

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF LINCOLN,
STATE OF NEVADA

February 19, 2008

#1-CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL/INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Board met in regular session with Chairwoman Ronda Hornbeck calling the meeting to order at 9:02. Clerk Lisa Lloyd called the roll with Commissioners Tommy Rowe, Paul Mathews, Ronda Hornbeck and Bill Lloyd being present. Commissioner Wade Poulsen is absent at this time. There is a quorum present and the agenda was posted on 2-12-08 to comply with the open meeting law. The Invocation is offered by and Tommy led the Pledge of Allegiance. County Manager John Lovelady is present.

CONSENT AGENDA

- #2 Approve/Deny minutes of the January 22, 2008 and February 4, 2008 Commission meetings.
- #3 Approve/Deny contract with Pearson Brothers Construction, LLC, for work on the Alamo Children's Park.
- #4 Approve/Deny purchase of desktop computer for the Grants Department in an amount not to exceed \$1,800.00.

Tommy made a motion to approve the consent agenda with the exception of Item #3 as it should read "Pearson Trucking and Trenching" as opposed to "Pearson Brothers Construction LLC"; seconded by Bill. All voted in favor.

#7-OFFICER/DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

RECORDER/AUDITOR Leslie Boucher presented the cash balance reports. General County has a balance of \$975,554.53 with estimated expenditures being \$143,870.76. This leaves General County with a balance of \$831,683.77. Transportation has a balance of \$22,607.95 with estimated expenditures being \$1,755.96. This leaves Transportation with a balance of \$20,851.99. Nutrition has a negative cash balance of \$4,332.41 with estimated expenditures being \$14,506.44. This leaves Nutrition with a negative balance of \$18,838.86. Detention Center has a negative balance of \$117,310.63 with estimated expenditures being \$70,542.73. This leaves Detention Center with a negative balance of \$187,853.36. January's billing was \$148,190.00, which will leave a negative balance of \$39,663.36. Leslie spoke with Denice Brown, who believes that she will be short about \$22,000. Leslie will do the augmentation closer to June. **TREASURER** Kathy Hiatt reviewed the county's investment of the \$3 million with Mellon, which averages 5.95%. \$98,559 is the amount that was averaged for the water and the county's portion was \$175,000. 4.27% was the average with LGIP. The county did really well with Mellon Investment.

#5-VOUCHERS

Recorder/Auditor Leslie Boucher presented the vouchers. **Bill made a motion to approve the vouchers as presented; seconded by Paul. All voted in favor.**

#7-OFFICER/DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

CLERK Lisa Lloyd reported that she has contacted the Sequoia representative concerning the purchase of additional equipment for the upcoming election. The Secretary of State's office has recommended that Lisa purchase an additional laptop to use for backup during the election. Lisa has spoken with Tracy Lee about the computer and monies have already been budgeted for such. Lisa advised that she has still not received any response concerning the impact that the addressing policy will have on elections if it is put into effect before elections are over. Lisa stated that she was under the impression that the addressing policy was to have been back on the agenda for this Commission meeting as there were a great deal of changes made to it. Lisa asked if the Board was going to bring it back and adopt or change the effective date. The document that was passed has gone through several changes, and the Board agreed that this policy will need to be revisited. Ronda advised that the policy will most certainly be on the next agenda. **LC ROAD DEPARTMENT SUPERVISOR** Steve Chouquer advised that they continue to work and he will make certain that something is done with a certain pothole in Panaca by Irvin Wright's. Steve advised that the utilities cut Panaca's roads to pieces but if the RD starts charging them for the cuts, the utilities will charge the RD in turn for the water. It will become a major battle. Ronda received a phone call from Terry Jones concerning running a blade up on the hill in Eagle Valley where they have their television station. Ronda asked Steve if the RD could do this. Yes, but it will be some time before it can happen and the weather/elements have to be just so as a life has already been lost on this road. It requires an experienced driver. Bill asked that the RD put

gravel on the solid waste transfer stations. Steve advised that they can put gravel on the roads. There is an issue with the Alamo transfer station. Right now, the RD goes in once per month, contacts the fire station and burns the brush/limbs that have been piled there. Steve believes that this will become a major issue before too long as people dump wire and a lot of other things in there that shouldn't be there. The RD has to clean that up before they can burn the yard debris. Steve suggested that Crestline come up with a different solution; perhaps building a funnel and another rolloff. It is a chore to have a loader down there. RD has met Crestline down there to load this waste on their trucks before, but it is a nuisance and is very time consuming. RD will be blading roads starting in the south as they dry out. The Cold Springs Drop Structure has been repaired. The debris is cleaned up and the water is not leaking around it any more. The hole was plugged with the silt and sod from the structure itself. Ronda asked that the Flood Control make and keep a record of the work that was done on this structure. Ken Dixon advised that he will be taking pictures and documenting the repairs. **LC HEALTH NURSE** reported that there has been some flu in the county, but nothing that needed to be reported. **DISTRICT ATTORNEY** Greg Barlow advised that the trial for tomorrow has been vacated. There is a trial on March 11th. Greg continues to work on the business license ordinance. Draft copies will be provided to the Board so that they might provide comments. This will include a new provision on gaming/licensing. **COMMISSIONER BILL LLOYD** advised that he attended the Pioche Town Board meeting and the meeting on the Toquop Power Plant. **COMMISSIONER TOMMY ROWE** attended the Toquop Power Plant meeting, school board meeting and the LEO meeting in Las Vegas. Tommy will attend an AUG meeting this week, meeting with Ward Sproat and NACO Board meeting. **COMMISSIONER PAUL MATHEWS** went to Alamo and interviewed the potential engineers for the industrial park. Paul has received phone calls from the Pahrangat area and they aren't happy that the Alamo Town Board has to approve their planning issues. It is causing problems, including time delays. Paul suggested that an alternative needs to be derived. Greg advised that the Alamo Town board has no jurisdiction outside of their borders. Paul and Ronda will work with Clint Wertz concerning this problem. **COMMISSIONER RONDA HORNBECK** attended meetings concerning development agreements. Ronda attended a communications meeting, SNPLMA meeting for the Eastern Landscape Restoration. Planning Commission is tonight. Three commissioners will be meeting with Ward Sproat of DOE this week and notification has been put out. Phyllis and Ronda will make the SNPLMA presentations on Thursday. There are 22 applications for SNPLMA. Ronda has attended multiple meetings concerning the county's habitat conservation plan; they continue to work on it.

#8-RESOLUTION #2008-02

Ronda read the resolution into the record. **Tommy made a motion to approve the resolution creating the District Court Technology Fund; seconded by Paul. All voted in favor.**

#6-ALAMO INDUSTRIAL PARK

a) Purchase arrangements and authorization to proceed with purchase of the Alamo Industrial Park—The balance is due within 6 months, but the Board wanted it done within the month of March. \$584,050 is the balance owed. This money will come from the \$705,000 line of credit. Ronda requested that notice be sent to BLM alerting them of the process required to pass a Medium Term Obligation. A final Phase I Environmental Assessment has to be done. This work has already been approved for completion by Enviroscientists. This EA needs to be done and sent to BLM as well. John put a notice in the next newspaper for the medium-term obligation resolution. **Paul made a motion to proceed with the purchase of the Alamo Industrial Park from BLM, with a remaining balance of \$584,050, and to approve the Notice of Intent to Act on a Resolution Authorizing A Medium-Term Obligation, which obligation will be paid from the \$705,000 line of credit from NV Bank & Trust, and for a letter to be sent to BLM concerning the process that the county is going through (said letter is to include the notice to act); seconded by Tommy. All voted in favor.** b) Intention to Act on a Resolution authorizing a medium-term obligation pursuant to NRS 350.087 in an amount not to exceed \$705,000.00—This item will be addressed at the next Commission meeting.

#9-GRANTS

a) Selection of an engineer for the Alamo Industrial Park. Presentations will be given by selected engineering firms prior to action by the Board—The previously designated committed conducted interviews and ranked the engineers. After interviewing, it was very clear that there were two very qualified firms. The two firms that will be presenting are Far West Engineering and Sunrise Engineering. Marv Wilson, Sunrise Engineering of St. George, UT, made the first presentation. Marv reviewed the experience and qualifications of their firm. On their staff, they have a young EIT who will be taking his test who has worked on the other side of the coin. He worked on the Fort Pierce project. This individual is very good with procedural items. Sunrise has 200 hundred employees throughout the intermountain west, which means they have many resources, including planners, surveyors and engineering staff. Sunrise started in Fillmore, UT in 1980. At this time, Sunrise went to rural communities in UT and found civil improvement needs. All rural areas have these needs, and during

this time Sunrise became very familiar with the funding sources of these rural areas. Prior to doing engineering work, solutions had to be found for the funding problems and Sunrise has much experience with this level of project management. Marv stated that they have EDA funding experience. Many of the projects that they've worked on in small communities have multiple levels of funding involved, which results in many administrative challenges. Sunrise is comfortable working with these challenges. Timing challenges are another source of familiarity and they have a full time funding specialist on staff that is familiar with various agencies. Sunrise's majority of work comes through repeat clients. This is their goal; to create a permanent/long-term relationship. Sunrise pride themselves on good customer service. Sunrise is less than 2 hours away from Pioche and 2 ½ hours from the industrial site, which provides a great advantage during construction as the engineer can arrive quickly on the site if needed. Sunrise is comfortable with the county's need to phase the site. Sunrise currently handles several projects in LC. Sunrise believes that their relationship needs to be team based and they will work to protect the county's best interests. One of the EDA projects that they've done was a sewer project in Fredonia, AZ, who had just lost their lumber industry. This resulted in Fredonia looking to get other industries in place. However, the overall response was that no industry would come in unless the sewer issues were resolved. Brent Farr of Farr West Engineering in Reno, NV, presented his firm's qualifications. Recently, Alamo Sewer & Water selected Farr West to resolve their arsenic issues. Brent has committed to manage this project, which will ensure that there is an experienced manager on board. Brent spends much of his time aiding rural clients with financial matters, grant funding and navigating red tape. Tri State Surveying is one of the best surveying firms in NV. Brent believes that they can respond quickly to this area. One of the key issues with the Alamo Industrial Park (AIP) is the water. There is a well down there, and once it is on line it will need to be treated and ready. If chosen, Farr West will be able to eliminate duplicated efforts. FW is a NV corporation and they have key relationships with many entities in NV. Brent has vast experience with Economic Development Authority, Community Development Block Grants, NV Commission on Economic Development and US Department of Agriculture. Brent wrote the pre-application and application for Mineral County for the Hawthorne EDA-funded industrial park. Brent advised that he can be helpful in making certain that the county gets their EDA grant. FW's majority of work is done in rural NV. Chuck Brechler advised that both firms are really good. FW is working in Alamo and Chuck is familiar with many of their subs. Chuck advised that he is also familiar with Sunrise's work on Cedar Mountain. Sunrise is working on very good plans in Caliente. Both firms are very qualified and can do the work. Paul asked Sunrise, if the county desired it, could Joe Phillips be the lead engineer. Yes, in a heartbeat. Joe advised that their intent was to have him be in an advisory role to eliminate any conflict between the county and Caliente. Sunrise's intent was to make sure that the county knew that they intend to provide as good or better service to the county. Brent advised that there will be no conflict if their firm handled both ASW and the AIP as the only overlap will be water service. Ronda advised that power is a huge issue down there and questioned if the power was part of the engineering that would be done or would it be handled solely by the power company. Sunrise has an electrical engineering division who work in UT that could provide the services if the power company decided not to. Paul reviewed the history of getting these two firms to the point that we are at today, including the fact that they both had EDA experience. Paul stated that during the presentation in Alamo, he was impressed by "Rick" of Sunrise's experience with the St. George Industrial Park. For Paul, this was the "tie breaker" and gave Sunrise the edge. Wade felt that FW was the better firm. Paul further stated that the scope of the staff that Sunrise brought was vast. Both firms are very equally matched, but Paul felt at that time that Sunrise was deeper in staff in areas that mattered. Ronda stated that the remainder of the Board that didn't attend the presentations in Alamo is at something at a disadvantage. Ronda is concerned that FW is working in Alamo right now and she would like to see the best of both worlds. Since FW is already implemented, Ronda would like to see Sunrise handle the other end so that both firms could be working for LC. Ronda felt that both firms are a major asset to the county. Tommy questioned if either of the companies subcontract out to other engineering firms; would it be possible to get them both working on the project. Marv responded that they didn't anticipate contracting out as they have the in house staff required. Brent stated that they are smaller and do subcontract. Phyllis advised that FW is doing the water system for the Alamo GID and they will have to have some input on what happens in the AIP. It is possible to split it up between the two firms in that FW could be granted the water portion of the project. There is arsenic in the water and the levels will have to be tended to. Phyllis has worked with Sunrise on grants before and she knows that FW understands the rules as well. Both firms can do all of the necessary paperwork. Paul didn't feel that it was in the county's best interest to split it up and maintain the scope of work that was responded to. A lot of the water will be ASW's problem to deal with. Paul feels that the integrity of the RFA will be compromised if split up. Ken Dixon recommended that the waters don't get muddied by splitting this up between two firms. Ken recommended that the Board choose only one company to do the work. Phyllis advised that the reason that Wade chose FW was because they were working on ASW. Mike Baughman advised that a serious concern is that the assets being designed will belong to the ASW GID. There is a need to involve ASWGID in this project as they will be the owners. To date, ASWGID isn't involved. **Paul made a motion to hire Sunrise Engineering; seconded by Ronda. Bill is opposed. Motion carries.** Paul stated that he believes that Brent will have to be very involved in this project as he works with ASWGID. b) Bid for the Alamo Rodeo Grounds—Two bids were received: Long View construction and

Hardy Construction. Hardy Construction was the low bidder. There is enough money to award the base bid to Hardy in the amount of \$1,047,904.24. There will also be enough money to ask them to do Item B, the horse stalls for \$15,309, Item C, railing around the softball field in the amount of \$33,990 and Item E, audio system in the amount of \$34,955. There isn't enough money for permanent bleachers or announcer's booth. Phyllis will try for some additional money from the special account for these items. Wendy stated that they won't have an announcer's booth and this is critical. Phyllis will ask SNPLMA for additional funds to cover this. Ronda and Phyllis will work on this Thursday while they meet with the SNPLMA committee. Phyllis intends to ask for a little over \$400,000. **Tommy made a motion to accept the low bid of Hardy Construction; seconded by Bill. All voted in favor.** Phyllis advised that she will have the contract for the Board's approval on the next agenda. c) Letter to the Nevada Congressional Delegation signed in concert with the Lincoln County Airport Board to extend the FAA authority to collect excise taxes and continue to approve AIP grants—There is a problem with the FAA. At one point, Congress was going to take away the FAA's ability to collect franchise taxes and award grants. The Board needs to approve the sending of a letter in conjunction with one from the airport authority advising Congress this needs to be continued forever. **Tommy made a motion to approve sending the letter to the NV Congressional Delegation advising of the need for FAA to collect excise taxes and provide AIP grants; seconded by Paul. All voted in favor.** c) Update—Phyllis advised that she will be attending SNPLMA on Thursday and there are three LC projects. SNPLMA will have about the same amount of money that they had last time. Phyllis has been asked to be on the CDBG advisory committee. Phyllis will have to leave on the 9th of March and she isn't sure when she'll be back. This means that she won't be able to present the county's application, but John Lovelady is planning to handle that.

Lunch 12:10 to 1:00

#10-PLANNING ITEMS

a) Update—Clint will attend the Planning Association Conference and asked who would be going. The registration deadline is this week. The Board would like to finalize the addressing policy and most of the revisions have been done. There are a couple of items that the consultants pointed out to him that will be changed. By and large the first crop of addresses was emailed to Clint today. Half of Pioche is done. Clint will make sure that the deadline dates are removed. Clint pulled the deadline that was in there for 90 days. Clint's intention is to make the policy say that it will be effective when the Board would like. Clint will put the addressing policy back on the 3-3 agenda. Clint has had meetings concerning what SNWA will need as far as permits for the pipeline and what planning steps will have to be taken.

#14-PUBLIC COMMENT

Ronda advised that she just received notice that Bob Wilson, Tri-County Weed Program, had a heart attack and has passed away.

#11-BUILDING & SAFETY

Ken Dixon presented this item. a) Update—Ken presented photographs of the Cold Springs Drop Structure and the work that the Road Department did there. Ken applauded the RD for the work that they've done. There is only one small stream of water going out into a field. Ken advised that another means to make permanent repairs needs to be found. The recent repairs to the structure won't last forever. With the Flood Control District in place, they have access to money that is otherwise unavailable. The practice rodeo grounds in Alamo weren't addressed during the bid process for the new rodeo grounds. Chuck Brechler reviewed the history of the practice arena. Chuck reviewed the site plan for the new rodeo area. On the left of the new area is where the practice area will go in. The old rodeo grounds have been disassembled. Phyllis advised that she has some grant money that can be applied towards this arena. In order to put the arena in there, a pad for the practice arena has to be put in. The RD can grade it for Alamo, but they need money to do it. Alamo Town doesn't have the money to cover this. Phyllis has spare administration money that can be used for this and it will cost about ¼ of price if the RD does the work. Ronda questioned if this was part of the RD work plan. No. Tommy suggested that one employee might be able to get over there from the RD to do this even though it isn't on the work plan. Tommy felt that this could be worked in if it didn't change the work plan. Ronda asked why a work plan was created then. Ken stated that at the time that the work plan was drawn up, the need for this practice arena wasn't even known. Alamo removed the old rodeo grounds and arena itself. The old arena has been set aside and can be reassembled, but the pad has to be graded first. Phyllis believed that the RD is aware of this need and that they've spoken with the Alamo Town Board. Phyllis also believed that the RD told the ATB that they could grade the pad. John Lovelady advised that Steve reported this morning that the RD is concentrating on things that need to be done in Alamo at this point as the northern end of the county is still too wet. John believed that there is enough equipment in the Alamo area to complete the pad. Chuck will bring this issue back before the Board with an estimate of how much dirt has to be moved and how much time/equipment it will take the RD to do it. Ken attended the school board meeting last week to explain what is happening in the LC Land Act Area and

where we are at with negotiations with the schools. The initial school building will be built by the developer and then sold to the school district. Clark County SD has had bad experiences and it is unethical to do things that way; so it is being rethought. The plan being considered now is that the developers will donate the money to the SD and the SD will build the school. There is another developers meeting with Olympia Group this Thursday. They are seeking approval of their plans as soon as possible. b) Approval and authorization to submit the Draft Implementation Agreement for the Southeastern Lincoln County Habitat Conservation Plan to the US Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS)—Ken reviewed the agreement. It is believed that the agreement is ready to be submitted to FWS. The agreement doesn't have to be signed by the county until it comes back from FWS. Before the issuance of the Section 10 permit, this agreement will have to be signed. Ronda stated that the county worked with UPRR, who agreed to take the first shot at the implementation agreement. There are three entities that will receive Section 10, LC, Caliente and UPRR. The implementation agreement will ensure that the HCP stays on track that that all requirements are being met. **Tommy made a motion to accept and approve the Implementation Agreement and submit it to the US Fish & Wildlife Service; seconded by Paul. All voted in favor.**

#12-RESOLUTION #2008-03

Jason Bleak, Administrator of LC Hospital District, presented the medium-term obligation in the amount of \$142,733.00. An automated pharmacy/supply system was purchased through a company name MGD. Initially, this was intended to be a lease but the agreement wasn't acceptable to the HD. This resulted in Jason pursuing a loan through NV Bank & Trust for a five year loan at 5.5%, with a monthly payment of \$2,727.49. It is collateralized with the equipment that is in their possession at this time. \$51,000 of the initial \$191,000 was paid with a grant from the Department of Energy. There has been a significant drop in medication errors since this system was put in. Jason described several of the improvements that the hospital has realized. Ronda read the resolution into the record. **Paul made a motion to approve the resolution authorizing a medium-term obligation after the fact for the Lincoln County Hospital District, Grover C. Dils Medical Center; seconded by Bill. All voted in favor.**

#13-COUNTY MANAGER ITEMS

John Lovelady presented this item. d) Discussion with Southern NV Water Authority concerning a proposed pipeline locations and construction within Lincoln County—Ronda stated that an agreement was signed many years back with SNWA, who agreed to work with LC in their project to pipe water out of LC. There are many issues that LC needs to address in order to protect themselves, including: roads issues, permits, and several other unknowns that need to be addressed. A staff meeting was suggested to address these prior to inviting SNWA to take part. Clint Wertz, Planning Director, reviewed the land use part, fee schedule and permits. Due to the corridor crossing public and private parcels, the applicant will have to indicate to the county where the corridor goes and how it will impact existing owners/operations. Utility projects like this require a Special Use Permit. It is possible to have a development agreement in place that nails down all of the conditions of the project so that everyone's expectations are the same, e.g. a torn up road and how long it will be before it is repaired. Without having local input, SNWA won't have all of the answers that they need. Clint has a list of information that needs to be collected from SNWA in order for the county to do the review. Clint advised that an internal meeting needs to be held. Ken Dixon agreed. Ken has spoken with several different people from SNWA concerning what the county will require of them. SNWA understands what they will have to do in order to get the permits. Ken is concerned about the pipeline itself; some major roads will have to be built. There is concern about wear and tear on existing roads and rehabbing of new roads. Dylan Frehner advised that 2012-2013 was the date that SNWA is looking at for moving water through the pipeline. It is believed that construction is approximately a year away. The Board agreed that the county needs to get on board with what SNWA is doing in order to protect the county. Ken believes that the construction period will last about six years. Ken stated that a detailed corridor is needed. Clint spoke with the engineering firm, HDR, who is starting to collect information. They are spending this year getting their information together and it is believed that it will be 2009 before they come to the county for permits. The county needs to look at the opportunity side and what will benefit the county as well. Greg Barlow advised that the county has jurisdiction and SNWA will have to come to the county for approval. Prior to meeting with SNWA, the RMP needs to be reviewed and meetings with the BLM need to be held to see what BLM requirements are. Clint and John will schedule meetings. Tommy advised that he was contacted by Councilman Steven Ross from Las Vegas. Mr. Ross told Tommy that he needed to meet with Caliente and the county concerning the construction of the pipeline and training. They are considering putting in a welding school in conjunction with the high schools to get the project moving. c) Update re: contract policy and open gaming ordinance—John reviewed the draft policy for contract with LC. The open gaming ordinance resulted from development agreement meetings and the DA's office is working on this. It will be blended into the business license ordinance. John attended a design workshop for the landscaping in the 93 corridor. John met with Dr. Katschke and hospital administration preparatory to creating the ambulance policy. John attended the Toquop Power Plant meeting as well as met with the LC Chamber of Commerce to update them on current and future projects in LC. John advised them to plan for expanding the

tourism end of things. John advised that the courthouse employees had lunch together on the 14th, which was very pleasant.

a) Acceptance of resignation of Susan Hansen as billing and accounts payable clerk for the Lincoln County and Meadow Valley Ambulance Services effective February 29, 2008—Ronda asked Susan if she was sure that she wanted to do this. Yes. Ronda thanked Susan for the job and the work that she's done. **Bill made a motion to accept the resignation of Susan Hansen with a thank you; seconded by Paul. All voted in favor.**

b) Proposals for reorganization of the Lincoln County Ambulance services—John reviewed the proposals for the reorganization of the services. The Meadow Valley (MV) and Lincoln County (LC) Ambulance membership have proposed that they have in place a President/Coordinator, Vice President/Training Officer, Secretary and Maintenance Officer. The duties for each position were outlined within the body of the proposal. These two entities feel that with time they will be well on their way down the road to recovery. John reviewed the second proposal, which is the one that the Commissioners asked him to create. John reviewed the proposal for policy to reorganize Lincoln County Ambulance Services. John's proposal will make the Commissioners in charge of the services. The medical director of the AS will make certain that things are working according to protocol. The AS administrator will be the single point of contact. The fee schedule for AS should be aligned with the Medicare base rates as adopted each year, with 50% added for AS billed to insurances. EMS personnel would volunteer under an agreement whereby the LCAS would pay for the necessary training. The trained personnel would agree to serve in the AS for the term of the certification received with the training and agree to reimburse the county for said training if they don't honor the commitment to serve. Service would be defined as a minimum number of runs responded to, under a system developed by the administrator. Joanne Dixon advised that the AS is completely separate from the billing services. Tommy advised that this would all go together. Compensation for AS personnel is as follows: AS medical director \$50/hour & 10 hours/month; AS administrator \$25.00/month with 40 hours/month; AS training coordinator should receive a stipend that will be determined by the administrator based on the number of trainings organized and delivered; EMS personnel should be compensated at a rate of \$30.00 per run for Basic and \$45.00 per run for Intermediate. Personnel providing transports to other facilities, as ordered by the medical director, should receive \$100.00 compensation for transport to St. George or Cedar City and \$150.00 for transport to Las Vegas. Billing services should be contracted to Grover C. Dils Medical Center under an agreement whereby the medical center bills, collects and deposits all income of the AS to a county ambulance service account, retaining 10% of proceeds collected as payment for service. John suggested that Dr. William Katschke be the Medical Director. Medical Director would responsible for all aspects of compliance with medical protocols established and adopted by the county and with state regulations concerning training and delivery of EMS within the county. The AS administrator will be responsible for the day-to-day operations of the AS, including personnel schedules, training, billing, purchasing and inventory control, maintenance of vehicles and equipment, and all other management responsibilities typical to the administration of the AS. AS Training Coordinator will be charged with arranging and making provision for training needed to maintain a high-quality AS for the county. EMS personnel will be responsible to be available to respond to emergencies requiring ambulance services when scheduled for on-call or in order on the call list established by the AS administrator and maintain their required training and certifications. Joanne stated that once the volunteers start to be paid on a monthly basis it will take them out of the volunteer category. Attachments include mileage rates based on Medicare rates. Joanne questioned if they will still be allowed to elect their training officer. John was uncertain but felt that it would be unreasonable for them not to. Paul felt that this will be handled similar to the Panaca Fire District, and outlined the administration of such. John proposed Jason Bleak as AS administrator. Jason advised that it was great that the attendants got together and said that they can provide certain organization. Jason felt that the Board could implement Dr. Katschke and himself as the medical director and administrator and then follow the basic flow suggested by the volunteers' proposal. Jason is confident that the hospital will be able to pick this up and go. Billing can be done electronically and there will be follow-up to make certain that people are held accountable. Ken stated that Jason already has his plate full and suggested that a separate administrator be hired. Jason responded that he can do it. Paul stated that the perception, if Jason is appointed, will be that the AS has been turned over to the hospital. Paul stated that he might rather open up the administrator position for applications and the billing can still be done through the hospital. The most qualified applicant would be hired, whether it is Jason or not. Then, if Jason is selected, it would be because he's the most qualified applicant not because the Board appointed him. This is something of a compromise and will allow for interested persons to apply for the job. Ken stated that he feels that the hospital should be doing the billing, but not the administration. Ken feels that the administrator should be a county employee. The Board doesn't want public perception to be that the county ambulance has been turned over to the hospital; this is why Paul suggested that they go to application. John stated that if the Board accepts his proposal there are certain other steps that need to be done, including accepting applications. Susan Hansen reviewed the history of why Meadow Valley Volunteer Ambulance was started. MVAS was started when it was determined that the hospital could no longer maintain the AS. The person who set it up went through the entire permitting process to get MVAS in place. Ronda stated that the idea is to help the volunteers so that this is an easier process to get through. Tommy feels that an ad needs to be placed in the paper to request a letter of interest and qualifications for this job. Ronda suggested that the ad include what will be involved and ask if the individual submitting the letter has any medical background. Bill

advised that they have to be very careful who they choose as well. Tommy advised that he would like to see the AS review John's proposal, and make necessary adjustments, while this is being advertised. These adjustments can be implemented at the next meeting when this is considered. Paul believes that all of the by-laws, officers, etc. from the AS can fit in. Jason stated that it was his understanding that underneath the county employees would be the existence of the elected officers. Paul stated that by having the medical director and administrator in place it relieves some of the responsibility of the Commissioners. Paul felt that this process has been very productive. Tommy advised that the Board wants to know what the expenses are and how they can help to get more EMTs. Testing, books and certification are the items that cost. As of right now, testing is only conducted in Las Vegas or Reno. Ronda stated that the policy that John created identifies payment of the course and materials. If the individual doesn't pass the test, the county can't use them. Paul stated that, to a certain extent, this is just the cost of doing business. Susan questioned how many times the county will pay for them to test. Paul suggested that an incentive be identified, e.g. we'll pay 50% of the course and if the individual passes the test they will get a \$200 bonus. Bill stated that the county won't get anyone to take the test unless they pay for the entire thing. Paul stated that in his mind the medical director will be the current designated medical director, which happens to be Dr. William Katschke at this time. **Paul made a motion to accept Dr. Katschke as the medical director and advertise for an administrator; seconded by Tommy. All voted in favor.** Paul suggested that the transfer of the billing to the hospital begin immediately so that it is in place by February 29, 2008. Jason stated that they will have to work with Susan to see how this is done and agreed that they can work things out and get them going. **Tommy made a motion to have Susan Hansen and the hospital work together to begin the immediate transfer of the billing to the hospital; seconded by Bill. All voted in favor.** Susan stated that Medicare won't pay for supplies used unless you can justify ALS. Most will be base rate and mileage. Susan suggested a flat base rate and flat mileage rate. Jason stated that this can be done and counseled that it shouldn't fall below Medicare fee schedule. The action to adopt the policy and fee schedule will not take place until the association has a chance to work with the new administrator, when this person is put in place. Susan questioned where the bills, e.g. phone bill, utility bill, will go to get paid. Right now, Susan will continue to process everything that she gets until 2-29. After that, it will go to the administrator. This item will come before the Board again in two weeks.

#14-PUBLIC COMMENT

Bill Hartman reviewed COLA, Citizens of LC Against Methamphetamines. There are some really great at risk kids that have no intention of going the way of their parents and using meth. It will take quite a bit to lure the kids down the line where their parents have gone. There was a presentation at Rose Park and they are gaining on this horrendous problem. There were quite a few good people at the State Engineer's meeting with SNWA. Bill thanked the Board for standing behind the Toquop Power Plant. Bill is the most at odds with the DA's office and the Sheriff's office. Bill is asking for more oversight of these two departments and there is a developing problem with the purposeful placement of evidence. Bill feels that there are people making an attempt to control things. Tommy advised that the only control that the Board has over these two offices is their budget. Bill will take up personnel matters with them. Bill reviewed the Dahl Bradfield and Phil Dunleavy years; we can't go back there and can't live with the continuation of such. Bill suggested that these entities have a few less personnel. When Bill is putting on an event in the park, that includes the 14th Amendment, the preface is "hey you are in Lincoln County". Bill stated that they don't have the wherewithal to turn it around immediately, but to turn it over and allow the Board to act on budgets. Bill stated that the rodeos are an important affair in the count. Bill will speak with the hospital about tox screens. Bill addressed the 84 inch pipeline and asked that the Board assign some oversight. Louis Benezet reviewed the staunch opposition of Harry Reid and Marge Detraz's insinuation that there is no need to worry about Yucca Mountain coming to LC. Louis advised that there is staunch opposition in the eastern side of the state concerning the pipeline. The Commissioners have an agreement with SNWA to no oppose the pipeline, and Louis shared with the Board the petition that is being circulated to oppose the pipeline. This petition will be sent to the state engineer. The deadline for written public comment on the three applications is the end of this month. Louis advised that he protested the water transfer applications from Lake Valley and Louis is doing a petition effort on that as well. A letter was received from Jim Manner, which Lisa read into the record, protesting the payment of the landfill bill. Jim feels that the residents of LC shouldn't be paying anything for trash removal at this point. Years ago, the Commissioners were promised that within a short period of time the landfill would have sufficient revenue from out-of-county waste to subsidize the residents' relatively small amount of trash removal. Now there is an increase in the rate. Jim applauded the Board in rejecting the curbside pickup. Ronda stated that she attended the air quality control hearing for Toquop Power plant and there was no scientific evidence that Toquop didn't meet or pass the air quality requirements for NV; it far exceeds the federal standards. Ronda supported power plant. Marge Detraz said that according to the article in the paper there were two Clark County Commissioners who were against it. Paul advised that the paper misquoted Bruce Woodbury, who wanted the plant built in Clark County.

#15-ADJOURN

There being no further business for the Board to attend to, **Tommy made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 3:46; seconded by Bill. All voted in favor.**

Attest: _____ Approve: _____