LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

October 5, 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	

There is a quorum present and the agenda was posted on 9-29-26 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. Kimberly Andrus, LC Coalition Director, discussed opportunities they've had this year and the progress they've made. Anna Williams has been working with the White Pine County chamber of commerce president. They're forming a statewide chamber, Silver State Chambers. They're holding a large conference in Reno. Nobody from Pioche Chamber is able to attend, but they will provide a report that will be disseminated amongst those who are present.

CONSENT AGENDA
#3 Approve/Deny minutes of the September 21 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. All voted in favor.

#5-VOUCHERS
Recorder/Auditor Amy Elmer presented the cash balances and vouchers. General Fund had an ending fund balance of $3,937,926.39. Road Department had an ending fund balance of $211,639.36. Federal In Lieu had an ending fund balance of $1,113,600.01. Grants had an ending fund balance of $660,073.98. Detention Center had a negative ending fund balance of $23,466.73. Amy will transfer funds from General County, at least $250,000. Solid Waste had an ending fund balance of $195,071.56. **Lisa made a motion to approve the vouchers; seconded by Mike. 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-LINCOLN COUNTY HEALTH BOARD
This item was covered under separate agenda.

#9-LINCOLN COUNTY SHERIFF
Undersheriff Darrin Woodworth presented the August statistics; they'll present the September stats at the next meeting. Total service calls was 539. Billing was just over $95,000 for contract inmates and transportation. Inmate

totals for September was reduced. An approximate total of $74,000 was billed for September. No action was taken on this item.

#10-COYOTE ENERGY PROJECT ORDINANCE
This was the time set for public hearing on an ordinance to approve an industrial planned unit development (PUD) between Lincoln County and Estuary Development Partners LLC for the Coyote Energy Project, located within the Coyote Springs PUD. **Mike made a motion to open the public hearing; seconded by Lisa. All voted in favor.** Janine called for public comment. Cory Lytle addressed questions. **Mike made a motion to close the public hearing; seconded by Lisa. All voted in favor.**

#11-COYOTE ENERGY PROJECT
This item concerned the ordinance to approve an industrial planned unit development (PUD) between Lincoln County and Estuary Development Partners LLC for the Coyote Energy Project, located within the Coyote Springs PUD. **Lisa made a motion to approve the ordinance; seconded by Mike. All voted in favor.**

#12-LIBRARY BOARD RESIGNATION
Lisa made a motion to accept the resignation of Steve Clay from the Library Board; seconded by Mike. All voted in favor.

#13-WORKFORCE CONNECTIONS DIRECTOR RESIGNATION
Lisa made a motion to accept the resignation of Brooke Parker as Director of Workforce Connections and to advertise the opening; seconded by Mike. All voted in favor.

#14-AGREEMENT BETWEEN LC AND LIBERTY VOTE USA
Lisa made a motion to approve the fourth amendment to the voting system agreement between LC and Liberty Vote USA, Inc. for equipment, software, and maintenance in the approximate amount of $23,000 per year; seconded by Mike. All voted in favor.

#15-HOLIDAY HOURS FOR CHRISTMAS 2026
Recorder/Auditor Amy Elmer presented this item, which concerned holiday hours for Christmas 2026. All CBA members have a half day on Christmas Eve. Every elected official and non-CBA department will be required to work until 5 p.m. unless the Board closes at noon. In the past, all buildings have been closed at noon except for essential services. If the buildings close at noon, the Board also needs to consider whether or not the employees get the day off or they have to use annual leave. Another consideration the Board can make is to close completely on the 24th as a thank you to the employees. Lisa advised the buildings should be closed completely on the 24th as a thank you for how hard they work. Clerical workers do not take Thursday off when the holiday lands on a Friday; they shift their work schedules to 5 eight-hour days. Lisa asked that the buildings be closed on both Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve. The Board will discuss giving employees New Year's Eve off on the next agenda. All full-time employees except essential personnel will have Christmas Eve off; they do not need to use annual or sick. **Lisa made a motion to approve the closure of county buildings for the full day on Christmas Eve, all full-time personnel will be paid and do not have to use annual leave (this does not apply to essential personnel); seconded by Mike. All voted in favor.**

#16-PROPERTY IN TRUST AUCTION
Lisa made a motion to approve an order directing the County Treasurer to sell property held in trust (they're considering an online auction); seconded by Mike. All voted in favor.

#17-ALAMO INDUSTRIAL PARK PURCHASE AGREEMENT
Lisa made a motion to approve the purchase agreement between LC and Alamo Industrial Complex, LLC for sale of certain lands within the Alamo Industrial Park for economic development; seconded by Mike. All voted in favor.

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#18-PIOCHE LINEAR PARK
Lisa made a motion to approve the contract with Sunrise Engineering for the Southern Nevada Public Lands Act (SNPLMA) Pioche Linear Park project, with changes to the dates and amounts; seconded by Mike. All voted in favor.

#19-2027 COMMUNITY SERVICE DEVELOPMENT GRANT
This item was tabled.

#20-PANACA PIONEER PARK
Lisa made a motion to approve the final design and bid documents for the SNPLMA project Panaca Pioneer Park Phase III; seconded by Mike. All voted in favor.

#21-FY 2027 VICTIMS OF CRIME ACT GRANT
Lisa made a motion to approve the grant award for FY 27 Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) in the amount of $41,054.00; seconded by Mike. All voted in favor.

#22-GRANTS
Lisa made a motion to approve the grant award from the Department of Justice (DOJ) in the amount of $531,000 for the replacement of the Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) and records management system; seconded by Mike. All voted in favor.

#23-MUSEUM DIRECTOR AND LIBRARY DIRECTOR
This item concerned separating the positions of museum director and library director in addition to approving job descriptions. The Board discussed the job description for museum. Scheduling was added after payroll. A pay increase for the part-time museum job needs to be addressed. Hours of operation also need to be discussed and possibly adjusted. Prior to that, more information is needed including head counts and what days the museum is the busiest. Right now, there are a couple of part-time employees working at the museum. The pay needs to be established with the job description. **Lisa made a motion to approve separating the positions of museum director and library director, and to table the job description and bring it back at a later date with the salary discussion; seconded by Mike. All voted in favor.** The Board would like reporting on a monthly basis of donation and patron count.

#24-MUSEUM DIRECTOR
Lisa made a motion to advertise and hire a museum director; seconded by Mike. All voted in favor.

#25-QUARTERLY JAIL TOUR
Janine and Lisa will make the tour and report at the next meeting.

#26-OFFICER/DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS
Commissioners' Administrative Assistant/Grants Administrator Denice Brown advised the pre-construction meeting took place last week. It'll move forward as fast as possible, most likely within the next 6 weeks. Pioneer Park goes out to bid today and must be completed soon; they hope it'll be finished by February. Multi-sports complex is moving forward; they're in the design phase. Slaughterhouse is inching forward. Christine Mehring emailed and asked why this wasn't handled as an RPP conveyance. BLM is now doing what they can to move it along. Once they do the NORA, it goes into a black hole. There is a hiring freeze and people are not doing what they need to. There is no way to know when this will be done. We've spent all the money for the conveyance; it's a waste of money if we do RPP conveyance. Nobody can find out where cadastral is at this point. DHCFP sent Denice an email; we pay a portion of the Medicaid for our shut-ins or those housed at the hospital. Our billing for July was over $200,000. Denice is looking into this to find out why this is so high. It usually averages $15-20,000 per month. Denice got a notification from the National Parks Service. She worked with Charli Miller on a digitization grant; we were denied as we didn't meet the requirements for eligibility. Denice will be working on corrections to the EDA grant the next two days. November 12th is the General Election canvass. Treasurer Shawn Frehner reported today is second installment due date. Planning/Building Director Cory Lytle will have the Stampede Metals agreement for action on the 10-19 agenda. Planning Commission meets this week. Improvements are moving along at the solid waste shop. The property acquisition was paid off. District Attorney Franklin Katschke

offered an update on office activities. When he started, 24 cases had been filed in Meadow Valley Justice Court. They have filed 100 additional cases since then. We are on track in MVJC, to file about 160 cases this year. That's the most he has seen since he's been an attorney in LC. There has been an uptick in every case type in the courts. The DA's office is extremely busy and they're doing it with half the legal staff that office has had in the past.

#27-COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Commissioner Keith Pearson attended a Sixco meeting. He attended a town hall meeting for Caselton Mine Company on 9-10. 9-14 there was a LCWD meeting. 9-16 was the HCP meeting. 9-17 was the Airport meeting. Keith attended the zoom LC Coalition meeting on 9-22. Commissioner Mike Reese went with Wildlife Services and their helicopter crew to do pig eradication. Mike was part of the ground crew. The DNA samples came back; the pigs are from east Texas. They still have traps out. They've removed 10 pigs since May. Mike attended NACO in Tahoe in addition to the state Wildlife Commission. One of the topics was demerit points. One game cam violation can result in having a license suspended for five years. The cases become expensive and burdensome. They want to implement, statewide, the non-use of thermal rifles during big game season. Mike attended the Conservation District's meeting. Mike attended the LC Coalition meeting in addition to the Caliente City Council meeting. Commissioner Lisa Poulsen attended a Camp Alamo facilities meeting, Alamo water board meeting, Alamo Power, and Alamo Town Board. She attended the bin site meeting for Alamo. Lisa also attended Airport meeting, Library meeting, NACO UNR Extension meeting, another Alamo Town Board meeting, another UNR meeting, POOL/PACT meeting, sports complex meeting, Room Tax meeting, multiple meetings with constituents, calls with Stamped Metals. Lisa has been working with Charli Miller to get equipment for the splash pad in Alamo. There is a NV social media push; they want us to film a video and send it in by 10-09 for NV Day. They want us to show an iconic part of our county. 11-1 at 4 pm is the Community Day of Prayer. Commissioner Janine Woodworth attended LEPC, met with Denice concerning SNPLMA, attended the Pioche Town Board meeting, took calls concerning Prince Silver Mine, had an NSSSAB call, had a closed meeting with HR and the DDA, attended the NACO conference, took a trip to Alamo with Cory and Jen of Solid Waste to discuss new bin site and attend the Alamo Town Board meeting, and attended the LCWD.

#28-PUBLIC COMMENT

Janine called for public comment. None offered.

#29-ADJOURN

There being no further business for the Board to attend to, the meeting was adjourned at 11:41 a.m.

Attest: _____Approve: _____

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