



## LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

April 18, 2016  
Commission Chambers  
Lincoln County Courthouse  
181 Main Street  
Pioche, Nevada

### Commissioners

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

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

Kevin called the meeting to order at 9:08 a.m. Clerk Lisa Lloyd called the roll.

PRESENT: PAUL MATHEWS  
ADAM KATSCHKE  
KEVIN PHILLIPS  
VARLIN HIGBEE  
PAUL DONOHUE

LISA LLOYD, Clerk  
DANIEL HOOGE, District Attorney

There is a quorum present and the agenda was posted on 4-12-16. The Invocation was offered by Linda Larson and Paul M. led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Kevin called for public comment. None offered.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

#3 Approve/Deny minutes of the April 4 and 12 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).

**Adam made a motion to approve the consent agenda; seconded by Paul M. All voted in favor.**

### **#5-VOUCHERS**

Recorder/Auditor Leslie Boucher presented the cash balance report. General County has a balance of \$975,812.85 with estimated expenditures being \$182,619.57. General County will have a balance of \$793,193.28. The tentative budget is on file in the Clerk's office. **Adam made a motion to approve the vouchers as presented with the exception of the LCTS, Mountain Merc, and A & H Katschke vouchers (the voucher for Duane Wadsworth was approved pending the approval of Item 17); seconded by Varlin. All voted in favor. Paul D. made a motion to approve the A & H Katschke vouchers; seconded by Varlin. Adam disclosed he is the owner of A & H; he abstained. Motion carried. Adam made a motion to approve the Mountain Merc vouchers; seconded by Varlin. Kevin abstained and disclosed he is part owner of this firm. Motion carried. Adam made a motion to approve the LCTS vouchers; seconded by Varlin. Paul D. abstained and disclosed he is an employee of LCTS. Motion carried.**

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

**TREASURER** Shawn Frehner presented the monthly report. Total for March is \$1,593,418.07. The auction took place and was very successful. Four of the five properties were sold; one did not receive any bids. The Floral Mills site didn't go to auction. Larry Atkinson signed the paperwork to put that in Trust. There is one year to resolve the issues with the Floral Mills split estate and resolve it. **EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR** Rick and Grants Administrator Elaine Zimmerman are working on the EPWG low level waste budget. Rick indicated they're looking at upgrading their hazardous supplies, including suits.

### **#7-HIGHWAY COMMISSION**

This item was handled under a separate agenda.

#### **#8-LINCOLN COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT**

This item was covered under a separate agenda.

#### **#9-PANACA FIRE DISTRICT**

This item was covered under a separate agenda.

#### **#10-LANDFILL WAIVER**

Treasurer Shawn Frehner advised the address for this property is 52042 S US 93. The information provided doesn't meet the requirements of the Commissioners' policy. There is nothing demonstrating that the home was vacant. Shawn was unaware as to whether or not the home is vacant. Many times, when an individual submits these requests they will include something from the power/utility companies indicating that there is no service to that property. **Adam made a motion to deny the request for landfill fee waivers for years 2013 and 2014 for James Ebert, APN 130-30-22, vacant home; seconded by Paul D. All voted in favor.**

#### **#11-BUDGET AUGMENTATION**

**Paul D. made a motion to approve the notice of intention to act on a resolution to augment the budget for FY 2015-2016 Ambulance Fund in the amount of \$11,972 and to set the public hearing for May 2, 2016 at 10:00 a.m.; seconded by Paul M. All voted in favor.**

#### **#12-TEAMSTERS LOCAL 14 MEMORANDUMS OF UNDERSTANDING**

This item was discussed previously at the last budget hearing. DA Daniel Hooge advised that he has spoken with Dan McArthur. The numbers Daniel calculated for the resulting change if these new scales are approved is \$10,000. Dan didn't do the translation; he simply had everyone at the 28, which would give them all a 6% raise. If these scales are applied overall and a 2% increase is given to all employees it will wreak havoc on the budget. Daniel corrected everyone and said the approval of these MOUs will only affect about 8-12 people in different departments. Daniel advised that he doesn't believe it is anywhere near the estimated \$100,000 that Dan estimated and included in the budget. Paul M. asked if this item could be held until some time after the next budget meeting so that total cost and impacts can be vetted. **Paul M. made a motion to table this item; seconded by Varlin. Sheriff Kerry Lee asked for a breakdown of how each department will be affected. All voted in favor.**

#### **#13-AB 191 BALLOT LANGUAGE**

This item was approved at the 4-4 meeting; no action was taken.

#### **#14-DEBIT/CREDIT CARD FOR PAYMENT MANAGEMENT POLICY**

**Adam made a motion to approve the debit/credit card for payment management policy; seconded by Varlin. All voted in favor.**

#### **#15-DELINQUENT TAXES**

**Adam made a motion to accept the Affidavit of Mailing for Delinquent Taxes pursuant to NRS 361.5648; seconded by Paul M. All voted in favor.**

#### **#16-TRUSTEE AUCTION**

The four parcels sold brought in approximately \$16,000. **Adam made a motion to approve the report and Affidavit of Publication of Notice of Sale and Return of Sale; seconded by Paul D. All voted in favor.**

#### **#17-WESTERN ELITE YOUTH FUND**

**Paul D. made a motion to approve the request from Duane Wadsworth for \$1,500 from the Western Elite Youth Fund to be used for costs associated with the summer basketball tournaments for middle/high school traveling teams; seconded by Varlin. All voted in favor.**

#### **#18-TAX STRIKE**

The tax strike for Level 3 Communications in the amount of \$63,466.49 was approved at the 4-12 meeting; no action was taken on this item.

#### **#19-GRANTS**

Adam made a motion to approve the grant match from Grant Match Fund in the amount of \$16,718.15 for a new transportation bus; seconded by Paul M. All voted in favor.

#### **#20-LC COURTHOUSE RESTROOM**

Paul D. made a motion to approve Change Order #1 in the amount of \$10,660 to S.H. Architecture for additional services that include civil drawings and geotechnical reports for the LC Courthouse restroom addition; seconded by Adam. All voted in favor.

#### **#21-ROUND 16 SOUTHERN NEVADA PUBLIC LAND MANAGEMENT ACT**

Paul M. made a motion to approve the letter of support for Round 16 Southern NV Public Land Management Act (SNPLMA) funding for the Atlanta Road Sage Grouse Habitat Continuation Project and the completion of the south Spring Valley and Hamblin Valley Watershed Restoration Plan; seconded by Paul D. All voted in favor.

#### **#22-COMMERCIAL FILMING PERMIT**

Adam made a motion to approve the special event permit for Bettina Godi, Lock and Valentine, for commercial filming in the Rachel area during May 5-7, 2016; seconded by Paul D. All voted in favor.

#### **#23-QUARTERLY JAIL TOUR**

Kevin and Adam toured the jail on 4-4. There is a great deal of anxiety amongst the employees with regards to whether or not the Detention Center will be keeping the inmate contract. Adam and Kevin will attend a staff meeting at DC next week. Nothing is finalized with regards to the contract. DC has been encouraged to make all necessary repairs to the facility while the funds are there. The pad for the new storage building has been poured. Inmate numbers are up. No action was taken on this item.

#### **#24-COMMISSIONER REPORTS**

**COMMISSIONER VARLIN HIGBEE** attended the N4 Grazing Board meeting in Ely on Saturday concerning property rights. The HCP meeting will be on 4-20. **COMMISSIONER KEVIN PHILLIPS** will be attending quarterly public lands meetings in Carson City as well as NACO this week. The Public Lands Summit of the West will be held at Arizona Charlie's in May. Kevin will meet with BLM for the roads meeting on May 3. **COMMISSIONER ADAM KATSCHKE** will meet with Recology tomorrow in Alamo. Adam will attend the Tri-Partite meeting on Thursday. **COMMISSIONER PAUL DONOHUE** has been involved in the work on the Floral Mills site. The EPA has come in and made the determination as to whether or not the land is safe. There are three parcels in Caselton, one includes the land the homes sit on. There will be several meetings concerning this site as well as some of the land by #1 mine. The County will end up with a couple of the parcels in Caselton. There is some concern by the residents that live in Caselton that if the parcels are sold and homes are built there won't be enough water for everyone. Paul D. has been named the Trustee on the Floral Mills Trust. All of the land will be surveyed. During the surveying process, the additional portion will be surveyed as lots. Paul D. disclosed that he has property that will be impacted by the Floral Mills issue but the process will be open so that anyone who is interested may ask questions and see what's going on. The BLM roads meeting will be on May 3.

#### **#25-PUBLIC COMMENT**

Kevin called for public comment. Chris Carlton of BLM stated they're holding a public open house on May 3 concerning Rounds 3 & 4 land sales. They're working on getting back up to full staff and have hired several new employees. Cory Lytle advised that he's working on another round of disposals; this will be an item on the May 2 agenda. Cory will work with Chris on potential land transactions. Emilia Cargill, Geyser Ranch, LLC received a copy of the letter from the Commissioners concerning the Wilson Creek allotment. They don't believe they have the same problems that the letter addresses. Geyser Ranch will be sending a letter advising BLM that their pastures in Wilson Creek allotment are not part of the range that the Commissioners are making inquiry about.

#### **#26-ADJOURN**

There being no further business for the Board to attend to, Kevin adjourned the meeting at 10:56 a.m.

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

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