



STOREY COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS MEETING

9/17/2024 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

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Assessor Jana Seddon | √ Health & Community Services Director Stacy York |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Justice of the Peace Eileen Herrington | √ Human Resources Director Brandie Lopez |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Recorder Dru McPherson | <input type="checkbox"/> IT Director James Deane |
| √ Sheriff Mike Cullen | √ Operations and Project Manager Mike Northan |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Business Development Manager Lara Mather | √ Planning Manager Kathy Canfield |
| √ Comptroller Jennifer McCain | <input type="checkbox"/> Public Works Director Jason Wierzbicki |
| √ Community Development Director Pete Renaud | √ Public Relations Officer Julia Moreno-Fritz |
| √ Emergency Management Director Adam Wilson | <input type="checkbox"/> Tourism Director Todd Tuttle |
| √ Fire Chief Jeremy Loncar | Other: |
| √ Grants Manager Sara Sturtz | √Community Chest Executive Director Erik Shoen |

Total Attendance: 46

In-Person: 20

Zoom: 26

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

Commission Chairman Jay Carmona called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

2. CONVENE AS THE STOREY COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

4. PUBLIC COMMENT (No Action): None

5. DISCUSSION/FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: Consideration and possible approval of the agenda for the September 17, 2024, meeting.

County Manager Austin Osborne requested that Item #17 be removed from the agenda.

Public Comment: None

Motion: I, Commissioner Mitchell, move to approve today's agenda removing Item 17 from that agenda. **Seconded by:** Lance Gilman. **Vote:** Motion passed unanimously.

6. DISCUSSION/FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: Consideration and possible approval of the minutes from the July 16, 2024, meeting.

Public Comment: None

Motion: I, Commissioner Mitchell, move to the minutes from our July 16, 2024, meeting as presented. **Seconded by:** Lance Gilman. **Vote:** Motion passed unanimously.

7. DISCUSSION/FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: Consideration and possible approval of the minutes from the August 6, 2024, meeting.

Public Comment: None

Motion: I, Commissioner Mitchell, move to approve the minutes from our August 6, 2024, meeting as presented. **Seconded by:** Lance Gilman. **Vote:** Motion passed unanimously.

8. DISCUSSION/FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: Consideration and possible approval of the minutes from the August 20, 2024, meeting.

Public Comment: None

Motion: I, Commissioner Mitchell, move to approve the minutes from the August 20, 2024, meeting as presented. **Seconded by:** Lance Gilman. **Vote:** Motion passed unanimously.

9. DISCUSSION/FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: Consideration and possible approval of the minutes from the September 3, 2024, meeting.

Public Comment: None

Motion: I, Commissioner Mitchell, move to approve the minutes from the Sept. 3, 2024, minutes as presented. **Seconded by:** Lance Gilman. **Vote:** Motion passed unanimously.

10. CONSENT AGENDA FOR POSSIBLE ACTION:

- I. For possible action, approval of business license first readings:
 - A. Capriotti’s Sandwich Shop – Out of County / 6056 S. Durango Dr. Ste. 100 ~ Las Vegas, NV
 - B. Clint Jensen Construction LLC – Contractor / 623 Windmill Dr. ~ Fallon, NV
 - C. Delta Saloon Gift – General / 18 S. C St. ~ Virginia City, NV
 - D. J.S. Services LLC – Home Based / 21875 Adobe Rd. ~ Reno, NV
 - E. My TRI Suites – General / 1103 Venice Dr. ~ McCarran, NV
 - F. Northwoods Construction – Contractor / 1617 C St. ~ Sparks, NV

II. Approval of claims in the amount of \$1,596,624.15.

Public Comment: None

Motion: I, Commissioner Mitchell, move to approve today’s Consent agenda as presented.

Seconded by: Lance Gilman. **Vote:** Motion passed unanimously.

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

Sheriff’s Office

- Sheriff Mike Cullen said at 5 a.m. the turnover from J-Link to the Nevada Criminal Justice Information System. This will improve service to the public. The Sheriff thanked Dispatch and IT for their work.
- The new Sheriff’s Office App is now available at the Google App Store.

Fire District

- Chief Jeremy Loncar said on Sept. 3, there was a fire down Six Mile Canyon, which burned two acres though it could have been more if not for the quick action of fire crews.
- Highlands Volunteer Fire Chief Jeff Goldsworthy said the spaghetti feed was a success.
- Storey County staff were at the Davis Creek Fire for its entirety, using an engine, dozer and excavator. The dozer was used extensively, and the district is looking for replacement options, as it is ageing rapidly with use. The dozer is in high demand by our regional partners.
- Three firefighters were offered positions. Increased staffing is sought and may impact the budget.

Public Works

- Operations and Projects Manager Mike Northan said spot paving and slurry sealing in Virginia City will be going on this week.
- The Lousetown Road Project is virtually complete.
- The Road Rehab Project is in engineering design,

Public Relations

- Public Information Officer Julia Moreno-Fritz said she has created a metrics sheet that tracks engagement, reach, demographics, active times, sentiment, and media coverage from the beginning of August to date. This will help us understand what works and what doesn't, allowing Public Information to tailor our posts for maximum visibility and engagement.
- Total social media presence has grown significantly across Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram, with followers increasing by over 200 and overall engagement rates rising from an average of 2.3% to 9.3%.
- Regarding media coverage, during the Davis Creek Fire, our social media and press releases were quoted by six local news stations and six national chains, including outlets from Oklahoma and Wisconsin.

Planning Department

- Planning Manager Kathy Canfield said that two Planning Commission meetings, Oct. 3 and Oct. 17, will include discussions of the Master Plan. The meetings will be held in the courtroom and on Zoom.
- The Planning Commission is looking to fill new vacancy for an at-large planning commissioner.

Emergency Management

- Director Adam Wilson said that through the Davis Creek Fire staff ran 24/7 operations and fielded many questions. The notification system worked well.

Health and Community Services

- Director Stacy York said the annual Community Resource Fair will be at Piper's Opera House on Oct. 2, from 2-6 p.m. There will be a flu shot clinic during the fair.
- The schedule for flu shots is:
 - VC Highlands – September 18: 4:30 – 6:30pm
 - Lockwood – September 19: 9:00 – 11:00am
 - Mark Twain – September 25: 9:00 – 11:00am
 - VC Pipers Opera House – October 2: 2:00 – 3:00 pm
 - Mark Twain – October 11: 10:00am – 12:00pm

County Manager's Office

- County Manager Austin Osborne said the Washoe County land across the river from Rainbow Bend that Storey is interested in acquiring is in the appeal process in Washoe County. When that is finished, discussions on transferring that land from Washoe to Storey jurisdiction can occur.
- The County is reopening the Strategic Plan internally to revisit it and compare it to the CIP.

Clerk & Treasurer's Office

- Elections analyst Mark Allen said election preparation is in full swing. Overseas ballots go out on Friday, then Out- and In-State ballots will drop by Sept. 26. Testing of the new system is ongoing in preparation of its first use in the General Election.
- Clerk-Treasurer Jim Hindle recognized Mr. Allens' efforts on the new system to make the sure the County is prepared for its use, as well as his valuable support to other counties.
- There is a jury trial next week in Carson City
- The Second installment of property taxes are due October 7th.

Community Chest

- Erik Schoen, director of Community Chest, will be at the Nevada Rural Communities Summit Oct. 28-29 (see Appendix for attachment), focusing on affordable housing, mental health and food insecurity. He said Stacy York will be a workshop presenter.

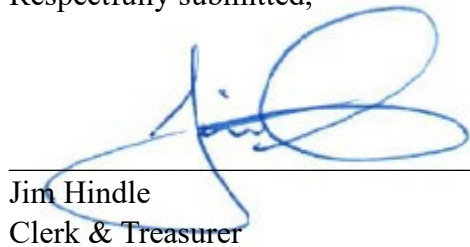
VCTC

- Assistant Director Leah Kruse said Camel Races had some sold-out shows even considering the impact of the Davis Creek Fire.
- This weekend is the 100-mile Endurance Ride.
- The Fourth Ward School is having a film festival on Sept. 21.
- Street Vibrations will be from Sept. 26-29.
- Outhouse Races are from Oct. 5-6.
- The Reno-Tahoe Comedy Show will have a mentalist at Piper's Opera House.
- "Hauntober" will feature haunted hayrides and horseless carriage rides. Check the event calendar at www.visitvirginiacitynv.com.

The meeting was adjourned by Commissioner Mitchell at 11:08 due to technical problems with Zoom which meant the participation of Commissioners Carmona and Gilman was lost and, therefore, also quorum.

Remaining items on the agenda for September 17th will be considered at a future meeting as appropriate.

Respectfully submitted,



Jim Hindle
Clerk & Treasurer

Appendix
to the Minutes of September 17th, 2024

A graphic for an invitation to a summit. The top half features a blue background with white text. Below this is a photograph of a rural Nevada landscape with mountains and fields. The bottom half of the graphic is white with black text. The entire graphic is framed by a blue border on the right and bottom, and a green border on the left.

INVITATION

 **Monday, Oct. 28 | 1:00 PM - 4:30 PM (PDT)**
Tuesday, Oct. 29 | 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM (PDT)

NEVADA RURAL COMMUNITIES SUMMIT:

How Providers in Rural Nevada are Increasing Community Resilience

 **Churchill County Fairgrounds, Rafter 3c Arena**
227 Sheckler Road, Fallon, Nevada 89406

The Nevada Community Action Association in partnership with the Administration for Children and Families (ACF), will convene community action, state, tribal, and federal partners, and others who are passionate about rural Nevada. The purpose of the summit is to highlight the ingenuity, partnerships, and dedication of the work that is already happening in rural communities, solicit community input, build new partnerships, and identify opportunities through education and policy development to continue to address rural community need in Nevada.

Please register [here](#).

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