



STOREY COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING

6/4/2024 10:00 AM
26 SOUTH B STREET, VIRGINIA CITY, NV

MEETING MINUTES

JAY CARMONA
CHAIRMAN

CLAY MITCHELL
VICE-CHAIRMAN

LANCE GILMAN
COMMISSIONER

ANNE LANGER
DISTRICT ATTORNEY

JIM HINDLE
CLERK & TREASURER

Roll Call

√ Commission Chairman Jay Carmona, √ Commission Vice-Chair Clay Mitchell,
√ Commissioner Lance Gilman, √ District Attorney Anne Langer, √ Clerk & Treasurer Jim Hindle,
√ County Manager Austin Osborne, √ Deputy District Attorney Brian Brown

Assessor Jana Seddon
 Justice of the Peace Eileen Herrington
√ Recorder Dru McPherson
√ Sheriff Mike Cullen
√ Business Development Manager Lara Mather
√ Comptroller Jennifer McCain
√ Community Development Director Pete Renaud
 County Administrative Officer Honey Coughlin
√ Emergency Management Director Adam Wilson
√ Fire Chief Jeremy Loncar
√ Grants Manager Sara Sturtz
√ Health & Community Services Director Stacy York

√ Human Resources Director Brandie Lopez
√ IT Director James Deane
√ Operations and Project Manager Mike Northan
√ Planning Manager Kathy Canfield
 Public Works Director Jason Wierzbicki
√ Tourism Director Todd Tuttle
Other:
√ Community Chest Executive Director Eric Schoen
√ Fourth Ward School Executive Director Nora Stefu
√ St. Mary's Art Center Executive Director Arika Perry

Total Attendance: 53

In-Person: 27

Zoom: 26

1. CALL TO ORDER REGULAR MEETING AT 10:00 A.M.

Commission Chairman Jay Carmona called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m.

2. CONVENE AS THE STOREY COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

4. PUBLIC COMMENT (No Action): Gary Schmidt commented on the county’s compliance of the Open Meeting Law. He read a section of the law. He also criticized the county for having only 3 County Commissioners and not having five. He complained about commissioners posting on social media sites regarding county business. He said that should cease. He said the commissioners should be going through training sessions regarding the open meeting law.

Former Commissioner Greg “Bum” Hess spoke as a private citizen about the issue of having five commissioners. He said it would almost double the size of the board, which is not needed. He said the county would have to add staff and more bureaucracy. So, for Mr. Schmidt who claims to be a staunch conservative, that is what a liberal would do. Five commissioners under the open meeting law, can discuss between themselves about whatever they want as long as not a quorum. There is no violation there. But with only three under the open meeting law, no extra meeting discussions can go on because of quorum restrictions He said the speed with which the county works would stop with more commissioners. He said it would add bureaucracy, which would be a great hinderance to development not only in the industrial park, but across the county.

5. DISCUSSION/FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: Consideration and possible approval of the agenda for the June 4, 2024, meeting.

County Manager Austin Osborne requested continuing Item 25 to the June 18 meeting.

Public Comment: None

Motion: I, Commissioner Mitchell, move to approve today’s agenda with the one change of continuing Item #25 to our next scheduled meeting of June 18, at the courthouse and on Zoom. **Seconded by:** Lance Gilman. **Vote:** Motion passed unanimously.

6. CONSENT AGENDA FOR POSSIBLE ACTION:

I. For possible action, approval of business license first readings:

A. Tellworks Communication LLC – General / 75 Pittsburgh ~ Sparks, NV

II. Approval of claims in the amount of \$1,706,181.29.

III. For Approval - Tax Bill correction for parcel 4-221-62 in the amount of \$230.45. A well was mistakenly placed on the 2023-24 tax roll for this property when we received the well report. The report showed N/A on the static water level meaning no water was found.

IV. Consideration and possible approval of the revised and updated Storey County Policy, – IT Reporting, Suspensions, and Investigations.

Public Comment: None

Motion: I, Commissioner Mitchell, move to approve today's Consent agenda as presented.
Seconded by: Lance Gilman. **Vote:** Motion passed unanimously.

7. DISCUSSION ONLY (No Action - No Public Comment): Committee/Staff Reports

Public Works

- The department is working on problems with irrigation at the parks.

Operations and Projects

- There are seven contractors interested in bidding on the Lockwood Senior Center project. The bid opening is on June 13 in the Slammer.
- Fairgrounds project is 90 percent completed.
- A new sign will be on the Divide building at 800 South C St. The work will be done by June 30, including paving.

Business Development

- Sarah Sturtz is working on the 2024 grants received from federal community funding.
- For 2025 the department is monitoring the progress of the Divide water main replacement, the Mobile Emergency Command Center, and Piper's Opera House.

Emergency Management

- The Code Red mass notification system is offline until the new RAVE system is implemented.
- The National Weather Service warned of a heat risk for this week.

VCTC

- There were 28 entries in the Celebration of Heroes parade on Memorial Day weekend. Rebecca Clark arranged the flyover.
- There were 230 entries in the Reno-Tahoe Odyssey.
- There were 22 pre-1936 cars in the FAST rally. Thanks to the citizens that helped. They want to come back next year.
- Next weekend is the June Street Vibrations Spring Rally, with one of the largest turnouts expected. Bike parking will be on C St. from Union to Taylor.
- The Mix and Mingle is at 6 p.m. on June 11 at Piper's Opera House. Hot August Nights will be the topic.
- July 4 will feature the parade at noon and fireworks at dusk.

Comptroller's Office

- Seven department heads went to the Tyler conference, which was very beneficial as we received live training.
- Next week staff are going to the Government Finance Officers conference.

Human Resources

- The department will be launching the NEOGOV program, that can accept employment applications online from anywhere.

Community Development

- The Delta Saloon is all permitted, and owners are doing repairs.
- Thanks to everyone who worked hard to improve the boardwalk.
- Business owners are happy with the lowering of business license fees.

Senior Services

- The annual Lockwood Car Show is from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. June 29 at the Rainbow Bend Clubhouse
- Food pantries report feeding 252 people in Mark Twain, 372 people in Virginia City and 610 people in Lockwood, with 60 percent of recipients over 60 years of age.

Justice Court

- The judge attended a conference on treatment courts. It was very beneficial to learn options to deal with mental health and drug issues.
- The office is transitioning into a new case management system.
- The office is still having problems with the statewide system, but are working with the state to solve those problems.

Clerk-Treasurer

- The office has submitted required information to the DMV, and it may be after July 4 to get qualification to open. They are waiting for approval from the Department of Public Safety and the DMV
- Deputy Clerk of the Court Alicia Duke was working on the jury management system with justice court, and implantation is almost complete. It will help manage juries here or in Carson City.
- This was the last week of early voting in the Slammer. Election Day is Tuesday, June 11, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Community Chest Director Erik Schoen

- Thanks to folks for driving slower past the Community Center, as about 100 students are enrolled in the summer program.
- There is an exercise group for seniors on Thursdays at the Community Center.
- A survey is available for residents to fill out expressing their priorities to solve problems like food insecurity, housing problems and early childhood education,

St. Mary's Art Center Director Arika Perry

- Attended Nevada Council on the Arts Intersects Conference that supports the Virginia City, Carson City, Carson Valley arts corridor.
- The center celebrated its 60th anniversary, and the replacement of the lawn with xeriscape was completed.
- The 4th of July event is the biggest fundraiser of the year and the best spot to watch fireworks.

Fourth Ward School Director Nora Stefu

- There was a large turnout for the Victorian Tea Party
- There were many school tours this spring.
- The museum will be open until Oct. 31.
- Saturday, June 15 will be the Kid’s Fair, with letterpress classes on the old printing press. Check the web site for more information.
- The 3rd annual Fourth of July event is planned.
- In September there will be the Comstock Film Festival, with workshops for three days. There will be a 15-minute film on the Comstock.
- The museum will have an intern program with UNR film students. On July 17, a four-day series of film classes will be held.
- Halloween will be the last big event. Check the web site for more information.

UNR Cooperative Extension Representative Holly Gatzke

- The program will have county coordinators, including one for Dayton and Storey County.
- Last winter there was an accredited biology class in area schools for wildfires, which also educates children on careers in that field.
- There are still classes on healthy eating, as well as the 4H programs.

Ladies 109 Group Leader Karen Gysen

- The new hot dog cart was used during the Chili Cookoff and Memorial Day weekend and has raised \$1,100 so far. It will be used on July 4 aa well.
- The 3rd annual Cowboy Barbecue will be held at the Old Freight Depot on July 6. It is the major fundraiser, netting \$7,300 last year. All funds go to school and children’s programs.

8. BOARD COMMENT (No Action - No Public Comment)

Commissioner Mitchell said swing dances at the Fourth Ward School will be on August 2 and Nov. 8, with live bands.

9. DISCUSSION/FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: Consideration and possible action regarding Resolution No. 24-723 granting Community Chest, Inc., a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, the sum of \$332,661.00 for the specific purpose of funding health and human services and educational programs.

Business Development Director Lara Mather said Under NRS 244.1505 a grant of money to a nonprofit organization must be made by resolution of the Board of County Commissioners which specifies the purpose of the grant, and any conditions imposed on the expenditure of the granted money. The proposed Resolution meets the requirements of the statute.

This request from Community Chest is an increase of \$2,946 from last year.

Public Comment: None

Motion: I, Commissioner Mitchell, move to approve Resolution No. 24-723 granting the Community Chest, Inc., a 501(c)(3), nonprofit the sum of \$332,661.00 for the specific purpose of funding health and human services and educational programs. **Seconded by:** Lance Gilman. **Vote:** Motion passed unanimously.

10. DISCUSSION/FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: Consideration and possible action regarding Resolution No. 24-724 granting the Storey County Jeep Posse, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, a sum not to exceed \$10,000.00 for the purpose of aiding and assisting all Storey County residents.

Ms. Mather said She said under NRS 244.1505 a grant of money to a nonprofit organization must be made by resolution of the Board of County Commissioners which specifies the purpose of the grant, and any conditions imposed on the expenditure of the granted money. The proposed Resolution meets the requirements of the statute.

Ms. Mather said this request was the same as last year.

Public Comment: None

Motion: I, Commissioner Mitchell, move to approve Resolution 24-724 granting the Storey County Jeep Posse, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, a sum not to exceed \$10,000.00 for the purpose of aiding and assisting all Storey County residents. **Seconded by:** Lance Gilman. **Vote:** Motion passed unanimously.

11. DISCUSSION/FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: Consideration and possible action regarding Resolution No. 24-725 granting St. Mary's Art Center, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, a sum not to exceed \$106,725.00 for the purpose of preserving the St. Mary's Art Center, a county owned building and supporting arts and culture through education and cultural offerings.

Ms. Mather said that under NRS 244.1505 a grant of money to a nonprofit organization must be made by resolution of the Board of County Commissioners which specifies the purpose of the grant, and any conditions imposed on the expenditure of the granted money. The proposed Resolution meets the requirements of the statute.

Ms. Mather said this was a decrease of \$8,475 from last year's request.

Public Comment: None

Motion: I, Commissioner Mitchell, move to approve Resolution No. 24-725 granting St. Mary's Art Center Inc., a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, a sum not to exceed \$106,725.00 for the purpose of preserving the St. Mary's Art Center, a county owned building and supporting arts and culture through education and cultural offerings. **Seconded by:** Lance Gilman. **Vote:** Motion passed unanimously.

12. DISCUSSION/FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: Consideration and possible action regarding Resolution No. 24-726 granting the University of Nevada Reno, Storey County Extension, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, a sum not to exceed \$35,000.00 for the purpose of addressing contemporary issues in the areas of agriculture, horticulture, community development, health and nutrition, personal and family development and natural resources.

Ms. Mather said that under NRS 244.1505 a grant of money to a nonprofit organization must be made by resolution of the Board of County Commissioners which specifies the purpose of the grant, and any conditions imposed on the expenditure of the granted money. The proposed Resolution meets the requirements of the statute.

Ms. Mather said this was an increase of \$5,000 from last year.

Commissioner Mitchell mentioned that programs are not always accessible to all. There is a program fee. Is there a mechanism to make it more affordable.

UNR Cooperative Extension representative Holly Gatzke said that most programs don't have a fee. Because the Extension gets public funding, they are trying to help underserved communities. Some of the shooting programs have a fee. The requested increase is due to state mandated salary increases.

Public Comment: None

Motion: I, Commissioner Mitchell, move to approve Resolution No. 24-726 granting the University of Nevada Reno, Storey County Extension, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, a sum not to exceed \$35,000.00 for the purpose of addressing contemporary issues in the areas of agriculture, horticulture, community development, health and nutrition, personal and family development and natural resources. **Seconded by:** Lance Gilman. **Vote:** Motion passed unanimously.

13. DISCUSSION/FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: Consideration and possible action regarding Resolution No. 24-727 granting the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Evans-Kendall Post 8071, a 501(c)(19) nonprofit, a sum not to exceed \$10,000.00 for the purpose of providing services to Veterans and the Storey County community.

Ms. Mather said that under NRS 244.1505 a grant of money to a nonprofit organization must be made by resolution of the Board of County Commissioners which specifies the purpose of the grant, and any conditions imposed on the expenditure of the granted money. The proposed Resolution meets the requirements of the statute.

The amount requested is the same as last year.

Public Comment: John Strahan of VFW thanked the county and other agencies for their support. Last year the money helped double our efforts to support veterans. He noted that if other service groups find that a veteran has fallen through the cracks, please contact the VFW. He said a veteran's widow last year was unable to pay for a cremation, and the VFW took care of it.

Motion: I, Commissioner Mitchell, move to approve Resolution No. 24-727 granting the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Evans-Kendall Post 8071, a 501(c)(19) nonprofit, a sum not to exceed \$10,000.00 for the purpose of providing services to Veterans and the Storey County community. **Seconded by:** Lance Gilman. **Vote:** Motion passed unanimously.

14. DISCUSSION/FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: Consideration and possible action regarding Resolution No. 24-728 granting the 109 Comstock Ladies, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, a sum not to exceed \$4,900.00 for the purpose of preserving heritage and community through specific programs that support the children of the Storey County.

Ms. Mather said that under NRS 244.1505 a grant of money to a nonprofit organization must be made by resolution of the Board of County Commissioners which specifies the purpose of the grant, and any conditions imposed on the expenditure of the granted money. The proposed Resolution meets the requirements of the statute.

Ms. Mather said this was a new request.

Commissioner Mitchell asked what the 109 Ladies will do with the grant.

Karen Gysen of the 109 Ladies said this money will be used to offset the cost of raising money. We provide scholarships and fund school programs.

Public Comment: None

Motion: I, Commissioner Mitchell, move to approve Resolution No. 24-728 granting the 109 Comstock Ladies, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, a sum not to exceed \$4,900.00 for the purpose of preserving heritage and community through specific programs that support the children of the Storey County. **Seconded by:** Lance Gilman. **Vote:** Motion passed unanimously.

15. DISCUSSION/FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: Consideration and possible action regarding Resolution No. 24-729 granting the Historic Fourth Ward School Foundation, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, a sum not to exceed \$120,000.00 for the purpose of preserving the Historic Fourth Ward School Museum, a county owned building, and for promoting the history of the Comstock and Storey County.

Ms. Mather said that under NRS 244.1505 a grant of money to a nonprofit organization must be made by resolution of the Board of County Commissioners which specifies the purpose of the grant, and any conditions imposed on the expenditure of the granted money. The proposed Resolution meets the requirements of the statute.

Ms. Mather said this was the same amount requested last year.

Public Comment: None

Motion: I, Commissioner Mitchell, move to approve Resolution No. 24-729 granting the Historic Fourth Ward School Foundation, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, a sum not to exceed \$120,000.00 for the purpose of preserving the Historic Fourth Ward School Museum, a county owned building, and for promoting the history of the Comstock and Storey County. **Seconded by:** Lance Gilman. **Vote:** Motion passed unanimously.

16. DISCUSSION/FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: Consideration and possible approval of Resolution No. 24-730, a resolution setting grade and salary range of employees fixed by ordinance or resolution per NRS 245.045 for appointed Storey County officials for the 2024-25 fiscal year and superseding prior year action by resolution for appointed Storey County employees with the reestablishment of Cook at grade 115, the addition of Code Enforcement Officer at grade 124, Public Relations Officer at grade 124, and Network Security Administrator at grade 140.

Human Resources Director Brandie Lopez said the proposal is for three new positions and the reestablishment of the Cook positions. She said the role of Cook was approved through the budget process, there was previously a Cook at grade level 115, and we are requesting this title and grade level be reestablished. The nuisance program within the Community Development Department has expanded and requires a dedicated employee to fulfill the program requirements. We are requesting the establishment of a Code Enforcement Officer at a grade 124 to help maintain this program. The County Manager's Office would like to better manage our outreach to the community, media, and other outlets, and are requesting a Public Relations Officer at grade 124 be approved. The security of the County's electronic information is a top priority and with our growth we are asking for a Network Security Administrator at grade 140. These positions have been approved through the budget process.

Public Comment: None

Motion: I, Commissioner Mitchell, Resolution No. 24-730, a resolution setting grade and salary range of employees fixed by ordinance or resolution per NRS 245.045 for appointed Storey County officials for the 2024-25 fiscal year and superseding prior year action by resolution for appointed Storey County employees with the reestablishment of Cook at grade 115, the addition of Code Enforcement Officer at grade 124, Public Relations Officer at grade 124, and Network Security Administrator at grade 140. **Seconded by:** Lance Gilman. **Vote:** Motion passed unanimously.

17. RECESS TO CONVENE AS THE STOREY COUNTY HIGHWAY BOARD

18. DISCUSSION/FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: Report of Public Works Department regarding roads and highways throughout Storey County.

Mike Northan, Operations and Projects Manager, speaking for Public Works Director Jason Wierzbicki said that Lousetown Road renovations are on schedule and the 2024 Road Rehab project is moving forward.

Public Comment: None

19. RECESS TO CONVENE AS THE STOREY COUNTY LIQUOR LICENSING BOARD

20. DISCUSSION/FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: For consideration and possible approval of the Second Reading for OnSale/Off-Sale Liquor License. The applicant is James Grimes, 1st reading was previously approved under Nevada Wine and Spirits, business name has now changed to the Delta Saloon, location was previously 5 North C Street and has now changed to 18 South C Street, Virginia City, NV 89440.

Deputy Frank Valdez said all references were positive. He said there were no financial, legal or civil issues.

Public Comment: None

Motion: I, Commissioner Mitchell, move to approve the Second Reading for On-Sale/Off-Sale Liquor License. Applicant is James Grimes, 1st reading was previously approved under Nevada Wine and Spirits, business name has now changed to the Delta Saloon, location was previously 5 North C Street and has now changed to 18 South C Street, Virginia City, NV 89440. **Seconded by:** Lance Gilman. **Vote:** Motion passed unanimously.

21. RECESS TO RECONVENE AS THE STOREY COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

22. DISCUSSION/FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: Consideration and possible approval to authorize Storey County Business Development to reallocate \$1,000 of budgeted and available funds from the Professional Services account to apply for the Nevada Division of Environmental Protection’s Capital Improvements Grant program for Phase 1 of the Lead Siphon Project.

Grants Manager Sara Sturtz said the Nevada Division of Environmental Protections (NDEP) reached out to us to request our help in expending the remaining bond money in their Capital Improvement Grant Program. It must be spent by Nov. 1. Some projects were canceled, and we had a program with the Lead Syphon project. We are helping NDEP, but we can also get funds from NDEP in the future.

Public Comment: None

Motion: I, Commissioner Mitchell, move to approve the authorization for Storey County Business Development to reallocate \$1,000 of budgeted and available funds from the Professional Services account to apply for the Nevada Division of Environmental Protection’s Capital Improvements Grant program for Phase 1 of the Lead Siphon Project. **Seconded by:** Lance Gilman. **Vote:** Motion passed unanimously.

23. DISCUSSION/FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: Consideration and possible approval to authorize county staff to sign DOWL Task order 55, for design and bid document preparation of the Six Mile Canyon Truck Turnaround at the cost of \$73,224 and not to exceed \$78,224.

Operations and Projects Manager Mike Northan, speaking for Ms. Coughlin: for FY23/24, \$200,000 was budgeted for the Six Mile Canyon Truck Turnaround project. The initial estimate on April 12, 2024, for the design and bid document preparation of the project was \$38,414. Since that time, county staff and DOWL met with Lyon County personnel to gain approval for the project, as it will be undertaken in Lyon County. Modifications were made to the initial plan at the request of Lyon County, increasing the design cost. The new estimate is \$73,224, which is well under what was budgeted for the project in FY23/24. The construction phase of the project is scheduled within the FY25 CIP. A preliminary estimate for construction is \$300,000, which the Board approved on May 21st as part of the final budget. The design and bid document preparation will not be completed by the end of FY23/24 but is scheduled for 100% completion and submittal by September of 2024.

Public Comment: None

Motion: I, Commissioner Mitchell, move to approve authorize county staff to sign DOWL Task order 55, for the design and bid document preparation of the Six Mile Canyon Truck Turnaround at the cost of \$73,224 and not to exceed \$78,224. **Seconded by:** Lance Gilman. **Vote:** Motion passed unanimously.

24. DISCUSSION/FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: Discussion and possible consideration approving the proposed budget for reimbursement from the Nevada State Child Support Enforcement Program in the amount of \$35,588 for Fiscal Year 2025 and \$36,004 for Fiscal Year 2026 in accordance with the existing FY 2023-2026 Intrastate Interlocal Contract Between Public Agencies enclosed herewith.

Austin Osborne said this is an interlocal agreement with First Judicial District Court for child support hearings. We have a four-year agreement and there are contracts to re-imburse services that are provided. The cost is estimated by budgets submitted to the state. There is also a pass-through from the federal government. Amounts will be 35,588 and 36,004 for the 2024-25 and 2025-26 fiscal years.

Max Cortez, court administrator for the First District Court, said this allows Carson City to be re-imbursed by the state. The program has been beneficial and it is asked that the proposal be approved so that Carson City can also be reimbursed. There is no cost to Storey County.

Public Comment: None

Motion: I, Commissioner Mitchell, move to approve the proposed budgets for reimbursement from the State Child Support Enforcement Program in the amount of \$35,588 for FY 2025 and \$36,004 for FY 2026. **Seconded by:** Lance Gilman. **Vote:** Motion passed unanimously.

25. DISCUSSION/FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: Consideration and possible approval of the REVISED 5-year (approximately) lease between Storey County and the Nevada State Department of Public Safety (Nevada Highway Patrol) for use of existing office space of approximately 400 square-feet, and future Sheriff's Office substation area as provided for by the Sheriff, for an amount of \$0.00 but with certain cost reimbursements. The property is located at the Storey County Government Complex at 1705 Peru Drive, McCarran, Storey County, Nevada.

This was postponed to the June 18 meeting.

26. DISCUSSION/FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: For consideration and possible approval of business license second readings:

- A. Desert Rose Ranch LLC – General / 1035 Hwy 341 ~ Gold Hill, NV
- B. Envoy Concrete LLC – Contractor / 11820 Claim Stake Dr. ~ Reno, NV
- C. Fast Eddie's Grill LLC – Food Truck / 1729 Sabatino Dr. ~ Sparks, NV
- D. Heavy Equipment Movers & Installation LLC – Contractor / 126 Industrial Dr. ~ Maysville, GA
- E. The Cider House – General / 110 N. C St. Virginia City, NV
- F. Thomas Hayward Auctioneers LLC – Out of County / 1610 Brightstone Ct. ~ Reno, NV

Public Comment: None

Motion: I, Commissioner Mitchell, move to approve the second readings of business licenses in Item 26 listed as A-F. **Seconded by:** Lance Gilman. **Vote:** Motion passed unanimously.

27. PUBLIC COMMENT (No Action): Gary Schmidt said anyone who cares to challenge my credentials of conservative should visit my web site. He said that additional commissioners do not create bureaucracy if properly handled. He also wanted the elimination of nuisance codes in Storey County. Eliminate building codes on 40-acre parcels. He wants to eliminate the county business license for businesses that gross less than \$100,000 per year. He read the definition of meeting and deliberate. The key word is deliberate.

Greg “Bum” Hess said I am proud for fellow Goldwater/Reagan/Trump supporters, and to be one himself. But on the five commissioners, if one think sthat is not going to add bureaucracy, then one is living in a different world. This always comes about when someone has lost an election, or it is something personal with commissioners. He said petitions fell short on five commissioners, and they only had to collect 25 percent of voters’ signatures. It is not wanted or warranted by people in Storey County. We have gotten people to invest in Storey County by decreasing bureaucracy. He said he resents this board being called corrupt. I know the members and most of the staff, and they avoid violating the law. Majority of people think the world of Storey County, the commissioners and the process. They would not be here for the decisions the Board made years ago. I don’t think anyone believes the Board is corrupt.

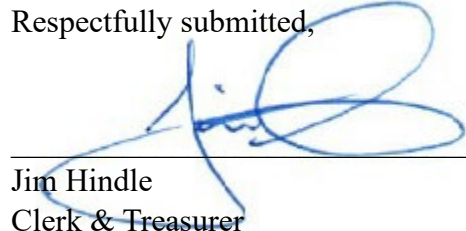
Mike Northan, as private citizen, said he was pleased to see an increase in discussion. With the focus on compliance on open meeting law. The board is in compliance. Don’t get hyper focused on smaller issues. This is an agile, efficient and responsive local government. Lack of public comment is not a failure on the part of the board. People rarely attend to opine. Lack of public comment indicates the public is happy with the government. Also, the Model T/Model A race was great.

28. ADJOURNMENT OF ALL ACTIVE AND RECESSED BOARDS ON THE AGENDA

Commissioner Carmona adjourned the meeting at 11:41 a.m.

29. CLOSED SESSION: Call to Order Closed Session meeting pursuant to NRS 288.220 for the purpose of conferring with county management and legal counsel regarding labor negotiations with the Storey County Firefighters' Association IAFF Local 4227. This meeting will commence immediately following the regular commission meeting.

Respectfully submitted,



Jim Hindle
Clerk & Treasurer