



LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

May 3, 2010
Commission Chambers
Lincoln County Courthouse
181 Main Street
Pioche, Nevada

Commissioners
Paul Mathews, Chair
Bill Lloyd, Vice Chair
Tommy Rowe
Ronda Hornbeck
Ed Higbee

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

Vice Chairman Bill Lloyd called the meeting to order at 9:00. Clerk Lisa Lloyd called the roll.

PRESENT: PAUL MATHEWS, Chair
BILL LLOYD, Vice Chair
ED HIGBEE
TOMMY ROWE
RONDA HORNBECK

LISA C. LLOYD, Clerk
GREG BARLOW, District Attorney

There is a quorum present and the agenda was posted on 4-28-10 to comply with the open meeting law. The Invocation is offered by Tommy and Ronda led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CONSENT AGENDA

- #2 Approve/Deny minutes of the April 19, 2010 Commission meeting.
- #3 Approve/Deny reappointment of Varlin Higbee to State Land Use Planning Advisory Council (SLUPAC).
- #4 Approve/Deny contract with Hardy Construction, Inc., in the sum of \$45,832.80 for work at the County Fair and Rodeo Grounds on the restroom and concession building.
- #5 Approve/Deny Notification of Grant Award from Aging and Disability Services for supplemental nutrition services in the sum of \$14,371.00.
- #6 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.

Ed disclosed that Varlin Higbee is his first cousin. **Ronda made a motion to approve the consent agenda; seconded by Ed. All voted in favor.**

#7-VOUCHERS

Recorder/Auditor Leslie Boucher presented the vouchers and a cash balance report. General County has a balance of \$852,781.52 with estimated expenditures being \$157,596.16. This leaves General County with a balance of \$695,185.36. Transportation has a cash balance of \$30,551.75 with estimated expenditures being \$6,810.96. This will leave Transportation with a balance of \$23,740.79. Nutrition has a cash balance of \$54,755.48 with estimated expenditures being \$9,637.35. This leaves Nutrition with a balance of \$45,118.13. Detention Center has a cash balance of \$152,707.72 with estimated expenditures being \$78,139.45. Detention Center will have a balance of \$74,568.27. Solid Waste has a balance of \$83,694.50 with estimated expenditures being \$18,833.55. This will leave Solid Waste with a balance of \$64,860.95, and the Solid Waste Fund owes \$27,484.15 to Fund 87. Airport has a cash balance of \$1,433.98 with estimated expenditures being \$437.27. Airport will have a balance of \$996.71. **Ronda made a motion to approve the vouchers as presented; seconded by Ed. All voted in favor.**

#15-NUCLEAR OVERSIGHT

Connie Simkins presented a travel request from LC Nuclear Oversight Program to attend the Dry Storage Information Forum in Baltimore, MD, on May 4-6, 2010. The total cost for Connie and Paul Seidler to attend is approximately \$3,624.00. There is a possibility of a new way to move and store nuclear waste. This results in a transportation concern for LC. **Tommy made a motion to approve; seconded by Ed.** Vaughn Higbee commented that he found, while attending meetings in Augusta, there are major decisions and ideas being put

out right now. The decisions that will be made by the Blue Ribbon Commission are being discussed now; if we are to have any input, it will be now and not in two to three years. The more we are at the table now, the better chance we have to be heard. **All voted in favor.**

#16-NUCLEAR OVERSIGHT FY 2010-2011 BUDGET

Connie Simkins reviewed the JCCIAC budget recommendations. Categories include: 1. Office (\$126,000), 2. Information (\$82,000), 3. Impacts & Monitoring (\$480,000), 4. Intergovernmental Support (\$150,000), 5. Special Projects (\$160,000), and 6. Legal Research (\$50,000). The total of the budget is \$1.048 million. On March 31, 2010 the program had \$2,122,796 on hand and they'll spend \$357,000 by the end of this year. This will leave \$1,776,796 to spend over the next two years. There will be no changes to Connie's or Elaine's salaries. Supplies is unchanged from last year. Travel is budgeted to be \$20,000. \$5,000 is included for GIS, \$40,000 for the website, \$15,000 for public info sites, \$2,000 for Tracks mailing, \$20,000 for tours and meetings, \$190,000 for policy affairs, \$160,000 for technical support, \$80,000 for info technologies, \$50,000 LC Regional Development Authority, \$75,000 for Caliente, \$75,000 for LC Planning, \$30,000 for impact mitigations, \$80,000 for aerial photography, \$50,000 for energy planning, and \$50,000 for Yucca research. **Ed made a motion to approve the budget as presented; seconded by Ronda. All voted in favor.**

#8-HIGHWAY COMMISSION

This item is handled under a separate agenda.

#9-EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Emergency Management Coordinator Rick Stever presented these items. a) Update—Rick attended EPWG meetings last week. There was a great deal of discussion about DOE funding. Rick has received a letter of approval from DOE for his budget, but the funding isn't available yet. Rick hopes to have some indication as to when funding will be available within the next couple of weeks. On May 27 the State Hazard Mitigation Committee will have their quarterly meeting in Caliente. Rick has been working to put together a program including photos and documents concerning natural hazards that have occurred in LC in the past. b) Continuity of operation for Lincoln County government services, to be used in the Emergency Management Work Plan, required by the State of Nevada and federal government—Continuity of operations plans (COOP) shall identify and describe how essential program functions will be continued and recovered in an emergency or disaster. The plans shall identify essential positions and lines of succession, and provide for the protection or safeguarding of critical applications, communications, resources, vital records/databases, process and functions that must be maintained during response activities and identify and prioritize applications, records, processes, and functions to be recovered if lost. Plans shall be developed for each organization performing essential program functions. The plans address alternate operating capability and facilities. There is some discussion about the need to hold a workshop and invite all elected officials/department heads. The plan is due to the state by September 2010. Rick will work on finding a date. c) Purchase of lunch materials for participants in the Hazardous Material exercise on May 6, 2010—The preliminary meeting starts at 9:00 a.m. and the drill is at 10:00a.m. Highway Patrol, NDOT and the County Road Department will participate. Rick estimates the cost of the lunch to be approximately \$300. Phyllis advised there are grant monies available. **Ronda made a motion to approve up to \$400 for lunch materials, to be funded by a grant; seconded by Tommy. All voted in favor.**

#12-TEEN DROP IN CENTER

University of Nevada Cooperative Extension (UNCE) is requesting monetary support in the amount of \$1,000.00 to continue the pilot Teen Drop In Center for 2010. Holly Gatzke reviewed last year's program, which was set up in Caliente by the skate park. There were approximately 10-20 teens dropping in every day. Holly advised they would like to do one day per week in Pioche, Panaca, and Caliente. **Ronda made a motion to approve \$1,000, from Fund 72, for the Teen Drop In Centers; seconded by Tommy. All voted in favor.**

#13-COOPERATIVE EXTENSION GARDEN CLUB/FARMERS' MARKET

University of Nevada Cooperative Extension (UNCE) is requesting monetary support in the amount of \$2,000 to establish a new Pioche Garden Club and to provide youth assistance in the Caliente Farmers' Market. Holly Gatzke reviewed the previous year's Farmers' Market. **Ronda made a motion to approve \$2,000 from Fund 94; seconded by Bill. All voted in favor.**

#18-LANDFILLS

This item concerns Lincoln County obtaining patents on the solid waste transfer stations or landfills. Dawne Combs advised a letter has been sent to Doris Metcalf at BLM. As of now, return correspondence hasn't been received. Dawne stated the Board will have to decide how much land they would like to patent. Ronda suggested that Clint Wertz, Planning Director, to move forward with identifying all lands that need to be patented for the County. No action is taken on this item.

#19-PLANNING ITEMS

Planning Director Clint Wertz presented this item. a) Update—Clint will have a draft copy of the Open Space Plan by the end of this week.

#20-GRANTS

Phyllis Robistow presented these items. a) Update—Chad Crutcher, the architect from Loomis, had a stroke and has passed away. Loomis has assigned someone to Chad's place. Cory has been working on the current Pioche Upper Park. Phyllis has sent sympathy cards to both Loomis and Chad's wife. Kathy Hiatt suggested that we have a plaque and plant inserted in the memorial garden with Chad's name on it for the hard work he did on the park. Phyllis believes the park will be completed by the end of July. Phyllis has the paperwork to apply to Save America's Treasures for \$200,000 for the Million Dollar Courthouse. There is a Leadership Series Workshop sponsored by NACO on 5-6 in Caliente. Jeff Wilbanks of SNPLMA has notified Phyllis of the Executive Decision for the Rail City Project; funding in the amount of \$686,000 has been approved for the completion of the project. FEMA has approved a grant to update the LC Hazard Mitigation Plan. b) Advisory Board Charter for the LC Human Services Tripartite Board—The first formal meeting was held last week. This board is required to have a charter since they are advisory. **Ronda made a motion to approve the Lincoln County Human Services Advisory Board Charter; seconded by Tommy. All voted in favor.**

#21-BUILDING DEPARTMENT

Cory Lytle presented this item. a) Update—April was busy with regards to permits. A Change Order will be presented at the next meeting for the Pioche Upper Park. Cory will go to Rachel to update the residents on the changes to their park. Cory has started preliminary drawings on Panaca's park. Sunrise Engineering will be looking at the Million Dollar Courthouse; the focus is the retaining wall and the roof. The Annex had a water problem last week; it's been fixed temporarily, but the water and drain lines will need to be replaced in the future.

#14-SOUTHERN LINCOLN COUNTY HABITAT CONSERVATION PLAN DINNER

Mike Baughman donated \$1,000 to FFA, who will be providing the food. This dinner starts at 1:00 p.m at the Thompson Opera House. No decision will be made at this meeting as signing the document was previously approved. No action is taken on this item.

#10-OFFICER/DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

COMMISSIONER PAUL MATHEWS advised that a resignation from Dahl Bradfield of the Game Board has been received. Washoe County Commission Chairman sent a letter of thanks for the contribution to the National NACO Conference. Paul and Ed toured "City", Mike Heizer's project in Garden Valley. **COMMISSIONER RONDA HORNBECK** reported that she will be requesting Senator Reid's office to change the 2004 LC Land Act to include that they will aid LC with funding to implement the Habitat Conservation Plan. **COMMISSIONER BILL LLOYD** attended the POOL/PACT meeting on 4-27. The heart/lung monies that the County provides is increasing 10%.

#17-LINCOLN COUNTY AMBULANCE ASSOCIATION

Lincoln County Ambulance Association (LCAA) is requesting an adjustment in the collections rate paid by Lincoln County to Grover C. Dils Medical Center from 10% to 20%. This item has been tabled and no action is taken.

#22-PUBLIC COMMENT

Paul called for public comment. John Crosthwait discussed garbage. John has one year round dumpster and gets a second during the summer. John has been having many people who aren't residents of their park dump in his dumpster. John commented that he has noticed that many of the businesses in Pioche don't have dumpsters. John stated that he is considering eliminating his dumpsters and hauling the garbage to a rolloff like several businesses are doing. John advised the County will continue losing money if businesses are allowed to continue hauling to the local rolloff as opposed to getting their own dumpsters. Paul responded they will work on the enforcement side of this issue. Cory Lytle has spoken with Recology, who charges the businesses a commercial rate. John said there isn't a bar or restaurant in this town that shouldn't be paying for a dumpster. Louis Benezet addressed the budget for the Nuclear Oversight Program that was approved today. Louis understands the purpose for spending all of the money is to help with the Yucca Mountain Project. Our role in this project is to identify any affects this project will have on the County and make recommendations for how we'd like to see those impacts dealt with. Louis suggested that we should return the \$1 million if we've completed this job. If not, then future funding should be considered. Louis stated that highly paid consultants show up with the amount of money they'd like to receive, only to be rubber-stamped by the County. A newsletter has been accomplished entitled "Tracks". Louise referred to the article by Keith Larson included in the most recent edition of "Tracks". Louis suggested that the County look closer at spending some of the DOE funding on hiring local people. Vaughn Higbee agreed with Louis that we need to hire as many locals as possible. Vaughn commented that every dollar he receives from Robison/Seidler is spent on his cattle and goes back into the local economy. Ronda advised that the owner of the Pioche grocery store commented that they may be closed within a month's time if they don't get more support.

#11-VENDING MACHINE IN LC COURTHOUSE

No action is taken on this item.

#23-ADJOURN

There being no further business for the Board to attend to, **Tommy made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 12:02 p.m.; seconded by Ed. All voted in favor.**

Attest: _____ Approve: _____

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