

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

September 8, 2009

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

The Board met in regular session with Chairman Paul Mathews calling the meeting to order at 9:02. Clerk Lisa Lloyd called the roll with Commissioners Tommy Rowe, Ronda Hornbeck, Paul Mathews, Ed Higbee and Bill Lloyd being present. There is a quorum present and the agenda was posted on 9-1-09 to comply with the open meeting law. The Invocation is offered by Ed and Tommy led the Pledge of Allegiance. District Attorney Greg Barlow is present as well.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

- 2\* Approve/Deny minutes of the August 17, 2009 Commission meeting.
- 3\* Approve/Deny projects to be submitted to Nevada Division of transportation for use with stimulus funds.
- 4\* Approve/Deny Tax Strike APN:1-042-05, Donald Ray & Dorothy K. Adams, 3,247 assessed.
- 5\* Approve/Deny Tax Strike APN: 10-182-05, James Daniel Smalls, Manufactured Home Repossessed, 11,286 assessed.
- 6\* Approve/Deny Appointment of Geri Phillips to the Pioche Housing Authority Board.
- 7\* Approve/Deny Business License Waiver for Lynn's Auto.
- 8\* Approve/Deny Business Licenses with staff recommendations (an itemized list of business licenses is available for public review in the Building Department prior to the meeting).

**Ronda made a motion to approve the consent agenda with the exception of Items #3 and #7; seconded by Bill. All voted in favor.**

**#3-STIMULUS PROJECTS**

This item is handled under grants, Item #27.

**#7-BUSINESS LICENSE WAIVER FOR LYNN'S AUTO**

Lynn Jackson is requesting a waiver of the business license requirements. Lynn feels he's exempt from holding a county business license because his business is based within the City of Caliente limits and he is already licensed there. The State of Nevada also requires all towing companies to hold a certificate, which he does. Lynn tows all over the county, back and forth to Vegas, as well as to Utah. Bud Light, the bread man, the milk man, and any business coming into or operating in LC is required to have business licenses. **Ronda made a motion to deny the waiver of the business license for Lynn's Auto; seconded by Bill.** Lynn's business is based in Caliente, but he does business throughout the county. There is some discussion concerning the requirement of business licenses in other counties. Technically, even if someone is selling Avon they should be licensed. **Ed and Tommy are opposed. Motion carries 3-2.**

**#9-VOUCHERS**

Recorder/Auditor Leslie Boucher presented the vouchers. A voucher was received from Fair and Recreation Board to be paid to LCAT for Tourism Marketing, \$15,000, and Leslie has requested information as to what Phase I is. Leslie has asked for a copy of the signed contract and usually these payments aren't made until the work is complete. Bill advised that a lady has been hired to advertise for the county. There is no backup for the voucher. Leslie questioned whether or not the money is being advanced or will the county wait until this is completed. Leslie has minutes showing the approval of the money, but she doesn't have a copy of the contract. Phyllis commented that anyone that is given a grant should be treated the same way that granting agencies are treated, which is that expenditure of the funds must be proven prior to payment. Bill commented that if this is the way things are to be done then payment for things like rodeos need to wait until completion. Leslie commented that this is how it's currently done; charges are made and billing comes in to the county after the rodeo is over—receipts are required. \$103,000 worth of asphalt was done in the county and the county was invoiced for the work. Phyllis has submitted an invoice to the granting agency for payment. The contractor and subcontractor are waiting for the money at this point, but this is how government agencies operate. Leslie restated that she has absolutely no backup for the voucher. Leslie also needs submission of proof for work that

has been done. The county only pays vouchers once the work is complete. Room Tax Board should require a voucher for work done prior to payment. There is a voucher for Phyllis and Denice, who submitted for breakfast and lunch for the day traveled with SNPLMA within the lunch. Ronda commented that the travel policy doesn't include payment for meals if the individual stays within the county. Ronda discussed the travel policy. Policy states very clearly that travel within the county requires the individual to pay for their own meals. The voucher pertains solely to the meals; Denice is hourly and Phyllis requested that she come in early to tour with SNPLMA. **Ronda made a motion to approve the vouchers as presented with the exception of the vouchers for LCAT (this will be handled later in the day if documentation is received), Phyllis Robistow, and Denice Brown; seconded by Tommy. All voted in favor.**

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

**RECORDER/AUDITOR** Leslie Boucher presented the cash balance reports. General County has a balance of \$684,989.96 with estimated expenditures being \$162,747.68. This leaves General County with a balance of \$522,242.28. Transportation has a cash balance of \$17,195.46 with estimated expenditures being \$6,671.88. This will leave Transportation with a balance of \$10,523.58. Nutrition has a cash balance of \$20,665.13 with estimated expenditures being \$11,883.46. This leaves Nutrition with a negative balance of \$8,781.67. Detention Center has a cash balance of \$140,298.01 with estimated expenditures being \$88,998.36. Detention Center will have a balance of \$51,299.65. A budget transfer of \$60,000 is on the agenda. Solid Waste has a balance of \$86,061.65 with a payment due this month.

#### #10-HIGHWAY COMMISSION

This item is handled under separate agenda.

#### #14-BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT UPDATE RE: SOLAR ENERGY

Wells McGifford of BLM presented an update an update concerning the solar energy projects, including the Solar Programmatic EIS. Wells presented information for procedure to comment on the PEIS. Wells met with Argon Laboratories concerning the study. Part of the study includes 3 study areas located in LC. There are many concerns about the location of these areas and their impacts. Argon will take the comments that are provided into consideration. They are willing to look at modifying locations and/or look at alternate locations. The comments will be heard and issues will be addressed. Wells has met informally with many of the permittees. The draft PEIS will be available Spring 2010. Final PEIS will be completed Fall 2010. If the 5,000 acres is reduced, alternate locations will have to be identified as they are looking for overall acreage. There are some areas that impact allotments, but these are allotments that aren't being used. Ronda cautioned Wells in saying that the AUMS aren't being used or that they will not be impacted; every one of the AUMs is being used. Even if the solar study area is modified, a developer can still come in and develop in an area that was removed from the study. The study aids in identifying issues, impacts and concerns. Wells advised they are looking at offsets; these study areas are simply study areas. No one can apply for any of the areas that are involved in the study area until it's complete. There is a two year withdraw period from the solar study areas; soonest these areas could be developed is May 2011. After the developer is approved, they are required to perform a full EIS in any area they desire to develop. Typical size of a solar project is 2,000-5,000 acres. When an individual is looking to develop, they actually take a larger area than just 5,000 acres since studies including archaeological studies are required and could, based on findings, preclude use of some acreage. The land will be held by BLM and leased for a period of years to the developing companies. There is incredibly heavy bonding that will be required in order to cover the cost of rehabilitation to the land after usage. The companies will be held responsible, but BLM is still working to identify the amount the companies will be responsible to bond for. Two major areas in LC that are being looked at are highly productive cattle areas; probably the two most productive in southeastern NV. Vaughn Higbee suggested that, in light of that, there needs to be some way to compensate for these losses. When a developer comes in and desires to do a project, negotiations for the project will take place and should cover the impacts. At this point, these are just studies and it isn't certain that development will occur in these areas. Kena Gloeckner cited that their names are on a lawsuit against SNWA for the decision that was made in Dry Lake Valley. The State Engineer gave 100%, which is historical and nothing like this has ever happened. Dry Lake Valley is the Lytle's entire winter allotment. The line goes perfectly along the valley and leaves SNWA out entirely so that their sheep allotments remain. The targeted area has an incredible dust problem. The sheep range has a gradual slope. Lytle's allotment has white sage and once destroyed it can't be rehabilitated. The northern boundary line targets Thorleys, Delmues, Lytles and Matt Bulloch. There is an extreme balance between winter and summer AUMs. Even though Lytles have a vast amount of summer AUMs

they are useless during the winter. It is impossible to feed the number of cattle they have on the summer AUMs during the winter. The line takes away 99% of Lytle's winter allotment and 100% of Thorley's. In this area of the county there is one application for solar. In southern NV there are 62 applications. Wells cited that typically developers go to an area that is the best for development. LC wants to see solar, and Wells cited that BLM wants to work with the county to identify areas that will work well for solar development. On a district level, good spots need to be identified for presentation. Much of the discussion and input will be beneficial to development in the county. Wells will push for the easiest and least intrusive areas. Wells will direct developers to areas that have less resource impacts. The new power line that is going in, SWIP, will benefit the solar areas. The developers of solar will want to be located immediately next to a corridor. Department of Defense has their training areas here, and it will be at a Pentagon level as to whether or not these areas will be allowed to develop. Kena cited they have 3 vested water rights and an underground water line that services several reservoirs. These will be useless with development. Ed stated he is pushing to have the solar located in private property. Interference with any AUMs will destroy people's livelihoods and the county will be trading one economical benefit for another. Ronda cited that the county never went outside of Vidler's ranch, which is private. It wasn't the county that opened this wide up and scattered the selected areas. The county was approached by Senator Reid's office to make a recommendation for location of solar. The county's effort was to minimize impacts; it has been flipped on the county. Kena asked if the county could issue a statement that says they are against all solar unless it's located on private land. Yes. Even if LC stood against this, applications for use of the public lands can still be submitted. All of the senators are saying we have to do our share to cut back our usage of fossil fuels. There is a percentage now that the county is required to fulfill. The question is whether or not it is better for the county to identify areas that can be used. The county is now having to work with the government on this or it will be like a shotgun effect and renewables will be located any and everywhere. At this point, it's better for the county to find alternatives. There is no reimbursement for the AUMs, Shane Cheeney said. AUMs can be suspended for the duration of the studies, which can last up to 20 years. By that time, any rancher is out of business. There is a great history of BLM suspending AUMs for nonuse. There is 30 times more feed, but once they're suspended the ranchers don't get them back. There are no utility corridors going through the county yet. These projects can't be built until there is a way to wheel the power. The big push is that stimulus money is being given out by the government for projects that can be completed within two years. Ronda cited that with all the required studies and time frames, it is more prudent to locate solar on private land. The expense to develop solar on public land is astronomical. Placement on private land makes more fiscal sense. Gary Davis suggested the Commission send a document/letter saying that this isn't what the county agreed to. Wells reviewed the current renewable energy projects within the district. There are 18 wind applications, including Wilson Creek. There is one solar project application in Pahroc that has been withdrawn but is still open. There are four transmission projects with another potential 6 that haven't been submitted. It is possible that a portion of the lines will come through the county.

#### #23-NUCLEAR WASTE ITEMS

b) Support of N-4 Grazing Board comment letter to Ely Bureau of Land Management re: Solar Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (PEIS)—This letter addressed the issues previously discussed under Item #14. This calls for cooperation up front/early on. N-4 is asking for cooperating status and they are commenting on the loss of AUMs and native vegetation, soils, and the impacts to existing range improvements, water resources and water rights, the policies and practices to minimize impacts for site-specific development. Suggestions are made to minimize impacts on site specific basis. The time for remuneration is something that should be considered now as opposed to waiting until a developer comes in; these should be up front costs. If land is going to be taken, payment for loss of feed, water, or whatever should be paid for. These projects should be done with no net loss of AUMs, which means they have to be addressed up front and the developer should pay for the entire thing. **Ronda made a motion to approve the letter that N-4 Grazing Board is putting forth; seconded by Ed. All voted in favor.**

#### #15-LETTER CONCERNING SOLAR AREAS IN LINCOLN COUNTY

Connie Simkins presented this item, which concerns a letter in reference to the Environmental Impact Study for areas identified for solar within Lincoln County. This letter reiterates the need for Dry Lake Valley North be redefined to be limited to the original submission for solar areas. **Ronda made a motion to approve the letter along with the recommendation to email to all parties on the list provided by Connie; seconded by Ed. All voted in favor.**

#### #25-HUMAN SERVICES

a) Update—The truck that was wrecked will be purchased back from the insurance for salvage. A truck will then be purchased to replace the wrecked one; this will be covered by a grant. Toni and staff will be in Mesquite on Friday for required training.

#### #27-GRANTS

Phyllis Robistow, Grants Administrator, presented these items. #3) Projects to be submitted to the Nevada Division of Transportation for use with stimulus funds—With the stimulus money, they'd like to start at Hwy. 93 and go down Hwy. 322 around to Echo Dam and as far as possible into Eagle Valley. Ronda advised that this isn't a project she pushed or was even aware of. This is a chip seal project to redo the road. This is county money, but it is possible to put the funds in with the NDOT bid and have them do the work. This allows the county to "get more bang for the buck". **Ed made a motion to approve the Eagle Valley Road project for submission to stimulus funds; seconded by Bill. All voted in favor.** b) Letter to Nevada Division of Transportation regarding prescription rights of the county for the roads to be improved with stimulus funds—The letter will state that the county has maintained this road for several years. The county has prescriptive rights since it has maintained this for five or more years. **Ronda made a motion to approve submission of this letter; seconded by Bill. All voted in favor.** a) Update—SNPLMA came for a monitoring visit and they have reviewed all existing and future parks, with the exception of Rachel. They are happy with the way things have been done and there are some small things that need to be added to the paperwork. Round 10 was announced Friday by the Secretary; \$880,000 was approved for the LC Fair and Rodeo Grounds. Round 11 is open as of today and is due November 6; LC is allowed only two nominations. Phyllis proposed that the Caliente Pool Project be completed and the Pioche Pool Project be started. Phyllis and Cory will meet with Panaca Town Board concerning the startup and scoping of the Pioneer Park Project. An update meeting took place in Alamo with Ed and Sunrise Engineering to bring Ed up to speed on the Alamo Industrial Park. There is a meeting tonight that Phyllis and Leslie Boucher will be attending with Alamo Power District. Fiscal monitoring visit occurred for a grant program run by Toni for Homemaker; return was great. 9-21 the Commissioners will be asked to approve a medium-term obligation to renew the loan for the Alamo Industrial Park; it's for ten years. Connie Simkins and Vaughn Higbee volunteer to be involved on the relocation of the arena in Panaca.

#### #30-PUBLIC COMMENT

Ilene Pearson discussed the perilous times we are living in; anything the government does is for more control. Glenn Beck has shown us the people that Obama has placed in his cabinet; it is frightening, Ilene said. Ilene suggested that everyone pray for the constitution and for those who work so hard to preserve it. Ilene also asked that everyone pray for guidance and wisdom as to what we can do to help.

Lunch 12:00-1:00

#### #19-TEAMSTERS LOCAL 14 LABOR AGREEMENTS

DA Greg Barlow met with Gary Mauger, who met with the Road Department, last week. Teamsters will accept the county's budget as passed and finalized with the state. RD agrees to no steps or cost of living for this year. Teamsters will not be giving the county a discount on the cost of insurance. The county will not hold layoffs for budgetary purposes this year. Teamsters accept the county's decision to freeze everyone. The difficult part of this is that employees were counting on the steps and longevity based on the insurance discount. Greg suggested the Board prepare for the coming year. The budget was set for no steps or longevity for anyone that falls under the labor agreements. Ronda cited she is glad the members of the Road Department finally had the opportunity to vote on the issue. Board members were extremely frustrated at the change in negotiation circumstances again. The county never threatened layoff. If the numbers hold the way they are estimated, it is believed that at some point in the year the RD would have to layoff in order to make their money stretch. Paul commented that he would like to go, with Dan McArthur involved, to the RD and review their finances to see where they will be at the end of the year if COLA is paid. Then, Paul would like to meet with Gary Mauger again to see if Teamsters would be willing to extend the discount on the insurance again so the county can pay COLA. If Teamsters doesn't give back the offer of the \$56,000 the Board can't give anyone anything. Derek Foremaster advised that the county is technically violating their contract as of July 1, 2009 by not paying COLA. Sheriff Kerry Lee commented the reason that the budget was turned in the manner it was simply was to prevent layoffs. Tommy said that the Board is trying to administer to several bargaining units and if Gary would work on all of the units together it would eliminate the dissention. It's easier for the county to take a hit in the RD fund

than in General Fund. Ronda suggested that Paul and Bill work with Dan to schedule a meeting with the RD prior to the next Commission meeting. The Board is now in a very precarious situation in that they have to ask LCLEA to reconsider again so that all units are on equal footing. Clerical, dispatchers and RD will not get steps; all of these units will be frozen if this offer is accept. No action is taken so that Paul and Bill can meet with the RD. Kerry suggested that Gary meet with all of the units at the same time for a vote and resolution. This item will be on the next agenda.

#### #18-LC LAW ENFORCEMENT ASSOCIATION LABOR AGREEMENT

A letter from Derek Foremaster, President of LCLEA, has been received. The letter responds to the Board's request to rescind the Cost of Living benefit. The LCLEA agrees to amend Articles 25 and 26. Article 25-Wages: FY 2009 salary schedule shall be increased effective the first full pay period following July 1, 2009 by the USDL All Cities Consumer Price Index for all Urban Consumers (CPI-Y) for the year ending in April 2009. The minimum increase will be two percent and the maximum increase will be three percent. Article 26: Effective on and after July 1, 2009 each employee will have the opportunity to submit to the Nevada POST approved physical agility test annually. Any physical agility testing under this article will be voluntary and completed during the employee's off-duty hours, which will be unpaid time. If an employee successfully passes the test as determined by the Sheriff or his designee the employee will receive \$650.00 bones not added to base salary in the next pay period following approval by the Sheriff. Employees may re-qualify for the \$650.00 bonus from year to year. The amendment is as follows: In a recent LCLEA meeting the membership unanimously voted to rescind the Cost of Living benefit (2%) in Article 25 in exchange for the physical incentive pay benefit (\$650.00) in Article 26 being paid to each member of the LCLEA on the first pay period of October 2009. Payment will be issued in separate checks and no physical agility test will be required for this fiscal year. See above item for discussion. No action is taken on this item as LCLEA is waiting to see what the outcome is with the other units. This item will be on the next agenda.

#### #13-CELL PHONE PLANS

Ronda advised that she has reviewed her cell phone plan, which had 900 minutes. She isn't receiving enough calls or making enough to even get close to the minutes. Most of the calls she makes are Verizon to Verizon. Ronda is requesting that all individuals review their plans to see if they can go with a less expensive plan that has fewer minutes. It is a way to save some money. Sheriff Kerry Lee commented that he and all of his employees pay for their own cell phones at no charge to the county.

#### #21-RESOLUTION #2009-33

Sheriff Kerry Lee presented this item. This has been advertised over ten days prior to this meeting. This resolution is in accordance to statute and is the same as the one approved for the durangos. Ronda read the resolution into the record. This expense has been budgeted and will be paid for through the Airforce funds. **Ronda made a motion to approve the resolution authorizing a medium-term obligation installment purchase agreement for new vehicles for the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office; seconded by Ed. All voted in favor.**

#### #12-BUDGET TRANSFERS

This money is to cover the cost of the payment for the Detention Center. **Ronda made a motion to approve the budget transfer from Federal In Lieu Special Revenue Fund to the Detention Center Enterprise Fund in the amount of \$60,094.00; seconded by Ed. All voted in favor.**

#### #16-WESTERN COUNTIES ALLIANCE

The budgeted amount was \$2,500. **Ronda made a motion to approve the payment of 2009 fees to Western Counties Alliance Association in the amount of \$2,500.00 as budgeted; seconded by Ed. All voted in favor.**

#### #17-SPECIAL EVENTS COMMITTEE

Ken Dixon presented this item. Connie Simkins and Ken Dixon are the only active members on this committee. Ken feels Cory Lytle should be part of this committee. Ronda agreed and suggested that someone from the community with an active interest in racing should be appointed, too. Greg said he would like his office to be kept "in the loop" on this. Connie stated that Ben Bender and Wally Giddings have served on this committee for a great time. Wally doesn't have a computer; Ben does, but they would both like to remain on the committee.

Ben and Wally have put on the Silver Dust races. Connie agreed that it would be a good idea to include someone from the active race world. Connie suggested that, since there is an active club in Alamo, the Board might want to draw from that group. Ken would like the central location for information to be Cory's office; Connie agreed. Vaughn Higbee suggested Vern Holiday from Alamo. Contacts will be made to see if anyone is interested and this item will be readdressed at the next meeting. Cory will contact Zach Livreri and Vern Holiday; this person should be someone who resides in LC.

#### #24-LINCOLN COUNTY AMUBLANCE

a) Policy and procedures for ambulance service—Louise would like to establish a policy of payment and reimbursement to active volunteers throughout the service. Training and education, lodging, fuel, meals, license fees, bi-annual physicals, or other related expenses deemed necessary or in conjunction with the operations of the service by the ambulance administrator is considered reimbursable. It shall be the policy of the ambulance service that payment and/or reimbursement for the above will be as follows: the attendant/volunteer will perform 15% of the yearly runs or in some circumstances, may be determined by the ambulance administrator. There are some people that don't go on runs, but they teach frequently; these people should be considered active. **Tommy made a motion to approve and accept the policy and procedures as stated above; seconded by Ed. All voted in favor.** b) Renewal of contract with Louise Buettner as Ambulance Services Administrator—**Ed made a motion to adopt the employment agreement for Louise Buettner, effective July 1, 2009-June 30, 2010; seconded by Bill. All voted in favor.**

#### #23-NUCLEAR WASTE ITEMS

Connie Simkins presented this item. a) Revisions of current year budget for the Nuclear Oversight Program—The amount of money that they'll have for the budget is unknown. Connie is asking the Board to think about what they'd like to do if Congress eliminates the budget. There is enough money to go forward with the current year, but, if they continue to spend the way they currently are, they'll be out of money before the end of the year. Paul stated that so much has changed in the program since March. Paul feels it would be prudent to take a second look based on all of these changes. Ronda would like to see the nuclear waste office stay open as long as possible. Connie recommended cutting her to half time, leaving Elaine at half time, and Connie would be available to travel. Connie would also like the contract for CoreGeo Data to remain in place. Paul commented that there is no way the contractors should be fully funded if the workload has decreased enough to justify cutting Connie to half time. Vaughn Higbee suggested the last thing the Board wants to do is cut the county offices; Paul agreed—the contractors will go before Connie does. Ronda suggested a letter be sent to the contractors requesting them to be frugal and possibly cut back on spending until a decision is made. Paul wouldn't mind having a JCCIAC meeting to review priorities. Connie has been assured that Congress will act before the first of October. c) Connie Simkins' attendance at Nuclear Waste Technical Review Board meeting in National Harbor, Maryland, September 23-24, 2009—This request has been withdrawn. No action taken.

#### #9-VOUCHERS

Leslie cited she's received an invoice from Fair and Rec. **Tommy made a motion to approve the voucher for LCAT; seconded by Ed. All voted in favor.**

#### #22-INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Clint Wertz presented these items. a) Status of Building and Planning Hewlett Packard 4000 plotter repair and usage—The plotter was purchased in 2006 and hasn't been operational most of the time Clint has been working here. The plotter has been down since last November. There are many maps that haven't been printed for zoning. Clint isn't happy with the response he's gotten from Tracy Lee about getting fixed. Print heads and print cartridges need to be replaced. Without a county manager, Clint isn't sure who's in charge of the contractors. The plotter is worth \$7,000 and is a good machine, but it's not functional. The plotter is set up so that anyone in the building can use it. The technical problem with the cards in it has been fixed. Clint doesn't want to touch it since he doesn't know enough about it to maintain it, but not being able to use it is having an impact. LCTS needs maps printed. Paul doesn't mind talking to Tracy about this issue. Paul has had comments from other offices/departments as well. The Board needs to come up with a method to get a work order done. Paul asked if a work order program needs to be set up or does someone in the county need to be appointed to oversee IT. Clint reminded the Board of the need for an IT committee to oversee the work list for Tracy. The plotter is part of Tracy's contract, Paul cited. Three months ago, Dawne Combs prepared the PO to get the plotter repaired. Clint doesn't know why it's taken several months and there has been no action. Clint sent an email request for

repair. The first email he sent was last November for this problem. Paul said this is simply an organizational issue. Paul will meet with Tracy and then decide how it will be best to go forward. Some sort of accountability needs to be established. Clint commented that there is no communication as to what things are in the process and being worked on. Ronda commented there needs to be a paper trail showing what requests have been put in and what requests have been completed. Ronda said Tracy needs to answer to someone. Paul will work on this; no action taken. b) Status of web server development and a new broadband line into the courthouse that will enable the county's mapping service—Clint made a power point presentation regarding the GIS system and Lincoln County 911 Mapper.

#### #28-PLANNING ITEMS

Planning Director Clint Wertz presented this item. a) Update—Coyote Springs has submitted an update to Title 15 of the Development Code to address some of the issues in regards to energy. This will go through the Planning Commission and come before the Board after; this is a code amendment. The Road Department presented Clint with information concerning a machine that creates road signs. RTC will fund the purchase of the machine, up to \$10,000. Steve Chouquer is looking for a place to house the machine and for an employee who would be willing to make signs. Boulder City has offered to train the individual responsible for the operation of the machine.

#### #20-FRANCHISE AGREEMENT BETWEEN LC/RAINBOW CABLE

Ronda cited that Rainbow Cable has an agreement with Caliente. Ronda and John Christian met together concerning the franchise agreement. One of the things John questioned is that this needs to be an ongoing contract. This is an extension of the existing contract, Section 3 and 11. If the existing ordinance were allowed to expire it would cause issues for John's company. Eventually this will be different as the TV will be internet based. No action is taken and this will be addressed on a future agenda.

#### #26-EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Emergency Management Coordinator Rick Stever presented this item. a) Update—No update is presented.

#### #29-BUILDING AND SAFETY ITEMS

Building Department Director Cory Lytle presented this item. a) Update—Cory invited the Board members to attend the Panaca Town Board meeting when presentation concerning the SNPLMA projects is made. A change order for Pearson Brothers for work on the Alamo Annex has to be done. There is money budgeted for another phase of remodeling at the Annex. There are about 150 business licenses filed to date. Cory continues to mail about 15-20 applications every week. Cory is working with the Pioche Town Board on the Pioche Park improvements. Maintenance is going to become an enormous issue. It has been mentioned the Fair Building is going to be too small. Cory will try and run extra empty conduit for the possible future extension of the building. The engineered drawing provides for the future building being located about 500 feet away.

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

**COMMISSIONER RONDA HORNBECK** met with BLM and permittees on the solar situation. There will be another meeting with the permittees this Thursday. Ronda met with Senator Ensign last Wednesday; main topic was health care. There is a Tri-County meeting on Friday in Ely. **COMMISSIONER PAUL MATHEWS** advised that there is a wildland fire summit. **COMMISSIONER ED HIGBEE** has spoken with Toni Pinkham many times about the truck that was wrecked. The old truck will be repaired enough to be used in Caliente. Sunrise will be talking to people about getting power to the Alamo Industrial Park. The outer property will be put up for sale and the inside on the main street will be kept by the county. **CLERK** Lisa Lloyd reported that she will be out of the office from September 11<sup>th</sup> to the 20<sup>th</sup> on personal time and October 6-9 for elections meetings in Reno.

#### #30-PUBLIC COMMENT

There is no public comment.

#### #31-ADJOURN

There being no further business for the Board to attend to, Paul adjourned the meeting at 3:32.

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