

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

November 17, 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 9:04. Clerk Lisa Lloyd called the roll with Commissioners Tommy Rowe, Paul Mathews, Ronda Hornbeck, Bill Lloyd and Wade Poulsen being present. There is a quorum present and the agenda was posted on 11-10-08 to comply with the open meeting law. The Invocation is offered by Tommy and Paul led the Pledge of Allegiance. County Manager John Lovelady is present as well.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

- #2 Approve/Deny minutes of the November 10, 2008 regular Commission meeting.
- #3 Approve/Deny cell phone reimbursement for Cory Lytle in the amount of \$55.00 per month; funds are to be taken from the Building Department.

**Paul made a motion to approve the consent agenda with the exception of Item #2 as the minutes are not completed; seconded by Wade. All voted in favor.** The Board agreed that the payment of Cory's cell phone fees is retroactive to the date of hire. **Wade made a motion to pay Cory's cell phone retroactive to date of hire; seconded by Paul. All voted in favor.**

**#4-VOUCHERS**

Recorder/Auditor Leslie Boucher presented the vouchers. \$1,128.82 is the amount for retirees insurance for Road Department. During budget time, it was decided that this would come from RD budget. Ronda advised that she isn't sure that Steve Couquer is even aware of this amount, but he will be asked when he is here later today for Highway Commission meeting. Leslie receives a bill from PEBP, which she divide among various funds. This has been taken out of the individual funds since last July. **Wade made a motion to approve the vouchers as presented (SNPLMA vouchers are approved and will be paid only when the money is received); seconded by Paul. All voted in favor.**

**#11-OFFICER/DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS**

**RECORDER/AUDITOR** Leslie Boucher presented the cash balance reports. General County has a balance of \$994,572.34 with estimated expenditures being \$149,257.78. This leaves General County with a balance of \$845,314.56. Transportation has a cash balance of \$25,208.99 with estimated expenditures being \$1,877.96. This leaves Transportation with a balance of \$23,331.03. Nutrition has a cash balance of \$15,782.74 with estimated expenditures being \$8,337.88. This leaves Nutrition with a balance of \$7,444.86. There is some discussion about getting the 501(3)c in place for Nutrition; it will be discussed on the next agenda. Detention Center has a negative cash balance of \$1,315.10 with estimated expenditures being \$54,841.53. This leaves Detention Center with a negative balance of \$56,156.63. The total amount billed for October is \$187,390, which will leave the Detention Center with a balance of \$131,233.37 when it comes in. Solid Waste has a balance of \$4,540.51 with expenditures being \$0. This leaves a balance of \$4,540.51 and there is another payment due next month of \$17,250.00 on 12-1-08.

**#8-ORDINANCE #2008-11**

Lisa asked DA Greg Barlow if the Board can proceed with this item as it isn't listed on the agenda correctly; it's supposed to be listed as an ordinance and public hearing. Greg advised the Board to move ahead with it as he feels that even though it isn't listed on the agenda as an ordinance and public hearing it's been advertised in the newspaper as such and meets public notice requirements.

**#5-HIGHWAY COMMISSIONERS**

This item is handled under a separate agenda.

**#7-OFFICER/DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS**

**DISTRICT ATTORNEY** Greg Barlow reported that his deputy is out of town. There is a trial the first week of December. **COMMISSIONER BILL LLOYD** attended NACO last week. The state is broke and the only counties that have money are the mining counties. Bill advised that LC had better tighten its belt or we will be in a similar situation to the state. Bill said that this next budget year will require a great deal of frugality. There will be a shortage of money coming into the county based on the state's shortfall. The fact is that tourism is down 12% for Clark County for the whole year. Wade suggested that we can take last year's budget and cut it by 12%. The gaming taxes are down by 12% also. Tommy

mentioned that the rate continues to drop daily. The state's budget was originally cut 14% and has been cut by another 11%. The budget cuts to the state will total 34% at the end of the year. There are 11,400 homeless in Clark County right now with as much as 50,000 homeless during the year. The rental assistance that CC issues is up to \$262,000 per month. Bill said that the Board will have to be extremely careful during the upcoming budget hearings. The shortfalls of the state are going to be shifted to the counties. Legislature is talking about a state income tax. **COMMISSIONER WADE POULSEN**, Commissioner Ronda Hornbeck and Dan McArthur met with George McGrath and Paul Yamamoto of Norcal last week. Wade feels that there is a possibility of resolving the conflicts between LC/Norcal. It will probably be next spring before things are ironed out. There are several options being considered right now. Ronda suggested that the Board needs to have a workshop to discuss these options. **COMMISSIONER TOMMY ROWE** reported on the NACO meeting. Tommy spoke with Pete Goicoechea and many others in the state assembly concerning the Pioche Honor Camp. They all agreed with the statistics that Tommy provided them, but advised that they can't guarantee anything in light of the current economic crisis. They further offered their total support to the county to keep the camp if possible. The issue will be whether or not there is money to keep the camp open. **COMMISSIONER RONDA HORNBECK** attended a HCP phone conference last week. There was a communications meeting and Ronda has spoken with Barry Neuman concerning nuclear waste issues. Ronda met on Friday with Norcal. Ronda has received special alerts that Congress will be considering another lands bill that will impact LC. Ronda asked that everyone that has any influence check on this as it will affect LC severely. Ronda asked that the Board members become proactive about this and individually contact our legislators.

#### #8-ORDINANCE #2008-11

This is the time and place set for public hearing on an ordinance for vacation/abandonment: Williams, John & Patricia to modify an existing 30' multiple use easement and replace it with a limited use ingress/egress utility easement on APN 001-250-10 (access in favor of parce04 to the north) and to remove the 21' access easement from the west side of APN 001-250-11 and dedicate 2,491 square feet along Bartolo Road to Lincoln County on the east side of APN 001-250-11, located in the town of Pioche. **Tommy made a motion to approve the ordinance; seconded by Wade. All voted in favor.**

#### #9-ORDINANCE #2008-09

Ronda read the ordinance by title. Bill feels that this is a horrible ordinance and it's taking people's rights away from them. Bill is extremely concerned with the removal of rights and cited the section about unreasonable noises in a private place which can be heard in a public place. Tommy questioned who would be the judge on what would be unreasonable. Greg advised that this ordinance is at the request of the Sheriff's office. Bill stated that some of the law enforcement people that are on staff would abuse this. Greg said that this ordinance is meant to address those times during special events when there are a great deal of out of county population here. Wade advised that sections h and i are redundant. Wade discussed f, use of profanity. Wade questioned what makes this a factor in disturbing the peace since he's seen situations where a police officer as well as the person who is there are "going at it and using bad language". Wade questioned if this puts our officers in violation of this ordinance if they use obscene language. Greg said that he doesn't believe that it would be a prosecutable case for one individual to another in a bar to use profanities. However, if it is on the street, it could be. The intent is that if there is an individual on the street creating a disturbance and using foul language it would be handled under this ordinance. This would be true in any public place. The way that this ordinance is written, the punishment includes up to six months in jail. Paul interpreted this as pertaining to neighbors who can't get along and such things are apartment buildings. Bill believes that this entire ordinance is a result of Labor Day events. A waiver for special events can be granted by the City Council or County Commission for things like the street dance and live bands. If the band is going to be in a public area they must receive the waiver. Sheriff Kerry Lee advised of the intent of the ordinance. Without it, if there were an argument in a bar that isn't a felony, there is nothing that the SO can do about it. Charges can't be leveled for a misdemeanor not committed in the SO's presence. Basically, all the SO can do is tell them to go home. If they choose not to, there is nothing that can be done by the SO. Ronda asked Kerry who makes the determination on what is an unreasonable noise. Kerry said that the SO doesn't go to a place unless they get a complaint. If the officer is dispatched to a situation, it is his discretion to determine what is unreasonable and what is not. Victoria Gilpatrick is concerned about the private property issue and noises that could be heard on the public street. Victoria asked if she would be arrested if she's out in her garden, has her music up loud and someone walking down the street can hear it. Kerry said that it goes back to what is reasonable. Would she be doing this at 10:00 at night? Kerry cited the peace disturbance of the individuals who came and stayed for the SNORE race in Caliente. They had their music up loud and it was about 2:30 in the morning. Terry Jones discussed the events about his RV park last Labor Day. Terry got phone calls at 4:00 in the morning based on the noise coming from his RV park. Terry asked if there was a curfew for how late they can make noise. No. The only curfew that exists is for juveniles. Terry said that those particular people will no longer be allowed to stay at his park. A complaint must be called in to enforce this, said Kerry. Paul said that there are many times when the public needs to have order

restored and there needs to be some way to do that. Kerry advised that the Caliente has had this ordinance for several years and in the last year there were only about six arrests. These people didn't spend six months in jail; it's usually overnight. Vaughn Higbee said that the language insinuates that the punishment is 6 months. Greg responded that this is state statute and the definition of a misdemeanor. Greg will change the ordinance to read "up to six months". The fine is optional; Greg will insert "and/or a fine of not less than \$250...". Wade questioned if this ordinance would apply to an officer as well. If an officer goes in to enforce this ordinance and uses profanity, will it set him up for violation of this ordinance? Kerry responded by saying yes. The ordinance would apply to the officers as well. Bill asked who would arrest the officer. Terry said that all of the problems that he had over Labor Day were due to intoxication. **Wade made a motion to adopt the ordinance with the changes of "up to six months" and "and/or a fine of not less than \$250; seconded by.** Bill said that he agrees with the majority of the ordinance, but not all. **Tommy and Bill are opposed. Motion carries 3-2.**

#### #10-ORDINANCE #2008-10

This ordinance was approved at the 11-10-08 meeting. **Tommy made a motion to approve; seconded by Wade. All voted in favor.**

#### #12-LINCOLN COUNTY TELEVISION DISTRICT

Terry Jones presented these items. a) Appointment of members—**Wade made a motion to reappoint Nancy Gloeckner, Grayce McBride, Ruth Richardson and Terry Jones to the Lincoln County Television District; seconded by Tommy. All voted in favor.** b) Road conditions at Mr. Ella and Ursine—Mick Lloyd has indicated that he will clean the road up with a Cat. The upgrade to the road going to the Ursine site will be redone by the Road Department. The roads need to be upgraded to allow access to complete the digital from analog, especially if snow comes. c) Analog to Digital progress—Due to a backlog of orders we will not receive our completed order until mid January 2009 and they'll be installed as soon as the weather and road conditions permit for the deadline of February 17, 2008. Terry advised that if some of the equipment can't be put in place in time the Board members will be receiving phone calls.

#### #13-LC COURTHOUSE CLOSURE

John Lovelady advised that this is a request to close the LC Courthouse on December 26, 2008, the day after Christmas. **Paul made a motion to authorize the closure of the LC Courthouse on December 26, 2008; seconded by Bill.** John advised that this isn't a holiday so if the employees want to be paid they will have to use annual leave; the Board agreed. John will send out a letter advising of the closure and the need to use annual leave. The courthouse will still be closed even if some of the employees choose to work. This will be published. **All voted in favor.**

#### #11-CLOSED SESSION

**Wade made a motion to go into closed session; seconded by Paul. All voted in favor. Wade made a motion to go into open session; seconded by Paul. All voted in favor.**

Lunch 12:00-1:00

#### #15-LCHS WASHINGTON, D.C. TRIP

Lori Cheeney made a presentation concerning the trip to Washington, D.C. for high school students. It costs approximately \$800 per student. Kelsey Scott, Brittany Forsythe, Dylan Budreau, and Erica Wilkin are the high school students present. Kelsey reviewed the itinerary. Brittany discussed the cost of the trip and various fundraisers that have been held. The money earned helps to offset the costs for the students. The airline tickets are about \$100 more this year. It is nearly \$150 per student more this year compared to last year. There are 11 students going and they will be there for 6 days/5 nights. The criteria is that they must be Juniors/Seniors at the high school and can't be on grade check; they must have a C average or higher. There are four chaperones going. Each student has already paid \$550. **Paul made a motion to give \$1,300 to this cause, to be paid from Fund 94; seconded by Wade. Tommy disclosed that Mrs. Cheeney is his daughter. All voted in favor.**

#### #11-NORCAL

Ronda instructed John not to put any items on the agenda for later than noon so that the afternoon is set aside for the workshop. **Wade made a motion to set the workshop to discuss Norcal issues for 12-15 at 1:00; seconded by Paul. All voted in favor.**

#### #12-OFFICER/DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

**LC EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR** Rick Stever advised that he has attended several trainings/seminars. Rick offered to conduct training on NIMS for the Commissioners and other affected county entities. Rick estimates that the class will take about 3-4 hours. Phyllis advised that there is a grant that pays half his salary. It is guaranteed through 2013, and started this last October. This grant will allow for Rick to be put on full time. \$41,666 is the amount for administration from DEM. Greg advised that this position can be upgraded on the agenda; it doesn't have to be re-advertised. The Board can simply expand the hours. \$1,630 per month is the current salary.

#### #17-BLT DEVELOPMENT GROUP

This item concerns a request from BLT to discuss postponement of further funding on the Toquop Power Line Corridor Environmental Assessment until Environmental Impact Statement is completed on Tule Desert Pipeline Corridor Right-of-Way (ROW). Ken Dixon presented comments about this item. Ken sent a letter to each developer on 10-27 concerning a new funding schedule. Phase III will cost \$96,175.00. The total for Phase IV is \$275,595.00. Anticipated costs of \$275,595 are due on January 15, 2010 subject to adjustment from any carryover balance. Ken advised that it is important to keep this project going. December 3 there will be a meeting with the developers. Ken doesn't care if the funding is delayed; he wants to make certain that the work isn't stopped. Mark Teepen, BLT, discussed the revised funding schedule. Since the water has been delayed to June of 2009 for the ROW, it seems that the county and developers should hold off on the expenditure of funds since it isn't certain that this route will be approved. Mark stated that they were defaulting on the payment as they feel that the county was spending money on a route that has yet to be approved. The draft EIS was issued and BLT provided comments to BLM to the extent that the utility corridor designated by Congress should be used. Mark met with LC Power and asked why the power wasn't going to come down the corridor prescribed by Congress. It made more sense to have the power come down the same corridor as the water. As the water decision hasn't been made, Mark feels that it makes more sense for those paying the bill to hold off on continuing the EIS for the power. Ronda asked if there is a defined stopping point. Ronda is concerned that things need to stay on track with BLM. If this is stopped, then the team that has been put together to complete the EIS will be lost. Ken said that there isn't really a stopping point. The ROW permit itself was anticipated to be issued in 2009. The notice to proceed is when the work will really begin, that's why this has been pushed back to 2010. If we don't respond to BLM's comments the work will be pushed back. The work for Phase III will take us through the period where BLM can comment and respond to F&W. The EA is ready to be submitted to the BLM now. There are couple of minor comments that have to be adjusted for, but it should be submitted by the end of this month. The Phases are funding phases. Once the ROW is issued Phase II will be entered. This is when the power company has to do a detailed assessment; payment phases don't match this schedule. The ROW is the one that would be analyzed and the county would be in position to work on that one; Mark doesn't feel that the other route should be part of the equation. Going forward with Phase III is still using the Vidler water corridor that comes into A. Ronda is concerned that when there is an alternative, it could create problems as BLM doesn't usually grant two separate routes. If work is stopped until a determination is made one way or another, it will set everything back. Ronda said that she is concerned that this will result in another stall for possibly two more years prior to being able to put either power or water to the development. BLT believes that the LC corridor is the best route for the water and power. Mark questioned why the shorter route coming into J isn't used as there are no fees, according to the Congressional act. Mark feels that there is a compelling argument to use the alternate. If the pipeline comes into BLT's property they would participate in pumping. The mileage difference is 3.5 miles. It will be about \$6-10 millions dollars more to run the power to Parcel A as opposed to J. BLT doesn't want to continue funding the EA until the issues with the water are ironed out. Paul feels that this item should be postponed until after the 12-3 developer meeting. Ronda said that just because the developers agree that there will be a saving it doesn't mean that BLM will agree. **Paul made a motion to table this item to 12-15 at 10:00 a.m.; seconded by Wade.** Chris Armstrong stated that their intent is to keep things on schedule as well. Any decision that will be made that will affect the property should be done in concert by all developers. Chris said that spending the money to save time might be worth it; they would like to keep things moving. Ken added that quite a bit of money has been spent on this route, if the route is changed, it will involve quite a bit more. If there is a route change, Ronda is concerned that BLM will make them go back and start from "scratch". **All voted in favor.**

#### #18-LINCOLN COUNTY NUCLEAR OVERSIGHT

a) Lincoln County's participation in the Nuclear Regulatory Commission Yucca Mountain repository licensing proceeding as a full party or as an interested governmental participant— Barry Neuman and Ethan Strell, Carter, Ledyard & Milburn, presented this item. 10-22-08 NRC published its notice of hearing with respect to the DOE's license application for Yucca Mountain (YM). Barry discussed this notice, which sets in motion a 60 day time limit for anyone who wishes to participate as a full party intervener. By 12-22, anyone who wants to participate must file a petition, which has to be accompanied by the contentions that the party desires to raise and have litigated before the NRC. The contentions have to be accompanied by adequate evidence. There is an alternative method for county governments to participate, short of full intervention

status, and that is the concept of interested government participant (IGP). Barry reviewed the chart that compares the rights of the full intervener and interested government participant. **Wade made a motion for LC to participate as an Interested Government Participant in the NRC Yucca Mountain repository licensing proceeding; seconded by Bill.** Mike Baughman discussed two contentions that have been raised, that YM be left open for 300 years and that the TAD should be able to handle more spent fuel assemblies. Vaughn Higbee discussed the two possible contentions by the county volcanism and exposure to radiation. Vaughn said that a situation needs to be created where the Board gets to know these people well so that the situations that need to be mitigated will be at the forefront. Vaughn doesn't feel that the legal route is the way to go. Vaughn sees no reason to go any farther with the legal issues. Vaughn encouraged the Commission not to spend money on the legal issues, but to go the direction that Connie, Mike Baughman and Robison/Seidler have been taking. Ronda said that Caliente hasn't been left out of this; they receive the agenda and have the opportunity to attend these meetings. Ronda doesn't recall the mayor or anyone from city council coming in to sit through these meetings. Ronda said that they are free to come to any of these meetings. Tommy said that he believes that Caliente is already at the table. Vaughn commented that Caliente has had every opportunity to come to these meetings. However, there have been a number of meetings that have been initiated by Mr. Neuman that the City hasn't been invited to. Barry said that his client is the county. Vaughn asked if these people only represent the county. Ronda commented that he is off the issue on this. **Paul is opposed. Motion carries 4-1.** b) Adoption of a resolution of the Board of Lincoln County Commissioners authorizing the County's District Attorney and outside counsel to take all actions necessary for Lincoln County to participate as an interested governmental participant in the Yucca Mountain Licensing proceedings—Tommy asked if IGP status can be withdrawn at any time prior to the deadline. Barry responded that, yes, the county can change their status and go another route. As a practical matter, the closer that we get to that date it will be more difficult to put together anything that will be sustainable. **Wade made a motion to approve the adoption of a resolution of the Board of Lincoln County Commissioners authorizing the County's District Attorney and outside counsel to take all actions necessary for Lincoln County to participate as an interested governmental participant in the Yucca Mountain Licensing proceedings; seconded by Tommy.** Vaughn advised that Caliente has no intentions to file contentions. **Paul is opposed. Motion carries 4-1.** c) A comment letter to be submitted by Lincoln County to the Department of Energy regarding the scope of issues to be addressed in the Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the geological repository at Yucca Mountain—Mike Baughman presented this item. This letter is due 11-24. There is one place for a citation, but Mike doesn't feel that it's necessary. **Tommy made a motion to approve the comment letter; seconded by Wade. All voted in favor.**

#### #14-PLANNING ITEMS

Clint Wertz has been working on a job description for the dedicated coordinator position. The total amount requested for this position will be over \$100,000; this includes everything. Clint is moving forward to make the request from the developers for the funding on this. The salary for this is \$65-75,000. Clint will hire this person as a senior planner, one step down from him. This person should have both planning and public works background. Clint is getting a cost estimate for a staffing plan. Ronda asked if the \$40,000 on the development agreements has been received. Lincoln Highlands' money has been received. BLT hasn't paid their \$40,000 yet. Clint advised that there is a situation in the county where people are trying to make adjustments to their property. What's happening is that parcel laws, which started in 1974, were not always honored by LC. There is more scrutiny from the outside world. Property owners are trying to rectify certain situations in Eagle Valley and Alamo. There are six-seven property owners trying to file maps to clean up the boundaries. In both cases, all parties agree to sign the map that depicts where everything is. Once the map is recorded it triggers transfer taxes. There are different mechanisms to put all the land in LLC or Trust, but it won't work with either of these situations. The surveyor has asked that the DA help in overcoming the problems with these maps. Greg doesn't want to get involved in this, but Clint feels that the county has a responsibility to fix this. All of these people are stuck with trying to do the remedy as no one wants to pay the transfer tax for property that they already own. It might be possible to do a BDR for remedy of parcels. Going to the Legislation is the only route that Clint can think of. Clint believes that half of the parcels in this county weren't legally created. a) Report from Zucker and Bise on county planning and fiscal needs assessment and request for funds, up to \$130,000, from Land Act Planning and Development funds to conduct a fiscal impact analysis for large developments and remainder of county—Clint reviewed the report. The cost for the two studies that they've recommended is about \$120,000. Clint suggested that the \$80,000 from the development agreements could be put toward this. Both of these fees are earmarked to go back into Fund 49, Ken Dixon said. Ken will check with Cory Lytle to see if he is willing to let these funds be used for this study. \$98,657 is the amount in Fund 49 and the Fund 93 has approximately \$337,288. **Paul made a motion to table this to the next agenda; seconded by Wade. All voted in favor.**

#### #19-WIND GENERATORS ON WHITE ROCK RANGE

Ronda discussed various deficiencies and changes that need to be made to this resolution. Ronda further mentioned that portions of the White Rock area were actually left out of wilderness. Some of areas on WR are the last of those in LC that are not closed off or restricted by BLM. Ronda said that the language in these needs to be cleaned up. No action is taken and this will be on the next agenda.

#### #20-WIND GENERATORS ON ATLANTA RANGE

Ronda commented that there are changes required to this resolution. This area is actually called Silver Park and Tub Peak. No action is taken and this will be on the next agenda.

#### #22-COUNTY MANAGER ITEMS

a) Update—The personnel policy will be worked on this week. Classification tables will be included. Maps for the Alamo Industrial Park have been sent here but the plotter is still broken. Wade requested that the Alamo Town Board receive a map. Tracy Lee has a repairman coming to fix the plotter. Ronda asked that some type of maintenance policy be put in place for the plotter.

#### #21-GRANTS

a) Update—Phyllis Robistow presented this item. IAF or supplemental will look at holding the counties harmless if we get a bill for \$600,000 and it can't go into IAF. State Parks understands that LC got the SNPLMA grant for Echo. There might be a solution for the leak that would cost about \$200,000, according to Alan Newberry. They are looking into it to see if they can pay for it. USDA has several grants that the county might be able to take advantage of. One of them might help Holly Gatzke with the program she working on for produce. DEM has a couple of grants, but this will be addressed on the 12-1 agenda. Des Craig has given Phyllis permission to hire administration at \$20,000, which doesn't have to be held solely to the Industrial Park. Des gave Phyllis permission to hire a temporary or part time person and it just has to be proven that it was used for grants administration.

Wade leaves the meeting at this time.

#### #23-PUBLIC COMMENT

Shirley McCrosky and Clint Koble presented the community needs assessment program as created by the Nevada Resource Team. This can be done under \$15,000 as it is done mostly by volunteers. NRDC provides half day training for those who desire to be on the Nevada Resource Team. Certification is received upon completion of the training. Clint commented that the only town he's been able to work with on town plans is Alamo. This would be a supplement to the master plan. Louis Benezet feels that this presentation will be a good idea and hopes the county can find the funding for it. It would be a good basis for the decisions that LC seems to always be making defensively. Let's use a process like this to figure out what we want for this county. The cost is \$8500-15,000 for each town. Phyllis suggested that Pioche and Panaca could be done as one.

#### #24-ADJOURN

There being no further business for the Board to attend to, **Paul made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:17; seconded by Bill. All voted in favor.**

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_ Approve: \_\_\_\_\_