

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

September 21, 2009

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

The Board met in regular session with Vice Chairman Bill Lloyd calling the meeting to order at 9:05. Clerk Lisa Lloyd called the roll with Commissioners Tommy Rowe, Ronda Hornbeck, Ed Higbee and Bill Lloyd being present. Commissioner Paul Mathews is absent at this time but he will be here later today. There is a quorum present and the agenda was posted on 9-15-09 to comply with the open meeting law. The Invocation is offered by John Martinez and Ronda led the Pledge of Allegiance. District Attorney Greg Barlow is present as well.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

- 2\* Approve/Deny minutes of the September 8, 2009 Commission meeting.
- 3\* Approve/Deny Change Order #1 on Pioche Sewer Ponds Project in the amount of \$1,479.95 for increase in materials costs agreed to in the contract.
- 4\* Approve/Deny Change Order for Rail City Linear Park Improvements in the sum of \$9,658.00.
- 5\* Approve/Deny Risk Assessment Assurance for Community Services Block Grant for the Stimulus Funds being received by Lincoln County.
- 6\* Approve/Deny Signing of Notification of Grant Award and Business Associate Addendum, from Division of Aging and Disability Services for Home Delivered Meals in the amount of \$56,389.00.
- 7\* Approve/Deny Signing of Notification of Grant Award and Business Associate Addendum, from Division of Aging and Disability Services for Congregate Meals in the amount of \$25,118.00.
- 8\* Approve/Deny Signing of Notification of Grant Award and Business Associate Addendum, from Division of Aging and Disability Services for Homemaker in the amount of \$14,205.00.
- 9\* Approve/Deny Signing of Notification of Grant Award and Business Associate Addendum, from Division of Aging and Disability Services for Transportation in the amount of \$4,963.00.
- 10\* Approve/Deny Appointment of Kenyon Walch to Alamo Town Maintenance/Seasonal Labor Part-Time at \$8.00 per hour.
- 11\* Approve/Deny: Tax Strike APN:005-131-23, Dallas & Candace Harrison, 12,860 Assessed, house assessed value duplicated.
- 12\* 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; seconded by Ed. All voted in favor.**

**#13-VOUCHERS**

Recorder/Auditor Leslie Boucher presented the vouchers. There is a claim from the Alamo High School Rodeo Club that is for October. Usually, payments are made after the fact; the Board will have to decide what to do with this voucher. Ronda commented that a phone log is needed for Emergency Management. Ronda addressed the voucher for Fair and Recreation Board for food; there is a policy that requires prior approval for payment of lunch-type items. Tommy suggested that it be paid and those involved should be notified of the requirement for preapproval. The voucher is approximately \$69.00 and was for the preparation of the county fair. There are notices on many of the vouchers that people are still not turning in their phone logs; it's understood there are several entities that can't report based on confidentiality issues, but Ronda feels that a letter or notice needs to be sent out from the Commission. Ronda will work with Denice to get this letter sent out advising of the requirement for phone logs. **Tommy made a motion to approve the vouchers as presented, the airport vouchers are to be paid from the Miscellaneous Fund (this fund will be reimbursed when the airport receives its rent money); seconded by Ed. All voted in favor.**

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

**RECORDER/AUDITOR** Leslie Boucher presented the cash balance reports. General County has a balance of \$569,391.59 with estimated expenditures being \$161,923.41. This leaves General County with a balance of \$407,468.18. Transportation has a cash balance of \$17,192.78 with estimated expenditures being \$2,663.43. This will leave Transportation with a balance of \$14,529.35. Nutrition has a cash balance of \$37,419.06 with

estimated expenditures being \$9,560.01. This leaves Nutrition with a balance of \$27,859.05. Detention Center has a cash balance of \$209,557.31 with estimated expenditures being \$110,667.68. Detention Center will have a balance of \$98,889.63. Solid Waste has a balance of \$69,220.15. Airport Fund is in the red \$73.53 with estimated expenditures being \$381.59. This will leave the airport fund with a negative balance of \$294.12 as there are some receipts no yet posted.

#### #14-HIGHWAY COMMISSION

This item is handled under separate agenda.

Paul joins the meeting and the Chair is turned over to him.

#### #15-LINCOLN COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT

This item is handled under separate agenda.

#### #16-PANACA FIRE DISTRICT

This item is handled under separate agenda.

#### #18-AGENDA ITEMS CUTOFF DATES

Based on holidays and required training, agenda items will need to be turned in by 12:00 p.m. on October 9<sup>th</sup>, October 23<sup>rd</sup>, and November 6<sup>th</sup>. Denice will be out of the office some of these days and the others have to be posted early due to holidays. **Tommy made a motion to require the cutoff for agenda items as listed and that a memo be sent to all departments; seconded by Ronda. All voted in favor.**

#### #19-STATE PAYMENT TITLE 1, SECURE RURAL SCHOOLS & COMMUNITIES DETERMINATION ACT

This is a request from the Forest Service requesting a percentage be allocated for state payment Title 1, Secure Rural Schools & Communities Determination Act. This is something the county does every year; a certain percentage is allocated yearly to Title 1. A document is needed showing the percentage the county approves.

#### #21-SPECIAL EVENTS COMMITTEE

The recommendations are: Connie Simkins, Zack Livreri, Vern Holaday, Kellon Walch, Ben Bender, Wally Giddings, Cory Lytle, and Ken Dixon. The committee will choose their own chairman. **Ronda made a motion to appoint the above listed people and to require that they hold at least one full committee meeting per year, as well as hold meetings any time there are maps waiting for approval; seconded by Ed.** Connie volunteered to take hard copies of all documents to Wally Giddings, who doesn't have computer access. Documentation is to come back to the Building Department. **All voted in favor.**

#### #17-OFFICER/DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Connie Simkins, **LC Nuclear Waste Oversight Program Manager**, reported on a meeting she attended in St. George, UT, regarding current test site programs.

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

Greg Barlow, DA, reported that this is not ready for approval at this time. It will be on the next agenda.

#### #26-RESOLUTION TO INCREASE PIOCHE PUBLIC UTILITIES SEWER RATE

This is a resolution to reduce the water usage amount, increase the sewer rate, the power rate will remain the same but 0.007 per KWH will be transferred to the Capital Projects Fund. The amount of gallons for minimum usage is being reduced; the rate will stay the same. Customers will pay for anything used over 12,000 gallons as opposed to the previous 15,000 gallons. This resolution was previously approved by the board and it has been advertised. **Tommy made a motion to approve the resolution; seconded by Ronda.** Paul read the resolution into the record. **Tommy withdraws his motion as the resolutions aren't present for approval. No action is taken and this will be on the next agenda.**

#### #20-RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PLAN

This item concerns a recommendation from Lincoln County for amendment to the Resource Management Plan (RMP). Previously there were only two requests over the many years this has been in place. In the RMP, due to the history of these two, it specifically provides for only two buggy races. There is no provision for motorcycle

races. BLM stated the only way to change this is to go through an amendment through RMP. If the Commission agrees, the number "2" will be removed. The vehicle racing creates more damage so BLM will be very careful about how many are allowed to take places. SNORE and Best in the Desert (BID) are the only two that have submitted for races. A group from UT called BOR has now applied. BLM has sent out notification that there will be a drawing amongst the three groups for racing now and there is a great deal of concern about correcting the RMP to include an additional. The amendment will increase the number of allowed vehicle truck and buggy races since right now it specifically says two. Ronda asked the Board to send a letter requesting the removal of the number "2" and allowing for more races. White Pine has agreed to support LC's recommendations. Cory Lytle commented that the first two permittees should be grandfathered in and should be allowed to have the first two races. Cory believes the county will have a difficult time increasing it. The specialist hate truck and buggy races; they are difficult to manage. Ronda cited that it will only take one year for SNORE or BID to drop that; if they fail to have a race in any given year it will eliminate them. The races will not be held in areas that are different than those used historically. With the drawing, the county could be economically impacted if SNORE or BID lost. Cory cited that many of the local business owners are concerned about the possible economic loss. BLM has also suggested that two of the entities might like to combine their events. Casey Folks isn't interested in this and would take his chance with the drawing. **Paul made a motion to authorize Ronda, Tommy and Cory to work on language for amendment to the RMP; seconded by Tommy. All voted in favor.**

#### #27-ORDINANCE #2009-05

This is an ordinance to prohibit alcohol and open or uncapped containers in the Alamo Town Parks. Wade Poulsen advised that he attended the meeting and the intention of the Alamo Town Board was only to apply this to the Alamo Town Children's Park. **Tommy made a motion to propose the ordinance, applied to Alamo Town Children's Park only, and set it for public hearing on 10-19-09 at 1:00 p.m.; seconded by Ed. All voted in favor.** Paul suggested that this ordinance be reviewed by Alamo Town to ensure that it is written correctly. Wade cited that there is an intent to eliminate alcohol in any school district related event. Clarification is needed and should be made prior to approval at the public hearing.

#### #29-GRANTS

Phyllis Robistow, Grants Administrator presented this item. a) Update—The unemployment rate in LC is 9.2%. Phyllis advised that there are many people who aren't on the unemployment rolls because they can't get on there; this percentage only applies to those drawing unemployment. Phyllis believes the rate is more reflective of the economy. There are over 170 people actually drawing unemployment. There is a potential stimulus grant for \$50,000 that could pay for backpacks and food for students that are unable to eat on Friday and Saturday. Some of this grant money can be used to fully stock the food bank as well. This is a one time grant that will end June 30<sup>th</sup>. The Kaiser Foundation did a survey among every state in the nation concerning economic factors. Nevada and its 17 counties is considered the most economically distressed state in the nation. Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) puts in a plan to HUD every year; draft copies of the plans are in Phyllis office and 9-28 is the deadline for comments. There is an Economic Development Planning workshop in Carson City on 11-13. Phyllis attended NACO last week, which was focused on economics within the state. Phyllis is looking at having the granting agencies hold webinars and such things to save on travel. b) Level of Environmental Review Determination and Finding of Exemption for the Nevada Small Business Development Center Community Assessment and Planning—A \$70,000 grant was received. A letter will be sent to Mr. Craig at CDBG advising that this is an exempt project. **Ronda made a motion to approve and to send the letter; seconded by Tommy. All voted in favor.** c) Level of Environmental Review Determination and Finding of Exemption for the Nevada Small Business Development Center Business Counseling—A grant for \$65,000 was received. **Tommy made a motion to approve and to send a letter advising of findings of exemption; seconded by Ronda. All voted in favor.** d) Awarding contract to Jim Wilkin Trucking for the Lincoln County Fair and Rodeo Grounds event-display building construction—The county awarded the contract for the fair grounds to Jim Wilkin Trucking. Phyllis has received everything necessary pertaining to payment and performance bonds. A contract has been prepared listing the scope of work and the amount of payment. Ronda cited that RTC contracts always require a completion date; there isn't one in this contract. Ronda requested that a completion date be inserted in this contract. Cory cited the end date is November 30<sup>th</sup>. However, it isn't listed in the contract. **Ronda made a motion to approve the contract subject to the insertion of an ending date in November; seconded by Ed. All voted in favor.**

### #23- TEAMSTERS LOCAL 14 LABOR AGREEMENTS

Paul reviewed the history of this issue. Paul has spoken with the DA and Dan McArthur. The conclusion is, if Gary Mauger will bring the \$56,000 back to the table in insurance premium savings, the county will guarantee no layoffs through the fiscal year. Department heads are being very frugal and not spending outrageous amount of money. It appears the county is in a position to make this guarantee. Greg will prepare the Memorandum of Agreement to be signed by both parties. **Ronda made a motion to have Greg create an MOA delineating that there will be no layoffs if the insurance discount is back on the table (action on this item will be taken at the next meeting); seconded by Bill.** Paul stated that he doesn't believe the county can make any promises to deal with any employees' salaries that are not covered under the union agreements. The non-union employees, as far as making promises, can't be addressed at this point and still remain frozen. The books will have to be reviewed to see if there's any room for change but the county is currently reaching very far to get the agreements with the union resolved. At this point the only guarantee is there will not be layoffs for any of those covered by unions, but Paul believes there is no risk to anyone not covered under the unions for layoffs. Dawne Combs asked if the Board has looked at any cost savings measure like working 4 ten hour days. From all the information Paul has gathered, if the contract is signed right now it will get us through this year. However, next year will be an entirely different "ball game". The Governor is going to hold a special session as the state is in terrible financial distress. **All voted in favor.**

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

Derek Foremaster is present. The proposal to the Board is to keep everything in place with the exception of the Cost of Living, which they are willing to rescind. The amendment would be 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) 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 the fiscal year." They were trying to roll the physical agility funds into COLA. This was a disadvantage for all involved. The one time payment of \$650 is in the budget. The only thing the county is giving up is that there is no requirement for passing the agility test to receive the funds. The payment of the \$650 will be a one time payment for this fiscal year only. Bill cited that everyone will receive the \$650 now when the original contract said that it was optional and only those who wanted to take the physical agility test, and pass it, would be paid the amount. With this proposal, everyone will be paid this money. Derek responded that the trade is that they are giving up COLA in favor of receiving the \$650. Derek further cited that everyone is able to pass the physical agility at this time. The COLA will cost the county more than simply paying all the officers the \$650. **Ronda made a motion to approve the labor agreement the Law Enforcement Association has presented, as of September 3, 2009; seconded by Tommy.** Derek advised the Sheriff only budgeted \$600, not \$650. **Ronda amended her motion to include that there will be no augmentation to the Sheriff's budget, the Sheriff will have to make the \$650 work and pay it out of his own budget; seconded by Tommy.** Derek offered to reduce the rate to \$600 for one year. **Ronda withdraws her amendment to the motion and Tommy withdraws his second. After striking the initial proposed amendment, Ronda amended her original motion to include the approval of the labor agreement with the Law Enforcement Association dated 9-3-09 with a payment of \$600 as opposed to the proposed \$650; seconded by Tommy. All voted in favor.** Derek will take this back to his group for vote just to make sure it's okay.

Lunch 12:14-1:00

### #25-ALAMO INDUSTRIAL PARK

Rick Snyder and Joe Phillips are present from Sunrise Engineering. Rick offered a power point presentation and quick overview of the progress on the Alamo Industrial Park. In order to have full build out in AIP it will cost approximately \$6 million for power. With the proposed improvements, less the \$6 million for power, it will increase the cost per acre to \$104,500 (this is sewer, on site power and water). The funding acquisition would include a 60% grant as well as possible private funds; this could result in a reduction of cost per acre. All of LC is short on power; this creates a hardship as far as development goes. In the past, there have been several people interested in purchasing land in the area. The four phases include three large, undeveloped parcels. If someone wanted a smaller piece it would have to fit within the design of Phase I. This would create options to sell large, undeveloped parcels or sell smaller parcels with more services along the frontage road. Paul commented that he doesn't care what the cost is; if someone came in and wanted to buy the entire parcel for the amount the county purchased it he would be interested. Paul commented that he appreciates what Sunrise

has done with the phases. If there is a buyer who desires to purchase Phase I and II the county would have to recover the amount paid for land, the amount paid for engineering, and the buyer would have to understand the burden for curb/gutter, water, sewer and electrical will be on their backs; the county won't be responsible for that. Ronda believes this will be a tremendously hard sell. Paul said he would sell this for whatever the amount of the loan is. Phyllis said the cost of the grants has to be added into the sell price based on the lack of creation of new jobs. If the first phase included a restaurant, doctor's office and gas station these would probably be existing jobs; to count against payment of the grant all of the jobs must be new jobs. It could be an expansion, but the jobs have to be new. Otherwise, the county is on the hook to pay for the grants. There is no way the county will be able to sell anything at a rate of \$175,000 per acre, which is what it would cost to include the power. Joe's opinion is there are two options: dump the whole thing or sell enough of the land to recover the county's costs. The county may be left with the loan paid off and a parcel of ground for future development. The county could try and develop the back three lots, but it still wouldn't provide enough revenue to develop Phase I. This is the reason for the suggested funding sources of grants and private funding. When this process was started it was done in order to free up public land for private use. At that time the goal was to turn the land over for someone else to develop. As things progressed, the market wouldn't bear that and it didn't happen. The only way for the county to recoup the costs by bringing the land into private hands was to put more money into it to make it more saleable. Paul is concerned the county will end up in the development business and that was never the intent. Paul would be more content to pay off the loan over the next ten years and sit on it until the market is better as opposed to investing more capital to try and make it a saleable piece. At this point, it appears the only way the land will be sold is to get all of the infrastructure in place. However, Paul doesn't believe it will be appealing to any developer until infrastructure is in. Ed said that this is how the economy will be changed in LC. This property should be made attractive enough so that someone will want to come in and build there; the county merely needs to recoup its costs. The more developed this land is, the more involved the county will be. Clint Wertz, Planning Director, commented that even if a buyer was found the county isn't out of the development of the land. The county will still be required to review maps and require development to a certain level. The other issue is that there will be other disposals in the county. Maybe some of the costs for another site for such things as power will be a great deal less than this particular area; those areas will be sold and developed sooner. Mike Baughman feels the Commission needs to address and identify the standard, or bar, for this project. Mike feels the park is overdesigned. There was never a deliberative process to identify the standard for this product. Now the county is in design of a product that will be very hard to sell. Mike feels the county needs to delineate what type of product they want. In the beginning it was decided the roads would be graveled, not paved. The intent was to get someone in there and create jobs. What product does the county want to develop? Rick commented the original project was scoped with John Lovelady and representatives from Harvey Whittemore's group. This was laid out with input from John and site plans were sent to both groups. This has been a long process. Access is necessary to all of the adjoining parcels, which exists. As the development is brought to more people, parcels had to be set aside for certain things like wells and substations. There was talk about graveled roads with borrowed ditches on either side. The idea at the time was to get 60% of it covered with grants, which requires ADA issues to be addressed. Transportation had to go to each parcel, as well as water, sewer, storm drains. Much effort has been put in up front to figure this out. If the county wants to change directions it is possible to have a double chip seal road. This presentation includes curb/gutter and everything sized for future development. It also includes another water tank with a booster pump. Clint said the driving force for a very long time was the EDA grant the county was going to apply for. Another thing to be remembered is that SteelTech was going to bring in a plant. If this concept goes forward and the parcels are sold it will be tied to the expectations of the master plan. When this concept was started and it was believed businesses would locate there and create industry, it seemed logical to capitalize on that. Things have slowed down considerably. The frontage road is good property for any type of retail or business location. The county owns the property right now and is making the payment on it. Wade Poulsen agreed with Paul that if this can be sold in its entirety it should be done. However, if it has to be broken up into lots in order to be sold, so be it. Wade suggested the county keep the frontage road. Wade further suggested the industrial size of the park be reduced and moved into residential. Paul said that he doesn't care how it's zoned; he just wants it to go away. Marge Detraz commented that the people in Alamo should know more about this since they like their valley the way it is; this is a risky business. Wade said there are still people in Alamo that are willing to purchase 5 acre lots. Toni Holton would like to acquire 20 acres if it would be moved into something he can use. The concept in the beginning was to allow regular people to purchase property at an affordable rate. If the county keeps the frontage road, or Phase I, new businesses may be developed, Phyllis said. It will require the county to continue working with Des Craig but the Commission can write him an annual letter. Phyllis believes the county

committed to Brimont that access would be provided. As far as the concept and layout that has been created by Sunrise, it's great. However, the county needs the flexibility to market to anyone that is interested. Wade reminded everyone to keep in mind that Alamo Power wanted to come in and do things correctly from the beginning. In doing this, it would require the substation. It might be possible for Alamo Power to bring power in from the north. This park isn't going to grow in one or two years, this is a long term development. If the land is pieced off it might be more apt to be purchased. Unfortunately, the county grows at a slow rate and services like power have to be "scabbed in", Wade said. This is how the area could be developed until such time as the power district decides the substation has to be put in. There is some discussion about the proposed development of residential; the first few that build in this area will have septic and in the future will not want to pay for sewer since it'll cost more than the septic they already have in place. This causes an issue in that this will result in a sewer system that can't be maintained based on too few users. The county would like to sell the property but the taxes on raw land will be next to nothing, unless there is actual development. LC Regional Development Authority is meeting tonight to discuss this and Paul requested proposals and ideas for how this should move forward. Mike hopes LCRDA can come up with recommendations; this is a very big issue. The concern he has is that Joe and Sunrise are moving forward with this particular concept and to finish the contract. Mike suggested this be slowed down for a few weeks until the Board gets their arms around this thing. Perhaps the county will decide to develop Phase I and sell the rest off. If this is the case, the Board will have to decide what they want Phase I to look like. Joe said they will be happy to hold off; if there is a paradigm shift from this to chip seal they will be happy to do it. Any power user will face the same constraints anywhere in the valley. Joe said they will hold off and continue to work with Clint, Cory and Phyllis. No action is taken as this is an update.

#### #28-EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Rick Stever, Emergency Management Coordinator, presented this item. a) Update—There was a large paint spill a few weeks ago. NDOT lost one of their big paint buckets at the top of town but it was classified as non-environmental hazard. LC is in an earthquake area. For the last 3-4 months Rick has been receiving seismic updates from UNR. LC has been having tremors, mostly around Hiko. Training is needed in the various towns in the event this type of incident were to occur. Rick is attending a seminar on Thursday in Las Vegas concerning this issue. The county has an evacuation plan. There is an evacuation startup kit in Alamo and Panaca. An evacuation trailer will be received along with things to get an evacuation shelter started. Rick has spoken with several people, but no one wants to put in the time for training. This is one of the reasons he has been stressing NIMS; it helps in coordination of getting things set up. Clark County's evacuation plans include evacuating to LC. This is a huge concern to Rick; even greater than evacuating LC to another place. The Elgin Road has been classified as closed due to a collapse of road base; it is listed with the state as a closed highway. The Hazard Mitigation Plan needs to be updated as required every five years; plans are being made to complete the updates. Rick is working on getting a grant to pay for time and materials for the updates. b) Hazard Material Emergency Preparedness Grant for training in the amount of \$1,532.00—**Ed made a motion to approve; seconded by Ronda. All voted in favor.**

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

Lisa informed the Board that Derek Foremaster has advised that, by majority vote, LCLEA is happy with the \$600.

#### #30-BUILDING DEPARTMENT

Cory Lytle presented these items. a) Update—Cory Lytle cited there are issues about different county entities using certain persons to perform work. When an individual is hired by the county Cory is following up to make certain they have a county business licenses; this applies to \$300-400 projects. If these individuals are in business they should have a license; they should be held to the same standard as all other businesses. Paul commented that the county should verify their tax structure prior to hiring. Cory requested that he be allowed to send out a directive to all county entities requiring proof of business license prior to hiring. Paul said that labor is different than business. Cory disagrees; anyone in enterprise should have a business license. Paul said that it depends on the terms that a person is hired under. If someone is hired as a part time employee there is no requirement for business license, Paul said. Cory interprets the ordinance that all persons in business need a license, including part time secretaries. Paul said the details of how people pay their taxes will determine whether or not a person needs a business license. Paul said someone coming into the courthouse to work part time during the week doesn't need a business license. Included in Cory's memo will be the requirement that all

county entities hire only licensed contractors. Cory said this is very hard as there are contractors upholding the laws and others that aren't; he gets calls all of the time complaining. The county must hire licensed contractors. The Board agreed that Cory could send the memo. The other issue is that many of the people will not get paid if they don't meet the requirements. The county has approximately 130 business licenses in place. The high school multipurpose building will consume a great deal of Cory's time in the upcoming months. b) Change Order for Alamo Annex remodel work in the amount of \$4,720.00—There is money in the administrative assessment fund for Pahrangat Valley Justice Court (PVJC). **Tommy made a motion to approve; seconded by Ed. All voted in favor.** c) Additional remodeling to Alamo Annex (men's bathroom and hallway areas), amount to be determined—Cory questioned why this isn't lumped into one big contract since these remodel projects are ongoing. Nola responded that it's because the Annex can't be shut down. Monies have been budgeted for this project. Cory will ask Judge Holton for costs and bring them back to the Board.

#19- STATE PAYMENT TITLE 1, SECURE RURAL SCHOOLS & COMMUNITIES DETERMINATION ACT  
This item is tabled to the next meeting.

#23-OFFICER/DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

**COMMISSIONER TOMMY ROWE** reported that NACO was much more informative than it has been. **COMMISSIONER RONDA HORNBECK** received an email from Carol Bass of BLM advising they are selling acreage in the Alamo Industrial Park. Ronda is concerned about the 35.6 acres for Parcel C, which she believes is bigger than that. The county didn't request BLM to carve out sections like that. Ronda feels it would be a mistake to tell BLM to auction the 35 acres based on the depressed market; the county gets 10% of the sales and, in the current market, this will hurt the county. Ronda has had many meetings with BLM, N4 Grazing Board, permittees concerning the solar areas. Ronda discussed the area located by the power plant called Gourd Springs. The recommendation ended up being nearly 9,000 acres. The recommendation LC went with was on the east side of Toquop. Ronda called Tom Johns of Sithe Global, who expressed the desire to go on the west side with four parcels. Anything on the east side isn't conducive to placement of solar. BLM can receive applications during the Programmatic EIS, but they can't accept them. This will stop Tom's from going forward. After that, whoever desires to go forward will be required to do so on their own with an EIS. This puts the time frame out four years. Tom has asked BLM to consider taking the whole area off the county's recommended sites. If BLM will agree to this, Tom will make application within a week of BLM's acceptance. This reduces it from a request of 9,000 to about 3,000 acres. Connie discussed this with Lavar Wade, who finds this acceptable. Tom is also willing to walk this area with the rancher in order to discuss mitigation issues. Ronda will have an update sometime this week as to whether or not this is acceptable.

#31-PUBLIC COMMENT

There is no public comment.

#32-ADJOURN

There being no further business for the Board to attend to, Paul adjourned the meeting at 3:04.

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