

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF CHURCHILL COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

155 N. Taylor St., Fallon, NV 89406

April 3, 2025

Call to Order:

The regular meeting of the Board of County Commissioners was called to order at 8:15 AM on April 3, 2025.

PRESENT:

Commissioner Myles Getto
Commissioner Eric Blakey
Commissioner Matt Hyde
County Manager Jim Barbee
Comptroller Sherry Wideman
Deputy District Attorney Joseph Sanford
Clerk/Treasurer Linda Rothery
Deputy Clerk Crystal Muschetto
Deputy Clerk to the Board Pam Moore

ABSENT:

Pledge of Allegiance:

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by the board and public.

Public Comment:

Chair Getto asked if there was any public comment but there was none.

Verification of the Posting of the Agenda:

It was verified by Crystal Muschetto, Deputy Clerk, that the Agenda for this meeting was posted on the 28th day of March, 2025, between the hours of 1:00 and 5:00 PM at all of the locations listed on the Agenda, in accordance with NRS 241.

Consideration and possible action re: Approval of Agenda as submitted or revised:

Commissioner Matt Hyde made a motion to approve the Agenda as submitted.
Commissioner Eric Blakey seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

Consideration and possible action re: Approval of Minutes of the meeting held on:

A- March 6, 2025.

The Minutes of the meeting held on March 6, 2025 are presented for the board's consideration and approval.

FISCAL IMPACT: N/A

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: N/A

FUNDING SOURCE: N/A

ACTION REQUESTED: Accept

Commissioner Eric Blakey made a motion to approve the Minutes of the meeting held on March 6, 2025 as presented. Commissioner Matt Hyde seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

Appointments:

A- Recognition in appreciation of Matt Johnson for his volunteer work of time and resources to improve the girls' softball fields on North Maine Street, Fallon, Nevada.

Matt Johnson has generously volunteered his time and resources to improve the girls' softball fields on North Maine Street. On those three fields, he has refurbished the backstops, repaired the fencing, and replaced the pump house roof on his own time on the weekends, outside of his regular job. His pride in his work is evident in the way the fields now look. He has been involved with the girls' softball league for about 15 years and served as president of the league for 6 years. All three of his girls, currently or in the past, played in the league. Churchill County leadership truly appreciates his timeless efforts in improving the functionality and appearance of the ball fields to carry them through until the fields can be overhauled with SNPLMA funding.

FISCAL IMPACT: N/A

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: N/A

FUNDING SOURCE: N/A

ACTION REQUESTED: Other

County Manager, Jim Barbee praised Matt Johnson for his exceptional dedication and hard work with the local softball league, highlighting not just his efforts on the fields but also his involvement with the players and the community. Mr. Barbee shared a personal note, mentioning how Mr. Johnson's commitment has directly impacted his own daughter, reflecting the deep and personal investment Mr. Johnson has made over the past several years.

Echoing this sentiment, Jesse Segura expressed heartfelt gratitude for Mr. Johnson's volunteer efforts, noting that he has taken personal initiative. Mr. Johnson has used his own time and money to improve the softball fields, including work on the backstops. Jesse emphasized how Mr. Johnson's passion, leadership, and community spirit serve as a source of pride, saying he represents the kind of citizen who makes our community stronger. In closing, both Mr. Barbee and Mr. Segura formally acknowledged Mr. Johnson's contributions, offering him sincere thanks for everything he's done.

In a heartfelt continuation of the conversation, another community member stepped forward to acknowledge the hard work and reliability of Jesse's team, describing them as "Johnny on the Spot" — always showing up when needed, especially for tasks that cannot be done alone. He extended his appreciation to Mr. Johnson, who has consistently been there whenever help was required, not only for him personally but for many others in the community, as well.

When asked by the Lahontan Valley News how he got involved, he simply said, "I had girls." That's where it all started — with his daughters Brooklyn and Ashlyn, who began playing in the local T-Ball league. He reflected on his roots, growing up in a small town where, like here, the facilities may not have been flashy like in bigger cities, such as Reno, but the heart of the

community more than made up for it. He remembered a man from his childhood who tirelessly maintained the baseball fields. When he asked the man why he did it, the answer stuck with him: because the community gave so much to him and even though he couldn't play anymore, he wanted to give back.

At the time, that sentiment did not quite register with him as a 13-year-old, but now, as a father and coach, it makes perfect sense. He admitted baseball was always his sport but he has come to admire the passion and resilience of the young girls playing softball today. Even in rough conditions, like playing all week in the snow. They have shown more heart and determination than he could have imagined. He shared a touching story about preparing for Opening Day on a cold Friday night. As he worked on the fields, cars started pulling into the lot. At first, he thought he would have to turn people away from practicing but instead, those cars belonged to his kids, former players, and other young people from the program. They had come not to practice, but to help, simply because they cared.

He expressed pride and gratitude in being a part of such a dedicated and tight-knit community.

Mr. Barbee shared the good news of the approved \$10 million investment to improve the ball fields this fall. He noted that planning and design would soon begin and emphasized that Mr. Johnson's input would be essential at the table as they move forward.

This matter was done for the recognition of Matt Johnson and no action was taken.

B- Consideration and possible action re: Adoption of a Joint Proclamation with Churchill County and the City of Fallon designating April 2025 as Child Abuse Prevention and Awareness Month.

Annually, April is a time to build awareness of child abuse and community response to prevention. The community requests that April 2025 again be proclaimed as Child Abuse Prevention and Awareness month to support increased awareness, to build family unity groups, and further access to services to reduce abuse.

The kick-off will be held at the Millennium Park on April 4, 2025, at 10:00am. We ask all to join us for the reading of the Official Proclamation and words from community leaders.

Churchill County Social Services will provide an overview of the activities to be held and what the community can do to help support the effort in our area.

FISCAL IMPACT: N/A

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: N/A

FUNDING SOURCE: N/A

ACTION REQUESTED: Accept

Brittney Burton, Office Specialist and Program Coordinator, shared that Churchill County receives over 300 reports of child abuse and neglect each year. In recognition of this serious issue, April is observed nationally as Child Abuse Prevention Month, a time dedicated to

raising awareness, educating communities, and promoting strong family connections and healthy relationships.

Churchill County will kick off its month-long campaign tomorrow with a series of symbolic and community-driven events, including "Painting the Town Blue," planting pinwheels, dyeing the fountain blue, and the reading of a joint proclamation at Millennium Park at 10:00 AM. Throughout April, residents can look forward to free, family-friendly events aimed at promoting community unity and awareness. Highlights include the Family Carnival at the William N. Pennington Life Center on April 24th from 5:30 to 7:30 PM, and a sponsored movie showing of Inside Out at the Fallon Theater on April 25th and 26th at 6:30 PM. A full calendar of events are available on the Churchill County Social Services Facebook page and website. Community members are encouraged to wear blue every Friday in April to show their support for child abuse prevention.

Chair Getto asked if there was any public comment but there was none.

Commissioner Matt Hyde made a motion to adopt the Joint Proclamation declaring April 2025 as Child Abuse Prevention and Awareness Month, as presented. Commissioner Eric Blakey seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

8:15 AM C- Consideration and possible action re: Approval of the appointment of Brad Dolan as the new Fire Marshal for the Fallon Churchill Volunteer Fire Department.

FISCAL IMPACT: N/A

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: N/A

FUNDING SOURCE: N/A

ACTION REQUESTED: Accept

Churchill County Manager Jim Barbee announced that, following a thorough interview process conducted by the Fire Board, Brad Dolan has been selected to serve as the county's new Fire Marshal. He will be replacing Mitch Young, who is retiring from the role. The two will work alongside one another during a transition period to ensure continuity and a smooth handoff of responsibilities.

Commissioner Eric Blakey, who serves on the Fire Board, acknowledged the high caliber of candidates and commended the board for their work in making the selection. The county looks forward to working with Mr. Dolan in his new role and extends its appreciation to Mr. Young for his years of dedicated service to the community.

Chair Getto asked if there was any public comment but there was none.

Commissioner Eric Blakey made a motion to ratify the hiring of Brad Dolan as Fire Marshal for the Fallon Churchill Volunteer Fire Department. Commissioner Matt Hyde seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

D- Consideration and possible action re: Appointment of Tina Grainer to serve an unexpired term on the Park and Recreation Commission through June 30, 2026.

The Churchill County Park and Recreation Commission is a board appointed by the Board of County Commissioners, authorized and directed to make recommendations and advise the County Commission regarding matters relating to Churchill County Park and Recreation facilities and programs per NRS 2.48. The Park and Recreation Commission is comprised of seven (7) members, one of whom shall be a member of the Churchill County Board of County Commissioners and one of whom shall be a member of the Board of Trustees of the Churchill County School District, with the remaining five (5) members appointed by the Churchill County Board of Commissioners. The term of all commissioners shall be for four (4) years. Member Matt Johnson was serving a term through June 30, 2026 but vacated his seat early.

The Park & Recreation Director interviewed Tina Grainer for another board vacancy and discussed the current composition of the Park and Recreation Commission. Recommendation is being made to appoint Tina Grainer to serve the unexpired term through June 30, 2026, with consideration that the candidate has a clear understanding of the duties and responsibilities related to this position and bring board experience to the position.

FISCAL IMPACT: N/A

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: N/A

FUNDING SOURCE: N/A

ACTION REQUESTED: Accept

County Manager Jim Barbee announced a vacancy on the Park and Recreation Commission following the early departure of a previous member. Tina Grainer, who had previously expressed interest in serving the community and applied for several other boards, was identified as a strong candidate for the role. After confirming her willingness to serve, the county brought forward a recommendation to appoint Ms. Grainer to fill the remainder of the vacated term through June 30, 2026.

Commissioner Hyde asked Mr. Barbee to clarify the use of Tina Grainer's original application, which was submitted for the Cemetery Board, in recommending her for the Park and Recreation Commission. Mr. Barbee explained that the application forms for advisory boards are the same, differing only in the board title. After confirming Ms. Grainer's interest in serving on the Park and Recreation Commission, staff proceeded with the recommendation based on her existing application.

Chair Getto asked if there was any public comment but there was none.

Commissioner Matt Hyde made a motion to appoint Tina Grainer to the Churchill County Park and Recreation Commission to fill an unexpired term through June 30, 2026. Commissioner Eric Blakey seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

E- Consideration and possible action re: A Zone Change Application filed by Thomas Inglis for property located at 2150 Mount View Drive, Assessor's Parcel Number 008-811-06, consisting of 1.09 acres in the E-1 zoning district, whereby the Applicant is requesting to change the zoning of the parcel from E-1 to C-1 for this property that has always been used for commercial business.

The applicant is requesting to change the zoning on the subject parcel from the existing E-1 single family zoning district to a commercial zone – either C-1 or C-2. The subject property was always used for commercial purposes since its construction in the 1970s. When zoning was established in this area, this lot was not included with the adjacent commercial properties and was designated residential. Since it was used for a commercial operation prior to the zoning designation, it was able to continue the nonconforming use until a year after the cessation of the business when it lost its pre-existing nonconformance per Churchill County Code 16.04.060. The staff report goes into more detail regarding the history and outlining conformance with county code requirements, and a copy is attached for your review and consideration. The Planning Commission recommended approval of the zoning map amendment application at their March 12, 2025 meeting, and an excerpt is also attached for your review.

FISCAL IMPACT: N/A

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: N/A

FUNDING SOURCE: N/A

ACTION REQUESTED: Accept

Dean Patterson, Senior Planner for Public Works, presented a request to rezone a parcel currently designated E-1 (single-family residential) to C-1 (neighborhood commercial). The original application was initiated by a potential buyer intending to establish a retail butcher shop; however, that party later withdrew from the sale. The property's current owner, Mr. English, chose to continue the rezone process independently.

According to the staff report and historical context provided by the owner, the subject property—as well as two adjacent homes—were developed in the early 1970s. The owner built and operated a construction contracting business on the parcel and constructed the homes on either side. At the time, the area to the north was agricultural land, which has since been zoned C-2 (general commercial). Despite this property's established commercial use predating surrounding residential development, it was zoned residential when the current zoning map was created, rendering the business non-conforming.

The business use on the property ceased for more than one year, causing it to lose its non-conforming status under county code. Approving the rezone would allow commercial activity to continue legally and prevent the property from being required to convert to residential use.

The staff report outlined two main criteria and several sub-criteria necessary for a zoning change. In summary, staff found that the proposed rezone would not significantly alter the neighborhood, as commercial use already exists on the site and in the surrounding area. Staff recommended the parcel be zoned C-1 to align with nearby residential uses, as C-2 was considered too intensive. The Planning Commission reviewed the request and also recommended approval for a C-1 zoning designation.

During the discussion, Commissioner Blakey asked whether a future rezoning back to E-1 would be possible if the building became unsuitable for commercial use. Mr. Patterson confirmed that such a request would be a relatively simple process, though he noted that the current building configuration is not ideal for residential purposes.

Chair Getto asked if there was any public comment but there was none.

Commissioner Eric Blakey made a motion to approve the zoning map amendment for Thomas Inglis on 2150 Mount View Drive, Assessor's Parcel Number 008-811-06, to change the zoning from E-1 to C-1. Commissioner Matt Hyde seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

F- Consideration and possible action re: Application for Funding from Churchill County to support a community program for the Fallon Animal Welfare Group (FAWG), in the sum of \$3,000.00, for the ongoing efforts to control the stray cat population with spaying and neutering, housing for adoption, and treating with medical attention as needed.

The Fallon Animal Welfare Group (FAWG) is a 501(C)(3) non-profit organization established in 2010 by volunteers. FAWG has provided a letter detailing the services provided to the community through their programs aimed to stop the overpopulation of unwanted cats and kittens. FAWG and its all-volunteer members help tackle a problem in our community that others do not offer. One of FAWG's primary goals is to trap, neuter/spay, vaccinate and return (TNVR) cats that are either at ranches, roaming the city streets, or at the Animal Shelter. They also take in kittens with or without mothers and have them neutered/spayed/vaccinated and then adopted to new homes and families. Some of the feral cats are adopted as barn cats after the TNVR program, and they also work with the City of Fallon Animal Shelter for cats they have captured, so that they may be altered and made available as barn cats or adoption.

At the present time, FAWG will TNVR at least 500 cats per year. Since this past December 2023, they have already successfully adopted 119 cats/kittens. On average, FAWG TNVRs 20 cats per week. They have provided a breakdown of their current expenses and detailed information in their application packet. Now that they have a facility with running water, bathrooms, heat/air, they are able to have volunteers such as school-aged children and organized groups visit and socialize the cats and kittens in the facility.

This Application (provided) has been reviewed by the County Manager for completion of required materials and criteria appropriate to warrant county funding (such as: non-profit status, funding sources, community benefit, prior requests, etc.) The Fallon Animal Welfare Group and many other organizations in our community would not be successful if it were not for the level of dedication and commitment provided by volunteers and local funding support.

FISCAL IMPACT: +/- \$3,000.

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: The current amount remaining for FY24 in the Miscellaneous Grants line item is: \$4,340. While the Community Support Budget (100-401) has various line items, most of them have been expended or are committed for FY25.

FUNDING SOURCE: Community Support / Miscellaneous Grants: 100-401-70300

ACTION REQUESTED: Accept

Charlie Arciniega of the Family Animal Welfare Group (FAWG) is a dedicated, all-volunteer cat rescue and adoption organization committed to the welfare of feline companions in our community. As a no-kill shelter, FAWG provides a safe haven for kittens and cats in need, offering them a second chance at life and the opportunity to find loving forever homes.

FAWG operates solely on the generosity of community donations. Our team works tirelessly to raise funds through efforts such as Bingo nights and yard sales, which help sustain our daily operations and veterinary care for the animals. Despite limited resources, our commitment to compassionate care and responsible adoption remains unwavering.

Last year, we were deeply grateful for the generous support received from the Board of County Commissioners, which made a significant impact on our ability to continue serving the community. This year, we respectfully request your continued support, which will directly contribute to saving lives and promoting animal welfare in our county.

Chair Getto asked if there was any public comment but there was none.

Commissioner Matt Hyde made a motion to approve disbursement of funding to the Fallon Animal Welfare Group (FAWG) in the sum of \$3,000.00 from the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 budget. Commissioner Eric Blakey seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

G- Consideration and possible action re: Ratification of an Agreement between the Department of Health and Human Services, Aging and Disability Services Division, and Churchill County Social Services to provide Transportation Program Development Services, in the amount of \$42,000.

Churchill County Social Services has been awarded \$42,000 to support the transportation service development to be implemented October 1, 2025.

The funds are to support an employee to integrate the CART programming into the county organization.

FISCAL IMPACT: \$42,000.

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: \$42,000- Personnel.

FUNDING SOURCE: Administration for Community Living (ACL); Older American Act, Title III-B; State Match, III-B FFY24.

ACTION REQUESTED: Accept

Shannon Ernst, Social Services Director, made this presentation as outlined above.

Chair Getto asked if there was any public comment but there was none.

Commissioner Eric Blakey made a motion to approve ratification as presented. Commissioner Matt Hyde seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

H- Consideration and possible action re: Approval of a Contract between Churchill County and Carahsoft for the purchase of Verkada security equipment in the amount of \$64,071.00 for increased security at the Social Services WNP Life Center.

Since 2022, the WNP Life Center security cameras have not functioned to allow for proper monitoring, accessing incidents that occurred over three hours prior, and overall would glitch and not record.

Through an Adult and Disabilities Services Division (ADSD) Equipment Grant, a modification was provided funding to support the project, if completed by April 30, 2025.

Further funding was sought from the Nevada Pool / PACT fund Safety Enhancement Grant.

ADSD supports the project to increase security of the facility, equipment, and participants. Fund of \$59,179.91.

Nevada Pool / PACT supports the project to increase safety overall and reduce liability. There will be a hearing on April 1st with the Board for the program to review the request in the amount of \$32,494.94. The outcome will be reported at the time of the Board of County Commissioners' Meeting.

Carahsoft is an approved vendor with the State of Nevada.

Cost break-down

Option 1 - Cost for cameras and door fob system with 10-year licenses equals \$55,466. The 10-year licenses include a discount price for purchasing 10-year rather than 1-year licenses and equals \$3,118.42 per year, totaling \$31,184.25 for ten years. To purchase 1-year licenses would total \$4,074.74 per year.

Option 2 - Cost for expanded door fobs to support restricted access for rentals equals \$8,605. The 10-year licenses include a discount price for purchasing 10-year rather than 1-year licenses and equals \$599.70 per year, totaling \$5,997.00 for ten years. To purchase 1-year licenses would total \$783.61 per year.

Both Options \$64,071.00

Funding Scenerio 1 for Verkada security equipment and installation:

ADSD \$59,179.91

Pool / PACT, if approved April 1st, \$32,494.94

County (required 10% by Pool / PACT) after ADSD \$10,831.65

Funding Scenario 2 for Verkada security equipment and installation, if not funded by Pool / PACT:

Only take option 1: reduced door fobs

Carahsoft \$55,466.00

Verkada \$25,219.09

ADSD \$59,179.91

County \$ 21,505.18

FISCAL IMPACT: \$102,506.49 for Scenerio 1

\$80,685.09 for Scenerio 2

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: Funding Scenerio 1:

ADSD \$59,179.91

Pool / PACT, if approved April 1st, \$32,494.94

County (required 10% by Pool / PACT) after ADSD \$10,831.65

Funding Scenario 2, if not funded by Pool / PACT:

Only take option 1: reduced door fobs

Carahosoft \$55,466.00

Verkada \$25,219.09

ADSD \$59,179.91

County \$ 21,505.18

FUNDING SOURCE: State ADSD

State of Nevada Pool / PACT

County Senior Citizen Tax Levy - Capital Improvements, current balance of \$10,000, would need transfer from reserves based on the approved scenario.

ACTION REQUESTED: Accept

Shannon Ernst, Social Services Director, made this presentation as outlined above.

Chair Getto asked if there was any public comment but there was none.

Commissioner Matt Hyde made a motion to approve the purchase of the Verkada security equipment in the amount of \$64,071.00 and to authorize the Director to execute agreements for scenario option 2. Commissioner Eric Blakey seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

I- Consideration and possible action re: Approval of a Contract between Churchill County and PAC States for the wiring and installation of a security camera system in the amount of \$38,435.49 for increased security at the William N. Pennington Life Center.

Since 2022, the WNP Life Center security cameras have not functioned to allow for proper monitoring, accessing incidents that occurred over three hours prior, and overall would glitch and not record.

Through an Adult and Disabilities Services Division (ADSD) Equipment Grant, a modification was provided funding to support the project, if completed by April 30, 2025.

Further funding was sought from the Nevada Pool / PACT fund Safety Enhancement Grant.

ADSD supports the project to increase security of the facility, equipment, and participants. Fund of \$59,179.91.

Nevada Pool / PACT supports the project to increase safety overall and reduce liability. There will be a hearing on April 1st with the Board for the program to review the request in the amount of \$32,494.94. The outcome will be reported at the time of the Board of County Commissioners Meeting.

PAC States cost breakdown

Option 1 - Wiring and installation of cameras and door fobs \$25,219.09

Option 2 - Expanded door fob wiring \$13,216.40

Funding Scenerio 1 for Verkada security equipment and installation:

ADSD \$59,179.91

Pool / PACT, if approved April 1st, \$32,494.94

County (required 10% by Pool / PACT) after ADSD \$10,831.65

Funding Scenario 2 for Verkada security equipment and installation, if not funded by Pool / PACT:

Only take option 1: reduced door fobs

Carahosoft \$55,466.00

Verkada \$25,219.09

ADSD \$59,179.91

County \$ 21,505.18

FISCAL IMPACT: \$102,506.49 for Scenerio 1

\$80,685.09 for Scenerio 2

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: Funding Scenerio 1:

ADSD \$59,179.91

Pool / PACT, if approved April 1st, \$32,494.94

County (required 10% by Pool / PACT) after ADSD \$10,831.65

Funding Scenario 2, if not funded by Pool / PACT:

Only take option 1: reduced door fobs

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Verkada \$25,219.09

ADSD \$59,179.91

County \$ 21,505.18

FUNDING SOURCE: State ADSD

State of Nevada Pool / PACT

County Senior Citizen Tax Levy - Capital Improvements, current balance of \$10,000, would need transfer from reserves based on the approved scenario.

ACTION REQUESTED: Accept

Shannon Ernst, Social Services Director, made this presentation as outlined above.

Chair Getto asked if there was any public comment but there was none.

Commissioner Eric Blakey made a motion to approve an agreement between Churchill County and PAC States for the wiring and installation of a security camera system in the amount of \$38,435.49 and to authorize the Director to execute agreements for scenario option 2. Commissioner Matt Hyde seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

J- Consideration and possible action re: Approval of the Agreement and Release of All Claims related to the property located at 1335 Moody Lane, Fallon, Nevada, APN 008-292-14, in the amount of \$25,000.

The Agreement and Release of All Claims for the Moody Lane Property Provides \$25,000 to the property owners of 1335 Moody Ln, Fallon, NV, APN 008-292-14, for the installation of a new septic system and to perform any and all repairs to the property. This Agreement ensures the future success of Churchill County's sewer and wastewater treatment plant and releases the county of any and all claims relating to the property, whether known or unknown.

FISCAL IMPACT: \$25,000.

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT:

FUNDING SOURCE: Waste Water Fund

ACTION REQUESTED: Accept

Joseph Sanford, Senior Deputy District Attorney - Civil, made this presentation as outlined above.

Chair Getto asked if there was any public comment but there was none.

Commissioner Matt Hyde made a motion to approve the Agreement and Release of All Claims on the Moody Lane Property, in the amount of \$25,000. Commissioner Eric Blakey seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

Legislative Update:

A- Consideration and possible action re: Update on the status of all Bills in the 2025 Nevada Legislature and support or opposition to any Bill that has an impact on county government or the citizens of Churchill County.

Staff will provide an update on the status of all Bills in the 2025 Nevada Legislature and may seek support or opposition to any Bill that has an impact on county government or the citizens of Churchill County.

FISCAL IMPACT: N/A

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: N/A

FUNDING SOURCE: N/A

ACTION REQUESTED: Accept

Joseph Sanford, Senior Deputy District Attorney, provided an overview of several bills introduced during the current Legislative Session, many of which are being supported and advanced by the Nevada Association of Counties (NACO) on behalf of county governments.

Assembly Bill 70 (AB70) was introduced to enhance local input in the renewable energy development process. If passed, the bill would allow Boards of County Commissioners to submit written comments on renewable energy facility applications within their jurisdictions. These comments would be formally considered by the Director of the Office of Energy within the Governor's Office. The bill has already had its initial hearing and is actively supported by NACO, as it relates not only to renewable energy but also to tax abatements affecting counties.

Two additional bills, Senate Bill 65 (SB65) and Senate Bill 73 (SB73), address issues related to public records. SB65 aims to clarify which medical examiner records are considered public, providing the necessary guidance given the sensitive and sometimes graphic nature of these

documents. SB73 proposes a balance in voter signature transparency—allowing the public to inspect registered voter signatures without requiring the release of signature copies, thereby preserving voter privacy.

Mr. Sanford also discussed Assembly Bill 27 (AB27), which offers greater flexibility for counties hiring retirees from the Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS). The bill would allow retired PERS members to return to work for the county on a full-time or contract basis without jeopardizing their retirement benefits, provided the contract is under \$100,000 and the county employs no more than four such individuals at a time. Although employers would still pay into PERS, this bill presents an option for staffing that does not currently exist—particularly useful when the position is not classified as a “critical need” or extends beyond the current two-year limitation.

Assembly Bill 80 (AB80) proposes the creation of a nine-member board, dedicated to promoting soil health and encouraging agricultural practices that support long-term sustainability. While the bill does not impose direct costs on counties, it opens the door to beneficial information and guidance.

Several appropriation bills were also highlighted as potential funding opportunities for local governments:

AB108 would allocate \$1 million from the State General Fund to the Outdoor Education and Recreation Grant Program, which frequently awards grants to local governments.

AB127 proposes a \$5 million appropriation to the Office for New Americans to support counties and cities in implementing language access plans—an increasingly critical need when translation services are requested for public meetings or community forums. This bill would offer a long-awaited funding source for such services.

AB152 addresses challenges with public records management. It would exempt state and local government entities from producing public records that have already been lawfully disposed of, according to an approved retention schedule. Given the frequency of requests for long-discarded records, this bill would provide clarity and reduce the administrative burden when confirming the availability or lawful absence of older documents.

Mr. Sanford continued his Legislative update with an overview of additional bills relevant to the county's governance and operations.

Assembly Bill 211 (AB211) proposes streamlined procedures for local governments to intervene when residential properties fall into disrepair or violate building and housing codes. While some authority currently exists, the process is often burdensome. This bill would make it easier for counties to address neglected, unsafe, or partially destroyed structures, which is a recurring issue in many communities.

Assembly Bill 363 (AB363) would empower Boards of County Commissioners or multiple boards acting jointly, to request the State Engineer establish a Groundwater Board in designated

groundwater basins. If approved, the board would consist of seven members appointed by the State Engineer, with a non-voting member appointed by County Commissioners. This bill is particularly relevant to Churchill County, where it could increase local influence in water management for basins such as Basin 101. Having already been heard twice, it is expected to advance.

Assembly Bill 415 (AB415) addresses the challenges of removing and disposing of abandoned vehicles, particularly in areas such as the county fairgrounds. Current processes are hindered by low compensation for towing services and a lack of funding. This bill would provide additional funds to towing companies, potentially removing the financial burden from counties and encouraging more cooperation from towing services in removing blighted vehicles.

Senate Bill 69 (SB69) relates to the taxation of data centers. Though it has a limited immediate impact on Churchill County, it would ensure that businesses operating within data centers are taxed appropriately and not inadvertently granted tax abatements.

Senate Joint Resolution 4 (SJR4) is a resolution urging federal recognition of the need for coordinated land-use planning between federal agencies, tribal governments, and local communities. While its effectiveness is uncertain, the resolution promotes unified land management strategies and is worthy of support.

Assembly Bill (AB33) seeks to create a Nevada Office of the Inspector General with authority to audit and investigate local governments. Since local government operations are already subject to public oversight, this bill may impose redundant and costly oversight at the expense of counties.

Assembly Bill (AB128) proposes establishing a Public Records Ombudsman to oversee public records requests. With existing judicial mechanisms in place for enforcing such requests, the added layer of state oversight appears unnecessary and offers limited benefit.

Senate Bill (SB100) mandates that county clerks only use state-approved voting equipment vendors and obtain approval before making changes. It also includes a controversial provision that could impose felony charges on public officials for delays in certifying elections, raising concerns about undue criminal liability for county clerks.

Mr. Sanford concluded his presentation by highlighting Senate Bill (SB423), a bill with potentially significant fiscal implications. The bill would expand health districts' responsibilities to include mental health services, which could be a positive development for counties. He advised continued monitoring of the bill due to its potential benefits and financial impact.

Mr. Barbee provided an update on the state budget process, noting that, while major budget decisions (e.g., education and employee pay) will be made at the end of the session, less significant agency budgets are already being finalized. He added that April 11 marked the deadline for bills to pass their first committee unless exempt, signaling a winding down of the

Legislative Session. By April 22, all non-exempt bills must pass their first house to remain active, although there are procedural ways for some to be revived.

During the discussion, Commissioner Getto raised a question about Senate Bill (SB108), a bill introduced by Senator Robin Titus related to local authority over navigable rivers. Specifically, it would allow local entities to clean and manage their waterways, an issue relevant to the Carson River Watershed. Mr. Sanford acknowledged familiarity with the bill and agreed to investigate it further. Mr. Barbee strongly recommended support, noting limitations on the county's authority north of Sheckler Bridge due to the Army Corps of Engineers jurisdiction. Commissioner Getto suggested adding SB108 to the list of supported bills.

Commissioner Blakey inquired about whether AB415 and SB69 were supported by NACO. Mr. Sanford confirmed both were. Regarding Senate Joint Resolution 4, which is not currently on NACO's list, Mr. Sanford expressed no objection to the county endorsing it.

The only bills discussed not on NACO's support list were SB423 (mental health services for health districts) and SB108 (local river management). Both Commissioner Blakey and Commissioner Getto expressed their support for including SB423 on the county's support list.

Chair Getto asked if there was any public comment but there was none.

Commissioner Eric Blakey made a motion to support all bills supported by NACO that benefit our county, as well as SB423 and SB108, after review of the bill by Joseph Sanford to make sure it is acceptable for the county. Furthermore, to support NACO's opposition to AB33, AB128, and SB100. Commissioner Matt Hyde seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

Letters Received:

A- Bureau of Land Management's notification of the Callaghan Wild Horse Complex Habitat Management Evaluation and public comment period associated therewith.

The Bureau of Land Management provides notification of the Callaghan Wild Horse Complex Habitat Management Evaluation and public comment period associated therewith. The Callaghan Complex includes the Bald Mountain, Callahan, Hickison Summit (north of U.S. Hwy. 50), and South Shoshone Herd Management Areas. The complex encompasses approximately 1,145,515 acres and lies entirely within Lander County, Nevada.

This report is not a decision subject to administrative appeal but is an opportunity to identify key issues, management goals and objectives, and potential actions for the process of developing a Herd Management Area Plan for the Callaghan Complex.

The interested public is invited to submit comments, issues, alternatives, recommendations, or other input for inclusion into the Herd Management Area Plan. Additional information may be found at the BLM National NEPA Register (DOI-BLM-NV-B010-2025-0006-EA) where comments may be submitted through the "Participate Now" option (preferred). Comments with the subject line "Callaghan Complex" may be emailed to BLM-NV-BMDOwebmail@blm.gov.

FISCAL IMPACT: N/A

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: N/A

FUNDING SOURCE: N/A

ACTION REQUESTED: None; Informational Only

B- Nevada Division of Environmental Protection's notification. Response to comments and Revised Second Draft Preliminary Assessment Report for Naval Air Station's B-19 Range, Off-Range Ordnance Area.

The Nevada Division of Environmental Protection (NDEP) provides notification of its response to comments and Revised Second Draft Preliminary Assessment Report for Naval Air Station's B-19 Range, Off-Range Ordnance Area. The Revised Draft PA documents are the results of a Preliminary Assessment (PA) for Off-Range Ordnance (ORO) located in the northern portion of the Walker River Paiute Tribe Reservation, adjacent to Naval Air Station (NAS) Fallon Training Complex Target Bravo (B-19), approximately 16 miles south of the NAS Fallon Main Station. The PA is intended to be a limited-scope assessment designed to distinguish between sites that clearly pose little or no threat to human health or the environment and sites that may pose a threat and require further investigation.

The scope of the PA broadly included reviewing available information about historical Navy aircraft training operations and environmental site work, conducting interviews with representatives of the Walker River Paiute Tribe and NAS Fallon and conducting a site visit to help determine the nature and extent of military munitions impacts on Walker River Paiute Tribe land. This information was used to develop a Conceptual Site Model for the ORO Area and determine whether further action is needed.

The Revised Draft PA identified prior environmental site assessments and removal efforts in the ORO Area, both of which occurred outside of the formal Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability ACT (CERCLA) process that is utilized in the current investigation. Site visit information is included in the notice letter.

Based on the results of the assessment, the Revised Draft PA concludes that additional investigation in the ORO Area is warranted. The next step in the CERCLA process is a Site Investigation (SI), which is conducted to gather additional information to support a site decision regarding the need for further investigation or removal action. However, the Revised Draft PA states that the results of the 1989 to 1990 removal action, the 1999 MTADS survey, and the findings from the site visit already document the presence of military munitions on the land surface and subsurface. Therefore, rather than conducting an SI, the Revised Draft PA recommends that the information from these two operations be used to support the planning components of a Remedial Investigation (RI), which is the next step of the CERCLA process.

The RI will be designed to characterize site conditions and evaluate potential remedial options for the ORO Area. The RI may include supplemental investigations, such as geophysical surveys, to provide additional information regarding the extent of subsurface munitions and munitions-related debris. Also, incremental soil sampling may be conducted for the presence of chemical constituents related to munitions and munitions-related items. The Revised Draft PA recommends retaining the current 8,079-acre investigation area for these future investigations.

As an interim action prior to the RI, the Revised Draft PA recommends the use of additional land use controls, such as warning signs, in areas where people enter and travel through the ORO Area.

FISCAL IMPACT: N/A

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: N/A

FUNDING SOURCE: N/A

ACTION REQUESTED: None; Informational Only

C- Bureau of Land Management's notification of its public consultation for the proposed action that would approve a request from Castle Rock Corriente, LLC for the issuance of range improvement authorizing the place of a temporary corral in the Morey grazing allotment known as the Luther Waddle Corral Project in Nye County, Nevada.

Castle Rock Corriente, LLC seeks approval to place a temporary steel-panel corral in the Morey grazing allotment to facilitate cattle movement. The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Tonopah Field Office (TFO) has the authority to permit such temporary structures if no new roads are required. The corral would be in place for up to 30 days on public land in Nye County. A Categorical Exclusion (CX) and cultural inventory will be completed before a decision is issued, with modifications made if necessary. The decision will follow regulations under 43 CFR 4160.

The Proposed Action would authorize a range improvement permit for a temporary steel-panel corral, which will be transported via existing roads and placed at a pre-disturbed site using a portable OK corral trailer. The corral's design ensures minimal ground disturbance, as the panels rest on the surface without requiring digging or insertion. It will be set up in September at the end of the summer allotment's season of use and will remain in place for no more than 30 days. Gathered cattle will be transported from the corral using adjacent roads.

The Morey grazing allotment is a rugged, mountainous area with numerous canyons and gullies, making cattle gathering and movement challenging for Castle Rock Corriente, LLC. In past years, cattle have gone unnoticed in the foothills or evaded roundups, leading to unpermitted livestock drift and extended use of the allotment beyond its designated period. Additionally, the allotment overlaps with crucial mule deer habitat and supports eight BLM Nevada special status species, creating a need to prevent vegetation degradation and improve livestock distribution.

The proposed temporary corral aims to address these issues by providing a holding area for cattle gathered in the northern allotment, allowing them to be trucked to winter allotments or removed from the range. This would help reduce the number of cattle missed during roundups and improve overall management.

This letter invites public, partner, and government feedback on the Proposed Action within the Tonopah Field Office (TFO). Comments must be submitted in writing within 30 days of the letter's posting. For questions, contact Ryan Robles, Natural Resource Specialist, at 775-482-7833 or rarobles@blm.gov.

FISCAL IMPACT: N/A

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: N/A

FUNDING SOURCE: N/A

ACTION REQUESTED: Accept

New Business:

A- Consideration and possible action re: Acceptance of the resignation of County Manager Jim Barbee, effective July 7, 2025.

County Manager Jim Barbee has tendered his resignation as County Manager, effective July 7, 2025. The board will be asked to accept the resignation as requested.

FISCAL IMPACT: N/A

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: N/A

FUNDING SOURCE: N/A

ACTION REQUESTED: Accept

Kim Brontsema, the Human Resource Manager, presented a formal petition regarding the resignation of County Manager Jim Barbee. She informed the board that the petition seeks to accept Mr. Barbee's resignation, which is scheduled to take effect on July 7, 2025.

Chair Getto asked if there was any public comment.

County Manager Jim Barbee expressed heartfelt gratitude as he addressed the board, emphasizing what an honor it has been to serve the community, the current Commission, and its predecessors over the past seven years. He praised the county's dedicated staff and referenced his resignation letter, encouraging others to read it as it sincerely reflects his appreciation and perspective on his time in service. Mr. Barbee shared that he and his family will remain in the community, with their children continuing school locally, affirming Churchill County as their home. He thanked the Commission for the opportunity and said he had truly enjoyed his time in the role. In response, Commissioner Getto thanked Mr. Barbee, commending his contributions and stating it had been a pleasure working with him, noting the amazing impact he had made on Churchill County.

Commissioner Matt Hyde made a motion to accept the resignation of County Manager Jim Barbee, effective July 7, 2025. Commissioner Eric Blakey seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

9:10 AM - Recess the Board of County Commissioners' Meeting to Convene the Liquor Board and then reconvene the Board of County Commissioners' meeting upon the adjournment of the Liquor Board.:

The board recessed the meeting at 9:10 AM.

Commissioner Eric Blakey made a motion to Recess the Board of County Commissioners' Meeting to Convene the Liquor Board and then to reconvene the Board of County Commissioners' meeting upon the adjournment of the Liquor Board. Commissioner Matt Hyde seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

The meeting was reconvened at 9:18 AM.

B- Consideration and possible action re: Discussion, direction, and approval of the next steps for selecting, interviewing, and appointing/hiring a County Manager for Churchill County, Nevada.

Pursuant to NRS 244.125, the Churchill County Board of Commissioners appoints/hires, evaluates the performance of and, if necessary, dismisses the Churchill County Manager. The board has received the current County Manager's resignation, effective July 7, 2025. The appointment/hiring of the County Manager must be done in an open meeting. Under this agenda item, the Board of County Commissioners may discuss and approve the hiring process for the County Manager.

The proposed process contemplates posting the position for recruitment in local and northern Nevada papers as well as across several internet recruiting sites. Applicants will be pre-screened for qualifications, then submitted a review panel for further screening. A final number of applicants requested by the Board will be moved forward to the final round of in-person interviews in front of the Board at an open meeting.

FISCAL IMPACT: N/A

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: N/A

FUNDING SOURCE: N/A

ACTION REQUESTED: Accept

Mr. Sanford opened discussions regarding the recruitment process for a new County Manager following the acceptance of Mr. Barbee's resignation, effective July 7, 2025. He cited NRS 244.125, affirming that the authority for hiring, evaluating, and dismissing the County Manager rests with the Board of County Commissioners. The meeting aimed to establish the procedures for recruiting, interviewing, and hiring the next County Manager in accordance with Nevada's Open Meeting Law.

Mr. Sanford introduced a proposed recruitment plan and invited Commissioners to provide input on the process from start to finish. Mr. Barbee provided historical context, noting that in 2018 the county used a headhunting firm for recruitment. However, the current proposal omits this step, citing the effectiveness of national online postings. He noted that many applicants previously found the job listing through platforms like LinkedIn, not through the headhunting firm, suggesting that an in-house process would be more efficient and just as effective.

Commissioner Hyde expressed support for the plan, emphasizing its alignment with standard public hiring procedures and compliance with Nevada's Open Meeting Law. He cautioned against unnecessary complications, like redacting applicant information, and stressed the importance of transparency. Commissioner Getto agreed and suggested there was no need to review the plan line-by-line, as it had already been thoroughly reviewed by the board.

Commissioner Blakey, however, raised concerns about maintaining full control of the process. He advocated for the Commissioners to be directly involved in screening applicants, rather than delegating that responsibility to a committee potentially influenced by individuals from prior

administrations. He expressed discomfort with relying on others for such a crucial decision, arguing that, as Elected Officials, the Commissioners should be fully accountable for the outcome. He emphasized the importance of transparency and public accountability in selecting the next county leader.

Commissioner Getto responded by reassuring that the final selection would indeed rest with the Commissioners and supported maintaining input from experienced individuals, including prior Commissioners. He expressed confidence in the current plan as it balances structure with transparency. Commissioner Blakey concluded by reiterating his view that direct involvement by the Commissioners would ensure a stronger outcome and greater accountability.

The discussion highlighted varying perspectives on how best to balance transparency, efficiency, and control in the recruitment process, with the board unified in its commitment to selecting the most qualified candidate for the role.

Commissioner Blakey reiterated his concerns about the selection process and the potential limitations it places on the Commissioners' direct involvement. He pointed out that since HR and Mr. Barbee would already filter out unqualified applicants, the number of applications the board would ultimately review would likely be fewer than ten, making for deeper Commissioner involvement both practical and warranted.

In response, Mr. Barbee suggested a compromise: a recommendation panel whose members would be nominated and approved by the County Commission. Commissioner Getto asked Commissioner Blakey if that approach would be acceptable, to which Commissioner Blakey responded that it could be, particularly if each Commissioner had the opportunity to nominate someone for the panel. Mr. Barbee clarified that multiple names could be presented, from which the Commission would select final members, although he acknowledged that this might extend the recruitment timeline. He emphasized that the intention was not to exclude anyone but rather to find a process that felt inclusive to all.

Commissioner Blakey emphasized that his concern was not about mistrusting anyone but about fulfilling his duty as an Elected Official. He stressed that Commissioners were elected to lead and make important decisions for the county and, thus, should not overly rely on others to do this work, whether paid or volunteer. If a selection panel were to be created, he argued, each Commissioner should have a say in who is on it.

Commissioner Hyde responded with a reminder about the limitations imposed by Nevada's Open Meeting Law: any list of panel members would become public record as soon as it is received. He acknowledged the difficulty of the process, sharing that he also struggled with these limitations during his first experience with a similar recruitment. Ultimately, he believed the Commission needed to place some trust in county staff, such as HR, to vet candidates and narrow the field. Commissioner Blakey agreed that HR's role in screening was appropriate and already in place.

Mr. Barbee raised a legal consideration, asking Mr. Sanford to clarify whether a panel approved by the Commission would fall under Open Meeting Law. Mr. Sanford confirmed that it would,

making the entire process subject to public oversight. Commissioner Hyde offered a historical example, noting that appointing a board chair to oversee the process had previously been considered but found impractical under Open Meeting Law constraints. He reinforced that the proposed recruitment process is consistent with standard practices across Nevada. He also expressed support for including former Commissioners in the process, noting their prior experience and public trust.

In response, Commissioner Blakey clarified that his position was not a critique of past leadership's integrity but rather a recognition that times have changed. While respecting the work of former officials, he emphasized that the current board is now responsible for shaping the county's future. He questioned whether the traditional process remained the best one and stressed the value of exploring alternative methods. His intention, he explained, was to stimulate thoughtful discussion, not to disrupt or oppose the county's progress.

Commissioner Blakey concluded by affirming his support for the county and the process, emphasizing that his goal was to ensure the Commissioners make the most informed, accountable decision possible in selecting a new County Manager.

Chair Getto asked if there was any public comment but there was none.

Commissioner Matt Hyde made a motion to adopt the County Manager recruitment plan as presented/amended. Commissioner Myles Getto seconded the motion, which carried by majority vote, with Commissioner Eric Blakey opposed.

C- Consideration and possible action re: Setting of an appeal hearing for the Appeal Application filed by Honey Gibbons related to outside storage of hazardous materials and an explosion/combustion testing facility filed by NNV Investments LLC for property located on Bango Road, Assessor's Parcel Number 007-071-79, consisting of 438.42 acres in the Industrial zoning district, whereby the Applicant proposes an outside battery storage yard and a battery testing facility.

An appeal has been filed by Honey Gibbons for the Planning Commission's approval of an outside storage of hazardous materials and an explosion/combustion testing facility filed by NNV Investments LLC. The property is located on Bango Road, Assessor's Parcel Number 007-071-79, consisting of 438.42 acres in the Industrial zoning district. The Applicant proposes an outside battery storage yard and a battery testing facility.

Churchill County Code requires that an appeal be heard within 60 days of the date of the filing of the Appeal Application, which was filed on March 27, 2025 and would need to be heard no later than May 26, 2025. Staff contacted the newspaper on Monday, March 31, 2025 and the county was able to send the legal notice for publication on Friday, April 4, 2025, which is 10 days prior to the hearing as required by Churchill County Code. The notification letters to 30 unique property owners were also mailed on Monday, March 31, 2025, 10 days prior to the hearing as required by code.

FISCAL IMPACT: +/- \$250.

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: The fiscal impact is for the legal notice publication fees, which run approximately \$131, postage for notification letters, and staff time in preparing the file for hearing.

FUNDING SOURCE: General Fund.

ACTION REQUESTED: Accept

Mr. Sanford informed the Churchill County Board of County Commissioners that multiple appeals had been filed concerning the Planning Commission's approval of the proposed Lithium Battery Storage and Testing Facility on the NNV Investments property. Given the number of appeals, he requested the board set a special hearing to address them all. The recommended date and time for this hearing was April 16, 2025, at 3:00 PM, a time already planned for publication in the local newspaper. However, Mr. Sanford noted that if the board preferred a different date or time, they could discuss alternative options.

Commissioner Blakey raised a procedural concern, questioning whether the Planning Commission had properly followed its own timeline. He noted that the Planning Commission initially tabled the matter for 30 days but then held a special meeting before that 30-day period had elapsed. He asked for clarification on whether this was legally permissible. Mr. Sanford explained that while the Planning Commission had expected to resume the discussion at its next regularly scheduled meeting, it had the discretion to call a special meeting. When it chose to do so, the Planning Commission ensured that appropriate legal notices and publications were sent to all affected landowners and those who had previously participated in the public hearing. Mr. Sanford confirmed that there were no legal issues with the process.

Commissioner Blakey then brought up a concern raised frequently by constituents: why the appeal hearing was scheduled for 3:00 PM, a time that might not be convenient for many members of the public. Mr. Barbee addressed the concern by explaining the rationale behind the scheduling. He stated that during prior discussions, Commissioners had expressed a preference for consolidating meetings onto fewer days to reduce scheduling burdens. The 3:00 PM, time was selected because it aligned with an already scheduled meeting, maintaining consistency with the board's typical daytime schedule. He emphasized that this approach was based on Commissioners' earlier requests to avoid spreading meetings across multiple days. The discussion highlighted the board's balancing schedules between operational efficiency and public accessibility, setting the stage for potential further dialogue about community engagement and transparency as the appeals process unfolds.

Chair Getto asked if there was any public comment but there was none.

Commissioner Eric Blakey made a motion to set a special hearing for the appeal of the Planning Commission's approval of a lithium battery storage and testing facility for 3:00 PM on April 16, 2025. Commissioner Matt Hyde seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

D- Consideration and possible action re: Ratification of a letter of support for the Rural Residency Program at Banner Churchill Community Hospital to be used for the HRSA Grant Application.

On February 19, 2025, the board heard a presentation from the Rural Family Medicine Residency Development Steering Committee on the progress and plans to establish a University of Nevada, Reno Rural Family Medicine Program at Banner Churchill Community Hospital.

Dr. Amy L. McGaha and Mr. Gerald Ackerman are working on a HRSA Grant Application to fund the development of a Rural Residency Program in Fallon, Nevada. They requested a letter of support to include with the Grant Application, which was due on March 31, 2025. That letter was signed by Myles Getto, Chair and the board is being asked to ratify and approve that letter of support.

FISCAL IMPACT: N/A

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: N/A

FUNDING SOURCE: N/A

ACTION REQUESTED: Accept

Mr. Barbee addressed the Churchill County Board of Commissioners regarding a rural residency program proposed in collaboration with Banner Hospital. He reminded the board that this initiative was a continuation from discussions held by the previous Commission late last year. Although it may not have been formally agendaized at that time, it had certainly been brought up during public comment and informal discussions. The core idea behind the project was to establish a rural residency training program with the goal of attracting physicians to the area, ideally encouraging them to put down roots and remain part of the local medical community long-term.

Mr. Barbee emphasized the importance of this effort, particularly in light of the high turnover of transient physicians who have historically come to the area for short periods and then left. A local residency program could be a key step toward improving healthcare continuity and strengthening the county's access to stable, long-term medical care.

He explained that the matter was formally brought forward for discussion as a hearing item shortly after the start of the year. Subsequently, the University of Nevada, Reno (UNR) staff notified the county of an opportunity to support a grant related to the rural residency initiative. Because of the time-sensitive nature of the grant application, staff requested that Commission Chair Getto sign a letter of support on behalf of the board prior to its next scheduled meeting. The letter was signed and submitted to meet the deadline, with the understanding that it would be formally ratified by the full Commission afterward.

This approach ensured the county could take advantage of the grant opportunity without procedural delay, while still preserving transparency and board approval through the ratification process.

Chair Getto asked if there was any public comment but there was none.

Commissioner Matt Hyde made a motion to ratify and approve the letter of support for the Rural Residency Program at Banner Churchill Community Hospital to be used in the HRSA Grant Application. Commissioner Eric Blakey seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

Consent Items:

A- Consideration and possible action re: Report of the condition of each fund in the treasury and the statements of receipts and expenditures pursuant to NRS 251.030 and NRS 354.290.

A Fund Balance Report is attached indicating the beginning balance, receipts, disbursements, and the ending balance of each fund for Churchill County as required by NRS 251.030 and NRS 354.290.

FISCAL IMPACT: N/A

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: N/A

FUNDING SOURCE: N/A

ACTION REQUESTED: Accept

B- Consideration and possible action re: Public Works, Planning & Building Department's Revenue Report for February 2025 showing a total of \$38,147.65 in revenue for the month.

The Public Works, Planning & Building Department submits its Revenue Report for the month of February 2025 showing a total of \$38,147.65 in revenue. This report is provided for the Commissioners' review and acceptance.

FISCAL IMPACT: \$38,147.65 in revenue for the month.

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: Fees to off-set services provided by the department.

FUNDING SOURCE: General Fund.

ACTION REQUESTED: Accept

C- Consideration and possible action re: Treasurer's Report for February 2025 showing a balance of \$64,290,522.56 in the account.

Clerk/Treasurer Linda Rothery provides her Treasurer's Monthly Report for February 2025 showing a balance of \$64,290,522.56 in the account. This report is provided for the board's consideration and acceptance.

FISCAL IMPACT: N/A

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: N/A

FUNDING SOURCE: N/A

ACTION REQUESTED: Accept

D- Consideration and possible action re: Sheriff's Civil Report for February 2025.

The Sheriff's Office provides its Civil Report for February 2025 for the board's review and acceptance. A total of \$3,643.00 was received as revenue for the month.

FISCAL IMPACT: \$3,643.00

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: Fees collected help to off-set the services provided.

FUNDING SOURCE: General Fund.

ACTION REQUESTED: Accept

E- Consideration and possible action re: Notification of an Indigent Burial Application A8BA5C910 received and approved March 25, 2025.

Notification of an Indigent Burial Application A8BA5C910 received and approved per NRS 428.

FISCAL IMPACT: N/A

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: N/A

FUNDING SOURCE: Social Services Indigent Fund.

ACTION REQUESTED: Accept

Chair Getto asked if there was any public comment but there was none.

Commissioner Eric Blakey made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as submitted. Commissioner Matt Hyde seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

Consider Future Agenda Items:

There were no future Agenda items suggested.

Commissioner and Management Staff Reports:

Vice-Chair Getto reported on the following topics:

- Participated in a NACO (Nevada Association of Counties) Board of Directors meeting.
- Attended two Library Board meetings.
- Attended an IEC (Industrial Environmental Compliance) meeting.
- Attended the Rural Caucus Breakfast in Carson City.
- Also joined the Carson Water Sub-Conservancy District meeting.
- Present at the Navy Change of Command event.

Commissioner Blakey reported on the following topics:

- Attended a hospital board meeting where discussions tied into the proposed Residency Program. He shared that the EMS call volume increased by 15% over the past year. The newly implemented EMS station has already responded to 346 calls in the fourth quarter alone and the new facility has contributed to a significant reduction in response times, by an average of six minutes.
- Attended and completed a Financial Leadership Training program through POOL/PACT, where members of the Comptroller's Office were present.

- In addition, he attended a SEATA (Sierra Economic Advancement and Tourism Alliance) meeting.
- Also participated in a Navy Change of Command ceremony alongside fellow Commissioners. He personally thanked outgoing Captain Tanner for his dedicated service to the community and welcomed incoming Captain Mike Haymon to the Fallon, Churchill County area.

Commissioner Hyde reported on the following topics:

- Recent developments with CART (Churchill Area Regional Transportation), stating that the reorganization is undergoing some changes. He committed to providing further updates as progress is made.

County Manager Barbee reported on the following topics:

- Darin Winkleman, Director of the Central Nevada Health District, has officially retired. In the interim, leadership responsibilities will be handled by Shannon Ernst, as requested by Major Tedford, Chair of the Health District. Mr. Barbee stated that he and Dawn Whitten serve as the county's representatives when attending the Central Nevada Health District meetings and updates would continue as the leadership transition unfolds.

Comptroller Wideman had nothing to report.

Senior Deputy DA Sanford had nothing to report.

Clerk/Treasurer Rothery reported on the following topics:

- Fiscal and Election-related updates. Ms. Rothery attended the annual Government Investment Officers Association (GIOA) conference in March, which offers valuable insights into market trends and future financial outlooks.
- During March, the county collected over \$1.5 million in property taxes, including both secured and unsecured revenues, as well as special assessments.
- Over 1,000 delinquent tax notices will be mailed this week, covering one-, two-, and three-year delinquencies.
- In the following week, 2,460 voter registration list maintenance letters will be sent out. These include notices for voter inactivity and undeliverable mail ballots, which are part of the county's regular monthly voter roll clean-up process. Ms. Rothery also gave special thanks to Ms. Crystal Muschetto for managing the meeting logistics solo, commending her for doing an excellent job.

Claims and Payroll Transmittals:

The Claims and Payroll Transmittals were submitted for the board's consideration and approval.

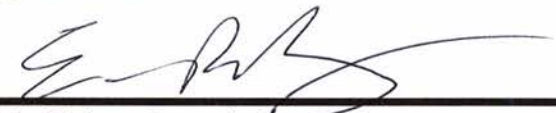
Public Comment:

Chair Getto asked if there was any public comment but there was none.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 9:44 AM.

Approved: 
Myles Getto, Vice-Chairman

Approved: 
Eric Blakey, Commissioner

Approved: 
Matt Hyde, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Linda Rothery, Clerk/Treasurer


Pamela D. Moore, Deputy Clerk of the Board