LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

November 3, 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 (left the meeting at 1:59 p.m.)	
	JANINE WOODWORTH	

There is a quorum present and the agenda was posted on 10-27-25 to comply with the open meeting law. The Invocation was given by Diane and Mike led the Pledge of Allegiance.

#2-PUBLIC COMMENT
Janine called for public comment. Nolan Avery, owner of Shady Motel, discussed Item 21. The item is very vague on the agenda and he wasn't 100% sure what it was about. Nolan discussed our fragile eco money. From November to March, they have a gamut of people and events. They have an off-road event in April. Nolan advised they rely on these kinds of events year-round. When they go through a five-month stint of pinching pennies, they rely on the April events. April is a crucial month for off-roading for the small economies. Nolan has had events in March before. Small businesses struggle through certain months of the year here. Many have come to rely on events. Diane Path discussed Item 24. Many people have reached out to her regarding the government shutdown and SNAP benefits. Diane is sorry they're going through this and she hears them. There are several resources in the county to help with this food shortage, including churches. Diane is working with state partners to locate additional food support services. She will keep the community updated and she's working to be part of the solution. Regen Gubler addressed Item 21; the agenda item is very vague. Keith Pearson discussed the racing organization and events in the spring. It's better to race in the spring as there is moisture in the ground, which prevents it from being torn up as much.

CONSENT AGENDA
#3 Approve/Deny minutes of the October 20 and 23 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 Lisa. All voted in favor.

#5-VOUCHERS
Recorder/Auditor Amy Elmer presented the cash balances. General Fund had an ending fund balance of $3,841,783.17. Federal In Lieu had an ending fund balance of $1,123,344.92. Grants had an ending fund balance of $243,742.8. Detention Center had a negative fund balance of $7,102.15. A transfer will be made into this fund prior to payday. Solid Waste had an ending fund balance of $150,130.79. Amy advised her office is heading into a very intensive audit season. She asked for patience from both the public and the employees. There are only so many hours in the day, and there are just the three of them. Things are slow getting out of the office as they've so much going on. **Mike made a motion to approve the vouchers; 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-SHERIFF'S REPORT
Sheriff Derek Foremaster presented the October activity report. Total calls for service is 436. Inmate numbers are down a bit. North Las Vegas is working on getting more inmates for them. Total inmate population was 46. Total amount billed for inmates in October was $152,005.10. They will be holding parties with the elementary school kids today. They'll be presenting awards to the Middle School and High School winners. The motto was "strength in unity". There are two staff members picking up the murder suspect from 2019; he'll face local charges. There will be a cost for transport and housing. The seniors enjoyed the jail tour. No action was taken on this item.

#9-NEVADA CLEAN ENERGY FUND
This was a continuation from the last meeting. There is one vacancy; nominations are due by November 17. Every county will submit a nomination. Bob Johnson holds the seat right now; he has been nominated again. Chances are he will be seated again. The Board has to send the nomination to the Governor's office. The committee meets as often as needed and quarterly. They're all virtual meetings; no travel is involved. **Lis made a motion to nominate Dane Bradfield, or Dane's appointee from is offie, as a proposed board member; seconded by Diane. All voted in favor.**

#10-SIXCO
This item was tabled.

#11-LINCOLN COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT
Maggie Orr presented the quarterly report. The first two phases of the Russian olive eradication project have been completed. It went well. They spent funding given to the by the NV Department of Wildlife last year on continued noxious weed control in Pahranagat Valley and upper Meadow Valley wash. They could use the Board's support to encourage the formation of the Cooperative Weed Management Areas in Panaca and Caliente. They cooperative with Pete Tony Delmue for the latest State Conservation Commission Age Grouse Habitat grant. He continued the work they began in Spring Valley to improve grazing management north of his corral. They've completed the Conservation poster contest in the three northern elementary schools. Their next project will begin soon; they'll be treating tall white or and salt cedar from Caliente to the southern end of Kershaw-Ryan State Park. The next local work group meeting is December 10th at their office in Caliente. They've experienced turnover in the District Manager position more than once so they've not been able to report for a while. Maggie Marston in the new CD manager. They're working with the National Association of Conservation Districts to train Maggie M. in Natural Resources Conservation Service practices and to learn about soil health. She'll pass this along to local producers. Sheridan Clark is the CD clerk. Maggie Orr is retiring May 19, 2026. No action was taken on this item; it was informational only.

#12-PIOCHE TOWN BOARD
A letter of interest was received from Wanda Hawkins. There are issues with regards to permanent residency. She owns property here and she's looking into buying a house. At this time, she doesn't live here full-time. It was recommended this be held until Ms. Hawkins lives here and that a letter be sent advising of the need for full-time residency. The property they're purchasing is in escrow, but it doesn't close until later this month. There is a residence on the property. The trailer they currently live in is out at Eagle Valley Resort, which isn't in Pioche Town limits. Janine spoke with Ms. Hawkins, who believes it would be better to put in her letter of interest later. The requirement is to be an electorate in the precinct and a resident of Pioche Town. The Board acknowledged receipt of the letter. They will reach out to her at the first of the year, if needed. This item was tabled; no action was taken.

#13-REMOVAL OF HIRING FREEZE
This item concerned the hiring freeze that was put in place last year. **Mike made a motion to apply the hiring freeze to new positions only (existing positions can be advertised and filled); seconded by Lisa.** Diane felt the hiring freeze should be lifted altogether as departments wouldn't be hiring without the funding available in their budgets. Lisa agreed that existing positions should be able to be filled immediately, but the Board should keep

new positions frozen so they have the ability to regulate and be fiscally responsible. Diane reiterated that the hiring freeze should be lifted. **All voted in favor.**

#14-TRI-COUNTY WEED BUILDING
Lisa made a motion to approve the quitclaim deed from Lincoln County to White Pine County for the Tri-County Weed Control building; seconded by Diane. All voted in favor.

#15-TAX REFUND
Diane made a motion to approve applying the Disabled Veteran 60-79% exemption with an assessed value of $21,081 to APN 003-184-04, which will result in the total assessed value being $8,431 for the 2025-2026 tax year (refund will be $462.99); seconded by Lisa. All voted in favor.

#16-ESTUARY POWER
Jill Daniel, CEO Estuary Power, offered an update on current and future projects in LC. Escape is a solar and battery project on LC Lands Act land north of Mesquite. The project is fully operational. They've been working with Coyote Springs to develop a large solar project there. They have options on over 12,600 acres of land in LC. They're discussing provision of the first 600MW to NV Energy. There have been quite a few challenges with solar on BLM lands in NV. They're excited to develop on private land. They're looking at several projects: Coyote Springs solar and storage, LC/Clark 500 kV transmission project, Lincoln County 230 kV, and Lincoln County generating station. They're looking for a letter of support from the Board. No action was taken on this item.

#17-LINCOLN-CLARK TRANSMISSION PROJECT
Mike made a motion to approve a letter to the Bureau of Land Management in support of the Lincoln-Clark Transmission project south of Coyote Springs; seconded by Diane. All voted in favor.

#18-SLAUGHTERHOUSE TRAIL OPEN SPACE LAND CONVEYANCE
This item concerned the contract with Resource Concepts, Inc., for National Environmental Policy Act development of a categorical exclusion for the Slaughterhouse Trail open space land conveyance. Cory Lytle presented this item. The cost is covered by SNPLMA. **Mike made a motion to approve the contract; seconded by Lisa.** Keith commented the bill could go as high as $150,000. The actual proposal to do the class 3 was more than $100,000. These studies are very expensive. **All voted in favor.**

#19-ALAMO TOWN FLOOD AND STORMWATER MANAGEMENT
This item concerned an application to the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) for a recreation and public purposes land conveyance for flood and stormwater management west of the Town of Alamo. They're trying to segregate 20 acres above the proposed developments, the Hell's Bells basin. They want to create a scenario where flood water and debris would be checked up for a period of time before it comes down. **Mike made a motion to approve the application to the BLM for a Recreation and Public Purposes land conveyance for flood and stormwater management; seconded by Lisa. All voted in favor.**

#20-ALAMO BIN FACILITY
Mike made a motion to approve the application to the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) for right-of-way to construct an additional solid waste public waste bin facility north of the Town of Alamo; seconded by Lisa. All voted in favor.

#21-SPECIAL EVENTS POLICY
This was a continuation of a previously discussed item. Cory Lytle presented information to the Board, including an overview of discussions to date. Cory outlined various suggestions he's received, including changing the submission date to 90 days prior to the event. He discussed penalty fees. There was never intended to be a penalty prior to an event (such as not turning in an application on time). If an application is received within the 6-day window, it should just be rejected. Comments received were mostly in favor of the 60-day window and that entities don't support a blockout window. Application, map, and fees must be turned in 60-days prior. The special event review period was removed. Diane asked for more specificity with regards to the penalties advising that it's something that applies during or after the event. Keith advised it's very important an ambulance be kept on hand. Cory stated much of that is coordinated through Eric Holt's office. Diane cautioned Cory to be careful where the

race courses are during hunting season; not everyone is a good shot. Cory responded they look at this in addition to many other factors. They look at these things and make recommendations to the promoters. Lisa feels more general verbiage is needed with regards to the penalty. She would like to see revision to that section. It looks like the penalty is either $250 or $500; she encouraged Cory to work on Section 9. Lisa doesn't think it needs to be limited to exclude any calendar weekends. Section 2 covers us and both Cory and Melissa are reviewing these. She doesn't see preventing absolutely everything during certain times of the year. She doesn't want to see any restrictions put in place. Lisa feels the 90-day application submission and review period is important. There is much that needs to happen prior to the Board taking action on it. If the Board wants to change anything, there is a possibility that it could cause problems for the promoter because the time has grown short. The 90-day period allows for much more review time and necessary changes. Keith was in favor of a 60-day period and disagreed with too many restrictions in the spring. Cory didn't feel 90 days was necessary. BLM requires six months; 90 days would give the county more wiggle room that would hopefully prevent us from having to turn away events. Donald Jackson, Legacy Racing, had no issue with the 90-day time limit. Donald was strongly opposed to seasonal restrictions as there are many areas that won't be affected. Donald said a 90-day time period might result in more changes, depending on what BLM is doing. As long as the county is flexible with understanding the needs for route changes, Donald had no issue with the time period. Donald outlined the BLM process for the Board. BLM has a post-use penalty; Donald suggested this language be used in our requirements. Scott Hardin, Hardin Off Road, has done the NV 200 trail ride in LC for 42 years. Scott agreed with Donald and said it all comes down to a window at the end, right before the event. There are pros/cons to 90-days. LC is identified in all of their insurance docs for events. Scott opposes seasonality. There is tremendous economic impact to the businesses in LC when these events come in. Regen Gubler, SNORE, advised they have no objection to the 60-days. If the county decides on 90 days, they won't object to that either. They are opposed to the calendar restrictions; it will cause a negative financial impact. Regen asked how the county will make up the loss of revenue. The Board can approve/deny any event; why would calendar restrictions even be necessary? Megan Vancleave, Best in the Desert, agreed with the sentiments of the other promoters. There are no objections to submitting within 60 or 90 days. She was also opposed to the seasonal restrictions. Lynn Jackson, business owner in Caliente, said the main reason everyone came out today was because of the seasonal restrictions. This causes great concern for the businesses in our area. Jason Beam, NV State Racing Association, thanked Cory for the clarification, especially with regards to the penalties. Jason advised his questions have been answered. He supported either 60 or 90 days, whichever the Board decided on. He was also opposed to calendar restrictions. Bob Beam was concerned about the policy issue. He has no problems with 60 or 90 days. His issue is with shutting off a race for one group or another. Bob talked to all the people affected by the economic input by turning down races. He was told the racers are more beneficial than the hunters. Bob wasn't sure how the Board would resolve favoring one entity over another. He hates to see an event canceled because of one event or another. Vern Holaday agreed with the sentiments of the other promoters. Vern outlined things that are different here versus other counties. Vern discussed concessions made with other organizations, including NDOW and BLM. Speed zones are restricted in certain places. They often make no passing zones. BLM directs them as to what needs to be done. Accommodations are made to ensure events go off well. Reroutes are done to avoid sensitive areas. David Martin, Groundshakers MC/NV 200, agreed with comments from promoters. Routes are usually pre-approved. David also looks at hunting areas and other events and tries to work around that. Darrel Folks, Best in the Desert, provided his history with LC. Darrel advised these are multiple use lands, managed by BLM. County approval is required for every event they do. Darrel finds it odd this is happening during a BLM shutdown. He doesn't think that's fair as they're on furlough and won't be attending this. Darrel is an avid hunter. The races bring a lot of revenue into LC. A survey was done several years ago asking if the residents approved of off-road events in LC. 90% of those polled were in favor of the races. Darrel looks at the bottom line and looks at what kind of money gets brought in LC. It's millions and millions of dollars. Hardin fills the hotels up for four days; these hotels rely on this income. Darrel is against restrictions. He had no issue with the 60- or 90-day restrictions. Darrel reiterated these are multiple use lands. There will be a review period when the draft policy is created. DA April Bradshaw advised it doesn't have to go to public review as it isn't a resolution. It's policy. Janine reiterated the original decision to support county staff. It is important to set a hard policy and hold to it. The recommendations made by county staff are seriously taken into account. There won't be major changes to the policy. The main change will be going from 60 to 90 days. Cory advised there is potential for more adjustments with a 90-day period. Cory said 60-days is sufficient. Melissa Free said their office has always been very accommodating when there are changes. Janine agreed slight changes need to be left to Planning discretion. If bigger changes are needed and have to come before the Board, hopefully there is enough time. Lisa reiterated her concern about running out of time with 60-

days. Bob Beam asked if the Board has the right or discretion to cancel an event. Cory responded it isn't in favor of one group or another. It's a potential user group conflict that is being considered. They try to balance as best they can and move forward. Mike commented that in the last 7 or so years, NDOW created an ordinance governing shed antler gatherers. The reason this was done is because the deer population has drastically reduced. Mike voted no on three races in the month of April. There is a lot more pressure from off-road vehicles as Clark has been shut down. Promoters understand what they're doing to contribute to the problems, Scott said. Mike has asked the ordinance for shed antlers be changed. The biggest problem we have is from non-residents. Our mule deer is the only species in the state that is decreasing. Mike asked at what point he makes a stand. He started last April. He wants to look at the routes and apply common sense. If it goes through routes that don't impact various species, he'll probably approve. Pahranagat also has to deal with tortoise habitat. This has to be balanced with migration, sheds, tortoise, and other things. Jason said BLM is restricting them to pre-existing roads. Lisa was in favor of a 90-day window. If anything comes in short of that, Lisa advised it is to be rejected immediately (applications and payments are to be returned immediately). Lisa would also like the 15-day review removed. April advised the code said the application fee is non-refundable in addition to 60-days. Clarification on penalties will be included. **Mike made a motion to keep it at 60 days, eliminate the 15 working day clause, and to amend the penalty to say "post use"; seconded by Lisa. All voted in favor.**

#22-RECORDING OF COMMISSION MEETINGS

This item concerned the creation of a framework to record, store, and make Commission meetings available to the general public. Tracy Lee, IT Director, addressed our abilities to record meetings. We have had the ability but have not been recording. Tracy advised he can download the meeting as soon as it's completed and store it on county hardware. He would also like to keep in on Go To as it creates a transcription. People can watch the video with an AI transcript. The recording will be maintained according to the records retention schedule. Tracy will make the meeting recordings available via the web. **Lisa made a motion to approve the creation of the framework to record, store, and make Commission meetings available to the public; seconded by Mike. All voted in favor.**

#23-OFFICER/DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Planning/Building Director Cory Lytle advised the crew has started to install the new lights. The restroom addition continues to be worked on; walls will be poured Wednesday. They're working on the additional cubic yardage at the bin sites with NDEP. They're looking to add an additional bin site. They're working on the bin sites. They hope to be able to burn by December and had to submit a comprehensive plan. They're burning green waste and it would cost a huge amount of money to dispose of this. There will not be a Planning Commission meeting this month. December will be a big agenda for Planning Commission; he's working on the master plan. Landfill Supervisor Jennifer Lytle advised they hired someone; he started on 10-27. They're busy. Every bin they have to rent out is currently rented. There is another month before they can move into the new cell at the landfill. IT Director Tracy Lee will be working with Cory to see if he can get USB ports or electrical outlets installed on the Commissioners' desk. Clerk Lisa Lloyd advised she has begun work on the 2026 election cycle. Things will only continue to get busier from here until the end of next year. There are multiple jury trials scheduled between now and the end of the year. She will be publishing soon for Board of Equalization. Treasurer Shawn Frehner is working alone for a couple of weeks. She presented the monthly report. They're receiving many more requests; she referred to SB358, electronic payment. To make or receive payment electronically, Shawn has to give out the county's banking information. This puts the county at risk due to the amount of banking fraud. Shawn is working on policies for her office; she presented the drafts to the Board asked for feedback. Assessor Cydney Dwire advised October was busy; they opened DMV back up full-time. They also went back to Alamo this last month. They go to Alamo the last Wednesday of the month, depending on how holidays fall. Cydney will finish building permits this Wednesday. Cydney will be making corrections to a property at the next Commission meeting. She has been speaking with other assessors in NV about the solar projects here. Cydney has reached out to Mark Stafford. She has submitted all of her reports. Rough estimates for taxes on the solar projects will be about $1 million. We bill for raw property and there is a 20-year abatement of 55%. Commissioners Administrative Assistant/Grants Administrator Denice Brown reported the courthouse is closed 11/11. There are many holidays, so vouchers and agenda items will be due to Denice earlier. Airport Road is complete with the exception of a few very minor things. Denice will have an item on the next Commission agenda to discuss advisory board appointments. District Attorney April Bradshaw advised we have a federal inmate transport. April took part in the Now You're 18 program. April's assistant is out this week. She's been working out the Library Board/City of

Caliente branch issue. The agreement for a branch library needs to be between Caliente and the Library Board. None of the Commissioners are against having a library in Caliente.

#24-COMMISSIONER REPORTS
Commissioner Mike Reese had three coalition meetings. He had meetings with Sixco in addition to a State Workforce meeting. NACO didn't have an October meeting. The Christmas tree has been cut and will be coming down the 318 today or tomorrow. Mike has a good many meetings and projects coming up in the next couple of weeks. Commissioner Keith Pearson attended the special Commission meeting, the LC Coalition meeting, the Airport meeting, and then he toured the Panaca Airport. Commissioner Lisa Poulsen attended the Pahranagat Valley Fire Department meeting. She and Janine met with Jennifer Lytle to conduct a site inspection in the southern end of the county. The Friends of Pahranagat Valley had another meeting to discuss the sports court. Lisa met with Mike Cannon concerning the Alamo Industrial Park; the current phase will be completed by the end of November. The community day of prayer was held yesterday. Lisa has had several calls on the racing special events permit. The Alamo Cemetery board got their cemetery recorded. Commissioner Janine Woodworth attended the special Commission meeting. She met with Jennifer and Lisa regarding solid waste sites and proposed fencing area in Alamo. Janine met with Recorder/Auditor Amy Elmer and Jared of POOL/PACT. Janine delivered the LEPC flyers she designed for them at no cost. Janine took a call from Jared Brackenbury regarding some Caliente issues.

#25-PUBLIC COMMENT
Janine called for public comment. None offered.

#26-ADJOURN
There being no further business for the Board to attend to, the meeting was adjourned at 2:50 p.m.

Attest: _____Approve: _____

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