



LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

April 6, 2026
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 9:02 a.m. Clerk Lisa Lloyd called the roll.

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

There is a quorum present and the agenda was posted on 3-31-26 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. Mike Reese welcomed Franklin Katschke (newly appointed DA). Mike met with John Raby and the foresters. The Pioche Honor Camp will remain open for the remainder of this year. There is a ballot measure that limits what prisoners can/can't do. Mike advised that the Board members will need to comment on this bill. If they can't use prisoners for fires and other things, they will have to create a new model. Diane Path presented an email from the director of NDOC, James Dzurenda, she read into the record. The letter advised the intent is to continue the lease on Pioche Honor Camp for many years into the future. He envisions this will be the last rural camp open and continuing for several years.

CONSENT AGENDA

- #3 Approve/Deny minutes of the March 16 and 30 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, payroll, and vouchers. General Fund had an ending fund balance of \$3,496,053.03. Federal In Lieu had an ending fund balance of \$890,919.41. Grants had an ending fund balance of \$425,035.51. Detention Center had an ending fund balance of \$88,308.37. Solid Waste had an ending fund balance of \$54,152.99. **Mike made a motion to approve the vouchers; seconded by Lisa. 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-LC BOARD OF HEALTH

This item was covered under separate agenda.

#9-2025 US ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION DISASTER SUPPLEMENTAL GRANT

Jeff Fontaine was present via web. The two EDA grant applications are a work in progress. These are very detailed and involve a lot of different components in addition to describing the project. There is a requirement to describe things like how these projects will help you recover and withstand future disasters. RCI is refining the cost estimated preliminary engineering for the Crestline Road. They're breaking down costs including labor and materials. The application requires a preliminary engineering report, which they're working on. The county has been maintaining the road for a number of years and BLM is working through the process of granting the ROW to the county. Jeff is also working on the equipment grant. There isn't as much detailed required with regards to cost and breakdowns. Jeff received confirmation from NDOT that they'd be willing to provide the county with \$80,000 per year for the next five years for work that would be related to flood prevention. Construction time allowed on the Crestline Road is four years, if the grant is received. Jeff will continue his work on these grants. No action was taken as this was informational only.

#10-LC ADVISORY BOARD TO MANAGE WILDLIFE (GAME BOARD)

Janine made a motion to appoint John Condie to the LC Game Board; seconded by Mike. All voted in favor.

#11-ONE NEVADA AGREEMENT EXHIBIT G

Lisa made a motion to approve Exhibit G to a nationwide settlement for opioid recoveries pursuant to the One Nevada Agreement with six remnant defendants including 1) Associated Pharmacies, Inc. and American Associated Pharmacies, 2) JM Smith Co., 3) Louisiana Wholesale Drug Company, Inc., 4) Morris and Dickson, 5) N. Carolina Wholesale Drug Company, Inc., and 6) UNFI/SuperValu, which the State of Nevada has joined and will receive a one-time payment of \$1,134,430.04 and from which Lincoln County will receive \$1,133.60; seconded by Diane. All voted in favor.

#12-FY 2026-2027 BUDGET

Dan McArthur presented the updates from last meeting. Dan discussed the Road Fund. There isn't enough money coming in to deal with the needs of this fund. To get this fund to balance, we've got to cut over \$930,000. Dan suggested medium term financing on the CAT loader. Services/supplies is high as are salaries/benefits. The proposed number concerns existing staff, not hiring anyone new. Shane Cheeney advised they can cut the CAT, but if one goes down, it'll be a problem. If it has to be replaced and there's no budget, he won't be able to get one. If the money isn't there, we have to cut it and reevaluate next year. Shane advised they received \$96,400 from the hospital for the work they've been doing. Another \$20,000 was added in for the work done on the Alamo cemetery. There was some discussion about where the match for the equipment grant would come from. The CAT loader was cut from RD (\$400,000). Amy can always augment the fund if money comes in. Road materials and fuel/lubricants have to be reduced in order to balance this fund. There was some discussion about spending less in other categories and not exceeding in others, since each budget receives a lump sum that isn't broken down into categories. We have to govern our line item expenses. Spending less on one item could mean spending more on another while staying within the general amount allotted for the budget. Dan reviewed the Federal In Lieu Fund. IT has a request of over \$800,000, nearly double what last year's request was. IT is high due to the need to replace old equipment and ever increasing costs for IT security. Amy reiterated the need to cut from capital outlay requests, not IT override. There is about \$2.5 million in the Sheriff's fund that will be grant driven. The RIMS system was removed from FILT as it 100% grant funding (\$531,000). \$2 million for new communication was also removed from FILT. Both of these need to be included in Fund 42. Overtime for races was removed as it will come from Sheriff's Fund (\$10,000). When the funds come in, they can be reimbursed to Sheriff's Fund. \$25,000 for miscellaneous purchases was removed from PILT and moved to Grants. \$15,000 was removed for marijuana grow money as was \$142,000 for vehicles. \$25,000 for overtime was added into the General Fund. Sheriff Derek Foremaster advised seven of the HVAC units have to be replaced; he hopes to do them in two phases. Sidewalk and parking was reduced to \$10,000. They're going to try and resurface what they currently have for sidewalks/parking. These cuts brought the balance to just over a positive \$200,000. Vehicle Capital Projects was reviewed. Financing revenue was removed. Detention Center Fund was reviewed next. The projected operating loss was \$2,057,481. This is operating costs for employees/services/supplies. This is a significant issue that must be addressed. Derek advised there must be two officers on at all times in the jail. He explained current staffing levels and cited they're still shy of the number they had when they had contract inmates before. They estimate they'll bring in more than \$600,000 this year; they believe it'll be closer to \$800,000. \$196,000 is the estimated

amount left in the General Fund. Amy questioned where the Board will be pulling the additional monies from. The General Fund ending fund balance hasn't been that low in decades. It doesn't look like there will be any additional contracts for inmates in the near future. They do anticipate an increase in the current number of inmates from North Las Vegas. Amy advised the Board is looking for well over \$1 million and it can't come from General County. It also can't come from one-time monies, it has to be regenerative. Dan increased the revenue amount to be \$800,000. We can't transfer from Fund 12 either; it can't be used for salaries. Vehicle maintenance was reduced by \$10,000. Raw food is currently in the red due to increased costs and inmates. Dan reviewed the General Fund. The projected ending fund balance is \$196,643. The statutorily required ending fund balance can't go below \$195,140.08. Revenues are flat; there is no new revenue. In order to access the Land Act monies, the ordinances will have to be changed. Dan reviewed LC Fire. This fund is projected to have an ending fund balance of \$91,000; statutory minimum is \$81,195.68. They've billed out almost \$800,000 this year and anticipate \$1 million in billing next year to BLM. The ending fund balance for this year will increase by \$400,000 as the revenue amount for this year was submitted at \$400,000 not \$800,000. If the revenue isn't there, they'll be forced to make cuts. There is one employee who has submitted a resignation; Eric doesn't anticipate filling it unless they get more contracts (\$75,000 was removed from the budget for this employee). The station addition is estimated to cost \$1.1 million, split between the current year and next. Medical side x side was cut from the budget (\$70,000). \$301,735 is the new projected ending fund balance, but it might be even higher than that. Dan reviewed the Ambulance Fund. It is projected to have a negative \$61,939 ending fund balance. The capital outlay request of \$69,000 was removed. Dan discussed the special funds that earn interest. There is a lot of grant money the county could pursue. Dan suggested the Board change the ordinance to access the principle to obtain a hard asset. Janine asked if it would be important that the Board hire a full-time grants writer. There is too much money out there; if we don't get in line, we'll miss a lot of money. Janine reiterated the need to hire a grants writer immediately; the money must be found for this. There was discussion about adding a bonus when money is brought in. Amy advised there are an estimated four new full-time employees included in the budget; the Board needs to prioritize these. Between Fund 9 and the Detention Center, how much are we looking for? Between \$800,000 and \$1 million. Cuts will have to be made in General County. Janine asked for ideas with regards to what should be cut. Diane addressed Senior Nutrition. If the roof at the Pioche Senior Center isn't going to be fixed, there is no reason to get the mini splits (these were removed). Walk-in freezer was removed (\$500). The Panaca Senior Center roof must be redone (estimated amount is \$20,000). Judge Dylan Frehner addressed the Board. They anticipate keeping the critical needs position for 2-3 years. He outlined the portion of the budget LC pays for the JPO. \$80,000 was cut from the top line of capital outlay, Senior Nutrition. Computer towers was reduced to one (\$3,000). A total of \$91,000 was cut from Senior Nutrition capital outlay. Total left is \$65,500. There was discussion about the new fleet vehicle, \$20,000; this was removed from the budget as the current library bookmobile will be transferred to the county. Cory advised they were looking for a new maintenance truck for their new hire. It may be possible to sell the Tahoe and get a pickup truck. \$40,000 was removed from Building Department fleet vehicle. There was some discussion about whether or not we can purchase the shed prior to getting the backup generator. Cory advised the generator we have is undersized. Things in the building will have to be shut off if the power goes out. They will incur additional expenses with the transfer switches and control panel out there as we make the changeover in the next few weeks. If we sell the current generator, it will only net a few thousand dollars. Once replaced, it can even be given to another county entity. There was some discussion about the bin sites. Richardville residents will be serviced by the new bin site. Diane commented the funding isn't there for the \$90,000 expense. It was suggested they put bins and gravel in for now. Alamo bin site was reduced to \$40,000. Caselle SAAS platform will increase the speed for anyone outside this building; it was removed (\$14,280). Assessor new vehicle was removed (\$30,000). DA's flooring/sheet rock/paint was removed (\$5,000). DA's office repair/remodel furniture was removed (\$5,000). DA's desktop and laptop were left in. Janine advised the additional employee in the DA's office will most likely not happen. Commissioner/courthouse chairs were removed (\$15,000). Detention Center workstations reduced to \$6,000. Lobby bathrooms was removed (\$3,000). Plumbing repairs was removed (\$5,000). New sidewalks was removed (\$100,00). Lighting for the Sally port was removed (\$1,500). Hot water heater was removed (\$30,000). Hand tools was reduced to \$5,000. Truck is reduced to \$150,000 (used F/L garbage truck and used roll off garbage truck were combined into the item). LF redesign was removed (\$50,000). Cory advised we will have to plan another medium-term obligation for a garbage truck. Part-time dispatcher was removed from Detention Center (\$18,000). Amy and Dan will work on balancing the tentative budget. They'll identify the carryover amount and proceed from there. Next budget hearing is set for April 27th at 9 a.m.

#13-PUBLIC COMMENT

Janine called for public comment. None offered.

#14-ADJOURN

There being no further business for the Board to attend to, the meeting was adjourned at 3:16 p.m.

Attest: _____ Approve: _____

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