



## LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

September 16, 2019  
Commission Chambers  
Lincoln County Courthouse  
181 Main Street  
Pioche, Nevada

### Commissioners

Varlin Higbee, Chair  
Jared Brackenbury  
Bevan Lister  
Kevin Phillips  
Keith Pearson

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

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

PRESENT: BEVAN LISTER  
JARED BRACKENBURY  
VARLIN HIGBEE  
KEITH PEARSON  
KEVIN PHILLIPS

LISA LLOYD, Clerk  
DYLAN FREHNER, District Attorney

There is a quorum present and the agenda was posted on 9-10-19. The Invocation was offered by Keith and Kevin led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Varlin called for public comment. Varlin expressed his gratitude for our Founding Fathers and the freedom this Country enjoys. Carol White addressed the Board and discussed the issues with the water reporting of the Pioche Town Board. Carol was told the rodeo well and the Murry well feed into the roadside booster, and from there, they feed into the tank. This isn't true. The rodeo well isn't included as a water source in the town water system in the new document approved by the Pioche Town Board. Further, Carol was advised that one of the PTB members was working closely with Nathan to clean up the water reporting. Nathan has decided to declare all of the unmetered water as a monthly allowance. In June, he claimed over 6 million gallons as a monthly allowance. Does that mean he gets 81 million gallons of water per year based on the monthly allowance? Or does he have to claim the actual unmetered water? Carol cited that she doesn't understand how adding two words to the balance is supposed to meet the unmetered water that wasn't paid for and we don't know where it's going. Carol referred to the document presented at the August 20 PTB meeting, Public Water Supply Manual of Operation Emergency Maintenance Cross Connection Control; Nathan asked that it be approved immediately and advised PTB that we've been in violation of the law since 1991 for not having this plan in effect. Nathan advised it needed to be approved that day because the EPA was coming to test our water the next day. PTB planned a public hearing tomorrow for the electrical system services. It was published in the newspaper on the 6<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> as a public hearing but the PTB agenda doesn't specify anywhere that it is a public hearing. Carol has been told it's discretionary and you don't have to put public hearing on there. However, every time Carol has come to a public hearing with the Commissioners it has been denoted on the agenda that it is a public hearing. Carol is concerned this difference between publication and the agenda will cause confusion for the residents, resulting in them deciding not to attend the meeting. Carol is concerned about the way utilities are being mismanaged and, in the interest of transparency, Carol has filed a complaint with the state board of engineers concerning water usage and the dumping of water in Pioche. Carol will add the new "band aid" to the financial report and include it as an addendum. Carol cited they get nothing out of the PTB or Mr. Adams and it is reaching a critical point. Varlin suggested Carol put these issues on the Commission agenda so there can be discussion and potential action. Carol stated PPU is getting ready to ask the Commission to transfer the electrical. Carol's main concern at this point was to simply make the Board aware of the problem, document that she'd made them aware of the problem. This isn't a new problem and has been ignore for a very long time. There is an electrical utility vault that had a particle board cover on it. The cover was smashed through and there was some concern that someone might step through it. Also, since it is electrical, it needs to be protected. Carol reported it and the solution to the problem was to roll a trashcan over the top of it. The vault has not been enclosed or protected in any way. Carol welcomes the opportunity to resolve this at a county level. With water being the issue it is in NV, Carol can't believe the state engineer would allow an 80 gallon per month allowance

for PPU. Where does all the water go? Nobody is pumping over 600,000 gallons on the golf course, so where does it go?

#### **CONSENT AGENDA**

- #3 Approve/Deny amended minutes from May 6, 2019 meeting and the minutes of the August 19 and September 3 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).

**Jared made a motion to approve the consent agenda; seconded by Kevin. All voted in favor.**

#### **#5-REORGANIZATION OF BOARD DUTIES**

The Board discussed the duties they would like to pass on to Keith. LCAI-Archaeological Initiative, Quad State, HCP, JCCIAC, Tri-County, and NDOT/ACT are given to Keith. **Bevan made a motion to approve these assignments; seconded by Jared. All voted in favor.**

#### **#6-VOUCHERS**

Recorder/Auditor Amy Elmer presented the cash balances to the Board. Payroll was not included in the cash balances. General County has an estimated cash balance of \$1,265,439.96. Fund 49 is in the red but there is a transfer on the agenda today. Fund 64, Detention Center, has an outstanding amount of well over \$162,000 that will bring them back into the black. Grants has an estimated balance of \$. **Jared made a motion to approve the vouchers with the exception of Mountain Merc; seconded by Kevin. All voted in favor. Jared made a motion to approve the Mountain Merc vouchers; seconded by Bevan. Kevin abstained as he is part owner of the firm. Motion carried.**

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

LC AMBULANCE Sherlyn Fackrell reported there was a total of 19 calls and 11 billed transports. There were 3 treat without transport and 4 canceled calls. Billed amount for August is \$25,785. \$9,706.61 was the total amount of collections. TREASURER Shawn Frehner attended the CFOA conference last week as well as a Devnet meeting. The Devnet live date has been moved to the last week of October. Shawn continues to be heavily involved in the creation/conversion of the Devnet software. Tax calculation still hasn't been tested; both the Treasurer and Assessor are concerned about this. Tax calculation in NV is extremely complicated. Devnet is confident they'll get there, but they aren't yet; the system goes live in 6 weeks. Shawn feels good about the tax collection side of Devnet. Shawn is nervous about the distribution portion as well and she hasn't seen her data conversion as of yet. All of this time, they've been working through dummy/test data. Devnet is working to let them see their data and do validations. Churchill's data is about 95%. Tax calculation will be tested to the very last minute. There are components that aren't ready, but they aren't needed right away. When they go live, not all segments of the program will be operational. That's fine, they're going to continue working through this. Shawn advised the committee isn't disbanded when they go live; it will be a standing committee through the end of the year. Shawn has been asked to assist Eric with the incident command for Area 51; she will be out there tracking all of the man hours and expenses that are occurring and need to be reported to the state. Shawn will be out of the office this week Thursday and Friday. Shawn will be gone the last week of the month due to personal reasons. The Treasurer's office continues to be busy and they're keeping up and running smoothly. ASSESSOR Mark Holt advised he attended the Assessor's conference in Ely last week. The Assessor's Association has several concerns with Devnet. It's a good system but it will take time to get the bugs all worked out. Job applications for his deputy closed; Mark hopes to interview soon to replace Arla. LIBRARY DIRECTOR Sharron Faehling started her next class for her certification; it's going well. Ann Smith retired. MEADOW VALLEY JUSTICE OF THE PEACE Mike Cowley advised the NV Supreme Court issued a decision that all misdemeanor domestic batterers are entitled to a jury trial. The NV Legislature, in 2015, passed a gun rights bill that takes away an individual's gun rights. Municipal courts and JPs are more worried than prosecuted. They need to find out how to summon a jury pool, conduct selection as well as a trial, and conduct all matters associated with a jury trial. Jurors will have to be paid. There are many moving parts and uncertainties. Before gun rights became involved, a misdemeanor wasn't sufficient for a jury trial. The Governor has discussed holding a special legislative session to revisit the language and possibly abate the need for misdemeanor jury trial. Mike and Dylan will continue to work on identifying ways to implement this new

rule. Dylan asked the Board to begin looking at these issues, jail time, for next year's budget. There will be increased jail time for individuals on probation, too, which will also result in higher costs to the county. We have a special position out of Ely to help with domestic cases; she currently covers three counties. DISTRICT ATTORNEY Dylan Frehner will be out of the office for water hearings for two weeks. ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANCE Denice Brown advised Tri-County is 9-10. Denice filled in for many offices last week. 9-4-19 Denice was asked to aid with the Grants office until Elaine was back. Tracy forwarded calls and emails to Denice. Nothing has come in that must be addressed immediately. Denice did the best she could when paying out vouchers. There have been concerns with whether or not the departments had funds; Denice didn't know so she simply paid the bills. Denice quickly reviewed the grants bills that were paid and the status of grants for the Board. As far as all of the information Denice has, nothing of great importance arose. EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR Eric Holt advised the incident command staff will travel to Rachel/Hiko/Tikapoo to start setting up today. The repeater is in place and working well on Bald Mtn. The Sheriff's office is mobilizing equipment. The first operational briefing takes place Wednesday at 1500. Meals are in place as are port-a-potties and hand washing stations. Communications will be finalized shortly. We're as ready as we can be. Eric advised we've been as fiscally responsible as possible but costs have risen.

#### **#8-BUDGET TRANSFER**

**Kevin made a motion to approve the budget transfer of \$50,000 from Federal in Lieu Tax Special Revenue Fund to the Building Department Enterprise Fund; seconded by Bevan. All voted in favor.**

#### **#9-HIGHWAY COMMISSION**

This item was covered under separate agenda.

#### **#10-ALAMO TOWN BOARD APPOINTMENTS**

**Kevin made a motion to appoint Summer Mastin and Mike Ray to the Alamo Town Board; seconded by Keith. All voted in favor.**

#### **#11-LINCOLN COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT**

This item was covered under separate agenda.

#### **#12-PANACA FIRE DISTRICT**

This item was covered under separate agenda.

#### **#13-TEAMSTERS LOCAL 14 ROAD WORKERS**

**Kevin made a motion to approve the memorandum of understanding between LC and Teamsters Local 14 LC Road Workers; seconded by Jared. All voted in favor.**

#### **#14-TEAMSTERS LOCAL 14 DISPATCHERS UNIT**

**Kevin made a motion to approve the collective bargaining contract between LC and Teamsters Local 14 Dispatchers unit; seconded by Jared. All voted in favor.**

#### **#15-TEAMSTERS LOCAL 14 CLERICAL UNIT**

**Kevin made a motion to approve the collective bargaining contract between LC and Teamsters Local 14 Clerical unit; seconded by Jared. All voted in favor.**

#### **#16-TAX STRIKE**

**Jared made a motion to approve the tax strike on parcel #003-143-01, 9,468 assessed, due to error in value/mobile home conversion; seconded by Kevin. All voted in favor.**

#### **#17-TAX STRIKE**

**Bevan made a motion to approve the tax strike on parcel #001-057-011, 550 assessed, due to widow's exemption; seconded by Kevin. All voted in favor.**

#### **#18-RESOURCE CONCEPTS, INC. CONTRACT**

Kevin made a motion to approve the contract extension for Resource Concepts for the LC Southwestern Willow Flycatcher Mitigation Bank project (extension is for additional 12 months, to June 30, 2020); seconded by Bevan. All voted in favor.

#### **#19-AGREEMENT BETWEEN NV DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION/LC TRANSPORTATION**

Jared made a motion to approve the grantee's agreement between NV Department of Transportation and LC Transportation; seconded by Bevan. All voted in favor.

#### **#20-STORM AREA 51 BUDGET SET ASIDE**

This item concerns clarification of the \$50,000 set aside from the LC Land Act Emergency Fund (Fund 95) for the upcoming special event (Alien Stock/Ufology/Storm Area 51) taking place on September 19-22, 2019. The Board intends to use Fund 95 for the expenditures. Some of the language in the Land Act resolutions will have to be worked on in the future so those funds can be used properly. Jared commented there is just over \$66,000 in this fund. **Jared made a motion to approve the clarification that this funding is to come from Fund 95; seconded by Kevin.** The money will not leave this fund; all invoices will be charged against this fund. **All voted in favor.**

#### **#21-STORM AREA 51 ADDITIONAL FUNDING**

This item concerns additional funding that might be needed to cover expenditures. Eric Holt advised that estimated costs to date are over \$36,000 for port-a-potties and hand wash stations. The initial estimated kitchen cost for seven days was over \$162,000. A local restaurant has proffered an estimate for the kitchen of about \$90,000 for seven days. Eric advised he is doing the best he can to be fiscally responsible but it isn't cheap to feed that many people for that many days. We have a great many agencies helping us at no cost. We have to feed them and lodge them. Fuel for first responders is a concern; costs are approximately \$10,000 and we'll be charged only for fuel used. We have about three personnel positions that we have to pay for; estimated costs are about \$40-50,000. The state is sending estimated costs and helping track. Right now, the running total is about \$176,000. Sundance is sending a 1,000 tender at no cost other than fuel. We waive any and all airport costs for those coming to aid us. The Board agreed these fees are to be waived. A fixed wing will also be located in Panaca. Eric recommended we look for \$200,000 above the previously approved \$50,000 in the event we must make an emergency purchase (total of \$250,000). We have to pay many of the costs up front. This entire thing has been planned based on speculation and a hoax. Once final numbers come in, the DA's office will be filing charges to seek restitution. All costs are being tracked closely. To date, the Department of Emergency Management has been extremely helpful with planning and procurement, as has NDI (they are sending several officers). Many of our state resource requests have been met with a cost; the state hasn't sent very many people at no cost. The county has tapped into all of its personnel. Amy advised she prefers not to use LCFD funds and suggested the Board could use Fund 12, Federal in Lieu. There is approximately \$207,000 tied up for grant match but it is unknown what grants are coming in or what has been obligated. LC Water Special Use, Fund 74, has approximately \$172,000 that can be used. LC Land Act Special Use, Fund 97, has approximately \$785,000. If we use one of these funds, language clean-up will be required after the fact. If the state helps us, based on our emergency declaration, it is believed the funds will be directly repaid. There is no guarantee the funds will be paid penny for penny, let alone be repaid at all. **Kevin made a motion to take \$200,000 from the LC Land Act Special Use accrued interest, Fund 97; seconded by Bevan. All voted in favor.**

#### **#22-STORM AREA 51/UFOLGY/ALIEN STOCK**

This item concerns resource issues and permits for the events. Cory Lytle advised things are continually moving and changing. Cory and staff continue to work with the permittees, vendors, business licenses. All the permitting ends today. Cory has been in constant contact with both promoters for the events at Hiko and Rachel. Cory has worked to keep an accurate tally of ticket sales. Some of the original plans have changed through the course of things. A handful of permits have been issued and each venue has a handful of vendors. Cory has the list of vendors for each event and they've maintained a list of those approved. To date, ticket sales are estimated to be about 250 parking spots for Rachel and Hiko is at 50 campsites sold and 50-100 presold tickets. As of right now, it isn't an incredibly large amount but that could change. Cory advised there is a great deal of misinformation out there on social media. Cory commented he doesn't have any idea how many people

will try and camp on BLM land. There is a red flag in place; absolutely no camp fires will be allowed. No action was taken as this was information only.

### **#23-GRANTS ADMINISTRATOR**

This item concerned the evaluation of Grants Administrator, Elaine Zimmerman. Bevan was assigned the oversight of the Grants office when he became a commissioner. Bevan introduced himself at that time to Elaine and was treated coldly. Bevan was told that his assignment was a mistake and that Elaine would talk to the Chairman about a change. To Bevan's knowledge, the change has not been requested nor has the change been made. On September 3, 2019, Bevan presented Elaine with a letter placing her on administrative leave until this Commission meeting at which time a review would be done. Bevan also notified her that he would recommend termination from her position due to insubordination. At the end of January, Bevan sent Elaine an email requesting reporting. At that point, he received a fairly positive response from Elaine that she would get to it. Nothing was received and then a couple of issues arose in February; balances between Elaine's office and the Recorder/Auditor's office didn't match. Bevan requested further reporting at that time but was met with resistance. In April, the Recorder/Auditor, Elaine, and Bevan met with the outside auditor, Dan McArthur to discuss reporting protocol and ideas. Elaine seemed relieved when Dan offered to create a spreadsheet for her reporting at that time. Bevan worked with Dan and a spreadsheet format was created. At the May 6 meeting, an item was placed on the agenda concerning the type of reporting the Board wanted to see. It wasn't made mandatory. At the first meeting in August, the reporting issue was placed on the agenda again to make the monthly reports verbal and the quarterly reports financial; action was taken to make the reports mandatory. As of September 3, no reports have been received for the 8-month period. Bevan feels this to be insubordination and recommended Elaine be terminated. Jared asked if Bevan has spoken with anyone that Elaine works with on grants and asked if there are any letters from anyone saying whether or not Elaine does a good job. Bevan responded that he has had verbal conversations with several people, but that is a subjective conversation and isn't pertinent to what is being discussed today. Elaine addressed the Board and discussed the change in having Bevan appointed as her liaison. Elaine stated the request for change in liaison came before Bevan was elected to office; she spoke with Paul Donohue. Elaine has also spoken with Jared to see if he would accept the appointment. Elaine had seen Mr. Lister in action, and recognized there might be some issues in working with him. Elaine was confused as to why she wasn't reassigned to someone else. Elaine has asked more than once about being reassigned due to the issues and feels that it was full out harassment. Elaine cited this has been a target attack from the beginning; this whole thing comes down to the reporting. None of it has been brought up before. Leslie would occasionally ask for information. Elaine provided reporting to Mr. Lister prior to the August 5<sup>th</sup> meeting as she would be unable to attend the meeting itself; no one was interested in knowing why she couldn't be present, in spite of her undergoing medical testing. Until she received an audio copy of the meeting, Elaine wasn't even aware of what the reporting requirements would be as it was very confusing in the minutes and at the meeting. The reporting requirements have been a moving target this entire time. Elaine discussed with Varlin that it has been changed many times; she's explained the original request was rather vague but, if they worked together, she felt it could work out. However, it became obvious that further reporting was going to be required that was well beyond what was necessary. It would take a great deal of her time and she has priorities in addition to deadlines to meet on the grants. In February there were issues with the balances but those were discussed thoroughly with Dan McArthur at their meeting in April. Elaine explained at that time, with regards to the spreadsheet, that it would take way too much time to go back and redo everything. Elaine advised at the time she would be moving forward with the new grants but the spreadsheet would have to be reworked as it doesn't always work with each individual grant. The spreadsheet was set up for federal grants only, not local grants, and it doesn't apply to multi-year grants. Elaine advised we transitioned to the Caselle system and there are multiple issues with getting the reporting. The new system has created additional work for every office in this building that has to deal with it. Elaine has to retrieve the reports from Amy and Shawn because she doesn't have access to them, in spite of requesting access. Elaine has insisted she needs access to Caselle in order to do her reporting to this Board and her reporting agencies. Elaine would expect a reasonable person would understand this creates issues with reporting. Bevan had been in Elaine's office a few days prior to the August 5<sup>th</sup> meeting but did not ask as to her availability for the meeting. Elaine received an email two days later advising her of the things he wanted her to bring to the meeting. Elaine wasn't available to be present as she has some medical issues she's dealing with. She still does her job and she does it well; she always has. Elaine has always had clean audits, including her desk audits. Agencies are happy and content with her. Elaine hasn't any issues with the people she works with. Elaine has asked over the years for

someone to come to her office and see what she does so they can understand her workload. Elaine did not have anyone come to her office after the August or September meetings to explain to her what decision was made and what the reporting requirements were. Elaine sat before the Board and asked what they should like to hear from her at the September 19 meeting; nothing was said. Elaine reiterated she isn't sure what she's supposed to report on and the requirements have changed numerous times. Elaine has explained the issues involved in meeting some of the requirements. Elaine was previously instructed that when she was ready to report, she was to put it on the agenda. Elaine was happy to hear that Bevan understood the reporting requirements needed to be stated very clearly. When the requirements were stated clearly, Elaine was glad that she finally had something to shoot for. Elaine advised that Bevan, as her supervisor, should have come to her, explained it to her, and discussed it with her. Elaine was provided the notice on the day she was here doing vouchers early as she was going to be out for her surgery. Due to that, there was a chance she would not be able to be present at today's meeting. Elaine is very disappointed with the way this was handled and advised there have never been issues with her job performance. Varlin advised when they met with Dan McArthur, Elaine was asked to provide reports but said it was almost impossible to do a financial report. She was then asked to give a periodic report on what grants were open and which grants had been closed. The Board still didn't receive these reports. Varlin asked when meeting with Elaine what could be done to help her. Elaine told him nothing. Varlin offered to purchase filing cabinets for Elaine. It was reiterated to Elaine at that time the Board was only asking for what grants were open and where we were at. Still no reports were proffered. Elaine responded that she did give something of a report to Bevan; she showed him what she was working on and went through the spreadsheets she has to keep on multiple grants. Bevan advised he has never been shown a spreadsheet by Elaine. Elaine commented the reporting is minor compared to the rest of what she does; sometimes she simply doesn't have time to pull them together. With the new system, it takes a great deal longer. Elaine commented that the Pioche project has been jeopardized as the deadline is early next week; she doesn't believe it can be done now due to the two-week delay. Elaine makes sure her job is done and done well. Elaine has always gone out of her way to make sure needs are addressed, whether they're in her realm of responsibility or not. She's had to drop what she's doing to meet those needs when others don't quite make the cut. Some of those issues include desk audits when they've been close to losing their funding. She's generally been able to fix things when desk audits have come up so funding hasn't been lost. Desk audits are when the agencies come down to ensure compliance and that all policies/procedures are in place. If the grant doesn't go through her office and they don't have those particular documents, she usually gets a phone call or email asking for help. Elaine makes sure they get the needed documents to pass the audit. Kevin advised, when he was Chairman of the Board, he also sought to obtain grant status reports as well. The Board desires to know where the grants are at and Kevin said they still don't know; he failed in his attempt to get a solid picture of where the grants are as well. Kevin couldn't recall a time when he has known the true status of the grants. It is important for the Board to know what's out there and what may be being missed. To Kevin's recollection, it hasn't been provided and still isn't being provided. Elaine commented, early on, she made great efforts to speak more about the grants, the processes, and what was/wasn't being funded. It was frustrating as she was cut off or there wasn't a lot of interaction with Board members; it felt like an exercise in futility. Two days after the issue of reporting was placed on the agenda, prior to the meeting, Bevan sent an email to Elaine outlining what he wanted in the report. Jared advised ample attempts have been made to get reports. Other offices present reports; perhaps Jared doesn't understand all of it, but he learns a little more with every report. Jared commented that it felt like Elaine didn't want to report to the Board because it was her business and not theirs. Perhaps that isn't how it is, but Jared wanted to see some reporting. The requests were made on numerous occasions and it was never sprung on her at the last minute. Jared said there was at least a four-month window when Elaine could have done the report but nothing came forward. Elaine responded her time was limited before, but what is required of her now with satisfying the funding agencies and this Board is massive. Jared responded that everyone is trying to get reports from Caselle. There are times when reports are presented and the individual proffering them advises the numbers aren't correct but they're trying to give the Board a report. Jared commented all he needed to see was some attempt in trying to provide a report, whether it was complete or not. Elaine responded it's a struggle for her as she is a perfectionist. The Board is currently trying to find \$250,000 but doesn't know how much of the grant funding has been obligated and how much is available. Without some kind of reporting, they haven't a clue as to what can be used. **Jared made a motion to move forward with Bevan's recommendation to terminate Elaine; seconded by Bevan.** The law, as we've been advised by POOL/PACT, is that department head/supervisor positions require that evaluations/actions should be handled in a public and open meeting; that's why this was not a closed session. **All voted in favor.**

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

COMMISSIONER JARED BRACKENBURY attended meetings in Washington, DC, and gave a quick listing and review. Jared spoke with DOE as to whether or not they've been working on the reclassification of high-level waste. They told him it's five years in the process and nothing will happen any time soon. Jared encouraged the Board to attend in full if there is another White House meeting like this one. COMMISSIONER BEVAN LISTER addressed the issue with the grants office and commented it has been very hard. Bevan spent a great deal of time on it. A designation of authorization was written allowing Denice Brown, Administrative Assistant, to handle the affairs of that office until today. Discussion will have to be held with regards to how things should be handled with the office in the future; it will be on a future agenda. Varlin advised that Shawn needs to be made responsible for the grants office and Denice can work under her. The letter of designation will come from Varlin. Denice will continue to do vouchers and payroll but run it through Shawn. Bevan met with Nate from GoRail; an agenda item is needed in future to discuss signing onto a letter of policies in regards to rail regulation. NDOT is in the process of completely redoing the state transportation plan. It's important for the county to somehow plug into that process and take part. COMMISSIONER VARLIN HIGBEE attended a NACO board meeting; the sage grouse issue came up again and the EIS final decision is about to be issued. The state convention takes place next week in Winnemucca. The Ag Board is going to make some changes with regards to brand inspections and other items. Varlin attended the Winnemucca republican convention. Varlin went to Washington, DC and met with the NV delegation as well as a senator from Ohio. Varlin gave a quick rundown on issues discussed at these meetings, including PILT, the funding to repair the road from LC to UT, and several others. BLM is moving out west. Varlin met with Tim Williams concerning the 400 acres. Tim is going to look into what's happening with it.

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

Varlin called for public comment. Louis Benezet advised it would be good to have the water district meeting up here. Clerk Lisa Lloyd advised she has never, and will never, deny any public records request. Cory Lytle reported we do not have enough large roll off bins to service every area being requested; we're receiving help from an outside company. Phyllis Robistow asked if CDBG is off the table for this year. No, Denice advised project selection will be on the next agenda and grants aren't being written until January/February. Denice will have to make calls concerning the SNPLMA grants.

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

There being no further business for the Board to attend to, the meeting was adjourned at 2:10 p.m.

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