



## LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

April 7, 2014  
Commission Chambers  
Lincoln County Courthouse  
181 Main Street  
Pioche, Nevada

### Commissioners

Paul Mathews  
Kevin Phillips, Vice Chair  
Adam Katschke  
Paul Donohue  
Ed Higbee, Chair

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

Ed called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m. Clerk Lisa Lloyd called the roll.

PRESENT: PAUL DONOHUE  
ED HIGBEE  
ADAM KATSCHKE  
PAUL MATHEWS  
ABSENT: KEVIN PHILLIPS

LISA LLOYD, Clerk  
DANIEL HOOGE, District Attorney

There is a quorum present and the agenda was posted on 4-1-14. The Invocation was offered by Paul M. and Paul D. led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **#2-PUBLIC COMMENT**

Ed called for public comment. Ed played a voicemail he received from Senator Pete Goicoechea regarding medical marijuana. Legislative Counsel Bureau has decided that if a county takes no action concerning medical marijuana, then the state can license facilities if they so desire. It is best if the county takes action through an ordinance or resolution. A county ordinance has been drafted and is set for public hearing in the near future.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

- #3 Approve/Deny minutes of the March 3 and March 17 meetings.
- #4 Approve/Deny original and renewed business licenses according to 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; seconded by Adam. All voted in favor.**

### **#5-VOUCHERS**

Recorder/Auditor Leslie Boucher presented the vouchers and cash balance report. General County has a balance of \$792,196.88 with estimated expenditures being \$175,274.55. General County will have a balance of \$606,922.33. Transportation has a cash balance of \$46,756.83 with estimated expenditures being \$8,401.15. Transportation will have a balance of \$38,355.68. Alamo Town has a balance of \$11,789.34 with estimated expenditures of \$1,059.78. Alamo Town will have a balance of \$10,729.56. Senior Nutrition has a balance of \$164,125.69 with estimated expenditures being \$12,137.71. Senior Nutrition will have a balance of \$151,987.98. China Springs has a balance of \$7,628.37 with no expenditures. Detention Center has a cash balance of \$342,496.24 with estimated expenditures being \$90,704.66. Detention Center will have a cash balance of \$251,791.58. Solid Waste has a cash balance of \$144,473.03 with estimated expenditures being \$23,777.52. Solid Waste owes LC Water Special Projects, Fund 87, \$27,484.15. Solid Waste will have a balance of \$120,695.51. Airport has a balance of \$5,278.06 with estimated expenditures of \$50.48. Airport will have a balance of \$5,227.58. Planning has a balance of \$13,571.19 with estimated expenditures being \$3,200.67. Planning will have a balance of \$10,370.52. **Adam made a motion to approve the vouchers as presented with the exception of the MV Pharmacy and LCTS vouchers; seconded by Paul D. All voted in favor. Adam made a motion to approve the LCTS vouchers; seconded by Paul M. Paul D. disclosed he is an employee of LCTS; he abstained from the vote. Motion carried. Paul M. made a motion to approve**

**the Meadow Valley Pharmacy vouchers; seconded by Paul D. Adam disclosed that he is part owner of the pharmacy; he abstained from the discussion and the vote. Motion carried.**

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

**DISTRICT ATTORNEY** Daniel Hooge advised that one of Kevin's constituents has requested the sale of a mine that is held by the county. If the county would like to, it can auction the property or do a direct sale. A direct sale requires two appraisals. There is a decision on Hardy Construction arbitration, but the arbitrator will not give us a copy until we pay our portion. Caliente met on April 3 to approve their portion of the payment. Daniel will find out this week what the decision was. **EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR** Rick Stever has contacted a couple different people concerning the PFD/Emergency Management building foundation settling issues in Panaca. This individual proffered a couple of suggestions to repair the problem. It is going to be very expensive. Sunrise Engineering gave Rick the name of a company from Cedar City who does soils testing. The original observation fee is \$65 per hour and whatever needs to be done in addition to that will cost more. Paul D. suggested that POOL/PACT be included on this issue; they may have people that will help with this. Daniel advised that we need to contact Michelle Wadsworth first. **TREASURER** Shawn Frehner presented the monthly Treasurer's report as well as the taxable sales report for LC. Shawn attended a conference last week concerning government investing; she presented statistics LC's labor force, employment, and unemployment rates.

#### **#7-DONATION**

Rachel Hosier presented this item as she is responsible for the grad night activities. The activities are open to the community until midnight, at which time it is closed to the public with the exception of the seniors. Once the kids leave the party they aren't allowed back in. **Paul M. made a motion to approve the request for donation from Pahrnagat Valley High School for \$800 from the Western Elite Youth Fund for graduation night activities; seconded by Adam. All voted in favor.**

#### **#8-HIGHWAY COMMISSION**

This item was handled under separate agenda.

#### **#9-LINCOLN COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT**

This item was covered under a separate agenda.

#### **#10-AGREEMENT BETWEEN LINCOLN COUNTY/LINCOLN COUNTY WATER DISTRICT**

This is the time and place set for public hearing on an agreement between Lincoln County and the Lincoln County Water District for lease of space in the Panaca Town Center (PTC). Ed called for public comment. None offered. **Adam made a motion to approve the agreement; seconded by Paul D. All voted in favor.**

#### **#11-LIQUOR BOARD**

This item was covered under a separate agenda.

#### **#12-BUDGET AUGMENTATION**

Ed called for public comment. None offered. **Paul M. made a motion to approve the resolution to augment the 2013-2014 District Court Specialty Court Fund in the amount of \$29,936; seconded by Adam. All voted in favor.**

#### **#13-LINCOLN COUNTY EXTENSION**

Holly Gatzke stated her focus is on economic development and leadership youth programs (workforce and career program). Holly continues to focus strongly on developing local food. A value added component is needed for the local food development. The youth and adult programs for workforce continue; Holly is working through applications now. The unemployment rate remains high. A health component has been added to the program; it includes a health and fitness class. No action was taken on this item.

#### **#14-UNIVERSITY OF NEVADA COOPERATIVE EXTENSION DAY**

**Paul M. made a motion to approve the proposal to declare May 8, 2014 as University of Nevada Cooperative Extension Day in LC; seconded by Paul D. All voted in favor.**

#### **#15-ALAMO NON-PROFIT COALITION FOR LITTLE ASH**

This item concerns a report from the Alamo Non-Profit Coalition for Little Ash regarding the transfer from Bureau of Land Management (BLM) to Lincoln County. Ben Rowley offered a power point presentation regarding what is currently happening with Ash Springs. Little Ash is across the street from R Place. It has a small pond and is a site that visitors have enjoyed for decades. The area is managed by BLM due to cleanliness problems, overcrowding, public safety issues, lack of enforcement of rules, and lack of availability of personnel to conduct property management. There is a significant loss of approximately 10,000 visitors per year, which results in loss of business. R Place has experienced a significant loss in business revenue, and the locals haven't been able to enjoy the site due to overcrowding. Goals for the site include: new facility management consistent with federal and state constraints with regards to endangered species, a staff member would be present during all hours of operation, it would be cleaner and better maintained for locals and visitors, and the non-contaminated water would continue to flow down through the Pahrangat Valley. Victoria Barr of BLM is going to aid the Coalition to understand the land transfer from BLM to LC or to allow it to run as a concession/permit under BLM. The Coalition doesn't want to create any additional costs for the county; they'd like to run it as a nonprofit. The Coalition is working on the completion of the paperwork that would allow them to become a nonprofit. They'd like to make Little Ash better so that the public can enjoy it. The owner of R Place cited they lost approximately \$60,000 over the summer months. The decrease was especially significant on the July 4<sup>th</sup> weekend. 95% of the business at R Place comes from those traveling the highway, not from the locals. Ed Wright stated that early in the 80s we fought the Fish & Wildlife and asked if the BLM has taken responsibility for the endangered species. No. F&W is still involved. Ben said the Coalition is working with BLM and F&W. Ed commented that the Coalition is aware that this is the headwaters of endangered species. Lewis Sharp commented that it is a disappointment to see what has happened to Little Ash. It is sad that no one is able to enjoy the recreation that can be had there. Wade Poulsen commented that this issue was brought before the Commission in 2006; one of the problems the Board struggled with was liability. The area was in the BLM's hands and they wanted to turn it over to the county. The demise of Big Ash was a direct result of a liability issues; a fellow died and it was attributed to Big Ash. Wade asked about the liability. Gordon Wadsworth believes Little Ash would be covered under the county's insurance umbrella. Wade agreed that Little Ash needs to be rehabilitated so others can use the area but there are several issues that must be resolved first. Adam said it's a great idea but there are some concerns. The county would ultimately be responsible for the land. If someone is asked to manage Little Ash that employee could be paid through the nonprofit. It is possible that the BLM can own the site and then BLM can have an agreement with a friends group. BLM would hold the biological opinion. Victoria reviewed the history of the Little Ash closure. Before the bank collapsed and the area had to be closed, they were operating under the 2008 biological opinion but management hadn't been changed there. Under the endangered species act, as soon as a decision or change in management is made, the new conditions kick in. If a direct conveyance is done under LCCRDA, it authorizes LC to have 15,000 acres conveyed as open space. If done through LCCRDA, when BLM is preparing the land for sale a biological opinion (BO) is done. The county can then use that BO and amend the HCP to incorporate the BLM BO with the Fish & Wildlife Service. When Victoria learned that a biological opinion was required to get Little Ash up and running again, she decided to make this a collaborative process. Victoria didn't want to proceed with a decision without having the community involved, and she'd like to have the county involved in the NEPA process. A meeting was held in Alamo to get people's ideas. Permanent closure or the possibility of a friends group were considered. It becomes tricky when a fee is charged to come in. One thing BLM couldn't do is to manage the area as they did before because there would be no mechanisms in place to control what is happening there and how many people could come in there. If the property was conveyed to the county through RPP, BLM would support a plan to get public funding. Even if we applied for SNPLMA grant today, it could be seven years before any work is able to take place. If the friends group forms they can seek grants and fundraising opportunities. RPP lease, Open Space Conveyance through LCRDA (BLM can't pay using LCRDA funding to process; approximate cost estimate is \$120,000 for required studies), or direct sale are the three options for BLM to handle the land. The direct sale would have to be competitive; this is the least favored option by the Coalition. The Coalition isn't opposed to acquiring a larger portion of land and developing it in phases. No matter what direction is taken, there will be stipulations included due to the endangered species. Paul M. asked if there is some way to form an MOU with BLM that would allow for a short-term solution. Victoria responded that, at a minimum, a plan must be created for how it would be managed as well as completion of a biological opinion. Victoria would like to meet once or twice per month to keep this issue moving forward; she's interested in hearing ideas for how to move forward. The endangered

species is of great concern to Paul M. as is the liability. Kris Higbee mentioned that the Coalition wants to work with F&W to make an educational site. Lewis asked what happens if someone violates the provision. If the county owns it, it's up to the county to decide how to correct/manage the area. Lewis stated it is a much better option for the county to take over this land; it allows for more freedom. Paul D. responded that the area would be shut down if anything happened to further endanger the protected species in the area. The terms and conditions require caution during certain times of the year. For instance, many normal activities are limited during the time the fish are spawning. BLM can't close a public recreation site without backlash. Victoria would like to find the balance between human recreation and biological need. There is a lot more work to be done on this issue. Each option comes with a gamut of alternatives. Paul M. commented the next action for the Board to take would be to create a working group to address this issue. BLM doesn't have a preferred solution at this time; the preference is that the community and Commission support whatever solution is chosen. No action was taken on this item.

#### **#16-BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT UPDATE**

Charissa Snyder is now working for BLM. There are some mineral projects happening right now, including Gold Springs exploration. There is draft NEPA by Mt. Irish. Victoria is now advertising to fill Clint Wertz's vacant position. Lisa Domina advised that there are 14 more events this summer. The decision for the Tikapoo 138KV line was signed. BLM anticipates another power line application for Dry Lake Valley. Ty Chamberlain is working on state parks conveyances. The Medlin land sale was completed a few weeks ago. BLM anticipates sales in the fall for Cowboy and Windmill sites. BLM met with International Mountain Biking Association concerning the development of biking trails. The next phase will be to design the trails and where they'll go. Victoria's goal is to seek grants to hire youth to construct the trails that are on public land through the summer. Victoria stated that they've been asked to identify areas for emergency gathers; she's identified Oak Springs Summit as well as Pioche where they're coming out on to the highway. No action was taken on this item as it was informational only.

#### **#17-NEVADA ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES**

The amount for NACO dues has increased by approximately \$4,000 this year. Ed advised that this is due to an increase in population and county revenue. LC is in a bracket that shows our county revenue is \$20 million. **Paul M. made a motion to approve the payment to Nevada Association of Counties (NACO) in the amount of \$13,612.00 (the Board will continue to inquire as to how the amount was derived); seconded by Paul D. All voted in favor.**

#### **#18-QUARTERLY JAIL TOUR**

This item was tabled.

#### **#19-FY 2014-2015 BUDGET**

Dan McArthur presented the draft FY 2014-2015 budget. Dan met with Pioche Town to discuss their budget as it had some issues. Pioche Town will rework their budget and return the numbers to Dan. Reductions will be made to ensure the budget is balanced. Dan will meet with Panaca Town this Wednesday. Assessed valuation is estimated to be \$349,830,190; this is due to the power line. New property shows \$23,073,619; this is the Air Force. The funds that had property taxes removed last year have had the money put back into them. The General Fund shows a balance of \$460,000; the Board has adopted a resolution to allocate the Air Force annual funding towards capital projects. This amount is about \$248,000, which will leave just over \$200,000 in General Fund. Dan went back into the budget itself and adjusted the budgets to what everyone is being paid today for consistency. Increases through negotiations will be approximately \$30,000. Insurance will be \$825 this year (\$155 employee/\$670 county); the next year the insurance will be \$850 (\$155 employee/\$695 county); the next year after that will be \$900 (\$200 employee/\$700 county). There is no opt-out clause as this is part of the original deal. If a 1% raise were given, it would cost the county about \$55,365.16. If 5% were given, it would cost about \$250,000. \$335,000 is the current fund balance. 4% ending fund balance would be approximately \$160,000. Dan put together summaries for capital outlay. The Planning Department is showing a deficit of \$102,000. The Building Department has a deficit of \$62,000. Detention Center Enterprise fund is showing a negative balance of \$100,926, based on wages being paid and an increase in expenses from last year to this year. The revenue number included in the budget is based on 85 beds, 365 days per year, at \$74 per bed/per day. The only way to make this budget work is to get money from another source or fill more beds. Dan is

going to work with Sheriff Kerry Lee on this budget. The museum and library rate have been adjusted back to where they were before. China Springs has been adjusted so there is enough included to cover the allowable rate. One of the questions that needs to be addressed is the work that should be done on the roof between the museum/library. The job classification approach includes the state approach, but no decision has been made. \$30,000 is included for an increase in property insurance. The next PERS increase will take place in 2015-2016. Dan put together a 5 year Capital Improvements Plan. Dan stated that the \$90,000 for gas tax that potentially goes to Caliente still sits in the Road Fund. Paul M. said progress hasn't been made towards solving the legal issues surrounding that money going to Caliente. If the money is going to be considered separately from the Road Fund, then Paul M. suggested that we move on to a different community or set of projects. If the money isn't spent it will stay in the Road Fund and roll from year to year. Paul M. stated that the money needs to stay in there and then be spent from year to year on different town projects. Paul D. suggested that the Road Fund have a line item for this funding since the money must be tracked. The funds were approved for 2013-2014 year, not every year. If the money isn't spent by the end of the year it will have to be reapportioned for the next year, but the money itself stays in the Road Fund. Paul D. stated that, through the Road Department, a sub column could be created to track the money and use it for community road projects. Paul M. agreed the intent is to shift the funds from community to community now, as opposed to continuing to pay it to Caliente. The money has to come out of 253 if it's for projects other than roads. The Board agreed that all members were under the impression that it would be used for roads and sidewalks. Paul D. reminded everyone of the importance to keep track of the money, which can be administered through the Road Commission. Legally, the county can't give the money to Caliente, Paul M. stated. Shawn advised that she apportions the funds in the manner that she receives them. The Board agreed they are going to create a line item under the Road Department fund to track the funds/projects. Caliente has been told that the Board would discuss the first allotted amount of \$93,000, then after that, no more funding would be received. Caliente is now responsible for showing the county how the law allows the county to pay the funds. There is no statute that says the county must split the gas tax with Caliente. Since the answer is that paying the funds to Caliente is illegal, Dan removed the amount budgeted to go to Caliente for last year. Reimbursements to other funds for Planning/Building were discussed. Paul M. reminded the Board that John Crossthwait has talked to the Board about the Fairgrounds and getting someone to maintain/manage them. The Panaca Town Center is being renovated and will require both maintenance/janitorial services. Paul M. suggested that the position for the Fairgrounds could be combined with other facilities within the county, including Alamo rodeo grounds and the Panaca Town Center. All improvements made with SNPLMA funds require the county to maintain the facilities for at least 7 years. Cory suggested that it will cost about \$23,000 to keep Panaca Town Center running; this includes cleaning, maintenance, and utilities. Paul M. suggested that a contract weed spray can be done for the Fairgrounds. Cory reminded Board members that the Fair Board is responsible for the management of the Fairgrounds. Paul D. stated that the funding for someone to clean/do maintenance of the Fairgrounds should come through the Fair Board. The individual who cleans/maintains the Fairground buildings will be responsible for cleaning/maintenance on other county buildings as well; the Board will solidify and work out the specifics of this decision at a future meeting. There was some discussion about each of the entities who have an office in the Panaca Town Center contributing funds towards paying for the maintenance/cleaning. Adam suggested that the amount that all of the entities are currently paying for rent should be used to pay for the maintenance. Fund 124 has already been set up; it includes the insurance money and the LC Water District's prepayment for rent. Utilities in the Panaca Town Center are estimated to be very high. The HVAC bid came in much higher than anticipated on the Panaca Town Center; the fund will be short as bathrooms still need to be done. There is a great deal of plumbing work that will have to be done. Paul M. asked if there is any way to spend money this year, then budget to reimburse money next year to make the state happy. Dan responded that the county can spend up to \$44,000 this year out of Fund 124. Cory responded that these funds have already been spent and money is being taken from another fund to cover the shortages. An additional \$50,000 is needed this year to finish the building. There is a resolution in place that states the Board will only spend PILT Grant Match funds on grant matches. There is capital improvement money that will come in in the future, but somehow the fiscal year gap will have to be resolved. Dan will work with Daniel to see if there is a solution that will allow for the expenditure of funds from the capital improvement fund this year and reimbursement next year. The other option is a temporary interfund loan. The money could come from one of the land act funds and be repaid next year. Daniel responded that it was a cash flow problem; the money is still in the budget. There is no need to find more money; it'll come out Fairgrounds fund. The person will be part time, doing both facilities. Panaca Town Center has \$14,000. Paul D. doesn't feel this person should be cutting weeds all the time, the Board

needs to come up with someone who can spray for weeds. This individual will need to winterize, open/close the buildings, so that the Fairgrounds can be maintained for ready use. The funds will come from Room Tax, unless that person also takes care of the Panaca Town Center. Cory advised that money needs to be set aside for upgrades to the senior centers. There is a need for someone to do maintenance at the airport as well. Adam stated that he thinks this could be a full time position. Paul M. reminded the Board that funding for the 911 system is needed. Dan responded that this can be funded with IT override. Dan will discuss the 911 issues with Sheriff Kerry Lee when they meet. Dan will also meet with Cory to craft a 5 year plan. Until there is a major boom in growth, the county will have to maintain and fund the Planning/Building Department. Treasurer Shawn Frehner advised that she doesn't know how accurate the landfill numbers will be for billing. There is no way to know the amount that will come in. There was some discussion about solid waste host fees. The contract with Recology expires 10-2014. Dan suggested that Building/Planning could be thrown back into one fund. There is no advantage other than simplifying. The Board agreed to keep them separate. Cory reminded the Board to remember the Thompson Opera House and Rachel Park are included in the maintenance. Paul D. asked if it was possible to have the Honor Camp do the maintenance on some of these parks. The county agreed to maintain all these parks for ten years. Paul D. suggested that a scheduled rotation and agreement be created for the Honor Camp to do the maintenance. Cory stated that letting the Honor Camp take care of the weeds is one thing, but it is an entirely different issue to have them address issues on the inside, such as plumbing. Cory and Dan will look at having the Honor Camp take care of weeds and winterizing as part of the 5 year plan. The next budget meeting is 4-28 at 9 a.m. No action was taken.

#### **#19A-DIRECTOR OF TOURISM/SUPERVISOR OF FAIRGROUNDS**

John Crosthwait presented a request to hire a Director of Tourism and supervisor of the Fairgrounds. John's proposal includes this individual be a "true" 1099 employee. The Fairgrounds aren't being managed by anyone at this time and the condition of the building/grounds is deplorable. This employee would report to both the Room Tax & Fair Board, including total number of calls, emails received, and answers returned. This position would maintain contact with NV Tourist, LCAT, Pioche Chamber of Commerce/Town Board, Alamo Tour Board, LVCVA and Reno Convention Authority, local businesses. This employee would attend RV/outdoor shows/land round ups as well as check the newspapers and community billboards for local events. This position would be responsible for controlling TV advertising, would work with the park systems events, and work to set up a community billboard. John suggested that this position be a year round job. John stated that the county shouldn't have three events going on during the same time; it causes competition for rooms. John suggested that these events be spread out so the rooms remain rented out for a longer time period. Billy Ensor from Fox 5 addressed the board. Billy commented that the parks in LC are amazing. A ton of funding has been spent to upgrade the parks but nothing has been spent advertising to let people know of the upgrades. LC has everything to offer, including ATV, fishing, and hunting. Billy presented information concerning advertising of various recreational destinations and proffered ideas for the county's tourism advertising. If people are brought into the county, sales tax increases and it provides an enormous boost to the local economy.

#### **#20-PIOCHE PUBLIC UTILITIES EMPLOYEE**

This item concerns the position modification for Tayler Reifsnnyder with Pioche Public Utilities (PPU) taking her from part time to full time. Tayler works part time for PPU and is the pool manager. Holding both positions increases her hours so she is over the part time mark. Any time there is a position vacancy it has to be taken to the Board. **Paul D. made a motion to accept the proposal from PPU and to move Tayler Reifsnnyder from part time to full time; seconded by Adam.** Paul M. discussed prorated benefits, which Tayler will have. This is an issue that will have to be addressed in the future. **All voted in favor.**

#### **#21-PIOCHE PUBLIC UTILITIES EMPLOYEE**

**Paul M. made a motion to approve the hiring of part time summer laborers and assistant pool manager for PPU; seconded by Paul D. All voted in favor.**

#### **#22-911 SYSTEM**

Sheriff Kerry Lee stated that two weeks ago he reported the server for 911 had gone down. The day he reported that the lines were down Tracy Lee worked on it. Tracy tried 911 and it was up and functioning. Last Tuesday, 911 went down again and the SO was unable to receive any 911 calls for several days. The phone company transferred the 911 lines to the regular administrative lines. Right now, the SO is receiving 911 calls

but they aren't enhanced and they're coming through the administrative lines. Enhanced 911 is down completely. Tracy has been working on the system and has several solutions. There were two calls that 911 was ringing busy; the individuals called administrative lines. Kerry believes 911 will be back up this week and it'll be able to take enhanced calls. Tracy is going to repair the system; the original equipment will be used but parts will need to be purchased to get it up and running. Tracy is using a free piece of software at this moment, Asterisk. This is the basis of the previous 911 system and is the basis for the existing phone system. Asterisk is published as an open source piece of software. The county is going to have to purchase another device, T-1 gateway, in the amount of \$1,000. This piece of equipment allows for the information to be sent to two different phones in dispatch. Tracy is confident that once this is up calls should be able to be process calls like they were a couple of weeks ago. The gateway has already been purchased as have handsets. Kerry stated that discussion needs to be held about funding of 911 in the future. Kerry believes this temporary fix will get the SO through until July 1, 2014. Public safety must be the Board's #1 priority; the 911 system will be addressed during budget hearings. Grants Administrator Elaine Zimmerman asked if Grant Match funds can be used to maintain the system since it was originally purchased with grant funds. Yes. No action was taken.

#### **#23-911 SYSTEM**

This item was addressed under Item #22.

#### **#24-GRANTS**

**Paul M. made a motion to approve the signing of the revised grant award for the Pahrangat Valley Senior Center in the amount of \$146,996.23 to reflect the de-obligation amount of \$3.77 and close out the award; seconded by Adam. All voted in favor.**

#### **#25-HUMAN SERVICES DIRECTOR**

This item was tabled due to incorrect information on the agenda.

#### **#26-GRANTS**

**Paul M. made a motion to approve the Office of Criminal Justice Grant application in the amount of \$10,460 for technology improvements; seconded by Adam. All voted in favor.**

#### **#27-GRANTS**

**Paul D. made a motion to approve the signing of the 2015 Welfare Set-Aside Agreement, not to exceed \$4,000; seconded by Adam. All voted in favor.**

#### **#28-TRUSTEE AUCTION**

Treasurer Shawn Frehner reported on the Trustee Auction that took place last Friday. The auction was very successful, the final bid amount was \$51,800. **Adam made a motion to accept the Affidavit of Publication of Notice of Sale and Return of Sale; seconded by Paul D. All voted in favor.**

#### **#29-LANDFILL FEE REFUND**

Steve Culverwell has been paying both Lincoln County and the City of Caliente for landfill. **Adam made a motion to approve the refund to Steve Culverwell for county-billed landfill charges from 1998-present; seconded by Paul D. All voted in favor.**

#### **#30-PANACA TOWN CENTER**

**Paul D. made a motion to approve the contract with Mesquite Electric, LLC in the amount of \$127,650 for installation of a HVAC system in the Panaca Town Center; seconded by Paul M. All voted in favor.**

#### **#31-PANACA TOWN CENTER**

Cory Lytle presented a request for additional funds for the renovation of the Panaca Town Center (PTC). Modifications have been made to a couple of rooms; that increased the cost. Issues have also surfaced as the renovations have been made. There are only two working toilets. To rebuild the toilets and urinals for the upcoming events for this summer will be approximately \$1,000, then we will tear them apart and redo them completely. Instead of doing it that way, Cory suggested that funds be designated to do the toilets/urinals correctly the first time. Cory believes it will cost about \$50,000 to finish the HVAC, clean carpets, and do the

restrooms. There is sufficient funding in the Grant Match funds, but it will have to be repaid. There is a resolution that states that this fund is only to be used as a match for grants. Originally, Cory assumed the insurance funds and the lease payments from the Water District would cover the repairs. Cory and Paul M. will work with Dan McArthur to locate a fund to pay for the repairs. No action was taken on this item.

**#32-CANIDAE TAP IT SILVER STATE 300**

The application was sent to the OHV committee for review. Mrs. Simkins had a few questions and the Road Department had some concerns; most of these questions have been answered. The LC Power District hasn't approved the formal agreement that is still in the works (some of this race course goes on their right-of-way). **Paul D. made a motion to approve the Canidae Tap It Silver State 300 (subject to the LC Power District agreement being approved and in place prior to start date of the fun run) presented by Best in the Desert, scheduled for May 3, 2014, the pre-event fun run is scheduled for April 19-20, 2014; seconded by Paul M. All voted in favor.**

**#33-RESOLUTION SUPPORTING "IN GOD WE TRUST"**

Jacque Sullivan sent an email to Ed requesting that this motto be discussed. LC would be the first in the State of Nevada. Ed asked Daniel if the Board would get in trouble for putting "In God We Trust" on the Commission chamber wall. The county could always face a challenge. Dylan Frehner stated that this would open the community up for scrutiny. At this time we still have prayer before every meeting; this could become an issue as well. In 2011, Congress approved "In God We Trust" as the national motto. Judge Mike Cowley suggested the Board get a nicer state seal to display with the motto, if that's what they choose. Paul M. stated that adopting this motto and posting it doesn't change how he operates or what he believes; it makes a public statement. Ed said he likes the idea. **Paul D. made a motion to approve the resolution supporting the display of the national motto "In God We Trust" in the Commission chambers; seconded by Adam. All voted in favor.**

**#34-"IN GOD WE TRUST"**

The Board discussed inscribing "In God We Trust" on the wall and the cost. The inscription can be painted or done in vinyl. **Paul M. made a motion to authorize Cory to work with Paul D. to get this inscribed on the wall, up to \$500; seconded by Adam. All voted in favor.**

**#35-COMMISSIONER REPORTS**

No reports were offered.

**#36-PUBLIC COMMENT**

Ed called for public comment. None offered.

**#37-ADJOURN**

There being no further business for the Board to attend to, Ed adjourned the meeting at 4:21 p.m.

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