



LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

September 8, 2026
Commission Chambers
Lincoln County Courthouse
181 Main Street
Pioche, Nevada

Commissioners

Janine Woodworth, Chair
Mike Reese
Keith Pearson
Lisa Poulsen

#1-CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL/INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The meeting was called to order at 9:01 a.m. Clerk Lisa Lloyd called the roll.

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

There is a quorum present and the agenda was posted on 9-1-26 to comply with the open meeting law. The Invocation was given by Keith and Mike led the Pledge of Allegiance.

#2-PUBLIC COMMENT

Janine called for public comment. Mike Reese thanked Pioche Chamber of Commerce, first responders, and all of the people that helped put on the Labor Day events. The Governor is working to streamline many process; if we have anything that needs to be brought to his attention we should do so. Janine Woodworth also thanked everyone for all of their planning and hard work for Labor Day. Keith Pearson concurred.

#3-REORGANIZATION OF BOARD RESPONSIBILITIES

Mike was moved to 1st for PILT. Senior programs, Nutrition, Health & Human Services, Transportation were moved to Lisa as 1st. ECA 2nd was assigned to Lisa. Nellis USA was removed completely from the list of responsibilities. Mike was assigned 2nd to LEPC. Mike was added as Vice Chair on LC Fire District. Mike was added as 1st for LCAT; Keith was 2nd. Keith was added as 1st to archaeological initiative (LCAI); Mike is 2nd. Mike took 1st for LCCRDA, Lisa 2nd. Mike was assigned 2nd for Detention Center, Sheriff's Office, and Dispatch. Bond Commission was added to Keith. **Mike made a motion to accept the reassignments as stated; seconded by Lisa. All voted in favor.**

CONSENT AGENDA

- #4 Approve/Deny minutes of the August 3 and August 17 meetings.
- #5 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.

#6-VOUCHERS

Recorder/Auditor Amy Elmer presented the cash balances, payroll, and vouchers. General Fund had an ending fund balance of \$3,971,125.35. Road Department had an ending fund balance of \$66,292.57. Federal In Lieu had an ending fund balance of \$1,309,801.45. Grants had an ending fund balance of \$758,947.33. Detention Center had an ending fund balance of \$77,085.63. They will need more cash transferred from General County by the end of the month. Solid Waste had an ending fund balance of \$273,649.59. Two special checks were issued. Approval for all augmentations and function transfers has been received from the state. There was one correction for accounts payable. Amy removed a \$280 voucher for Janine Woodworth for a double-sided banner that was presented by the Sheriff's Office. There was a misunderstanding as to how it was to be billed. It was supposed to be billed to Cops for Kids. **Mike made a motion to approve the vouchers; seconded by Keith. All voted in favor.**

#7-HIGHWAY COMMISSION

This item was covered under separate agenda.

#8-LINCOLN COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT

This item was covered under separate agenda.

#9-LINCOLN COUNTY SHERIFF

Sheriff Derek Foremaster advised it was a good weekend in Pioche. There were minimal issues. They executed another search warrant in an effort to continue with the drug investigations. This led to another drug arrest in Caliente. He outlined the weekend arrests in Pioche. There are 44 inmates right now, 31 are contract inmates. No action was taken on this item.

#10-COUNTY LIFE INSURANCE

This item concerned the possible transition from Standard Insurance to a different vendor for the provision of \$10,000 life insurance policies for eligible full-time employees, pursuant to Personnel Policy 7.2. Recorder/Auditor Amy Elmer advised she has several affected employees whose benefits are being reduced by their age but we are supposed to be at \$10,000. She has several inquiries and is waiting to hear back. If any of these individuals pass away, the county has to pay the difference. We must cover them at \$10,000. We need to get a policy that will cover them for the full amount. Initially, Amy reached out to Standard Insurance about this issue. They won't let us pay the full premium amount for the affected employees. She has spoken with a couple of people and they're looking into whether or not they can fix the issue. We'll stay with Standard if they can remedy the problem without increasing our premiums drastically. If not, we'll have to look for another provider. Amy will be fiscally responsible in finding another entity. Amy has spoken with several different vendors. State of Nevada is believed to use MetLife. Amy doesn't care who the vendor is as long as it is comparable in price and we're getting the full \$10,000.

Mike made a motion to allow Amy to change vendor for provision of \$10,000 life insurance for employees; seconded by Lisa. All voted in favor.

#11-DELAMAR TRANSMISSION, LLC

This item concerned the LC Planning Commission's recommendation for approval of the Delaware Transmission, LLC, for a special use permit (SUP) to construct an approximate 6.5 mile 500kv transmission line in the Coyote Springs area within LC. The purpose of the permit is to provide electrician infrastructure to the area. The parcels are located on the Clark County/Lincoln County line and extend north on US 93 to the Kane Springs Road. The parcels are zoned Planning Unit Development (PUD). In accordance with the Coyote Springs PUD and Title 15 of the LC Code, the Board shall determine final approval of this SUP application. Cory Lytle presented the background on this item. This has been through a very robust process to date. **Mike made a motion to approve the SUP; seconded by Lisa. All voted in favor.**

#12-COYOTE ENERGY PROJECT PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT

This item concerned the proposed ordinance to approve the Coyote Energy Project Planned Unit Development (PUD) in a portion of the Coyote Springs PUD area. The proposed Coyote Energy Project will consist of up to 1,400 megawatts of photovoltaic solar energy generation, battery energy storage system, and supporting facilities. The proposed project is located in the Coyote Springs PUD near the Lincoln/Clark County line. Jill Daniel, Estuary Power, provided an overview of the project. **Mike made a motion to introduce the ordinance and set the public hearing for October 5, 2026 at 10:00 a.m.; seconded by Lisa. All voted in favor.**

#13-LINCOLN COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

Mike made a motion to appoint Keith McClenahan to the LC Planning Commission; seconded by Lisa. All voted in favor.

#14-ALAMO SPORTS COMPLEX

Mike made a motion to approve the notice of award for Pearson Brothers Construction Company for the construction of the Alamo Sports Complex; seconded by Lisa. Keith abstained. Motion carried 3-0.

#15-ALAMO SPORTS COMPLEX

This item was tabled.

#16-OFFICER/DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Commissioners' Administrative Assistant/Grants Administrator Denice Brown advised she received an email regarding SNPLMA. All of those from BLM involved in Slaughterhouse conveyance have moved or retired. She isn't certain what will happen now. Pioneer Park is moving forward. Electrical has been done and it should be going out to bid in the next week or so. Alamo Sports Complex is moving forward as is the Multi-Sports Complex. Denice is working on the contract with Sunrise for the linear park. Denice is working with Amber Box on CSBG. They are going to give us the amount we got last year in addition to \$1,200 for Homemaker. Planning/Building Cory Lytle advised the Road Department was able to manipulate the Meadow Valley 3 area in Pioche in an attempt to address flood mitigation. Cory will look at the Channel of Light building next. Cory will present the Alamo Industrial Park sales agreement on the agenda at the next meeting. It's for 29 acres. Treasurer Shawn Frehner presented the monthly report. Both Shawn and Kristen will be out of the office next week at a conference. The first installment has been paid and applied. Shawn is branching out on the investments. She would like to invest with an additional investment advisor; she has been delegated the authority to do such but asked the Board if they would like her to put it on the next agenda. Moreton has been bought out and the new company generally doesn't deal with small entities. The sweep accounts won't make as much money as they have been; these funds need to be invested long-term. The new company has a different investment strategy. Shawn would like to use Buckhead Capital as their strategy is better for us. The DA has reviewed the contract and there are no issues. The Board agreed Shawn has the authority to sign the contract pursuant to policy.

#17-COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Commissioner Lisa Poulsen has had several calls and meetings with Department Heads that are part of the process of doing business. Lisa attended the 4-H open house; it was great. Lisa and Amber Box have been working on Senior Center issues. Lisa attended NACO meeting in addition to NDOT workshop, PVFD meeting, Alamo Water and Sewer meeting, and the Planning meeting. Commissioner Keith Pearson attended the Tri-County Weed meeting and the HCP meeting. Keith looked at the Caselton mining project and is going to attend the meeting on 9-10 at 1 p.m. Commissioner Mike Reese attended the NDOT workshop. Mike met with the LC Coalition. We participate in the Imagination Library and have several kids that get a free book each month. This program will continue. We also have a program through United Way that allows kids to receive books. Mike attended a call for LCRDA. He met with Dane Bradfield of LC Power District to discuss power for any new businesses. Mike had a conference call with the Governor's Office with regards to Sixco. Mike had a phone call with NTTR. Mike attended the NACO general meeting. Mike will attend the state NACO conference. Mike attended Caliente City Council meeting. Mike had a phone call with Derek of Prince Silver. Mike will meet with Sixco tonight. Commissioner Janine Woodworth worked with Eric Holt on LCFD/Emergency Management when the flooding was going on. She also spoke with Missie Rowe about the potential for an emergency declaration. Janine volunteered at the LC First Responder event. She had a call with Derek of Prince Silver Mine. Janine attended the LEPC meeting. Janine received texts about the Alamo bin site. There is a meeting on 9-16 about this.

#18-PUBLIC COMMENT

Janine called for public comment. Janine Woodworth thanked all the county employees for the hard work they do.

#19-ADJOURN

There being no further business for the Board to attend to, the meeting was adjourned at 11:39 a.m.

Attest: _____ Approve: _____