitchell provided the Commissioners with information on the Wellness Expo; they asked the Commissioners to approve the county employees attending the Expo during working hours.

Commissioner Hoferer stated that in the absence of the County Health Fair she would encourage the county employees to attend.

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY** Commissioner Hoferer and seconded by Commissioner Hegg to encourage the county employees to attend the Mount Grant Wellness Expo. A vote of the Board disclosed the following:

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

Motion carried and so ordered

Public Comment: None

**2:00 PM Honorable Board of County Commissioners** – For consideration and possible action relative to the conducting annual Performance Evaluation of Eric Hamrey, Public Works Director, including, but not limited to possible promotion, endorsement engagement, retention, termination, suspension, demotion, and reduction in pay, reprimand or “no action.”

Item was moved to May 1, 2019.

**3:00 PM Honorable Board of County Commissioners** – For consideration and possible action relative to the conducting annual Performance Evaluation of Christina Boyles, Mineral County Recreation Coordinator, including, but not limited to possible promotion, endorsement engagement, retention, termination, suspension, demotion, and reduction in pay, reprimand or “no action.”

Item was moved to May 1, 2019.

**Board of Highway Commissioners** – Nothing at this time

**Public Comment** - None

**Commissioner Recognition** - Commissioner Hoferer wanted to recognize the loss of Karen Boyles; she worked for Mineral County for about 25 years. She advised that she had received a call from a citizen that Mike McNeil an employee for the Mineral County Convention and Tourism Board had made the final decision on the Hawthorne sign that NDOT was putting in and she wanted it on record that it never came before the Board.

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There being no further business to come before this Board, the meeting of the Board adjourned until Wednesday, May 1, 2019 at 9:00 AM.

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Christopher Nepper, Clerk of the Board

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