



Board of Mineral County Commissioners

Hawthorne, Nevada

August 21, 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 Garth Price	Member
Honorable Christopher Nepper	Clerk-Treasurer
Honorable Sean Rowe	District Attorney

Absent: Honorable Christopher Nepper Clerk-Treasurer

1. Pledge of Allegiance and Safety Message

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Hegg; no safety message was provided.

2. Public Comment - None

3. Approval of Agenda/Necessary Changes

Time Specific item for Mr. Eberhart was being removed and item 17 was moved to follow item 18.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Commissioner Price, seconded by Commissioner Hoferer and unanimously carried by the Board to approve the changes as presented.

Public Comment: None

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.

A Credit Card approval of \$179.88 to Adobe from the Fire Department was presented.

A Capital Outlay approval of \$33,977 to Tyler Technologies for radios from the Sheriff's Office was presented. Commissioner Hoferer advised creating a new line item in the Sheriff's Office budget.

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 - None

7. Minutes of – July 17, 2019; August 7 and August 13, 2019 for review and possible action.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Commissioner Price, seconded by Commissioner Hoferer and unanimously carried by the Board to approve the minutes of July 17, 2019; August 7 and August 13, 2019 as presented.

Commissioner Price amended the motion to read Commissioner Price and Commissioner Hoferer to approve the minutes of July 17 and August 13; Commissioner Hoferer and Commissioner Hegg to approve the minutes of August 7, 2019

Public Comment: None

8. Quarterly Status Reports for Mineral County Sponsored Grants – For consideration and possible action relative to the status of current/open grant funded projects presented to the Board, by the following grant project managers (as applicable).

- * Care & Share - Ms. George advised the Senior Center received \$66,684 for Congregate meals and 68,985 for Meals on Wheels programs this year; she just received the Sub Recipient Notification award that need to have the Chairman to sign; the transportation grant was cut about \$7,000; FYI grant funding was down because the numbers were going down. They were awarded \$62,198 with a match of \$6,888 for transportation; and the case management award was \$45,128 with a match of \$4,998; the Aging and Disability Services and they held a meeting with the Hospital personnel and a focus group meeting from the Senior Center; she had a personnel change going from full time to two part time positions. MaryAnn Strong replace Laticha Mitchell.
- * CAHS - Absent
- * District Attorney – No Grants
- * Emergency Management - Absent

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- * Fire Department Heidi Johnson advised they took the ambulance on the 1st; the chassis was ordered and they were gathering parts so they were just waiting.
- * Hawthorne Utilities – Larry Grant advised they were closing the Regional Water Plan, the state had not signed off on it; the Mina well grant was done, the mine is using the system a lot, budget was \$119,000 might come in at \$104,000; the wetlands project was done \$1,647,000 budget was they are at \$1,632,000 the bills are not paid; the state is worried about the West Nile virus at Wetlands so they were going to purchase mosquito fish and Catfish to clean up the bottom of ponds
- * Juvenile Probation Office - Absent
- * Library - Absent
- * Museum - Absent
- * Parks & Recreation - Christina Boyles advised she had applied for the Water Conservation Grant was for the Softball Field.
- * Public Works/Road/Airport – Eric Hamrey advised they had \$78,000 in RAC Grant for culverts; the airport wildlife fencing and taxiway improvement was 3.2 million.
- * Sheriff's Office – Randy Adams advised that Pool Pact was sponsoring a medical emergency dispatcher class; it was a \$65,000 computer program and they are going to apply for a Risk Management Grant for \$9,300, he would like a signature and was advised he had to get on the agenda.
- * Cooperative Extension – Stacie Emm advised the county augmented her budget when it did not need to be augmented she was working with the auditors on this; there was going to be reductions in programs so she was going to write for donations and small foundation grants and would like to run them through the county. The 4H Camp went great the county supported backpacks and the registration for the campers; they are going to be doing cross programming with other counties near the state line (Inyo County.)

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

Mr. Collum provided updates on grazing, renewable energy, realty and minerals; on the Navy expansion the final comments for partners is October 9th they hope to have the record of decision signed for the final EIS by January 30th before it goes to Congress; Mineral County Map was going to the state office to be finalized.

Public Works Director Eric Hamrey advised that Best in the Desert had blocked the Mina dump road without permission and they did some damage to the roads; Mineral County Map was going to the state office to be finalized.

10. Larry Grant, Hawthorne Utilities Director – For consideration and possible action and authorization for employees with Carry Concealed Weapon (CCW) permits to carry while working.

District Attorney Sean Rowe asked that this item be tabled.

11. For consideration and possible action relative to Hawthorne Landfill purchasing a G1 Industrial SCBA for Landfill employees use during fires.

Hawthorne Utilities Director Larry Grant advised that he needed a G1 Industrial SCBA for his person that operates the dozer during fires at the landfill; he would like to pay for it out of his Equipment Replacement Fund.

Public Works Director Eric Hamrey stated his people are also working the fires at the landfill.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Commissioner Price, seconded by Commissioner Hoferer and unanimously carried by the Board to allow Hawthorne Utilities Director Larry Grant to purchase a G1 Industrial SCBA and to have employees fit tested and trained with Fire Chief Lawrence.

The Motion was Amended by Commissioner Price to read, to allow the purchase of two packs.

Public Comment: Public Works Director Eric Hamrey stated his people are also working the fires at the landfill.

Commissioner Price stated that he thought they need a meeting and the employees needed to be trained for this.

12. For consideration and possible action relative to the discussion and update from meeting with Farr West on condition and imminent repair to the concrete water storage tank and floating liner.

Mr. Grant advised the Board of the water storage tank issues ; they plan to moth ball the Babbitt tank; take the other two tanks down and put up new; it should cost about \$4,000,000 to \$6,000,000 they may be able to get grant money; there is paperwork showing that the county has an easement on the land from the government.

Public Comment: Sheri Samson asked about a grant that Walker Lake GID entered into with Farr West.

The Board advised this item was not agendized.

13. Honorable Kevin Chisum, Assessor – For consideration and possible action to approval to use the credit card to

pay for membership dues and classes from the IAAO.

Mr. Chisum advised they could do the membership dues by voucher but they are given short notices on the classes; he would like approval to use the credit card for the class registrations.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Commissioner Hoferer, seconded by Commissioner Price and unanimously carried by the Board to approve Assessor Kevin Chisum to use the county credit card for the class registrations for International Association of Assessing Officers and the membership dues to be paid through the voucher system.

Public Comment: None

14. For consideration and possible action for approval to enter into a contract to conduct an appraisal and to represent Mineral County in any equalization process concerning Luning Solar.

Mr. Chisum advised he had been in contact with the Luning Solar accountant and they plan to appeal the values of the facility; he would like to contract with Mark Stafford, a commercial appraiser to represent the county in any appeals process; the cost would be \$12,000 and would have the District Attorney look at the contract.

Commissioner Hoferer advised Mr. Chisum to see Hillary for a new line item.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Commissioner Hoferer, seconded by Commissioner Price and unanimously carried by the Board to approve the contract for services of an independent contractor, between Mark Stafford a Real Estate Appraiser for the purpose of representing the County with Luning Solar and with the change to Addendum C to include other projects.

Public Comment: None

15. **Tammy Hamrey** – For consideration and possible action to approval for cost of living increase for unclassified employees effective July 1, 2019.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Commissioner Hoferer, seconded by Commissioner Price and unanimously carried by the Board to approve a cost of living increase of 3% as of July 1, 2019 for unclassified employees.

Public Comment: None

16. **Bret Towe, IT Technician** – For consideration and possible action relative to request authorization to purchase 3 new switches for court house network.

Mr. Towe advised this was for the network; the cost of the switches were \$7,462.88; \$1,000 would be paid out of the Assessor Tech Fund and the remaining to be paid out of his computer supply fund; he asked Clerk-Treasurer Chris Nepper to check on grants from the state for voting security.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Commissioner Hoferer, seconded by Commissioner Price and unanimously carried by the Board to approve IT Tech Bret Towe to go forward with his purchase of three switches for the network not to exceed \$7,500.

Public Comment: None

17. **Chris Lawrence, Fire Chief** – For consideration and possible action relative to Hiring two school to careers students for 2019-2020. Students will be paid from ambulance fund. 2nd yr student @ 38 hrs per payroll w/ benefits \$6665 // 1st yr student @ 38 hrs per payroll w/ benefits \$3580 * 1st yr pay starts @ 2nd semester.

Fire Chief Lawrence was unable to attend. Heidi Johnson advised they had a student that would be coming back from last year; they would like to pay this student for both semesters.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Commissioner Price, seconded by Commissioner Hoferer and unanimously carried by the Board to allow the Fire Department to hire school careers as noted on this agenda item.

Public Comment: None

18. **Shelley Tweedy** – For consideration and possible action relative to discussion of School to Careers Program and request of department participation.

Ms. Tweedy asked for approval to run the School to Careers Program; she explained it was an Internship program the first semester is internship and the second semester they get paid minimum wage up to 38 hours a payday. The first year would cost \$3,580 for the second semester; the second year student would cost \$6,665 because of being paid for both semesters; there would Bi-weekly attendance and a review process.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Commissioner Price, seconded by Commissioner Hoferer and unanimously

carried by the Board to continue the School to Careers Program with Mineral County and Mineral County School District.

Public Comment: Tammy Hamrey advised that the Fire Department had a second year return student for the program.

19. **Donald and Doris Brooks** – For consideration and possible action relative to petition for sale of parcel #006-640-09.

Doris Brooks advised the Board they would like to petition parcel #006-640-09 for sale. Mr. Brooks asked to have the price reduced; he was advised the price had to cover the taxes and costs incurred by the county.

Public Comment: Gladys Porter asked about other liens on the property.

Assessor Kevin Chisum advised that the liens would be wiped out when it goes to auction.

20. **Sheri Samson** – For consideration and possible action relative to discussion on WWLAD regarding Walker Lake Trash Service update and concerns about resident's facing an unhealthy trash disposal situation after September 1, 2019, with a lack of accessibility for proper disposal and discussion/possible action for solutions.

Ms. Samson advised they were losing their trash service; they had an advisory Board Meeting last night; she read the County Code 8.24100, Agent for Collection; she thinks that maybe it was time to have Hawthorne Utilities for the trash collection.

Hawthorne Utilities Director Larry Grant advised he had the truck and equipment, personnel would be the issue he believes they should hire a temp employee; they would need to buy cans; they have no dumpster at this time to put at Walker Lake; he advised for this to be affordable they would have to enforce the rule that if you have water you have a can and have to pay for the garbage dumping.

Discussion ensued.

The Board advised Mr. Grant to figure a good day for the utilities office and to put an open can at Walker Lake.

21. For consideration and possible action relative to Mineral County Motorheads requesting County Assistance for the upcoming, September 14th, 2019 Moorhead's Shop, Swap and Car Show.

Ms. Samson advised the show plans were going great and they were getting applications from other states; she needed help with portable potties and trash cans.

Commissioner Price advised checking with Hawthorne Utilities Director Larry Grant for a snow fence; and to check with Allied Sanitation for the portable potties.

Hawthorne Utilities Director Eric Hamrey asked how the money was going to be spent at the Boys and Girls Club.

22. For consideration and possible action relative to Update regarding the 8-Point/ 9-Point Mobile home System, for Resolution and County Acceptance, previously discussed at the 8/7/19 Commissioner's Meeting.

District Attorney Sean Rowe asked to have the item tabled for two weeks and it to be a Time Specific at 11:00 AM and to let Rob Mathias know.

23. **Honorable Chris Nepper, Clerk-Treasurer** – For consideration and possible action relative to discussion on establishing a resolution to have NDOT remove the tree located between the USO building and Cow County Title on the 9th block of E street, also establishing a mitigation plan for if the tree is removed and any matters pertaining to the removal of the tree.

Item was removed.

Public Works Director Eric Hamrey asked about the tree on Cow County Title property.

District Attorney advised that as the property owner he could trim the tree.

24. **Honorable Chris Hegg, Commissioner** – For consideration and possible action to discussion on Commissioner Assignments.

Commissioner Price advised that he was having a problem attending the Airport Board meeting. Commissioner Hegg offered to take the Airport Board and Commissioner Price would take the Planning Commission.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Commissioner Price, seconded by Commissioner Hoferer and unanimously carried by the Board suspend the Board of Commissioners Pursuant to NRS 288.220 to discuss/review all

labor/bargaining unit contracts, grievances and negotiations.

Public Comment: None

- 25. Closed Session** – Pursuant to NRS 288.220 to discuss/review all labor/bargaining unit contracts, grievances and negotiations.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Commissioner Price, seconded by Commissioner Hoferer and unanimously carried by the Board to reconvene the Board of Commissioners.

Public Comment: None

- 26. Open Session** – Discussion and possible action relative to all labor/bargaining unit contracts, grievances and negotiations.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Commissioner Price, seconded by Commissioner Hoferer and unanimously carried by the Board to approve the tentative agreements as posted of all three unions.

Public Comment: None

TIME SPECIFIC ITEMS:

- 10:00 AM Kirk Bausman** – For consideration and possible action relative to a request for approval of the Desert Ready Mix Lease by Mineral County Commissioners.

Mr. Bausman was unavailable; Public Works Director Eric Hamrey advised Desert Ready mix had agreed to a 1 year lease; they were concerned about the taxiway encroaching on the property. Mr. Hamrey needed the Chairman and District Attorney's signature.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Commissioner Price, seconded by Commissioner Hoferer and unanimously carried by the Board to accept the Airport Board's recommendation of a one year lease for Desert Ready Mix.

Public Comment: Hawthorne Utilities Director Larry Grant advised that a year ago Desert Ready Mix had been noticed that they needed a Back Flow Preventer, they had not complied.

- 10:30 AM Kevin Monaghan, LP Insurance** – For consideration and possible action relative to the renewal with Hometown Health Plan for insurance effective January 1, 2020 to December 31, 2020.

Mr. Monaghan with LP Insurance and Brenda Jones from the Insurance committee was present. They advised the Board that Hometown Health sent an offer with a 2% reduction effective January 1st. Mr. Monaghan advised he was still working on Dental, Vision and Life Insurance.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Commissioner Price, seconded by Commissioner Hoferer and unanimously carried by the Board to accept the proposal from Hometown Health of a 2% reduction for Health Insurance.

Public Comment: None

- 11:00 AM Mark Nixon, Planning Commission Chairman** – For consideration and possible action relative to a Special Use Permit submitted by GP Global Outdoor for an advertising billboard, Parcel APN: 001-421-03, Hawthorne, Bypass.

Mr. Nixon advised the Planning Commission had no opposition, that it met all the county requirements so they had approved

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Commissioner Price, seconded by Commissioner Hoferer and unanimously carried by the Board to accept the Planning Commission recommendation on the Special Use Permit for parcel # 001-421-03.

Public Comment: None

- Immediately Following** For consideration and possible action relative to a zoning change from C1 to R1, Parcel APN: 001-233-07, 405 I St., Hawthorne, NV.

Mr. Nixon advised this was a residence under the old zoning, the Planning Commission had no opposition.

MOTION WAS MADE BY Commissioner Price, seconded by Commissioner Hoferer and

unanimously carried by the Board to accept the Planning Commission recommendation for the zoning change from C1 to R1 on Parcel APN: 001-233-07, 405 I Street.

Public Comment: None

Immediately Following **Mark Eberhart Creative Condos** – For consideration and possible action relative to application for Special Use Permit. We are applying for special use to utilize both our cannabis cultivation license and cannabis production license on lot 006-660-01.

Item was removed.

12:30 PM **Regional Transportation Commission**

1:30 PM **Eric Hamrey, Public Works Director** – For consideration and possible action relative to D8T Dozer for Bodie/Delmonte Canyon Road assist with rental costs based on RTC recommendation and evaluation.

Commissioner Price advised that RTC made the decision to rent the dozer for a month and take the \$24,000 out of RTC and at the end of the year the Board will see if the General Fund can pay \$12,000.

Commissioner Hoferer advised that this was with hope of the diesel tax coming in.

Public Comment: None

Board of Highway Commissioners – Nothing at this time

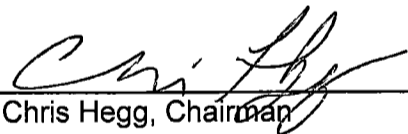
Public Comment - None

Commissioner Recognition - Commissioner Price asked for thoughts and prayers to go to the Honeywell family.

There being no further business to come before this Board, the meeting of the Board adjourned until Wednesday, September 4, 2019 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: 
Chris Hegg, Chairman

Date: SEPT 4, 2019

Attest:



Christopher Nepper, Clerk of the Board

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