



LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

June 2, 2025
Commission Chambers
Lincoln County Courthouse
181 Main Street
Pioche, Nevada

Commissioners

Janine Woodworth, Chair
Mike Reese
Diane Path
Lisa Poulsen
Keith Pearson

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

The meeting was called to order at 9:12 a.m. Clerk Lisa Lloyd called the roll.

PRESENT: MIKE REESE LISA LLOYD, Clerk
JANINE WOODWORTH WAYNE KLOMP, District Attorney
KEITH PEARSON
DIANE PATH (via phone)

ABSENT: LISA POULSEN

There is a quorum present and the agenda was posted on 5-27-25 to comply with the open meeting law. The Invocation was given by Keith and Mike led the Pledge of Allegiance.

#2-PUBLIC COMMENT

Janine called for public comment. None offered.

CONSENT AGENDA

- #3 Approve/Deny minutes of the May 19 and May 21 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).

Mike made a motion to approve the consent agenda; seconded by Keith. All voted in favor.

#5-VOUCHERS

Recorder/Auditor Amy Elmer presented the cash balances and accounts payable. Amy asked for a special meeting on June 30 for budget augmentations and function transfers. The meeting will be at 8 a.m. General Fund had an ending fund balance of \$3,804,582.96. Federal In Lieu had an ending fund balance of \$867,574.55. Grants had an ending fund balance of \$670,742.29. Detention Center had a fund balance of \$118,22.55. Solid Waste had an ending fund balance of \$54,269.74. It is more than likely Amy will have to transfer funds into the Detention Center fund. **Mike made a motion to approve the vouchers; seconded by Keith. All voted in favor.**

#6-HIGHWAY COMMISSION

This item was covered under separate agenda.

#7-NEVADA LOCAL JUSTICE REINVESTMENT COORDINATING COUNCIL

Mike made a motion to appoint DA Aril Bradshaw to the Nevada Local Justice Reinvestment Coordinating Council; seconded by Keith. All voted in favor.

#8-LINCOLN COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT

This item was covered under separate agenda.

#9-SIXCO

Derek Hembd, Sixco, advised a press release will go out today that highlights activities from last month. He gave a brief outline of current activities. No action was taken on this item.

#10-AGREEMENT BETWEEN CITY OF NORTH LAS VEGAS AND LINCOLN COUNTY

Sheriff Derek Foremaster addressed the Board concerning the agreement between the City of North Las Vegas and Lincoln County for seasonal housing of inmates. This will typically be to house during the summer months. It looks like we will start July 1, 2025. They will be meeting with medical staff shortly; we won't house those with medical issues. NLV is six or seven over the amount they currently want. It sounds like this is moving forward and we'll have some of their inmates shortly. There was no written agreement for approval and signatures. Janine advised a formal written document is needed. This will be on a future agenda for approval of the actual agreement. April advised the Board they can approve the contract and authorize a member to sign in addition to the Sheriff when the agreement comes available. Diane discussed Section 2b, which says LC will be responsible for all medical; she questioned if this is standard. Yes. Section 4a says we will transfer the inmates to and from court. This is at our expense and that's why the rate is higher than the US Marshal contract. We will transport once a week at the most. The plan is that we will get inmates that have about 30-90 days or more. Once we get a decent amount, we may have to transport once or so per week. 5b says if NLV commits a crime while in LC, we will notify them and any crime committed in our jurisdiction will be our responsibility. Sentences associated with any crimes committed in our jurisdiction will be carried out after their NLV sentence. Mike asked if this contract has the potential to be six years long. Yes. **Mike made a motion to approve the contract as presented and, upon receiving a final written contract with signature lines for Commissioner and Sheriff, to authorize a Board member signature, and to verify the start date is July 1, 2025; seconded by Keith. All voted in favor.**

#11-SHERIFF'S REPORT

Sheriff Derek Foremaster reported on the number of calls for May 2025. There was an increase in both calls and arrests. They are going to advertise and hire the two corrections officers previously approved. An inmate escaped during work time. He has been recaptured. Derek has met with staff; this will be investigated internally. Dee etWith the Community Coalition last week to discuss drug issues in our county. Derek advised they will continue to combat the drug problem in our community. No action was taken on this item.

#12-COMMUNITY HEALTH NURSING PROGRAM

This item concerned an amendment to the interstate interlocal contract between Division of Public Behavioral Health (DPBH), Community Health Nursing program and Lincoln County, effective July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2029. Briza Virgen was present via the web on behalf of the state. This is a four-year contract. We have local people who would like to apply, but the state wouldn't publish after the last nurse left. Mike stated it wouldn't have to be full-time. It isn't being used by residents of our county now because people think it's closed. Tammy Ritter, on behalf of the state, advised it's been posted. We will have a local nurse, Jessica Pearson, starting June 9th. Mike doesn't mind doing a 4-year contract as long as we have someone local on staff. Jessica will be working 24 hours per week. Our contribution is for ten hours per week. **Mike made a motion to approve the amendment to the interstate interlocal contract; seconded by Keith. All voted in favor.**

#13-AGREEMENT WITH DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES

This item concerned an interlocal agreement with the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) to implement Ordinance 2024-02 pursuant to NRS 277.180 and required by NRS 373.070. Everything has been sent to the state concerning the diesel tax except for this agreement. The state began collecting the tax on April 1st. The vendor don't have to pay until May 1st. The state will start funneling the monies to LC in July. **Janine made a motion to approve the agreement and to authorize Mike to sign the agreement on behalf of LC; seconded by Keith. All voted in favor.**

#14-AGREEMENT WITH CITY OF CALIENTE FOR POLICE SERVICES

Mike made a motion to approve the agreement with City of Caliente for police services; seconded by Keith. All voted in favor.

#15-AGREEMENT WITH CALIENTE FOR COUNTY LIBRARY

Library Director Sharron Faehling submitted written comments. She addressed her concerns with the agreement. There is a lot of stuff that was put in the library area that will have to be moved. Sharron has quite a bit of work that must be done prior to opening. **Mike made a motion to approve the interlocal agreement with Caliente for County Library located within the Caliente Depot, effective June 2, 2025; seconded by Keith. All voted in favor.**

#16-ALAMO INDUSTRIAL PARK

This item concerned a presentation on the Alamo Industrial Park development by Paul Mathews. Vernon Bunker and Josh Roemer were present as well. Paul provided an overview/history of the AIP purchase by Canons. They are using their acreage for industrial storage and would like to purchase more land. Nevada Industrial Storage would like to expand their operation. Redwood Materials, is looking to store at their facility. Rather than recycle batteries, they're able to process and refine over 90% of the rare materials (which stay in the US). Nevada Industrial would store the batteries at their site in the AIP. They currently have 10 full-time staff. An additional full-time 7 will be hired by the end of this month. They have 24/7 onsite visibility, including cameras and personnel. Each of the batteries they currently store are separated appropriately. Everything is compartmentalized and in cluster. No action was taken on this item.

#17-RESOLUTION FOR SALE OF LAND WITHIN THE ALAMO INDUSTRIAL PARK

There was some discussion about the potential for flooding resulting from the dirt work. Janine cautioned NIS to consider a retention basin or something like that. They're considering a dam of sorts, something to slow the water. Much of the aggregates that are being moved will be reused as a counter-slope. There will be water that carries to 93, but they're negating the idea that everything is getting funneled there. The sale isn't Nevada Industrial Storage, it's to Alamo Industrial Complex. **Mike made a motion to approve the resolution as presented and move forward with the contractual sale of the land to Alamo Industrial Complex for economic development; seconded by Keith. All voted in favor.**

#18-SOLID WASTE MECHANIC/OPERATOR POSITION

Cory advised the individual they've chosen is currently employed. He is able to work part-time for a couple of weeks for LC. This individual will do multiple jobs in addition to mechanic. Worker's comp would cover him if hurt on the job prior to full-time employment. This person will remain at part-time until he can come on board full-time. **Mike made a motion to approve the hiring of a Solid Waste mechanic/operator, grade/step 34-05, to be hired part-time initially then moved to full-time, effective June 2, 2025; seconded by Keith. All voted in favor.**

#19-LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN LINCOLN COUNTY AND STATE OF NEVADA FOR OFFICE SPACE

Janine commented the amount paid needs to increase by more than two dollars. Cory asked if they want to counteroffer. Possibly. The Board would like to see the previous contract and will then decide on a counteroffer. This item was tabled to the next meeting.

#20-OFFICER/DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Library Director Sharron Faehling advised they'll be opening the old courthouse this week. They will do ghost hunts in there again. Library numbers are increasing. We will not meet our certification requirements for the State certifications nor will we meet 10% of our budget spent. At the end of this month, we will be a county library. This will save money in the long run. Planning/Building Director Cory Lytle will present the contract for the restroom addition at the next meeting. He will present a shift in Solid Waste personnel at that time for consideration. Planning Commission is scheduled for 6-12-25. Clerk Lisa Lloyd reported the election equipment has been received. Training will take place later this summer. There are two mock elections this summer the Clerk's office will participate in. Lisa has hired a new deputy, Maribah Flores. There are several jury trials scheduled for this summer. The office is extremely busy. Commissioners' Administrative Assistant/Grants Administrator Denice Brown will be out of the office this week and June 12. She has several meetings the week of the 23rd and will be extremely busy. There is a Tri-County meeting on June 18th in Ely. June 19th, the building will be closed. Treasurer Shawn Frehner presented the April report. She is currently working on May's report. District Attorney April Bradshaw has been in office for 13 days now. April's office has been extremely busy due to multiple arrests and other things. She has been helping with arrest warrants and questions and a good many other things. There are two jury trials in July.

#21-COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Commissioner Keith Pearson had both LCWD and Panaca Town meetings coming up. He also attended the HCP meeting in addition to the special Commission meeting. Keith went to the LC Coalition meeting. Commissioner Mike Reese attended the special Commission meeting and NACO meeting. SB116 was amended at the last minute. The scale was replaced with a formula. Vince Guthreau will help any counties who can't understand the

formula. Mike attended the LC Coalition meeting. He continues to meet via phone weekly with Sixco. Mike has completed one of the employee evaluations and has one more; they'll be on the next Commission agenda. Commissioner Diane Path attended the special Commission meeting in addition to the budget workshop for City of Caliente. She took part in a call with NV Department of Public Health for funding again this year. There are specific guidelines for how the money can be used. Diane helped with the Boxcar Museum. Commissioner Janine Woodworth attended the special Commission meeting. She attended the City of NLV Council meeting concerning the Sheriff's contract. Janine and Mike attended the Caliente Depot ribbon cutting last weekend. Janine completed a couple employee evaluations that will be on the next agenda.

#22-PUBLIC COMMENT

Janine called for public comment. L&S Power reached out to Cory Lytle; representatives will be here Wednesday at 11 o'clock concerning the project by Burnt Springs. Carol Bass invited the Commissioners to sit in on the meeting.

#23-ADJOURN

There being no further business for the Board to attend to, the meeting was adjourned at 12:35 p.m.

Attest: _____ Approve: _____