LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

November 16, 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 9:00 a.m. Clerk Lisa Lloyd called the roll.

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

There is a quorum present and the agenda was posted on 11-9-26 to comply with the open meeting law. The Invocation was given by Lisa and Mike led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

CONSENT AGENDA
#3 Approve/Deny minutes of the November 2 and 12 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 motion to approve the consent agenda excluding November 2 minutes; 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 $3,298,501.89. Federal In Lieu had an ending fund balance of $1,043,030.04. Grants had an ending fund balance of $460,584.55. Detention Center had an ending fund balance of $218,079.15. Forensic Services had a negative fund balance of $36.11. Solid Waste had an ending fund balance of $136,467.42. Lincoln County Fire Protection District Operating Fund had a balance of $217,688.68. **Mike made a motion to approve the vouchers with the exception of the voucher for Pearson Brothers; seconded by Lisa. All voted in favor. Mike made a motion to approve the voucher for Pearson Brothers; seconded by Lisa. Keith abstained. Motion carried.**

#6-LINCOLN COMMUNITIES COALITION INVOICES
Recorder/Auditor Amy Elmer presented invoices submitted by the Lincoln Communities Coalition. This item concerned invoices submitted to be paid for Andriana Quist. Denice Brown worked with Amy on this; special permission is required. Andriana Quist is Kimberly Andrus's daughter. This comes out of the DFS grant. Since this is her daughter, it must be fully vetted and there should not be any questions. Ms. Andrus didn't approve for her daughter to go to the leadership conference. Andriana was also chosen to do the flyers. A W-9 was filled out and is on file. Andriana is the only youth going to the conference. Kimberly is also going. This is a semi-annual conference people attend for training. Up until this time, Denice wasn't aware this young girl is Kimberly's daughter. She went last year and the grant paid for it. It wasn't brought to Denice's attention until this time. Andriana was voted in to be the youth leader; there is paperwork supporting that. Her direct supervisor is Kimberly with respect to the youth leader. There was some discussion concerning the nepotism laws. Andriana is not an employee, the mother is. Sharon Giampapa, Chair of LC Community Coalition, advised they hired someone to handle their website and social media. That person left. They separated the responsibilities. The high school has a graphic

design program. They reached out to the teacher to see who their best graphic design student is. Mr. Collins responded with Andriana Quist. The invoice the Board had before them was for 7 flyers; she does a wonderful job. As far as the Youth Coalition leader, that's handled completely by the coalition. The adults have nothing to do with that. The person that advises the Youth Coalition is Crystal Dineley. Andriana is the only youth going this year as the two others who were chosen have conflicts and can't go. The Coalition is trying to build the Youth Coalition and get more participation. Andriana will learn leadership skills. No impropriety was intended; Mr. Collins said she was the best and that's the choice that was made. Tracy Durin is their grants administrator; they consult with her on a daily basis with regards to how the funds can be spent. Tracy has a lot to do with how Andriana is being used with regards to the flyers. DA Franklin Katschke advised issues must be transparent; that's why this has come before the Board. Additional information was provided after the invoices came in. It isn't believed there is anything suspicious going on. The issue needs to be addressed and made transparent. Lisa Poulsen said we want proper that are paid from county funds to be licenses in this county and have followed all the proper channels. We have businesses in this county that are property licensed and do graphics design. Lisa questioned why this wasn't followed. Anyone we do business with must have a county business license; the Coalition must follow this as well. The other kids need the opportunity as well. **Mike made a motion to approve both vouchers, $168 for design and the other for $1,440 for Kimberly and Andriana to attend the conference; seconded by Lisa in order to allow for discussion, but she stated she felt the travel should be the only one the Board approved. Janine called for the vote. Mike was in favor. Janine, Lisa, and Keith were opposed. Motion failed. Mike made a motion to approve the voucher for $168 for the design as submitted; seconded by Lisa for the sake of the vote. Janine called for the vote. Mike voted in favor. Lisa, Keith, and Janine were opposed. Motion failed. Mike made a motion to approve the travel expenses in the amount of $1,440; seconded by Lisa. Mike, Keith, and Lisa voted in favor. Janine was opposed. Motion passed.**

#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 presented the October activity report. There was a total of 539 calls. The inmate population includes 42 inmates. They billed over $70,000 for October. We have one US Marshal NV inmate; the remainder are from Utah. Tip-a-Cop was very successful. The overage on Forensic will be covered by services/supplies from their budget. When the forensic costs are exhausted, it's an indication of how busy they are.

#10-UNIVERSITY OF NEVADA RENO
Iliana Villegas proffered the quarterly report of the things going on at extension. She found an intern who is helping them clean up the spaces and get rid of inventory that's been sitting there. He is also going to digitize records. This is part of the professional pathways initiative. Iliana is still reaching out to some of the principals. They are actively engages with Meadow Valley Middle School and Pahranagat Valley Elementary. They're promoting youth camps at Camp Alamo. Extension hosted the Texas A&M Agricultural and Food Policy Center ranch panel on October 7th. The Master Gardener workshops had strong attendance. Extension secured initial funding under the RHT Clinic-to-Community initiative support telehealth navigation and health literacy. Iliana continues to collaborate with the LC Community Coalition and LC Regional Development Authority. The Community Needs Assessment has been completed. Extension will launch Thrive Lincoln: Practical Skills & Community Series in January 2027. Iliana would like to introduce the framework for Community Benefits Agreements to help protect the community and ensure local advantages when new industries enter LC. No action was taken on this item.

#11-CONTRACT WITH BID4ASSETS FOR ONLINE TAX AUCTION
Treasurer Shawn Frehner presented this item. **Mike made a motion to approve a contract with Bid4Assets for professional services to conduct an online tax auction for properties held in Treasurer in Trust; seconded by Lisa. All voted in favor.**

#12-DONATION OF SILVER EQUINOX TO ALAMO SENIOR CENTER
This item was tabled.

#13-EXHIBIT K TO ALBERTSONS SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT
Mike made a motion to approve Exhibit K to the Albertsons settlement agreement, which is local government participation and release form for approving/accepting the settlement agreement with Albertsons Companies, Inc., a national opioid settlement which the State of Nevada has joined (LC is scheduled to receive a net payment of $19,014.85; the county will receive its settlement over the course of 9 years); seconded by Lisa. All voted in favor.

#14-ROOM TAX BOARD APPOINTMENT
Mike made a motion to appoint Ryan Rhodes (Pickett's RV in Alamo) to the Room Tax Board); seconded by Lisa. All voted in favor.

#15-HUMAN SERVICES DIRECTOR
Mike made a motion to approve hiring Danielle Guzman as Human Services Director, effective October 23, 2026; seconded by Lisa. All voted in favor.

#16-WORKFORCE DIRECTOR
Mike made a motion to approve Cydney Dahle as the Workforce Director, effective November 9, 2026; seconded by Lisa. All voted in favor.

#17-MUSEUM LEAD
Mike and Janine sent an offer letter to Chelsey Wadsworth. **Mike made a motion to approve the hiring of Chelsey Wadsworth as Museum Lead, effective November 16, 2026; seconded by Lisa. All voted in favor.**

#18-ENERGY COMMUNITIES ALLIANCE
This item concerned attendance at the Energy Communities Alliance (ECA) meetings on March 9-10, 2027 in Phoenix, Arizona and May 4-6, 2027 in Oak Ridge, Tennessee. Mike and Lisa will go in March. Mike will go in May. **Mike made a motion to approve Mike and Lisa's attendance at the March ECA conference and Mike's attendance at the May conference; seconded by Lisa. All voted in favor.**

#19-LINCOLN COMMUNITIES COALITION
Sharon Giampapa presented the 2026 list of events, 8-11-26 Walmart receipt, State certification letter and audit findings, and the Lincoln County Community Coalition reimbursement request re: Amy Neid. She also presented comments to the Board concerning Recorder/Auditor Amy Elmer and her staff. There have been some conflicts regarding payment of bills and various requirements for such. Sharon expressed her upset with the deteriorated relationship between the two entities and the frustration with regards to the billings. Discussions have been held concerning separating the Coalition from the County. Due to the current situation, Board members agreed the best course of action would be to separate. When the Coalition started, LC agreed to handle the grant. LC is responsible for all of the money/audit/accounting requirements per the CFRs. Until the time the County is removed from the grant, we must stay in compliance or we'll have to repay the funding. Any discussions/steps required to separate the entities will be taken. All steps required to separate the entities will be handled by the new agent and a member of the Board. No action was taken.

#20-OFFICER/DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS
Treasurer Shawn Frehner presented the monthly report for October. Shawn advised there is a BDR, SB13, concerning White Pine bringing report requirements for the investment requirements. They want more details. She provided the bill to the Board. The State of Nevada is requesting that all payments and reports be made through the ACH process, which would be great if Amy's office didn't have such issues with Caselle creating ACH. Amy and Shawn wrote a letter to the state asking to be exempt from this requirement, which takes effect December 1, 2026. To date, they've not been granted the exemption. We don't have the funding to change our software in order to be compliant. We do payroll ACH twice a month. The problem is with accounts payable ACH. The payroll module isn't owned by the same person that owns accounts payable. Running reports on the two different sides is very different. There are three existing ACHs that come from accounts payable. The one we added was Voya

and it took months to get done. The others were existing from ADS and we were able to modify the ACH file Caselle gives us. Missie Rowe has reached out to Shawn asking that we set up a county round table. She would like us to have as many people as possible to the meeting to discuss concerns/improvements to the hospital and how they can better serve the community. November 23rd at 10:20 a.m. is the tentative date for the meeting here at the Courthouse. Commissioners' Administrative Assistant/Grants Administrator Denice Brown advised the three bids for Panaca Pioneer Park were opened last week. Denice will advertise for the advisory board positions that will be coming open. All letters of interest must be submitted prior to the second meeting in December. Planning/Building Director Cory Lytle is adjusting code/ordinance language. Some minor cleanup is needed. Cory has been working on the master plan. He met with the town boards and provided information for them to update their community plans. Cory is trying to finalize this by Spring 2027. Senior Nutrition Director Danielle Guzman has had a few servers out sick during the past couple of weeks. Starting November 23rd, the transportation driver will be out for four weeks as he's taking CDL classes.

#21-COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Commissioner Lisa Poulsen has attended many local town meetings. She attended the BLM meeting and has been working with Library, Senior Nutrition, and Workforce. Lisa expressed her gratitude for each of the towns' programs to honor our Veterans. Commissioner Keith Pearson attended Panaca Town Board on 11-9. Tuesday was the Round 10 Archaeological Initiative review. He attended the special meeting on 11-12 to canvass in addition to an Airport Authority meeting. Commissioner Mike Reese attended the NDOW meeting in Las Vegas. There are a lot of things changing and growing within NACO. SLUPAC has a new director. Mike has had a lot of calls/meetings with the mines and potential future development. Mike has taken part in interviews; many vacancies have been filled in the county. Commissioner Janine Woodworth took part in interviews, attended the election canvass meeting, LCWD meeting, in addition to taking several phone calls. She has taken calls regarding the mining operation in Caselton.

#22-PUBLIC COMMENT

Janine called for public comment. Mike Reese stated Panaca Town tree lighting is 11-30 and Pioche is 12-3. Alamo's tree lighting is 12-1.

#23-ADJOURN

There being no further business for the Board to attend to, the meeting was adjourned at 11:24 a.m.

Attest: _____Approve: _____

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