



LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

October 6, 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 (via web) APRIL BRADSHAW, District Attorney
KEITH PEARSON (via web) MARIBAH FLORES, Deputy Clerk
JANINE WOODWORTH

ABSENT: DIANE PATH

There is a quorum present and the agenda was posted on 9-30-25 to comply with the open meeting law. The Invocation was given by Lisa 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 September 15 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 except for the minutes; seconded by Lisa. All voted in favor.

#5-VOUCHERS

Recorder/Auditor Amy Elmer presented the cash balances and payroll. General Fund had an ending fund balance of \$4,125,890.05. Federal In Lieu had an ending fund balance of \$1,159,511.97. Grants had an ending fund balance of \$349,312.34. Detention Center had a fund balance of \$117,049.41. Solid Waste an ending fund balance of \$151,808.00. Amy will make a transfer out of Fund 1 due to incorrect budgeting. These funds go to Fund 129, Special Projects. Amy will augment General County to show an additional expense of \$100,000. The money was budgeted, but not done correctly. The total amount of the transfer into Special Projects is about \$315,000. **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.**

#6-HIGHWAY COMMISSION

This item was covered under separate agenda.

#7-LINCOLN COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT

This item was covered under separate agenda.

#8-LIQUOR BOARD

This item was covered under separate agenda.

#9-LINCOLN COUNTY HEALTH BOARD

This item was covered under separate agenda.

#10-SHERIFF'S REPORT

Sheriff Derek Foremaster reported we have 53 inmates. North Las Vegas may send twenty more in a couple of weeks. It may or may not be short term. They billed about \$164,000. They've hired another patrol officer and will be hiring another to fill the opening in the jail facility.

#11-SIXCO

Mike reported on Sixco. They are applying for various large amount grants. The Governor's staff at GOED is aiding them to apply for the transmission line at Crestline. Everything is moving forward. They expect to have a Danish delegation potentially at the next meeting to update and review the site. Mike has spoken to the Governor and thanked him for the staff aid with filling out the grants. No action was taken on this item.

#12-CREDIT CARD POLICY

Treasurer Shawn Frehner and Recorder/Auditor Amy Elmer presented this item. Questions have arisen with regards to the current policy. Additional issues need to be addressed. The DA has reviewed the proposed changes. Shawn asked the Board if they have any changes. Janine commented the Board members need training with regards to this policy in addition to submissions. The travel policy goes hand in hand with the credit card policy. The new policy prevents entities from getting a new credit card without Commission approval. No department has the authority to accrue debt without prior Commission approval. There was discussion with regards to including a timetable for submission; entities should only have so much time to submit. Amy stated it is the department head's responsibility to make sure submissions are made as soon as possible. If the required timeline isn't met, what will the consequences be? Receipts must be turned into the department head as soon as they are available. Only people the department head has authorized are allowed to use the voucher system. Language for timely submission wasn't included in the policy. If there are irresponsible users, they will be reported to the Commissioners. **Mike made a motion to approve the credit card policy; seconded by Janine. All voted in favor.**

#13-AIRPORT ROAD IN PIOCHE

Mike made a motion to approve the change order for the Airport Road improvements for an increase of \$1,069,792 for Phase IV; seconded by Lisa. All voted in favor.

#14-NEVADA STATE RACING ASSOCIATION TEAM CHALLENGE

Cory Lytle presented this item. Flooding in Caliente has resulted in the need to change course. A portion of the race has been moved toward the Pioche track and down into Hamlight. It is late in the year for competitive races. Our policy requires applications to be submitted at least 60 days prior to an event. This was submitted with just about half that time. Lisa asked at what point the Board will enforce the policies. Lisa has received a couple of calls from concerned hunters, questioning why we're having races during hunting season. Why are we letting the races take place during hunting season? Jason Beam, Director of Operations, understands the concerns. Most of the racers get their things turned in before the 60 days. His events are focused closer to town; getting property owners' signatures don't often come in within the 60-day time frame. The flood happened about a month ago; they were prepared at that time to submit the request to Cory. The flood caused them to change the location. Jason reached out to BLM first, gaining full approval to move the event to the Pioche track. Unexpected occurrences can slow them down as promoters. Mike voted no on every single event during hunting season. Mike stated part of this needs to require NDOW's approval. This is a hard thing to justify to constituents, running these events during hunting season. People wait for years to get tags. The majority of the tags are given out during rifle season. Mike was opposed to this race. Janine discussed the policies; we need to adhere to them. Janine was opposed. The applications are due 60 days prior, in spite of the special circumstances on this race. Lisa is open to amending applications if they're turned in on time. If it isn't even submitted within the 60 days, it should automatically be rejected. Lisa reiterated the need to adhere to policies and fiscally responsible to our constituents. Lisa also stated her concerns with regards to hunting season. **Lisa made a motion to deny the request from the Nevada State Racing Association TEAM Challenge motorcycle race scheduled for October 18, 2025; seconded by Mike.** Mike and Lisa would be in favor of this if it was submitted prior to deer season and if it was turned in on time. Janine agreed. It's deer season and there are liability issues, not to mention the applicable county policies. If the race was prior to October 1, Mike would be inclined to approve. Jason asked that the Board put an ordinance in place that designates specific dates so promoters will know they can't put on events during a certain time period.

The Board agreed amendment of the resolution will be on a future agenda. Cory cautioned the Board in getting too narrow on the scope for races. In some cases, it will add various burdens to staff. **All voted in favor.** Janine reiterated that she voted no due to the policy that is in place and in support of county departments.

#15-LAWNMOWER RACETRACK

Cory Lytle presented a request to construct a lawnmower racetrack east of the existing roping arena in the Pioche Recreational Park. Robbie Hansen was present as well. Cory recommended, if allowed, we need to be as close as possible to the roping arena so as not to disturb additional areas that will need to be maintained. Pioche Public Utilities also has use plans in place. The second that area is disturbed, it becomes a weed patch. Robbie advised this will include tires and wooden barriers. The track will be an oval and about 1/10 of a mile around. The track will be smoothed out and include a slight berm. This is county property and would be available to anyone who wants to use it. Janine asked if people will need to make reservations to use it. Signs can be erected on the holidays that it will be used for races, thus preventing people from using it during scheduled race times. **Mike made a motion to approve the construction of the new lawnmower track just east of Pioche Recreational Park; seconded by Lisa. All voted in favor.**

#16-QUARTERLY JAIL TOUR

This item will be reported on at the next meeting.

#17-OFFICER/DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Clerk Lisa Lloyd attended the elections conference. Elections vendor will be here next week to upgrade the equipment and do training. We have a very large court calendar for this Friday. Treasurer Shawn Frehner presented the monthly report. She has received notification from our bank that the federal reserve has officially announced elimination of the penny. This will affect bills, including tax bills. SB358 passed; it requires most government entities to accept electronic forms of payment from businesses. We have the means to take e-check, debit card, and credit card. Commissioners' Administrative Assistant/Grants Administrator Denice Brown advised it looked like they had a response from BLM to move Slaughter House forward quickly. That isn't the case. There is a new director. They indicated we will need to do a categorical exclusion. The next thing we needed was the critical resource inventory needs assessment (CRINA). We have not completed this. We've been given the lowest level of environmental analysis in addition to a Class III analysis (this means they have to walk every inch of the area). This will cost twice as much as an environmental assessment (EA). All of this is being funded via SNPLMA. We will have to apply for another grant to actually build the trail. Pioneer Park will probably go out to bid soon so they can start construction the first of June next year. The Alamo Sports complex is moving along well and will go out to bid about the same time. Mountain View continues to move ahead; they're starting their analysis. Airport Road is moving forward well. October 16 there is a Tri-County meeting in Pahrump; Denice will attend in person. Planning/Building Director Cory Lytle advised they're forming the stem walls on the courthouse addition this week. Structural changes for the flooring have been made but have been returned from the engineer. The men's restroom is nearly completed. Solid Waste is doing just fine; the annual assurance paperwork has been submitted to NDEP. Cory still needs to work on bin site cubic yardage in addition to the green waste burning policy. Lisa advised she had a private citizen approach her who is willing to pay for the fencing around the bin site in Alamo. The site is on a BLM lease and has a large ravine to the north. Cory advised the cost to do so will be expensive. He'll have to look at the lease and size. District Attorney April Bradshaw advised the federal inmate who committed murder will be transported soon. She has spoken with the federal facility where he is at in addition to coordinating with the US Marshals. Transport costs will be about \$4,000. This case has been pending since 2019. The case was filed in late 2023, or early 2024. Defense has filed a motion to dismiss. The court hearing is set for November 12th. This is going to be very costly. We have no choice but to prosecute these cases. Wayne attended the public lawyers conference in addition to the court improvement summit. April is excited about the new patrol deputy that's been hired. It makes our community safer when the DA's office and Sheriff's office are on the same page. She attended the Room Tax meeting a couple of weeks ago. April will attend town board meetings next week. Court continues to be very busy.

#18-COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Commissioner Keith Pearson reported on HCP. Chris Faehling wants to purchase a used truck so he doesn't have to use his personal truck anymore. Keith attended the LC Airport meeting. He also attended the Fair Board meeting. Keith attended the LC Coalition meeting via phone. Keith spoke with Jessica Pearson, the county health

nurse. She will be available three days per week. Commissioner Lisa Poulsen attended the HCP meeting with Keith. She also attended the Pahrangat Valley Fire District meeting; they want to change the boundary of their parcel to include the section of their helipad to erect a building. They're also working on the foam and are very aware of the Industrial Park. She attended the Alamo Town Board meeting. Lisa and Mike attended the NACO conference in Las Vegas. She toured the extension office down there. There is an educator position open in LC via the Cooperative Extension office, if anyone is interested in applying. Lisa outlined what she learned at the AI class presented by Sparks. AI has been used to automate several of their policies. They've been able to use it in a closed interface. Lisa will reach out to them to find out costs and implementation procedures. AI can help to eliminate enough hours that it's nearly equivalent to about 1 low level clerical position. Lisa will meet with Tracy to discuss this. Commissioner Mike Reese advised the Governor came up to visit on the 22nd. Mike spoke with him about water, local issues, Sixco, and wildlife. Mike attended the NACO conference with Lisa. He reported on the agriculture meeting he attended. We have more farmland in Nevada being sold to the Chinese. Mike called Burt Gurr to ask about protections ranchers have. This is part of our food source. Mike wants to do something to protect ag; we don't have as many sheep or cows on the range due to BLM allotments. Farmers are still seeing the same production levels but for less profit. A lot of ag land is being turned into housing developments. Mike worries about what will happen to our food sources if we continue to sell land to other countries. Sixco is working hard on getting their grants. They have an investor. Mike believes there will be a lot of action in the next six months. BLM is closed now due to the federal government shutdown. Mike would like to change the right-of-way on Crestline to 100 feet. Cory is currently working on this. We have to submit a complete plan of development in order to get that approved. The pit that is there was a used NDOT pit from the 60s. We also need a free minerals permit. Janine commented that Sixco project can't continue to cost our county money. Janine is very supportive of Sixco and their project, but it can't continue to cost the county man hours and money. Cory commented every time they meet with BLM they go back, around and around in circles. He's constantly asked what our priorities are. They all are. Middle management is where the hang up is. BLM doesn't have the personnel or money, but we're expected to. Cory met with Susan Grande concerning the disposals and rights-of-way. We're looking at RPP areas and there are dozens of actions we're already approached them with but things don't move forward. Commissioner Janine Woodworth continues to work on the catastrophic leave policy. She met with Derek Hembd of Sixco; he provided updates on current activities. Janine helped design and install a perforated screen sticker for the dispatch center at no cost. She attended a zoom meeting with Leslie and Amy on the catastrophic leave policy. Once completed, Janine will start work on other policies. Janine has also been working with Marshall at POOL/PACT on various trainings needed by the county.

#19-PUBLIC COMMENT

Janine called for public comment. Melissa Clary, Friends of Gem Theater, reported on the activity at the theater. They're working on completing the state appropriation work. Melissa thanked the Board for their support for the USDA development grant. They were successful in getting the grant for the seating refurbishment. All of the support helps them get closer to opening day. They've been working on this for six years.

#20-ADJOURN

There being no further business for the Board to attend to, the meeting was adjourned at 12:28 p.m.

Attest: _____ Approve: _____