



LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

February 7, 2011
Commission Chambers
Lincoln County Courthouse
181 Main Street
Pioche, Nevada

Commissioners

Paul Mathews
Kevin Phillips
Tommy Rowe
Paul Donohue
Ed Higbee

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

Chairman Tommy Rowe called the meeting to order at 9:00. Clerk Lisa Lloyd called the roll.

PRESENT: PAUL MATHEWS
KEVIN PHILLIPS
TOMMY ROWE
PAUL DONOHUE
ED HIGBEE

LISA C. LLOYD, Clerk
DANIEL HOOGE, District Attorney

There is a quorum present and the agenda was posted on 2-2-11. The Invocation is offered by Ed and Paul M. led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CONSENT AGENDA

- 2* Approve/Deny minutes of the January 3, 2011 and January 18, 2011 Regular Commission Meetings.
- 3* Approve/Deny Changing of the February 21, 2011 meeting to February 22, 2011 due to the holiday.
- 4* 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).

Paul M. made a motion to approve the consent agenda with the exception of minutes from the January 18, 2011 meeting; seconded by Kevin. All voted in favor.

#5-REIMBURSEMENT

Kevin advised that he attended the Economic Development Conference. Kevin is seeking reimbursement. **Ed made a motion to approve reimbursement of \$427.68 to Kevin for attendance at the Economic Development Conference; seconded by Paul M.** Paul D. questioned approving this when the process wasn't followed and it wasn't previously approved in a Commission meeting. Paul M. commented that this is the process to correct the issue. Kevin stated he was ignorant of the process, but having received a letter from both entities he felt it was wise to be up to speed as much as possible; there was no poor intent. Paul D. agreed and cited that we have policies for a purpose. Leslie advised that she will deny the voucher until the Board directs her to do otherwise. **Kevin abstained. Paul D. is opposed. Motion carries 3-1, with one abstention.**

#6-VOUCHERS

Recorder/Auditor Leslie Boucher presented the vouchers and cash balance report. General County has a balance of \$809,243.21 with estimated expenditures being \$169,094.49. This leaves General County with a balance of \$640,148.72. Transportation has a cash balance of \$6,960.08 with estimated expenditures being \$6,587.41. This will leave Transportation with a balance of \$372.67. Nutrition has a cash balance of \$40,727.87 with estimated expenditures being \$15,116.52. This leaves Nutrition with a balance of \$25,611.35. Detention Center has a cash balance of \$129,838.23 with estimated expenditures being \$106,427.48 and receipts not posted total \$171,640.00. Detention Center will have a balance of \$195,050.75. Solid Waste has a balance of \$132,548.38 with estimated expenditures being \$19,963.56. Solid Waste Fund owes Water Plan/Development Fund, Fund 87, \$27,484.15. Solid Waste will have a balance of \$117,670.82. Airport has a cash balance of \$840.10 with expenditures being \$51.00. Airport will have a balance of \$789.10. Planning, Fund 110, has a balance of \$42,086.62 with estimated expenditures being \$2,648.72 and receipts not posted total \$1450. This leaves Planning with a balance of \$40,887.90. Building Department Enterprise Fund has a cash balance of \$37,210.47 with estimated expenditures being \$5,040.63. Building Department will have a

balance of \$32,169.84. **Kevin made a motion to approve the vouchers as presented with the exception of the LC Telephone vouchers and Mountain Mercantile vouchers; seconded by Paul M. All voted in favor. Kevin made a motion to approve the LC Telephone vouchers, \$154.28; seconded by Ed. Paul D. abstains. Motion carries. Ed made a motion to approve the Mountain Mercantile vouchers, \$513.51; seconded by Paul M. Kevin abstains. Motion carries.**

#7-OFFICER/DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

DISTRICT ATTORNEY Daniel Hooge introduced his new Deputy, Theresa Liedlich. Daniel discussed the Mesquite law suit. Thursday Daniel will review discovery with C&O attorneys. Daniel heard rumors that Vidler was going to intervene, but nothing has been filed yet. Daniel met with the 7th Judicial District Judges and attorneys to discuss the Public Defender contract. The State Public Defender has a contract with LC, and anytime we want to back out of that contract it has to be done in an odd year. Dylan Frehner and two other attorneys from White Pine County have put together a proposal that will be presented at the next Commission meeting. Paul M. asked if there was a problem with the Commissioners meeting with C&O Holdings regarding the law suit and other pertinent issues. Daniel responded that there is nothing wrong with the Commissioners meeting with C&O, but they should have an attorney present. Daniel and Theresa would be happy to attend. **COMMISSIONER PAUL DONOHUE** asked for clarification on Commission travel. Prior to any travel, doesn't it have to be previously approved? Paul D. advised he has to go to POOL/PACT and asked if he needs permission before going. Phyllis commented that if it is part of your normal duties, you go, unless it is out of state. If a Commissioner travels out of state it requires pre-approval. Paul D. discussed the Board of Equalization meeting and outcome last week. Paul D. advised he has been involved heavily with Pioche Town on several issues. Paul commended the DA's office for all of the help he received. Paul D. was asked as a representative of LCTS/LC Commission to attend Career Day at the Youth Center. Paul D. asked if there was a venue to acknowledge the fine work of Ms. Killean and Dr. Higbee of the Caliente Youth Center. Yes. It can be handled at a future Commission meeting. **COMMISSIONER ED HIGBEE** advised that he attended the Tripartite meeting and met with the board members. Ed has spoken with the Air Force several times; they will be grading the Alamo Airport and landing there. **COMMISSIONER KEVIN PHILLIPS** attended the Eastern NV Landscape Coalition meeting last week; the board voted to put the pinyon-juniper Caselton project in first place. Kevin thanked Denice for organizing the agenda and backup items. **COMMISSIONER PAUL MATHEWS** has been contacted by Susan Scully, NV Legislative Counsel Bureau, who has invited him to testify in front of the Assembly Government Affairs Committee. **COMMISSIONER TOMMY ROWE** advised he attended meetings in Reno this last week with regards to water.

#8-HIGHWAY COMMISSION

This item is handled under separate agenda.

#9-LINCOLN COUNTY WATER DISTRICT

This item is covered under separate agenda.

#10-LINCOLN COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT

This item is handled under separate agenda.

#11-PANACA FIRE DISTRICT

This item is handled under separate agenda.

#12-EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Rick Stever presented these items. a) Update—Rick advised that he's had a local emergency planning committee meeting. Rick attended the State Emergency Response Commission (SERC) meeting in Las Vegas. SERC has requested an update to the Hazmat Response Plan; Rick is working on this. Rick will attend an emergency preparedness meeting next week in Las Vegas. Rick will attend Cameo training in Reno on February 14-18; this is chemical identification and response class. There will be a LEPC meeting tomorrow night at 6 p.m. at Panaca Fire Station. b) Posting of the temporary position for the Hazard Mitigation Plan Update—This update is a requirement of federal homeland security. A grant application was submitted to update the local plan; the grant was awarded and can be used to hire someone in-house for assistance. Paul D. commented that he has spent a great deal of time in the Recorder/Auditor's office; the hiring freeze was for a

specific time period and that has expired. Rick has looked into the possibility of obtaining an extension as the grant money is available through July 28; confirmation of extension has been received. Phyllis advised that they originally believed it would cost \$32,000 to complete this, including the GIS work that will be done by Gnomon. The grant is for \$24,000 with an \$8,000 match (\$1,000 coming from Caliente). We currently have a contract with Gnomon that will cost about \$15,000. The balance of the money was to be used for travel and in-house work. Phyllis commented that the best thing to do now would be to hire someone as the personnel that were going to work on this are either gone or too busy. There is some discussion about who will manage this person. Rick will manage the person. **Paul D. made a motion to approve the advertising of this part-time position; seconded by Kevin with the caveat that this person will be supervised by Rick. All voted in favor.** c) Purchase of sand bags not to exceed \$5,000—There was recently an issue of flooding in Pioche and Eagle Valley. Currently, Rick has about 2,000 bags. Rick thinks 3,000-4,000 bags would be good to have on hand. The bags deteriorate, especially once they are filled. The filled bags will last a couple of years if they are out of the sun. Unfilled bags will last 5-7 years if they are stored correctly. Rick has some room in his office to store the bags. Rick doesn't have the money in his budget for this purchase. Burlap bags cost more but they last longer than the nylon bags. **Paul M. made a motion to take \$3,500 out of Fund 95 to purchase sand bags and to authorize Rick to use his discretion in the purchase; seconded by Kevin. All voted in favor.**

#13-OLD PANACA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL BUILDING

Lincoln County School District Superintendent Nikki Holton and Assistant Superintendent Steve Hansen are present for this item. Nikki discussed use of the old Panaca Elementary School building. Nikki advised they would like to bring the building back up to working condition. LCSD will be taking a payout and do the work themselves for a great deal less money than hiring someone. Insurance is working on a final bill. Michelle Wadsworth believes LCSD will be able to do what is required to rehabilitate the building. Gary Elmer and Janice Barr are present to discuss the use of the building as well. There is a possibility that LCSD and Panaca Town will be able to share in the responsibility for the building. Ed commented that he attended a meeting last week concerning this issue. Toni Pinkham feels she might be able to find funding to rent the building for use in the Social Services program. Paul M. advised that the Panaca Seniors call every month requesting that Social Services be removed from their building. Paul M. feels this building will be ideal for housing the program. Nikki has been approached by the Family to Family Connection for use of the building. Phyllis advised that Community Connections should be funded by Family Resource Center, but Family to Family is being taken out of the budget. There are other things that Kris Wood, who runs Community Connections, can do. There are eight classrooms, main office, principle's office, and restrooms. This building is approximately 10,000 square feet. Nikki cited that there isn't any one entity that wants use of the entire building. Gary Elmer addressed the Board and commented on looking at the feasibility of moving the post office over to the school building. There are asbestos issues in the town hall and post office. Gary feels the building can be used in many different ways for various business opportunities. Gary will present the feasibility of moving the post office and town hall at the Panaca Town Board meeting tomorrow. Nikki previously considered co-ownership of the building between the County and LCSD. Nikki advised that if the post office and town hall were moved into the school building it would remove LCSD's responsibility for the building altogether. One of the ideas for the building included situating Adult Ed in one of the rooms. Paul D. commented that when Pioche Elementary School was vacated it was offered to the Commission for \$1; the Board said no. Paul D. felt this was an enormous mistake. Paul D. encouraged the Board to take on this building as it could be very useful. It will cost approximately \$31,000 to refurbish the building. Nikki thinks the insurance money will be enough to cover the cost. Nikki is concerned that there could be plumbing issues. The plumbing is under the concrete floor and there are some current issues. Nikki isn't certain as to the costs to repair the plumbing. Paul D. disclosed that Nikki is his sister. Lincoln County owns the building that currently houses the post office and town hall. The post office pays rent to the County at this time. Cory Lytle has spoken with Kerry Lee, who mentioned that the fire hall is constantly being used. Having another space to host meetings would help the fire hall immensely. Cory commented that he would prefer to see the building bulldozed and grass planted. Even if systems are upgraded and partial occupancy exists it will be very expensive. Cory commented that he is currently looking at closing down the Thompson Opera House due to operating costs. Paul M. feels that it would be a good idea to get a permanent tenant in the building such as Social Services, and then rent the rooms out to other entities. Paul M. suggested that rental returns could cover the expense of the building. There is no library in Panaca; many of the residents would like to have one. Cory commented that when the concrete is cut to address the plumbing issues there is no way to know what additional problems might arise. There is some discussion about who will be responsible

for the building. Paul M. commented that his original idea was to buy the building for \$1 and then rent it out. For the future of Panaca it would probably be better for the County to buy it. Nikki suggested that an agreement could be reached that would provide for LCSD always having three classrooms in the building. Nikki commented that LCSD is trying to decide if they want to put the insurance funding into the building. Nikki is asking if there is sufficient interest to keep the building up and running. The Board agreed that there is interest in maintaining the building. Paul M. will work with Steve Hansen, Cory Lytle, and the Panaca Town Board to resolve this issue.

#14-FREEDOM 4 WHEELER EVENT

Kirt Johnson presented an update on the Freedom 4 Wheeler event. Over \$1,200 has been raised for the event. With this money, the tax ID number and T shirts were purchased. Kirt believes they should have the tax ID number within just a couple of weeks. The truck is in UT being painted; the painting was a donation. Kirt is working on flyers. The bleachers, safety fencing, and the track plot are all lined up and taken care of. Kirt will provide a plot depicting where everything will be located to Cory Lytle. The mud pit is 110 feet from the spectators and there will be 2 ft berms with 10 feet of empty space beyond that between the pit and the spectators. Kirt has written a letter to the BLM for field dirt. BLM has authorized them to use all the dirt they need out of the Panaca pit.

#15-AMBULANCE ADMINISTRATOR

Paul D. discussed the selection committee. After conferring with Dr. Katschke the recommendation was that the two applicants would each take a position; one the ambulance administrator and the other the emergency medical technical trainer. Missy Rowe requested a meeting with Paul M. prior to her appointment to this position. **Paul M. made a motion to table this item; seconded by Kevin. All voted in favor.**

#16-EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICAL TRAINER

Paul M. made a motion to table this item; seconded by Kevin. All voted in favor.

#17-NEVADA PINYON-JUNIPER PARTNERSHIP DEMONSTRATION AREA

Sarah Adler of the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) presented discussion concerning the Nevada Pinyon-Juniper Partnership Demonstration area. USDA is moving into alternative and renewable energy. A great deal of work has been done looking into the LC and White Pine biomass, and this is the drive of the partnership. LC is an active focus of the partnership. This partnership is working to achieve a sustainable outcome. Sarah commented that this has been a volunteer effort to date; this project needs some glue to maximize its benefits and they will be looking for project management funding. Dusty, who works for UNR, discussed this project and his attendance at the Tri County meeting. Dusty believes the biomass project will work here.

#18-UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

This item was addressed under the previous item.

#19-RESOLUTION #2011-01

Dr. Mike Baughman presented the resolution of the Board of Lincoln County Commissioners encouraging the Congress of the United States to amend the Lincoln County Land Act and the Lincoln County Conservation, Recreation, and Development Act (LCCRDA) to enable land sale proceeds to be expended by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) to plan, permit, administer, implement and monitor pinyon-juniper dominated landscape restoration projects consistent with the Ely Resource Management Plan. There is a funding constraint for the Federal government and several industries have been identified as users for the biomass. Both of these acts provide a funding stream to BLM to be used in this area for public land management. Bob Abbey has encouraged pursuit of this endeavor. When BLM sells land under these acts, they receive 85% of the money for their purposes as outlined in the acts. LC gets 10% and the State of NV gets 5%. BLM's cut of the land sales is in excess of \$40 million, which they haven't been spending very quickly. If BLM sold 1,500 acres per year at \$1,000 per acre, that would be about \$1.5 million annually that can be used for a variety of purposes. None of the purposes outlined in the allowable uses includes this type of project. This type of legislative fix would allow for access to the BLM funds to do these types of projects. This kind of resolution is

needed in order to make these projects go. Mike read the title of the resolution. **Kevin made a motion to approve the resolution; seconded by Paul M. All voted in favor.**

#20-LC PERSONNEL POLICY

Paul D. addressed this issue and discussed Section 3 of the LC Personnel Policy (LCCP). When the towns choose to hire someone, they are supposed to come to the Commissioners to get permission to advertise. Then they interview and the Town Boards hold a meeting to approve the interview process and candidates chosen. Then, final approval comes to the Commissioners, who are to write a letter of employment. The LCCP says no employment is official without this letter. Paul D. commented that he doesn't understand why the Commission needs to write the letter of employment. Paul D. cited that this applies to the elected officials as well; he feels the people are the bosses of the elected officials. Paul D. suggested that this section of the policy be "tweaked". If the policy is followed to the letter, it will take the hiring process out to a six week process. This means the person already working in any given office will have to do so alone or without crucial help during the length of this process. Daniel discussed recommended changes to the policy. Paul D. feels there are many things that can be handled by the individual entities doing the hiring, as long as the Commissioners approve the hiring and are aware of the situation, and that this can be streamlined. Daniel cited that by statute each elected official has the right to appoint their personnel. Statute does say that the Board sets the salary. Paul M. commented that the unions primarily complicate this issue. Paul M. commented that all of the deputies are hired by the elected officials, but the union negotiations are handled by the Commission. There is some discussion about whether or not the elected officials should be handling the bargaining. Daniel reiterated that the Board sets the salary, and this is why they negotiate the contracts with the union members. Daniel advised that the procedure needs to change so that the actual hiring is done by the department but the money/salary should still be handled by the Commission. Tommy agreed; he doesn't feel the Commission should be responsible for hiring employees for Pioche Town. Paul M. advised that the town employees work for the County; the County writes the paychecks. During the hiring process, the Board needs to recognize who these individuals actually work for. Daniel's suggested changes include that the department head will extend the hiring letter. This issue will be addressed on a future agenda.

#21-LETTER OF SUPPORT

This letter concerns a resolution supporting Bill Draft Request (BDR) 40-648, which would make methamphetamine precursors prescription only. Daniel presented the resolution and cited that the DA's office and law enforcement are highly in favor of this. Drug companies are opposed. This would affect anything that has ephedrine in it, such as Claritin D. NV's meth rate per capita is three times the national average. Meth related costs are estimated at \$23 billion per year. **Ed made a motion to approve the letter; seconded by Paul D. All voted in favor.**

#22-SHERIFF'S MEDIUM TERM OBLIGATION

Tommy read the letter from the Nevada Department of Taxation. The letter states: "The Department of Taxation has received a request from Lincoln County for the approval of a medium-term obligation not to exceed \$85,000. This medium-term financing will be issued to finance the purchase of three patrol vehicles. The term for this obligation is three years with an interest rate of approximately 7.5%. The request has been reviewed as required by NRS 350.08. We are aware of the current budgeted low ending fund balance of the Vehicle Capital fund. We therefore approve this request contingent upon the close monitoring of the budgeted fund to prevent an over expenditure that could result in a deficit fund balance. Pursuant to NRS 350.089, the approval must be recorded in the minutes of the governing board. You are reminded the financing must be secured within eighteen months of receipt of this approval..." **Kevin made a motion to place the letter and its contents in the minutes; seconded by Paul M. All voted in favor.**

#23-MESQUITE LANDFILL

Daniel presented a letter to the Board concerning the Mesquite Landfill. **Kevin made a motion to approve the letter; seconded by Paul M. All voted in favor.**

#24-PIOCHE PUBLIC UTILITIES PART-TIME CLERK

Paul D. explained that this item is on the agenda as it is a requirement of the LC Personnel Policy. This position has been advertised. Paul D. was invited to sit in on the interviews of the applicants. Pioche Town Board

approved the hiring of Shannon Spendlove. **Paul M. made a motion to approve the hiring of Shannon Spendlove, part time clerk at Pioche Public Utility, at \$13.73 per hour; seconded by Ed. All voted in favor.**

#25-COMMISSION RESPONSIBILITIES

Kevin made a motion to appoint Paul D. to the Regional Transportation Commission; seconded by Ed. All voted in favor.

#26-PAHRANAGAT VALLEY FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA

Kevin made a motion to approve the letter of thanks to the Pahranaगत Valley Future Farmers of America; seconded by Paul M. All voted in favor.

#27-COMMISSION MEETING BROADCASTING

Paul D. discussed broadcasting the Commission meetings on the internet and the need to purchase cameras and a laptop. LC Telephone System has been experimenting with the broadcasting by streaming basketball games. Paul D. cited that two cameras are needed, \$35-60 each. Paul D. believes total costs will be about \$500. **Kevin made a motion to approve the concept and have Paul D. come back with cost estimates; seconded by Ed. All voted in favor.**

#28-GRANTS

Shawn Frehner and Phyllis Robistow, Grants Administrators, presented these items. a) Update—Shawn advised that she created a flow chart of the Parks, Trails, and Natural Areas subgroup. The December unemployment rate was up; LC has 14% unemployment. Shawn reviewed the Homeless Street Count and the Doubled Up Count. There are 3 homeless and 61 that have doubled up with another family. The final paperwork for the rail city has been received. Shawn anticipates the notice to proceed on the Pioche Lower Park any day. Shawn presented copies of the final draft of the Open Space Plan. Phyllis discussed possible unfunded mandates that may come from this year's legislative session. The tax rebate for senior citizens will be eliminated, this is approximately \$335 for each senior. We may get extra on the Elder Protective Services, which is handled in Clark County. Currently, we only pay for those cases that are referred by the Sheriff. Phyllis reminded the Board that when funding gets tight, many people react with violence. Phyllis discussed the part of Health & Human Services that takes care of juvenile probation. Child Protective Services is going to be eliminated and we can expect \$31,000 back to the County each year. The County match program for Long Term Care will change, anything over \$.08 LC will have to pay for. Phyllis suggested that the Board work closely with NACO/Jeff Fontaine. b) Change Order for additional work at the Alamo Rodeo Grounds, not to exceed \$37,270.00—Shawn is currently negotiating the cost so it could be less. **Kevin made a motion to approve, not to exceed \$37,270; seconded by Ed. All voted in favor.** c) Grant from Joint City County Impact Alleviation Committee (JCCIAC) in the amount of \$26,400.00 to the Lincoln County Planning Department for the backup system for the GIS system—This will allow for additional hardware and a backup system for the GIS information and aerials. This is in the current budget and will allow for us to use what we've already purchased in a reliable manner. **Kevin made a motion to approve; seconded by Ed. All voted in favor.**

#29-LINCOLN COUNTY NUCLEAR OVERSIGHT

Connie Simkins presented these items. a) Update—Congress has yet to act on a budget. In the world nuclear news, they are now working on small modular reactors that go under ground. Minnesota and Kentucky are changing their laws to allow for nuclear power plants to be built. Representative Heller is the Vice-Chairman of the Western Caucus. Governor Sandoval has removed the Secretary of Agriculture and appointed a new person, Barbee. Governor Sandoval has reinstated the chairman of the wildlife commission who Governor Gibbons fired. The Endangered Species has 568 foreign species listed on it. Once a foreign species is listed that give the US Fish & Wildlife Service to go to foreign countries and purchase lands, with our taxpayer dollars, to protect these species. Vaughn Higbee addressed the Board and commented that 80% of America's energy will soon be required to be clean energy. One million electric cars will be on the road by 2030. Our capacity to generate power will have to be increased by 24% by 2030. There is a proposal in the House to cut \$1 billion from federal spending. Senator Jeff Bingaman, Natural Resources Committee Chair, is working on a clean energy proposal that would cut 80%. Wind, solar, nuclear, and carbon capture coal are considered clean energy. Vaughn's concern about limits is that when this was set on ethanol it resulted in us having to import half

of the ethanol from Brazil; it costs a great deal of money. Any time these standards are set by law we have to be sure we can afford it. KW hours coming from wind and solar are expensive. At some point, it needs to be reviewed to see if US Citizens can afford this clean energy. NM is trying to encourage Yucca Mountain to come there. Enough wind and solar can't be produced to meet the 80%; it will require nuclear. If we can't maintain cheap energy to do our labor then it will drive down the ability of companies to pay high salaries. Salaries will have to come down. As the Chinese give us more competition for labor, it continues to result in us having to "dumb down". b) Letter to Colonel Montgomery, Nellis Air Force Base, supporting site specific solar energy projects—This item has been tabled and no action is taken. c) Resolution/Letter opposing Interior Secretarial Order 3310, BLM to designation of "Wild Lands" without Congressional approval—This will further shut down the multiple uses of public land in LC as only one use will be allowed for lands designated as "Wild Lands". It is highly unlikely that Secretary Salazar will change his mind. There is widespread opposition to this new plan. LC supports multiple use. Kevin suggested additions to the letter; "LC Commission strongly recommends that no action be taken to designate any further wild lands, wilderness, or conservation lands". **Kevin made a motion to approve a letter opposing Interior Secretarial Order 3310, BLM designation of "Wild Lands" without Congressional approval, including the additional language as suggested; seconded by Ed. All voted in favor.** Vaughn Higbee stated we aren't talking about just grazing, it's use of all public lands. If winter range is taken, it is impossible to grow enough hay to feed the cattle to make a ranch economically viable. There are hunters to consider. Once this land is designated, there is no more local control. d) Request for Connie Simkins to travel to Washington, D.C., to observe the U.S. Court of Appeals hearing regarding the withdrawal of the license application for Yucca Mountain and the cancellation of the project on Tuesday, March 22, 2011—**Paul M. made a motion to approve the travel request; seconded by Ed. All voted in favor.** e) Time only extension until March 31, 2011 of the agreement between Lincoln County and The Beck Group for the preparation of biomass feasibility study—**Paul M. made a motion to approve; seconded by Kevin. All voted in favor.** f) Resolution of support for the Nevada Pinyon-Juniper Partnership—**Paul M. made a motion to approve; seconded by Ed. All voted in favor.** g) Proposed talking points for Solar Programmatic Draft EIS (PEIS) public meetings and assign various Lincoln County Commissioners to possibly attend sessions in Las Vegas, Goldfield, Caliente and Cedar City, UT—Connie reviewed the comments to the Solar Programmatic Draft EIS. Vaughn Higbee advised that he and John Sanders would like to go on the tour. Yes. Paul D. will attend the meetings in Cedar City and Vaughn Higbee will attend in Las Vegas. Tommy will attend the meetings in Goldfield and Caliente. The reason formal written comments haven't been brought forward to the Board is to allow the Commissioners the opportunity to attend the meetings, learn, and determine if they feel something has been overlooked and should be included. Kena Gloeckner discussed a comment from the Sustainable Grazing Organization that should be included; Kena will email those comments to Connie. **Kevin made a motion to approve the talking points as presented, including comments from Kena Gloeckner; seconded by Paul M. All voted in favor.** Louis Benezet commented that this has been a long agenda item, but very little of it has had to do with the mission of the nuclear waste program. Our job is to identify the impact of Yucca Mountain and what the impacts will be. Louis commented that we seem to have run out of work to do that is authorized under the mission statement; this is a good time to ask what this program is all about. If there is no justification for this program, maybe we should help them out and send it back.

#30-BUILDING/PLANNING

Cory Lytle attended ICC training last week and recertified; Richard completed his as well. Cory will attend the LS Power meeting this Friday. Cory is doing some FEMA work to meet requirements. The flood issue in Alamo will be turned back to the Power District and the private land owners to be addressed. Cory has been working on the Solar PEIS and commented that the Public Lands Plan needs to be passed. Dawne has been going through the GIS inventory, which is extensive. The GIS program is very important and we need to maintain it. Cory will be working on patented grounds and disposal with BLM. Through this process, he will work on solid waste issues in Alamo. Cory will attend a pre-bid conference with Sunrise this Thursday.

#31-PUBLIC COMMENT

Tommy called for public comment. Connie advised that \$239,000 has been spent on aerial photographs and \$75,000 has been spent on equipment for the GIS. Cory Lytle advised that he attended the NV Board of Wildlife Commissioners meeting this last weekend.

#32-ADJOURN

There being no further business for the Board to attend to, **Paul D. made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:04 p.m.; seconded by Ed. All voted in favor.**

Attest: _____ Approve: _____

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