



LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

August 19, 2019
Commission Chambers
Lincoln County Courthouse
181 Main Street
Pioche, Nevada

Commissioners

Varlin Higbee, Chair
Jared Brackenbury
Bevan Lister
Kevin Phillips

#1-CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL/INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The meeting was called to order at 9:03 a.m. Clerk Lisa Lloyd called the roll.

PRESENT: BEVAN LISTER
JARED BRACKENBURY
VARLIN HIGBEE
KEVIN PHILLIPS
LISA LLOYD, Clerk
DYLAN FREHNER, District Attorney

There is a quorum present and the agenda was posted on 8-13-19. The Invocation was offered by Kevin and Varlin led the Pledge of Allegiance.

#2-PUBLIC COMMENT

Varlin called for public comment. Phyllis Robistow, LC Airport, advised the county let them have a car at the airport many years ago; she conveyed her gratitude and advised it's made a difference in the amount of traffic at the airport. Once they get fuel in Alamo, they hope to get a second car. Phyllis advised the Alamo Airport has had numerous calls from people asking how big the airport is and whether or not they can land certain size airplanes. Phyllis advised she doesn't know where vehicles to transport those flying in will come from.

CONSENT AGENDA

- #3 Approve/Deny minutes of the August 5, 2019 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).

Kevin made a motion to approve the consent agenda except for the minutes; seconded by Bevan. All voted in favor.

#5-VOUCHERS

Recorder/Auditor Amy Elmer presented the cash balances via hard copy to the Board; they included payroll but not AP. General County has a balance of \$616,267.92. Grants has a cash balance of \$93,763.63. Detention Center has a negative cash balance as of this time due to the fact that we're still waiting for July's payment.

Jared made a motion to approve the vouchers with the exception of Mountain Merc; seconded by Bevan. All voted in favor. Bevan made a motion to approve the Mountain Merc vouchers; seconded by Jared. Kevin abstained as he is part owner of the firm. Motion carried.

#6-OFFICER/DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

HCP COORDINATOR Ronda Hornbeck is over the ART and has been for 16 years; she's running into problems with the dates. She used to do it in March but the dates are being pushed back later and later. There are usually 10-25 packets. Ronda will go through and rank them, but she will be in Oregon on the days they meet in order to discuss them. Ronda advised the Board they need to appoint someone new to handle the archaeological as it's time for new blood. There is a HCP meeting this Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. TREASURER Shawn Frehner advised first installment of taxes is due today. Shawn will be attending Devnet meetings in Carson this week; they're almost finished with their portion and anticipate going live in November. Shawn advised they're incredibly busy and the office is partially staffed due to the many things going on. ASSESSOR Mark Holt reported Arla will be leaving in October; she's moving. AIRPORT AUTHORITY Phyllis Robistow advised they've sold over 2,400 gallons of fuel in Panaca in the last few months. PPU MANAGER Nathan Adams advised Labor Day is coming. They have water system inspections this Wednesday and have policies

for consideration on their town agenda this week. The state water engineer has approved the replacement of the water line to Caselton. Bevan asked if the money not being spent on the additional employee is enough to cover hiring additional inmate crews. Nathan wasn't sure and advised the crews can only work under certain guidelines. One of Nathan's employees may be retiring within the year. As long as we have the power system, Nathan will continue to get farther and farther behind. The farther behind they are, the more upset people are. The power system has been so neglected for so many years that, as staff is being reduced, they make no headway. DISTRICT ATTORNEY Dylan Frehner advised they continue to get large criminal cases. They will continue to get busier as we lead up to the large event. EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR Eric Holt advised they continue to stay busy. Everything went well with the ambulance at the rodeo. They've had several planning meetings for the special event happening on 9-20-19. Eric is hosting a jurisdictional responsibility meeting for agencies involved with services for the event. State DEM is coming down to help facilitate the meeting. Tomorrow, there is an additional operational planning meeting. They will be putting incident action plans on paper. State DEM has answered questions on the declaration of emergency that will be on the agenda later. Eric provided links to all of the media coverage for the Storm Area 51 events. Eric and Sheriff Kerry Lee went on a tour at Rachel last week to identify points of concern and strategic planning. They've had several requests for media interviews. CLERK Lisa Lloyd advised the Board how very much she appreciates Denice Brown and how incredibly helpful she's been during this transition time. Denice has worked in Lisa's office any time asked, with a wonderful attitude and great work ethic. Lisa expressed her gratitude for Denice's willingness to always bail the other offices out.

#7-HIGHWAY COMMISSION

This item was covered under separate agenda.

#8-LINCOLN COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT

This item was covered under separate agenda.

#9-EMERGENCY DECLARATION

Emergency Management Coordinator Eric Holt presented this item. Eric presented a list of questions he asked DEM as well as the responses given. Declaring the emergency sets the stage in the event that one happens. It is preparation in the event we deplete our resources and funds. The emergency declaration is LC stating it has depleted its resources and funds. If we don't plan and prepare, and there is an enormous influx of people, it can pose a threat to the residents in Rachel, cause fuel depletion and commodities exhaustion, as well as cause major traffic problems. If the event moves over onto BLM land, it will require a Presidential emergency declaration. Eric advised BLM will be present at today's meeting concerning jurisdiction. This event has reached a very large scale and we're already seeing a significant increase in the traffic to the Alien Research Center as well as the Little A'Le'Inn. People are already coming to look at this. News outlets have gotten ahold of it and it's very difficult to plan for something when you don't know how many people are coming. Declaring the emergency is part of the preparation for dealing with the influx. If we don't declare soon enough, it may be difficult to get the resources. This event is going to cost the county money; if we don't declare soon enough, we run the risk of having to fully fund it, regardless of costs and consequences. Declaring allows us to continue to take proper care of our residents. Eric presented a declaration for the Board's consideration. Eric presented the 31-page pre-plan the state assisted us with drafting. There are several trigger points; Eric referred to page 7. State DEM recommends we make the declaration sooner rather than later. Eric suggested we pre-sign the declaration then Chairman Higbee can assist with the formal declaration if the need arises. The state is willing to help us plan regardless of the declaration. Eric advised they're keeping documentation of time spent as it will be used as an in-kind match. Usually 40-50 people go through the Alien Research Center on any given weekend; they're now seeing 800-1,000. Kevin advised this is enough empirical data for the pre-signing. **Kevin made a motion to approve the pre-signing of an emergency declaration regarding the large event (Storm Area 51) scheduled for September 20-21, 2019; seconded by Jared. Bevan asked the motion be amended to authorize Varlin to sign the final declaration. Kevin amended the motion to include Varlin as the designated signer; seconded by Jared. All voted in favor.**

#10-STORM AREA 51

This item concerned the identification of a funding source for purchases/resources needed for the large event (Storm Area 51) scheduled for September 20-21, 2019. Emergency Management Coordinator Eric Holt

presented this item. There will be logistical needs to support fire, EMS, police, and any additional resources needed. Kevin suggested we follow the process in place and put funding in the Emergency Management (EM) account. There are several emergency funds but it wasn't certain if any of them had been budgeted. EM doesn't have its own emergency fund. The operating budget is about \$5,000. LCFD has a little over \$200,000 in an emergency fund. There are so many questions that have no answers at this point. This event is very fluid and changes daily. **Kevin made a motion to set aside \$50,000 from the LC Fire District emergency fund (if more is needed, Varlin has the authority to approve it); seconded by Bevan.** Jared asked if the Board wants to pull funds from any other account. Dylan recommended the Board take it from Land Act as it is more appropriate. There is a good portion of the response that will require fire/EMS, but the majority will be something else. The Board can later reimburse. **Kevin modified his motion to include the drawing point be Fund 95, not LCFD; seconded by Jared. All voted in favor.**

#11-PANACA FIRE DISTRICT

This item was covered under separate agenda.

#12-MEADOW VALLEY JUSTICE COURT EMPLOYEE

This item concerned a request from Meadow Valley Justice of the Peace Mike Cowley to increase the deputy court clerk's hours from 24/week to 40/week, effective September 1, 2019. Mike advised his office is incredibly busy and they're having a hard time keeping up. Mike advised he can move funds within his budget to pay the increase for one year at no additional cost to the county. To bring Lola Wilcock on full-time, starting 9-1-19, will cost the court \$11,844. Mike advised that each time there has been a change with regards to staffing/Denice Brown, MVJC absorbed as much as possible of the part-time position. The minute a full-time position becomes available, Mike's part-time individual applies and moves. It is very difficult to get good, qualified people that want to stay. Moving this to full-time is a protection. Mike advised they continue to fall behind in their workload. Bevan asked if his clerks are sworn and bonded. Yes. Bevan stated he read a statute that says the deputies are supposed to be deputies under the county Clerk. Bevan asked that we wait on this item until the question is answered. Dylan referred to NRS 4.350 and advised that it starts off under the Clerk, who is to appoint but then they are under the supervision of the JP. If this isn't done, the hiring and supervising is to be done by the JP. Dylan advised that he believes this is how it's been done to date; the JP has done the hiring and supervising. There was some question as to the bonding; are the justice court clerks covered under the county bond or do they have to seek a bond over and above that of the county's? The requirements of the job for the JC's clerk are set by the JP. If appointed by the Clerk, the duties are set by statute. If appointed by the JP, the JP sets the duties. Mike advised that his employees must have a background check and be fingerprinted. Jared asked how this position will be funded next year. Mike responded that he can probably pick up the costs one more year after this. Mike is getting the funding from administrative assessments. Mike advised there is also another account that hasn't been used previously as it required a DA opinion as to how it could be spent. There is over \$5,000 in that fund and it can be used for salaries; he'll use only half of it this year. Mike reiterated the need for this position and asked the Board to approve the additional 16 hours per week. Bevan commented he was less than pleased when Mike hired a part-time position with full benefits; it isn't fiscally responsible. From numerous reports he's received, if Mike's one clerk would stay in and do her job he wouldn't even need a part-time position. Bevan advised he can't support this. Mike responded, with the money he has in his budget, he could bring on an entry level person for 24 hours. He stayed within his budget and the law allows him to do this as the judge/department head. Mike stated he needs the full-time position and advised the he will, in the future, require help funding the position. Jared commented he is comfortable hiring the position as long as it doesn't cost the county anything. The Board can't control what PERS does with its increases. Mike reiterated he can cover the additional costs for a time, but will eventually need help covering it. Varlin commented, based on some of the discussions he's had about the workload, this position is justified. Varlin stated he feels this is a needful position. **Jared made a motion to approve the request from the MVJC to take the deputy court clerk from 24 hours per week to 40 hours, effective September 1, 2019 (if this position becomes a burden on the county, Jared would like to cut it immediately); seconded by Kevin. Bevan was opposed. Motion carried 3-1.**

#13-ALAMO ANNEX PROPERTY BOUNDARIES

Nola Holton, Pahrnagat Valley Justice of the Peace, asked the Board to have the property boundaries at the Alamo Annex in Alamo designated and requested improvements to the parking lot. Nola advised they're talking

about the old tennis court; the county has no intentions to improve it. Nola would like that to be eliminated and have the fencing removed. They would then replace the chain link and put a more secure parking lot in place. It'll make the building more secure to have it fenced off. Nola stated Alamo Sewer & Water owns a portion of it. The cement is broken up. The security may be funded via other sources. ASW has items stored in the outbuilding. Varlin advised Nola to stop in Cory's office to pull a map; this will give them some idea of where the property lines are. It was unknown who owns the outbuilding. If a record of survey has been done, the points should be marked. If one doesn't exist, it will have to be done. The Board has no issue with them moving forward and making the improvements. Nola advised they have some funds available if a survey is needed, but she's really trying to find out what can be done with the areas that are already fenced. Can the fencing simply be replaced? She doesn't want to put it up and then have someone say they're five feet over the property line. No action was taken.

#14-CYBERSECURITY ASSESSMENT RULES OF ENGAGEMENT/REMOTE PENETRATION TEST

Tracy Lee presented this item and proffered a review; tests are already underway as we were directed by the Secretary of State to complete it. Tracy signed the documents and returned them. This gives the DHS permission to probe our security systems. There is no cost associated; the SOS is paying for it. **Kevin made a motion to authorize Tracy Lee to execute cybersecurity assessments and a remote penetration test preassessment questionnaire on behalf of the county; seconded by Bevan. All voted.**

#15-ORDINANCE #2016-01 AMENDMENT

This item concerned the amendment of Ordinance #2016-01, to modify the methods of weighing solid waste disposal, to reduce the amount of late fees, to provide for exception to municipally owned/operated disposal sites and other matters properly related thereto. DA Dylan Frehner advised this is subject to our settlement agreement with Mesquite. Varlin opened the public hearing and called for public comment. Virgin Valley is still working out issues with the City of Mesquite and has not signed the settlement agreement. Dylan asked this be conditioned upon us getting the signed settlement agreement. Franchise is modified community host fee language. New affidavits of posting etc. were stricken and the verbiage of the language was discussed. **Bevan made a motion to close the public hearing; seconded by Jared. All voted in favor. Bevan made a motion to approve the ordinance amendment (ordinance #2019-03), subject to the signing of the settlement agreement with Virgin Valley Disposal; seconded by Kevin. All voted in favor.**

#16-JOERG ARNU RE: STORM AREA 51

Joerg Arnu presented photos to the Board of the aftermath of events like EDC and Burning Man. Joerg also presented his written concerns to the Board. Joerg is the webmaster of the Rachel website. The organizers claim the residents are on board with the event; Joerg advised they've never been asked about it nor included. There is a lot of elderly people in Rachel. The microwave link for phones will break down; this means the residents will not be able to call for help. The highways/local roads will be congested. If EMS needs to get through, they won't be able to do so in time. The event will attract crime. There are many residents in Rachel that are part-time and they may be a target for burglaries as their homes will be unoccupied. There is a video of a home being broken into on YouTube; nothing was taken, it's just to prove it can be done. Joerg feels there will be a great deal of people trespassing and breaking in to make videos to show what they can get away with. It's more than likely their property will be damaged. There is a potential for lawsuits in the aftermath of the event. They're charging a lot for parking; the residents are concerned people will park on the roads in order to avoid it. Joerg asked to see a map of the properties that will be rented out and cited they don't want any traffic in the residential areas in Rachel. The large crowd has the potential for another mass shooting; this would be a perfect opportunity for that to happen. Most visitors aren't familiar with open range; people run into cows on the roads at night. This is also a two-lane highway not designed for heavy traffic. There will be accidents. The military has made arrangements to deal with those who actually want to storm the base, but there are those who will go through the open lands to try. There isn't enough food to feed that many people. There isn't gas in Rachel; even the gas stations in Alamo may run dry. Joerg discussed the bathroom facilities and garbage facilities. It will take nearly 1,000 port-a-johns. Who will pick up the trash on the highway? There will be significant damage to the pristine desert around Rachel. This event will not generate revenue but will deplete the county's funds. Sales are cash only without record of sales. The county could be entangled in lawsuits for year. No BLM permits have been issued; Joerg believes it's necessary and there isn't enough time to pull proper permits. Joerg believes those renting parking space need to check with BLM. Is there even enough land

for parking? It is only 33 acres just to park vehicles; this is only 5,000 cars. Will they use the community park? Who is liable if something happens in the park and if the roads aren't lit at night? If something happens, who is liable? The organizers have asked for volunteers to help clean up and for crowd control. Joerg presented a letter from a lady who has 11 years' experience with working with Burning Man; she never heard back from the organizers and she has a good many concerns about the event, too. The main organizer is a 20-year-old kid and this is being likened to the Fire Festival that never happened. This is being talked about as Fire Festival 2.0. People could sue as they feel like they've gotten ripped off and didn't get what they paid for. It takes months to plan events this large; we've had 6 weeks. Joerg asked the Board to consider the event and its many consequences. Joerg and the residents proposed that the special event permit be denied and Hwy 375 be closed that weekend (only open to residents). They asked that no special event permit be issued as the organizers aren't sufficiently prepared. They asked for a \$10 million bond. They asked that monitored emergency communication be provided that doesn't depend on the cell phone system. They asked for posted law enforcement road blocks to protect the residential portion of Rachel. Bevan perceives there will be a whole bunch of people that show up; he asked if these people show up without any preparation on the county's part. Joerg reiterated the need to close down the highway; this would eliminate any issues. Joerg also asked that this event not be promoted anymore. The residents and business in Rachel are already overwhelmed. Varlin stated people are going to show up whether it's permitted or not. Permitting allows some control; there will be guidelines and rules in place. Varlin's greatest concern is the safety of the people in LC and our resources. The phone system will go down as there are too many people. Our EM is setting things up so we can have communications that are independent of our local phone company. Joerg asked how residents will be able to call law enforcement. It was suggested the residents, if they have a land line, will still have the ability to make calls. The cell services will go down. Joerg asked if it is possible to limit the number of people going to the event to 500-1,000. This started with some kid posting on Facebook they were going to storm Area 51. The county could back off and say "go ahead and see what happens". Joerg commented we can do with this county whatever we want, the Board speaks for the residents and can say no. We can say no, Varlin advised, but people will still show up. It's better to get in front of the event and issue permits, to make someone responsible for the event. Jared stated he understands the residents' fears; his concern with shutting the road down is that it will move it from one place to somewhere else. If the road is shut down, the problem will be diverted elsewhere and more problems will result. Shutting the roads down isn't a viable solution. Even if we shut it down, the event is still coming and it'll be an illegal event with even less control. The Board is working to gain the most control it can and to protect our citizens. The Board is working to be prepared for every step of the way. Joerg asked the Board to at least close off the residential part of town; can road blocks be installed to limit access so they don't wander into the rest of town and destroy properties? This would help to protect the town and residents and possibly avoid some potential lawsuits. Varlin responded they believe a perimeter has to be established via the permit. Joerg asked for law enforcement to maintain it. Varlin responded we're doing all we can at this point. Joerg advised the residents are very frustrated and they will do whatever it takes to protect themselves. Varlin advised the county is preparing for the worst and hoping for the best.

#17-ALIEN RESEARCH CENTER UFOLOGY EXPO

George Harris, Alien Research Center, asked for a special event permit (SEV) for the UFOlogy Expo scheduled for September 20-21, 2019 near State Route 318 and 375 intersections. They will have a water truck and will be donating a pallet of water for the Sheriff's office. George advised they've had a significant increase in visitors. The City of Sturgis nets about \$12 million per year from their motorcycle event. George hopes this will be the case for the county. There are taxes that have to be paid and he was certain the state will have agents present during the event. George believes there will only be about 8,000-15,000 people that come. He's hired very professional people, including Keith Wright. George is comfortable with what they have going on and he's hired a 10-man security team; they will have wands and are mostly ex-military with some active duty officers from Clark County. George believes this will be a time rotation; people will be moving in and out but not staying. George believes this can be managed very well. The people we have to worry about are the "knuckleheads" but you can't control stupidity. All we can do is prepare the best we can for large groups. Jared commented that we hope the event doesn't attract people who will actually try and storm Area 51. We hope these people will stay at the events that are being organized. Jared asked those who are considering storming the base to stay home; we don't want you here and we don't condone anyone storming the base. George stated they have people that are focusing on ufology. George believes there will be people that actually try and storm the base; they will be bitten by snakes and the Air Force won't allow it. George asked approval for the SEV. Bevan asked about

overnight accommodations. George cited the 300 rooms in the county that are sold out. George will have space for motorhomes and tents. George can only manage what they can put on 12 acres; once capacity is reached, they won't be allowed in. All people entering will be wanded (metal detector) and checked. If anyone gets out of hand, they'll be removed. Parking will be a problem for everyone. George believes most people will come up for a couple of hours then go home. Many younger people will want to come and camp out in tents. Older people will come in their motorhomes. If we do this correctly, it can be a windfall for the county. Well over 50% of the people that come will come from Vegas, the balance will be from all over the US and Europe. Cory Lytle has reviewed the application. Cory advised he has corresponded with NDOT, who have concerns. NDOT is a late comer to this. When these events are planned, we are very cognizant of roadways and all entities involved. Cory advised George has to coordinate with NDOT, who can issue an encroachment permit if we require it. We have another meeting on 9-3-19 if we need to address more issues prior to issuing the permit. Cory asked the Board to include the NDOT encroachment permit. From the permit perspective, George is in very good shape. George advised he will have to mitigate the unknowns and mentioned renting satellite time to have their own communication time. This would mitigate cell phone/internet problems. George asked the Board to approve the SEV today as he now has 14 contractual agreements he needs to enter into. Once contracts are signed, he is legally obligated to meet them. George is working with Guardian, who will bring up an ambulance with 2 EMTs. George doesn't mind the requirements as they protect him. Jared asked if we could put a 3% gross tax on this. The county doesn't have the authority to do that as each county is under the state. Cory responded we do not currently have these types of taxes in place. There is a festival tax of 9%, an entertainment tax that is split with the state. These contractual obligations are very serious, but there are conditions that haven't been met yet. We don't know if dumpsters, port-a-johns, etc. are in place yet. Cory advised he has a pretty good handle that they will occur. Cory would like to see the insurance. Cory feels we can work through the issues within the next week and be in good shape. George advised they have arrangements for the port-a-johns and he has the information for the dumpsters. George reiterated that his event will be family oriented. JP Nola Holton asked what the County liability is. We're paying for policing, EMS, and transport to the jail. Our tax base can only handle so much use of resources, Varlin responded, and this is where the declaration of emergency comes into place. George will have umbrella insurance with \$1 million coverage and the county named. If we approve the permit today, but there are a couple of stipulations outstanding, what happens. Cory advised it will be addressed at the 9-3-19 meeting, whether its reconsideration or rescinding of permit. **Kevin made a motion to approve; seconded by Bevan.** Jared asked if this should be approved subject to all requirements/conditions being met or it will be revoked. **Kevin amended his motion to include that this is approved subject to all conditions/requirements being met; seconded by Bevan.** Cory advised this changes every day. There are meetings today and tomorrow that could result in more changes. **All voted in favor.**

#18-SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT FOR ALIEN STOCK

Connie West addressed the Board concerning the Special Event Permit (SEV) for the Raid Rachel/Alien Stock event scheduled for September 19-23, 2019, sponsored by the Little A'Le'Inn (LALI). Brock Daly was also present. Connie cited she lives in the residential area and discussed the roads being blocked. She anticipated family and friends that are coming to help with the event parking their RVs on her property on Grover Avenue. Connie has been working to secure land from private land owners in Rachel that are adjacent to the LALI for parking/camping. Connie provided a map/layout of vendor locations, parking, etc. Connie is working to keep the event to one area. Parking along the frontage road will be on the south side of Hwy 375 on the other side of the drainage ditch. This area will be used for self-contained RVs and media. The music doesn't start until 8 p.m. Friday and will be shut down by 2 a.m., allowing for clean-up and downtime. There will be music from noon to 2 a.m. on the 20th and 21st. Connie advised they don't intend for any roads to be closed in Rachel. However, blocking the main entry from the highway to LALI would allow them to control access to parking easier with little confusion for parking staff and traffic control. Everything within the event will be self-powered. Connie will be renting two 5,000 watt generators for the use of the vendors. Bevan advised these generators will most likely not be enough. No one will be allowed to plug into LC Power for any reason. All vendor information will be included on the website, alienstockparking.com and alienstockfestival.com. Temporary business license applications will be included on the website; hopefully they will be able to print them off and return them to the county in a timely manner. Connie has invited all of the LC food trucks to participate. Trash bins will be ordered this week; they'll have 2 30 ft. roll-offs. They have a trash crew coming. Connie has been contacted by a satellite provider concerning cell service. There will be extra internet around Rachel, one for the vendors and

one for Connie's business to run as well. Connie is planning security and medical based on a turnout of 10,000 attendees. This will be one officer per every 100 people. Medical will be both stationary and roaming. Connie will be fencing the main event in; there will be bag checks. No backpacks or purses will be allowed inside the main event. 30 port-a-johns have already been ordered and there will be a total of 100 at the event (6 of which are ADA). Medical needs will be met by Guardian Elite Medical Services. A free water station is going to be set up; Davis Drilling is assisting in the manifold and pressure tank installation. Connie has secured a semi-truck (refrigerated); one half will have bottled water and the other half will be full of ice. There is a back-up truck on standby for delivery if they run low. Bevan commented the downtime is when mischief will happen. Connie advised Friday is for completion of setup and addressing loose ends. The 19th will be for early comers. Bevan asked, besides the two music periods, are there other events happening. It's music and hanging out. There is a possible book signing at the LALI). Individuals are not allowed to have camp fires at all. There will be one or two campsites that allow fires but security will be posted; Connie is working on logistics and will keep these away from anything that can burn. A neighbor has offered to have their water truck standby at the event area just in case. Bevan asked if they have any considerations for dust control. Connie responded they'll do their best. The ground can't be wet or people can't put their tent on it. Connie advised they can try to keep the dust down to the best of their ability. Jared asked if they will have a cutoff number for the event. 10,000 is the cutoff as that's about all they can contain. They can put 150 cars on 1 acre. 5-10 acres is being used for the main event area. They have about 55-60 acres for parking alone. Jared asked Cory Lytle where we're at on this permit. Things continue to change daily, Cory advised. Connie maintains daily contact with Cory. Cory stated he wants to see the NDOT issue addressed as well as more fine tuning on the map. This item is very similar to the one previously discussed. Cory has many questions and thinks we should approach this the same way. This event is more complicated as it is in the middle of a community. We need to consider personal private property. Cory cited contractual obligations that are moving forward. Connie responded she wasn't aware she had to speak with NDOT. Sheriff Kerry Lee asked if there is any way to close off the streets to nonresidents. Kerry isn't opposed to closing some of the roads, but the problem is manning them 24/7. Logistically, Kerry had no idea how we would cover that given that we are covering events in Rachel, Tikapoo, and Hiko. Signage can be erected but there wouldn't be anyone who can enforce it. Signage might help divert some of the problems. Joerg Arnu asked for a copy of the maps. Connie responded she has no problem providing the information to anyone as long as they don't go out to the world. There will be multiple officers in the area who will also be patrolling the residential areas. The event promoter has set up security for the event; where does Connie's security end and the LCSO meet? Connie responded their security is set up in the event that someone needs someone; it provides someone be there in case anyone needs something. When information is presented in this meeting, it becomes public. Jared asked if there is a way to keep the maps confidential. No, Dylan responded. Once they're filed here, they're public record. Kerry commented this is why these special events require medical and security; local resources shouldn't be exhausted. Kerry doesn't want to deal with the event; he is dealing with infractions of the law. If the security officers choose to roam the general area that's fine, but they must be at the event. The same goes for medical. Communication prior to the event is important and they will be working on it before the event takes place. Bevan commented if parking passes are being issued, one of the things that helps with traffic and flow is scheduling arrival time. LALI has special event insurance of \$1 million as required by the county. They've made sure LC is on the policy. The policy is through Dolan & Edwards in Caliente, NV. The Hidden Sound LLC has also been required to have a \$10 million dollar insurance policy that includes bad acts coverage. Joerg asked who will be getting the money for the media parking on public land. Cory responded it isn't public land; it's NDOT right-of-way or county land. If it's on frontage road, owned and maintained by the county/NDOT, the question becomes what NDOT would like to see on the encroachment permit. Connie advised the media will be moved over onto her land and will not take responsibility for people parking there. Regardless, people are going to park there. **Bevan made a motion to approve the Special Events Permit for the Alien Stock subject to all conditions and requirements being met; seconded by Kevin. All voted in favor.**

#19-GRANTS

This was the time and place set for public hearing for discussion of possible state community development block grant (CDBG) applications. Grants Administrator Elaine Zimmerman presented this item. Notices were put out. Normally we have been outside their parameters without the income survey. However, Pioche was 60% or better LMI according to the HUD data we're using. We will not have to do the income survey. We're looking at a possibility of moving forward with applications this year. Funding this year is approximately \$2 million. We will

hold two more public hearings, including one wherein project proposals are presented. The Board will determine which projects it wants to move forward with at the third meeting. **Bevan moved to open the public hearing.** Varlin called for public hearing. Nathan Adams, PPU Manager, questioned Elaine. Nathan will work with Elaine on a possible project proposal. There was some discussion about eligible types of projects as well as potentially eligible entities. **Jared made a motion to close the public hearing; seconded by Bevan. All voted in favor.**

#20-LINCOLN COUNTY REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

Jeff Fontaine, LC Regional Development Authority, presented an update on programs and activities. They're working on the industrial park and continue to pursue various grants. LCRDA applied for, and was awarded, a grant for the off-highway vehicle commission to install kiosks in Alamo, Panaca, Pioche and two in Caliente. LCRDA is hoping to see NDOT install the community service signs; they've committed to installing two for each community. LCRDA is advertising for clubs/churches to put their names on the signs, which will be located on NDOT rights-of-way. LCRDA continues to meet concerning broadband. Flooding is a big issue around the county; Jeff is working with Caliente and NDOT to address flooding in the City. The two bridges on US 93 at Caliente are projects that need to be dealt with. LCRDA is working on railroad access, which is a huge impediment to the community. LCRDA continues to work on their many partnerships. PJ utilization is of concern; there is an individual who is interested in working here, QuanVerge. Outdoor recreation continues to grow here and so does the potential for new businesses. LCRDA continues to talk to people about what needs to be done to grow their industries, including mining and agriculture. Government will always be a staple here in the county. 9 new positions for Caliente Youth Center were approved by the Legislature. One of the keys to development in LC will be the LC Lands Bill version 2. Louis Benezet commented that Pioche is especially attractive to tourists. The county recently acquired a couple of properties, the Mt. View Hotel and the old Pioche Mine. Louis cited these two structures are worth saving. No action was taken on this item.

#21-APPOINTMENT TO LINCOLN COUNTY REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

Kevin made a motion to table this item; seconded by Jared. All voted in favor.

#22-APPOINTMENT OF HOSPITAL BOARD TRUSTEE

Kevin made a motion to appoint Sharon Dirks to the LC Hospital Board; seconded by Jared. All voted in favor.

#23-LC COURTHOUSE IMPROVEMENTS

Bevan made a motion to approve the upgrades to the Recorder/Auditor's and Clerk's offices in the approximate amount of \$9,000 (to be paid via Fund 129); seconded by Kevin. All voted in favor.

#24-PANACA TOWN BOARD/PANACA FARMSTEAD AGREEMENT

Kevin made a motion to approve the contract agreement between Panaca Town Board and Panaca Farmstead for work performed as described in the scope of work; seconded by Bevan. All voted in favor. Jared was absent for the vote.

#25-NEVADA CLEAN ENERGY FUND BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Kevin made a motion to appoint Dave Luttrell to the NV Clean Energy Fund board of directors; seconded by Bevan. All voted in favor. Jared was absent for the vote.

#26-TAX STRIKE

Kevin made a motion to approve the tax strike for Dan Pilchard, APN 003-131-01 (striking 2,755 assessed as mobile home was missed under vet exemption); seconded by Bevan. All voted in favor.

#27-TAX STRIKE

Kevin made a motion to approve the tax strike for Nevada Land & Ranches LLC (striking 5,320 new assessed due to parcel trade to LC for bin site); seconded by Bevan. All voted in favor.

#28-TAX STRIKE

Kevin made a motion to approve the tax strike for the Air Force, APN 009-012-53 (assessed 1,022,676, new assessed 27,080,207 per agreement); seconded by Bevan. All voted in favor.

#29-CONTRACT BETWEEN LC/DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Kevin made a motion to approve the signing of the interlocal contract with the Department of Health and Human Services for their county match services; seconded by Bevan. All voted in favor.

#30-GRANTS

Bevan made a motion to approve signing the Aging and Disability Services Division notice of subaward revision to the home delivered meals fixed fee award in the amount of \$2,789; seconded by Kevin. All voted in favor.

#31-QUARTERLY JAIL TOUR

Jared and Varlin toured the jail. They're short-staffed and losing more individuals to retirement. The facility is running well; they have more female inmates than they've had before. They have over 60 inmates. They need electrical work done in the dispatch room. Kevin advised we need to solicit the interest of another female jailer or two. This was a report only; no action taken.

#32-COMMISSIONER REPORTS

COMMISSIONER VARLIN HIGBEE attended the airport meeting. People have been flying in, using the car, and leaving tips and donations at the Panaca Airport. COMMISSIONER BEVAN LISTER has fielded several phone calls. Bevan was invited to go to Washington, DC, to be present when the new endangered species regs were signed. Bevan went to Lake Tahoe with Western States Caucus last week. COMMISSIONER KEVIN PHILLIPS reported he got a new grandchild.

#33-PUBLIC COMMENT

Varlin called for public comment. Louis Benezet asked that he be allowed to discuss the Mt. View Hotel next month. Louis would like the structural issues to be looked at closely. He would like to move things around so that can better be viewed. Windows need to be fixed as to doors/locks. Cory Lytle advised they've been doing bi-weekly phone calls with regards to the 400-acre landfill site. USFW owns 26 acres of it; they're working through it. There are ROWs to be addressed. Things continue to move forward. The new roll off truck is in service.

#34-ADJOURN

There being no further business for the Board to attend to, the meeting was adjourned at 1:54 p.m.

Attest: _____ Approve: _____