LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Commissioners
Janine Woodworth, Chair
Mike Reese
Keith Pearson
Lisa Poulsen

October 19, 2026
Commission Chambers
Lincoln County Courthouse
181 Main Street
Pioche, Nevada

#1-CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL/INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. Deputy Clerk Maribah Flores called the roll.

PRESENT :	KEITH PEARSON	MARIBAH FLORES, Deputy Clerk
	LISA POULSEN	FRANKLIN KATSCHKE, District Attorney
	MIKE REESE	
ABSENT:	JANINE WOODWORTH	

There is a quorum present and the agenda was posted on 10-13-26 to comply with the open meeting law. The Invocation was given by Lisa and Keith led the Pledge of Allegiance.

#2-PUBLIC COMMENT
Mike called for public comment. Kwinn Neff from Guardian Metal Resources, Community Relations Manager, introduced himself to the Board. Kwinn will provide updates on permitting as they move forward. Kwinn is available to make a formal presentation in the future. Mike addressed October as Breast Cancer Awareness month reminding everyone this is the month to get testing done.

CONSENT AGENDA
#3 Approve/Deny minutes.
#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).

Lisa made motion to approve the consent agenda except for the minutes; seconded by Keith. All voted in favor.

#5-VOUCHERS
Recorder/Auditor Amy Elmer presented the cash balances and vouchers. There is a state check that goes out once a month and one that goes out quarterly. General Fund had an ending fund balance of $3,638,562.49. Federal In Lieu had an ending fund balance of $1,082,300.43. Grants had an ending fund balance of $623,132.59. Detention Center had a negative ending fund balance of $(112,113.40). Solid Waste had an ending fund balance of $182,913.04. Amy will be transferring money to the Detention Center and County Library from the General Fund. PVFD fund is handled by PVFD. Amy shared concerns about insufficient information for Lincoln County Coalition accounts payable. Amy will be denying three of the LC Coalition vouchers for a total of approximately $7,785.98. There could be compliance issues with the IRS that may arise from discrepancies in their accounting. Amy will be reviewing all their accounting and would like to be involved in all meetings with the LC Coalition. **Lisa made a motion to approve the vouchers; seconded by Keith. 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 SHERIFF
Sheriff Foremaster provided an update with the drug interdiction from last week. The K9 team discovered 678 pounds of methamphetamine and 30 pounds of fentanyl. This could be one of if not the largest seizure in Nevada. The Sheriff's office turned the case over to Department of Homeland Security due to the size of the seizure. The K9 was a private donation to the department about a year ago. September activity report has 515 calls for service; 4 death inquiries, 210 traffic stops, 28 arrests and 7 drug charges. Inmate numbers have been a little low. Currently there is 36 inmates. 15 of the them are local and 21 are contract inmates. LSCO billed over $74,000 for contracted inmates for September. There may be an increase of contracted inmates from the U.S. Marshalls at the end of the year. The Sheriff would like to streamline the grants for the LCSO. The Sheriff suggested a secondary grant administrator, to access the grants when Denice is unavailable. Denice has been working with Loralee on the large grant for the LCSO. Denice has no problem with adding Loralee as a secondary administrator. Tip A Cop event for Cops 4 Kids will be November 12 at the Sidetrack in Caliente.

#9-COUNTY HOLIDAY HOURS
Lisa stated that the county employees work very hard and would like to show them how much they are appreciated. The County would like to thank them by giving the full day of New Years Eve, December 31, 2026, off paid. This will be a paid holiday for full-time employees. All non-emergency county offices will be closed. **Lisa made a motion to approve the full day of New Years Eve, December 31, 2026, off as a paid holiday to all full-time employees, seconded by Keith. All voted in favor.**

#10-MUSEUM DIRECTOR
Lisa and Amy worked together to create the job description. Lisa stated this is 19.5-hour part-time job. Currently at the museum, the temp employees are getting $10.50 an hour. Lisa suggested $13.50 an hour. Employee employer pay scale is 20.01 at $13.63 an hour. The Commissioners would be appointing the lead museum employee. Franklin states there is no public comment. **Lisa made a motion to approve the job description and pay scale of 20.01 at $13.63 for the museum director, a part-time job. Seconded by Keith. All voted in favor.**

#11-LINCOLN COUNTY LIBRARY BOARD
Lisa made a motion to appoint Lora Lynn Lamb to the Library Board, seconded by Keith. All voted in favor.

#12-TAX STRIKE/REFUND
This item concerned a tax strike/refund removing old home from APN 001-091-01 and 001-092-02. This will result in the total assessed value value reducing from 6,711 to 527 for a change in taxes going from $220.97 to $17.35 for APN 001-091-01. The assessed value for APN 001-091-02 will decrease from 7,932 to 592, changing the taxes from $261.18 to $19.49. **Lisa made a motion to approve item 12 as presented; seconded by Keith. All voted in favor.**

#13-TAX STRIKE/REFUND
This item concerned a tax strike/refund for APN 002-143-19. The parcel was recently split and some of the assets were on the wrong parcel. This corrects the assessment to reflect what is actually on the property. Total change in taxes is a decrease of $34.10. **Lisa made a motion to approve item 13 as presented; seconded by Keith. All voted in favor.**

#14-TAX CORRECTION
This item concerned a correction to the prior year gross assessed value for APN 011-070-4, putting the cap back on this property after the split was made at 3%. It results in a strike of $1,147.20. **Lisa made a motion to approve item 14 as presented; seconded by Keith. All voted in favor.**

#15-RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE INTERNATIONAL BUILDING CODES/NATIONAL ELECTRICAL CODES
Cory Lytle stated this is a much-needed update. It runs on a 3-year cycle for codes and exceptions. Fire sprinkler system, arch fault breakers in the entire house only the bedrooms**,** and tamper resistant receptacles are not required by Lincoln County for residential**.** For certain commercial buildings**,** Corey will determine if Romex, a non-metallic electrical cable, can be used based on the occupancy. Surge protectors are being now required. Cory will work with contractors for this. Aluminum wiring can be used in the house but it is not commonly used. Lincoln County is designated as a 90-mile wind load. Everything is made for a 150-mile wind load. **Lisa made a motion to approve the resolution to adopt the 2021 international building codes and 2020 national electrical code, with certain exemptions; Keith seconded by. All voted in favor.**

#16-THERMAL OPTICS RESOLUTION
Mike stated it has been widely used for predatory hunting. There is a distributor in Lincoln County. Mike would like to show support for using thermal optics for predatory hunting. The LCSO has procured a grant for this technology. Wildlife service's uses this technology now. **Lisa made a motion to approve the resolution supporting the use of thermal optics for predator hunting and management with the amendment of year around and day and night; seconded by Keith. All voted in favor.**

#17-FY 2027 COMMUNITY SERVICE DEVELOPMENT GRANT (CSBG)
Denice Brown requested to table this item. The County has not received the grant yet.

#23-QUARTERLY JAIL TOUR
Lisa and Janine completed the tour. Everything looked good. No issues. The jail will be working on updating plumbing next week. Lisa will provide Denice with the written report.

#26-PUBLIC COMMENT
Mike called for public comment. Keith thanked all the county employees for all the work they do.

#20-ADJOURN
There being no further business for the Board to attend to, the meeting was adjourned at 10:15 a.m.

Attest: _____Approve: _____

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