



LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

September 15, 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 9:00 a.m. Clerk Lisa Lloyd called the roll.

PRESENT: MIKE REESE LISA LLOYD, Clerk
LISA POULSEN APRIL BRADSHAW, District Attorney
KEITH PEARSON (via web)
DIANE PATH
JANINE WOODWORTH

There is a quorum present and the agenda was posted on 9-9-25 to comply with the open meeting law. The Invocation was given by Lisa and Keith led the Pledge of Allegiance.

#2-PUBLIC COMMENT

Janine called for public comment. Mike Reese received a phone call concerning the passing of Charlie Kirk. The individual asked what needed to be done to rename a street in the county in his honor. Mike will speak to Cory Lytle regarding the process. Lisa commented we need to know what street and town. This individual is trying to get every county in the state to name a street after Charlie Kirk.

CONSENT AGENDA

- #3 Approve/Deny minutes of the September 2 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 Lisa. Mike made a motion to approve the consent agenda with the correction to the minutes and removing Pearson and Sons Construction; seconded by Lisa. All voted in favor. Mike made a motion to approve the renewal of Pearson and Sons Construction; seconded by Lisa. Keith abstained. Motion carried with all remaining members voting in the affirmative.

#5-VOUCHERS

Recorder/Auditor Amy Elmer presented the cash balances and payroll. She also presented the state check that went out in between. General Fund had an ending fund balance of \$3,877,909.93. Federal In Lieu had an ending fund balance of \$1,230,866.97. Grants had an ending fund balance of \$448,209.19. Detention Center had a fund balance of \$77,793.01. Solid Waste an ending fund balance of \$228,182.83. **Mike made a motion to approve the vouchers with the exception of Pearson Brothers voucher; seconded by Lisa. All voted in favor. Mike made a motion to approve the Pearson Brothers voucher; seconded by Lisa. Keith abstained. Motion carried with all remaining members voting 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-SHERIFF'S REPORT

Sheriff Derek Foremaster presented the activity report for August. Total calls for service was 473. The first payment for North Las Vegas was received. Total inmate population was 42. US Marshal has indicated they will be getting more inmates to us. August billing includes: \$72,957 for US Marshal, \$3,147.20 for US Marshal transport, and \$44,880 for North Las Vegas. Derek would like to add on for a dispatch center for more office space for patrol/evidence gathering. The new dispatch area is working well and the employees are happier. LC Tourism is doing a great job promoting the county, but the Sheriff sent a response letter regarding their tours to Area 51. The Sheriff disagrees with the tours. As a Sheriff's office, they have an agreement to patrol the perimeter. Yet, a county entity is now promoting visiting the perimeter. It adds more attention to their boundaries and secure areas. The LC tourism bus is registered to LC. Derek let the test site know this is happening and he doesn't support it. There have been more traffic accidents with that area being promoted more. Derek wants to maintain a good rapport with both the test site and LCAT, but we receive a goodly amount to patrol the perimeter. Jessica Hernandez, LCAT, led the tour to the perimeter. It hasn't been promoted with the exception of the article about the test tour. Derek appreciates their drive to promote tourism, but he can't be an advocate for this tour as this is a sensitive area. They discourage people from going out there. Jessica reiterated there currently aren't any tours going out there. There are active tours that go there, but they're from Las Vegas. It's a private company that comes out two-three times per week. Derek will not try and stop anyone from doing this; he simply won't advocate the county being involved in tourism at the test site. Jessica advised this was only a test to verify safety, legality, and the process. No action was taken on this item as it was informational only.

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

Mike made a motion to approve the revised agreement for inmate housing between Clark County and Lincoln County; seconded by Lisa. All voted in favor.

#10-PANACA TOWN BOARD

Mike made a motion to approve appoint Jennifer Brown to Panaca Town Board; seconded by Lisa. All voted in favor.

#11-MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE COURTS

This item concerned a memorandum of understanding (MOU) with the Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) to formalize the collaboration and implementation of the Nevada Court System (NCS) project in the approximate amount of \$10,000 per year and for the appointment of a primary liaison for the project. **Mike made a motion to approve the MOU with the AOC and to appoint Lisa Lloyd as primary liaison; seconded by Lisa. All voted in favor. Diane was absent for the vote.**

#12-CONTRACT WITH SUNRISE ENGINEERING FOR PANACA PARK PHASE III

Mike made a motion to approve the contract with Sunrise Engineering for work on the Panaca Pioneer Park phase III, Southern Nevada Public Lands Management Act (SNPLMA) project; seconded by Lisa. All voted in favor. Diane was absent for the vote.

#13-CONTRACT WITH SUNRISE ENGINEERING FOR MT. VIEW HOTEL

Lisa made a motion to approve the contract with Sunrise Engineering to perform the evaluation of the Mt. View Hotel, Community Development Block Grant project; seconded by Mike. All voted in favor.

#14-ALAMO SENIOR CENTER HVAC

Amber Box advised Denice and Amy will find a fund for the payment. There is no money available in county buildings to cover this cost. This is a county building. Denice suggested Amber put in a certain amount for capital outlay when she creates her budget. **Mike made a motion to approve the repair to the Alamo Senior Center HVAC in the amount of \$1,125 to be paid from Fund 129; seconded by Diane. All voted in favor.**

#15-SIXCO

This item was tabled.

#16-ESCAPE SOLAR PROJECT

This item was tabled.

#17-LINCOLN-CLARK TRANSMISSION PROJECT

This item was tabled.

#18-BYWAY ADVENTURES AGREEMENT

This item is a continuation from previous meetings and concerns an agreement between LC and Byway Adventures to allow for the use of certain county-owned properties for guided tours. Cory Lytle presented hard copies of the redline version of the agreement, including markups between Sharron Faehling and Michael Collins. The fees include a rate per patron, but they're still determining this. Cory advised Sharron likes donations of \$5 or better. They're currently discussing charging per person or per group. Cory stated there are concerns with bigger groups later at night and potential for uncontrolled situations including not knowing where everyone is or what they're getting into. DA April Bradshaw reminded the Board the groups are usually fairly small. Mike keeps them so and keeps a pretty tight rein on them. If the Commission wants to limit the group size, they can. If the groups get larger, the issues can be readdressed over time. We can't require a donation, but we can suggest one. Michael included a portion of the fees coming back to the county (per person). These are county buildings/assets, so it's up to the Board to approve the fees and parameters. Lisa would like to limit the number of people in the tour to ten; this needs to be memorialized in writing. If it's just Michael, the limit would be ten. If there are two guides, the number could be higher. This would need to be incorporated into the contract. There was discussion about the need for a 1:5 ratio; two tour guides for ten people (one at the front and one at the back). Janine would like to see a flat rate. There was some discussion about reevaluating how the fees play out over the course of a year then bringing this back. The Board agreed the agreement shouldn't be for longer than one year. There is a clause for review included in the agreement that allows either party to terminate or ask for review. LC may revoke use of county buildings at any time. The Board readdressed the ratio to tourists and agreed 1:10 would work. This is an in/out at Thompson. Diane suggested \$2 across the Board. April advised they may not always go into each of the places. The amounts proposed were done so by Michael. April will add the 1-10 ratio. **Lisa made a motion to approve the agreement between LC and Byway Adventures including the redlines, fee schedule, the participant agreement, and a ratio of 1-10; seconded by Diane. All voted in favor.** Michael is putting up a \$1 million insurance policy that names both the county and the town.

#19-CELL PHONE REIMBURSEMENT – PLANNING/BUILDING DIRECTOR

Mike made a motion to approve the increase in monthly cell phone reimbursement for Planning/Building Director from \$35 to \$50; seconded by Diane. Lisa asked if they should wait and find out what everyone else's is. This is Cory's personal cell phone. Denice will look into this and send the Board members an email; the Board wants to see what is being paid to whom, in full as well as to those with a portion. **All voted in favor.**

#20-NEVADA STATE RACING ASSOCIATION SPRINT ENDURO

Mike made a motion to approve the Nevada State Racing Association Spring Enduro motorcycle race on September 27-28; seconded by Lisa. All voted in favor.

#21-JUVENILE PROBATION BILLS

The Board received a letter from Judge Frehner outlining the allocation of the juvenile probation budget dated 9-11-25. DA April Bradshaw outlined what the county is responsible for paying for. Judge Dylan Frehner was present via the web. There was discussion about the resubmission of the bills that were denied. They can be resubmitted for payment. No action was taken on this item.

#22-OFFICER/DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Recorder/Auditor Amy Elmer reported her office is excessively busy. They're coming into auditing season; they're behind on a couple of items. Clerk Lisa Lloyd advised their office has reached a critical juncture. They have been working every single weekend for a couple of years now. They desperately need another full-time employee. There was some discussion about whether or not the overtime being paid would cover the costs of a new full-time person. Amy budgeted extra overtime for both her employees but she is over 1/3 of that funding now. Comp time isn't doing them any good; they're building up so much they lose it because they can't use it. It isn't fair that we demand our deputies work so much overtime. Amy asked for patience as they continue to try and keep up with the workload. Treasurer Shawn Frehner reported she has a statewide conference (CFOA) this month. She will be attending one day but is too busy to attend the entire conference. Shawn advised they received the first year's

installment for the grant money applied for by Diane (interlocal contract with Behavioral/Public Health), just over \$10,000. Shawn stated she doesn't submit for reimbursement for her cell phone, but she uses it a lot for county business. She is required to work on Fridays, and she gets her emails on her phone. Planning/Building Director Cory Lytle is still waiting on getting reimbursement for the insurance issues. The floor and walls will be set this week on the addition. They're working with the architect in an attempt to save money. The men's room is nearly finished. The partition still hasn't arrived. The portable bathroom will only be here until the end of the month. The lighting upgrades have come in and they're getting close to being done. IT Director Tracy Lee commented on his instructions last meeting to open a Facebook account. This is a first for him, but he got permanently banned during setup. This isn't appealable. Tracy did get Instagram up. Tracy and Wade Poulsen have been discussing the best way to do online meetings for LCWD. The cameras alone are \$2,000. They will also need a new computer. The sound architects have agreed to let Tracy get into the computer to see if he can plug in a sound card and use the internal sound system. The LCWD room is too big. There was some discussion about using a portable system, but the room may be too big. Our long-distance carrier has provided notice that they will start blocking calls. The FCC has mandated that we get information about when our calls are blocked. By 3/25/26, it will be fully implemented. If we get a "603" error code, the number we used to call has been blocked. Tracy Lee advised the county has a very liberal policy about personal devices. Tracy will get pressure in the future to close the network down from POOL/PACT. Assessor Cydney Dwire reported her office is in chaos with DMV being up then down, then up then down again. They're dealing with a lot of frustrated customers who understand there isn't anything they can do about it. They continue to try and help the public as much as possible. She is still working on assessing the county and will go out for building permits later this month. Solid Waste Supervisor Jennifer Lytle stated they're going through their old trucks to handle the north end of the route so they can take care of Alamo. The trucks are worn down and finding parts has become difficult. Ryan is building fence around the new cell at the landfill. Commissioners' Assistant Denise Brown advised there are a lot of SNPLMA projects going on. District Attorney April Bradshaw reported her office also remains extremely busy. She is also working late at night; we are all understaffed but doing the best we can. She attended the City of Caliente meeting. April attended the prosecutors' conference. There is an agreement in the works with the City regarding the dog ordinance so the Sheriff's office will be able to cite in the Meadow Valley Justice Court for issues. They will also be updating the use of fireworks. These agreements will make things much more efficient. April attended the status hearing on the 2019 murder case last week. There will be an accelerated timeline on this in the next 60 days. April agreed with the Sheriff regarding the Area 51 tours. We're trying to keep people out of there, promoting tours goes against law enforcement perspective of securing the perimeter. April attended the NV District Attorney's Association meeting while in northern NV. A legislative update was provided as related to the criminal bills. There is a special session being entertained; it includes the Safe Streets act that has additional changes to criminal laws. Wayne is attending court improvement council conference in Reno this week. He will then attend the public lawyer's conference in Tahoe next week. The CIC is geared towards DCFS and child welfare issues. Clerk Lisa Lloyd advised she will be attending CJOA via zoom this week. Next week she will be attending the annual elections conference next week.

#23-COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Commissioner Keith Pearson attended the LCWD meeting. Keith attended the CMC meeting last Wednesday. Commissioner Mike Reese took part in two Sixco calls; there is a lot going on and they'll update in October. Mike attended two Workforce meetings. Mike also attended Quad State; they voted to dissolve this entity. We owe them \$6,000. Their last meeting is this December. Mike attended LCWD; the water tank in Pioche ran empty and necessary steps to be taken was discussed. Mike will be touring the pumps and how you go through the process of turning them on. Mike attended Panaca Town Board; they're in need of open meeting law education. Janine is working on setting up training. The new ordinance will require all dogs in Caliente to be licensed. Mike will attend the NACO meeting and the Governor will be here on 9-23 at the LC Courthouse. Commissioner Diane Path attended the City of Caliente council meeting, LCWD meeting, and NSSAB meeting. Commissioner Lisa Poulsen met with Jennifer and Cory Lytle regarding Solid Waste. They're trying to get more service to the southern end of the county. 9-4 she attended the Workforce meeting. Lisa mailed our county ornaments; there were about 223. Lisa attended an Alamo Sewer and Water District meeting. They will no longer have employees working there as they've resigned. Board members have resigned as well. The option of LCWD becoming involved needs to be explored. One of the big concerns is that Alamo doesn't want to lose jobs to the northern end of the county. Lisa will attend the Alamo Town Board meeting this week in addition to NACO, PVFD, and HCP. Lisa will attend the Commission meeting on 10-6 virtually. Commissioner Janine Woodworth has been speaking with Congerium LLC,

Jay Motos, concerning where LC stands on allowing the sales or dispensary in LC. They hold certificates in other places. While certificates are being discontinued, their company wanted record that we still have a moratorium in place. The bought a certificate here and if it ever opens up, they'd be first in line. They want to dissolve the one they have on us and get one someplace else. Janine sent a letter to them concerning the moratorium. She attended the Solid Waste meeting in addition to NSSAB in person in Las Vegas. Janine attended the Pioche Town Board meeting but there is another scheduled for tomorrow night. Janine had a good POOL/PACT zoom meeting with Amy, Wayne, and April concerning the catastrophic leave policy. Janine attended another POOL/PACT meeting regarding risk management training. Janine visited the Sheriff's office to see the new dispatch area. Janine commented the county needs a vision statement. Janine would like everyone to get ideas as to what they feel this should encompass. Lisa reported YESCO is developing business coaching for government entities. YESCO has offered to do the training for us for free. POOL/PACT also does this for free and we can apply for travel reimbursement. April cautioned the Board concerning the open meeting law (OML). These presentations may be subject to OML.

#24-PUBLIC COMMENT

Janine called for public comment. Charli Miller reported on behalf of the LC Coalition. They'd launched the enrichment literacy program throughout the county. The gingerbread fun run sheets are also out. Diane Path read the following into the record: "I want to take a moment to highlight a few offices in the courthouse and to thank them for helping me this last month with my work.

Amy Elmer- Auditor/Recorder-Without Amy's office, you wouldn't get paid, vendors wouldn't get paid and nobody would have ANYTHING recorded (good or bad). I am thankful she is our go to HR person because she is insightful and confidential.

Next, Lisa Lloyd's office- Clerk of courts and anything public-Without Lisa's office, court would close down, no agendas or meeting minutes for commission meetings, therefore, no commission meetings. The public would not be served at all and elections wouldn't take place.

Shawn Frehner Treasurer-She handles all money for the county; the intake, investments & redistribution of taxes would cease without her office. You would see the state come in & take us over.

So, just because these offices are not highlighted, doesn't mean they are irrelevant. They are very necessary for this county to operate.

I am always amazed at their transparency, willing to help and vast knowledge and I sincerely don't know what I would do without all of those things. I want to thank them for never being too busy to help, never being rude or mean and always making my job easier."

#25-ADJOURN

There being no further business for the Board to attend to, the meeting was adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

Attest: _____ Approve: _____