



LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

August 18, 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 9:03 a.m. Clerk Lisa Lloyd called the roll.

PRESENT: MIKE REESE LISA LLOYD, Clerk
LISA POULSEN (via web) APRIL BRADSHAW, District Attorney
KEITH PEARSON (via web)
DIANE PATH (left at 11:13 a.m.)
JANINE WOODWORTH

There is a quorum present and the agenda was posted on 8-12-25 to comply with the open meeting law. The Invocation was given by Keith and Diane led the Pledge of Allegiance.

#2-PUBLIC COMMENT

Janine called for public comment. Mike Reese thanked the fair board for the LC Fair. It was very well attended and well done. Keith Pearson commented they worked really hard to get everything organized. It's a lot of work and they did a great job.

CONSENT AGENDA

- #3 Approve/Deny minutes of the August 4 meeting.
- #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 Diane. All voted in favor.

#5-VOUCHERS

Recorder/Auditor Amy Elmer presented the cash balances and payroll. General Fund had an ending fund balance of \$3,545,352.31. Federal In Lieu had an ending fund balance of \$1,412,983.70. Grants had an ending fund balance of \$731,510.15. Detention Center had a fund balance of \$8,323.02. Amy will make a transfer into this fund prior to payroll. Solid Waste had an ending fund balance of \$174,655.26. August 5th was the first payroll with the PERS increases. Per NRS, regardless of whether you're a 50/50 retirement plan or 100% employer paid, that employee is responsible for 50% of the PERS increase. The way the county handles those increases is to reduce the employer/employee wage by that percentage. The employee will see the reduction in their pay. There are many employees upset their paychecks have been reduced but it is mandated by NRS. This is decreased pre-tax. Amy is required to enroll all full-time employees in both PERS and health insurance. Amy advised there are two departments she will be meeting with to discuss credit cards and vouchers. There was some discussion about the payments to White Pine for the juvenile probation officer. Will we still need to pay for the copier in addition to needing office space? Clarification is needed with regards to what they need. The bills for White Pine were held (costs for Dex Imaging, Verizon, and White Pine Silver Stage Travel Center. Clarification as to what we should expect to pay is needed. Will there be a contract? DA April Bradshaw advised we should be getting a new JPO that is 50/50 with LC. April will get answers and bring them back to the Board. **Mike made a motion to approve the vouchers with the exception of the payment for the costs for White Pine JPO (Dex Imaging, White Pine Silver Stage Travel Center, and Verizon bill); seconded by Diane. All voted in favor.**

#6-HIGHWAY COMMISSION

This item was covered under separate agenda.

#7-LINCOLN COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT

This item was covered under separate agenda.

#8-LINCOLN COUNTY SAFETY PLAN

Eric Holt presented this item. They've been working on this plan since last November. There is a safety committee that meets every month to go over this plan. Once this is adopted, the next steps include site visits to each department. Eric is the current Safety Coordinator. Diane asked about the implementation and annual review of the safety plan. Does it have to be reviewed every year? Yes, POOL/PACT recommends it. They need to fill the other vacant positions, including the secretary; they will do so at the next meeting. **Mike made a motion to approve the LC safety plan; seconded by Diane. All voted in favor.**

#9-LIBRARY MUSEUM/DIRECTOR WAGE INCREASE

Lola Devlin, LC Library Board, advised they've met with regards to this item. They want to ensure Sharron gets a raise. The LB voted to put her increase no less than \$21.73 and the maximum at \$24.74. The LB agreed to let the Commissioners choose the amount between those ranges. Keith Pearson stated he would like to see her at the wage that was previously approved. Lisa Poulsen has researched this item. She has looked at what other department heads are making. \$24.74 is a fair amount. **Mike made a motion to put the Library Director at 34-06, \$24.74 per hour; seconded by Diane.** Diane provided the following comment: *For the record, I want to clarify that Caliente is one of the largest voting communities in Lincoln County and, like all other areas, contributes tax revenue to the county. The proposed increase in compensation for this position would, in part, come from those same tax contributions. Yet, residents of Caliente would not have access to library services in their area despite their continued financial support. While Caliente is an incorporated city, its residents remain Lincoln County taxpayers. My responsibility is to advocate for the taxpayers of Lincoln County. Accordingly, county services should be distributed fairly and equitably, not in a selective or biased manner. Caliente does pay property taxes to Lincoln County General and receives an apportionment back.* **Keith was opposed. Motion carried 4-1.**

#10-VERTICAL BRIDGE SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

Mike made a motion to approve the agreement with Vertical Bridge; seconded by Lisa. All voted in favor. Diane was absent for the vote.

#11-BYWAY ADVENTURES PROPOSAL

This was a continuation of previous discussions concerning the use of various county properties for guided tours. DA April Bradshaw is working on the written agreement; this will be on the next agenda for consideration. The return of keys must be a point that is emphasized. No action was taken on this item.

#12-AGREEMENT WITH LC WATER DISTRICT FOR CENTRAL SERVICES

Wade Poulsen presented this item. It was suggested the central services fee be reduced to \$15,000 per year. **Mike made a motion to approve the agreement at \$15,000; seconded by Diane. All voted in favor.**

#13-MOUNTAIN VIEW HOTEL

This item concerned the selection of a consultant to provide a structural analysis of the historic Mountain View Hotel. Denise Brown presented this item. There were three companies: Sunrise Engineering, TYLin, and Stantec. There was a committee that evaluated these based on CDBG requirements. Based on evaluations and average scores, Sunrise scored the highest. The committee recommended contracting with Sunrise for the structural analysis. **Mike made a motion to select Sunrise Engineering; seconded by Diane. All voted in favor.**

#14-LINCOLN COUNTY AIRPORT

Wendy Rudder provided the history of this grant. **Lisa made a motion to approve and sign the contractors agreement with Saker & Parsons Company for Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) grant AIP No. 3-32-0016-019-2025 for the LC Airport reconstruction of taxiways A, A1, and A2 and the rehabilitation of the apron aircraft parking (in the amount of \$1,074,698); seconded by Mike. Keith and Diane were absent for the vote.**

#15-VICTIM WITNESS SERVICES (VOCA)

This item was tabled.

#16-SHERIFF'S REPORT

Sergeant Dathan Lewis presented the service calls statistics. There were 22 arrests in addition to many other incidents. There are 37 contract inmates and 12 locals. Over \$80,000 has been billed.

#17-AGREEMENT BETWEEN LC/CLARK COUNTY FOR INMATE HOUSING

This is a renewal agreement that includes an increase for costs of the beds. The agreement is for two years. **Diane made a motion to approve the interlocal agreement for inmate housing between Clark County and Lincoln County; seconded by Mike. All voted in favor.**

#18-ALAMO INDUSTRIAL PARK SALES AGREEMENT

This item was tabled.

#19-OFFICER/DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Clerk Lisa Lloyd reported her office remains extremely busy. There are a ton of court hearings, and not just on regular law and motion days. Commissioners' Administrative Assistant/Grants Administrator Denice is putting her office back together. Denice is sitting on the Workforce hiring committee next week. The next Commission meeting is on Tuesday, September 2. Panaca is taking applications for a new town board member. There was some discussion about the need to let the town boards know the requirements for resignations and appointments. There was some discussion about the requirements for posting agendas correctly. Tia Lee resigned from Panaca Town Board. District Attorney April Bradshaw reported they remain very busy. There are a good many cases come in and court is very busy. They've been working with the MVJC, Sheriff's Office, and City of Caliente with regards to animals, firework, and disorderly issues. MVJC and Caliente Municipal court are combined; it's very hard to have teeth and be able to prosecute these types of cases. April is working with them to rectify this and create accountability with regards to the violations taking place in Caliente. Getting this under control will help create a united and consistent front on how these types of violations and crimes are addressed county-wide. Recorder/Auditor Amy Elmer advised LC owns the Tri-County Weed building located in White Pine. We are paying insurance for it but billing White Pine. Why do we even own it? Amy requested the Board have an agenda item to address deeding the building over to White Pine County so they can insure it. Planning/Building Director Cory Lytle is putting together information to go to the insurance company regarding the sewer problems. This will help identify what will be covered. There are still some things that have to be completed. The restroom addition has begun. Demolition is nearly complete. The LC Power District is putting in another primary service feed to the west end of the building. They're almost set to do the changeover. The barricades in the street remain as we're waiting on parts for the water hookups. The portable bathrooms will be here through the end of the month. They're getting closer to finishing the restroom at the library and museum. They hope to have it finished by Labor Day. Cory has discussed the uptown flooding project with the Planning Commission. He has a comprehensive analysis he has to read from Sunrise. He needs to find funding in addition to finding a contractor to do partial demolition at the Channel of Light. They're working to finish Phase II Environmental Analysis on the tailings pond. Cory's office is still being cleaned up from the floor work. Janine commented she doesn't think people understand we can just hire a contractor and let Cory carry on doing his job. Cory is at every site working the job. We don't have the funding to hire contractors to take care of the problems. Cory has to be on site doing the work. This results in regular duties having to be put off for a bit. This is the same in many departments that are impacted by different unexpected, emergency situations. LC employees wear multiple hats and have multiple skills. Treasurer Shawn Frehner advised they're very busy as today is the due date for the first installment of taxes.

#20-COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Commissioner Lisa Poulsen attended the LC Water District meeting, Alamo Town Board meeting had to be canceled due to lack of quorum, SNPLMA meeting, Planning Commission meeting. There is a film crew coming tomorrow concerning our piece of the Christmas tree skirt. NACO will be on Friday. There is a PV Fire meeting tonight Lisa will attend. Commissioner Keith Pearson attended the LC Water District meeting but was unable to attend the last Panaca Town Board meeting. Commissioner Mike Reese took a phone call with Sixco. He attended the LC Fair in addition to the LC Water District meeting. He also attended Panaca Town Board in addition to LCAT. Mike also attended the Pioche Town Board meeting. Mike received a phone call from the Governor, who will be

here Wednesday morning. Mike will be in Carson City next week for meetings. Commissioner Janine Woodworth attended the LEPC meeting, Planning Commission meeting, and training in Elko concerning cybersecurity. Janine will attend the Pioche Chamber meeting tomorrow. She is working with Amy on the catastrophic leave policy.

#21-PUBLIC COMMENT

Janine called for public comment. None offered.

#22-ADJOURN

There being no further business for the Board to attend to, the meeting was adjourned at 12:45 p.m.

Attest: _____ Approve: _____

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