

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF CHURCHILL COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

155 N. Taylor St., Fallon, NV 89406

July 3, 2025

Call to Order:

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

PRESENT: Commissioner Myles Getto
Commissioner Eric Blakey
Commissioner Matt Hyde
Asst. County Manager Chris Spross
Comptroller Sherry Wideman
Deputy District Attorney Joseph Sanford
Clerk/Treasurer Linda Rothery
Deputy Clerk to the Board Pamela D. Moore

ABSENT: County Manager Jim Barbee

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. Art Mallory, District Attorney, shared with the board and the public his concerns regarding cost-of-living increases and the lack of pay increases for Elected Officials since 2016. He highlighted the unfairness faced by elected department heads who, despite holding positions of authority and being responsible for upholding the Nevada Code and Constitution, are not adequately compensated. Mr. Mallory requested that the law in general be reviewed and interpreted in the best light, suited to compensate for this shortfall.

Mr. Mallory reminded the board that decisions regarding salaries and interpreting this bill must be made by the board and is prohibited to designate this to a committee. He offered his office for assistance, if requested.

Verification of the Posting of the Agenda:

It was verified by Pamela D. Moore, Deputy Clerk of the Board, that the Agenda for this meeting was posted on the 27th day of June, 2025, between the hours of 2:00 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:

It was reported that there were revisions to the Agenda for the following items that had been withdrawn: approval of the Minutes of April 16, 2025; Item 7-H, and Item 9-J.

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

A- April 16, 2025 - Appeal Hearing.

The Minutes of the appeal hearing held on April 16, 2025, are presented for the board's consideration and approval. Staff shortages in the Clerk/Treasurer's office have caused delays to the completion of Minutes and the board is asked to make this finding as cause for the delay in completing Minutes by this office.

FISCAL IMPACT: N/A

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: N/A

FUNDING SOURCE: N/A

ACTION REQUESTED: Accept

This item was withdrawn prior to the meeting.

B- May 1, 2025.

The Minutes of the meeting held on May 1, 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 as submitted.
Commissioner Matt Hyde seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.**

Appointments:

A- Consideration and possible action re: Adoption of Resolution 8-2025 declaring certain equipment of the Churchill County Sheriff's Office as surplus property and authorizing the disposal of said property in any manner.

Churchill County has certain pieces of personal property outlined in "Exhibit A" that are no longer suitable for public use due to the acquisition of newer or better-suited equipment or other alternatives. NRS 332.185 authorizes the Board of County Commissioners to declare personal property of the county as surplus and to dispose of said personal property in any manner, including public auction. The included resolution finds that it is in the best interests of Churchill County to dispose of the listed personal property, with the intention that the items be sold at public auction. Most items are general county property and the proceeds will be attributed to the General Fund. Some of the vehicles are part of the forfeiture process in narcotics cases and those proceeds will be deposited in the Forfeiture Fund.

FISCAL IMPACT: Proceeds of the sale will inure to the county.

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: Proceeds of the sale will inure to the county.

FUNDING SOURCE: General Fund or Forfeiture Fund.

ACTION REQUESTED: Adopt

A RESOLUTION DECLARING CERTAIN EQUIPMENT OF THE CHURCHILL COUNTY SHERIFF AS SURPLUS PROPERTY AND AUTHORIZING THE DISPOSAL OF SAID PROPERTY IN ANY MANNER.

Joseph Sanford, Chief 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 adopt Resolution 8-2025 as presented. Commissioner Eric Blakey seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

B- Consideration and possible action re: Request for funding to support the Fallon Junior Rodeo, in the amount of \$3,000.00.

A copy of the Application for funding from the Fallon Junior Rodeo (FJR) is provided for the board's consideration. The Junior Rodeo is being held August 29 through September 1, 2025 and occurs on an annual basis. The Jr. Rodeo brings in many contestants, 18 and under, plus their family and friends, from a variety of Nevada counties and various states. The rodeo has free admission for all. The Fallon Junior Rodeo has been dedicated to the youth of Nevada and surrounding states since 1969.

The Application has been reviewed by the County Manager for completion of required materials and the criteria appropriate to warrant county funding (such as: non-profit status, funding sources, community benefit, etc.). The board has provided support to the FJR for several years. In 2013 and 2015, \$1,000 was provided by the county and, from 2017 - 2021, the county has provided \$2,500. In 2023, the county provided \$3,000 due to a request to cover the increased cost of saddles. In 2024, the county provided \$2,070 due to a 31% budget reduction in the Miscellaneous Grants line item.

FISCAL IMPACT: FY25: If the board determines to apply the same percentage of budget reduction to this request as that which was applied to the Miscellaneous Grants line item reduction (-56.4%), the funding request for the Fallon Junior Rodeo would be reduced to \$1,307.49.

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: The Miscellaneous Grants line item of the Community Support Budget was funded with a 56.4% reduction for FY26, for a total amount of \$8,150 for year. (FY25: \$18,700 - 56.4% reduction = \$8,150 for FY26).

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

ACTION REQUESTED: Accept

Chris Spross, Assistant County Manager, made this presentation as outlined above.

Evva Brown, a contestant of the Fallon Junior Rodeo, addressed the board stating this event is a favorite of hers and it brings contestants from all areas of Nevada and California. Mylee Macedo introduced herself as the 2024-2025 Fallon Junior Rodio Queen. She shared that this

rodeo brings more than 200 contestants and their families to this area for the 3-day event. Miss Macedo politely requested a donation of \$3,000.00 to further fund this year's rodeo and extended an invitation of attendance to the board. Fallon Junior Rodeo Queen Contest Director Whitney Brown spoke about the impressive size of this rodeo, the excellent quality of competition and impressive prizes. She supported Miss Brown's earlier statement regarding public attendance and listed further how this community benefits from the patronage. Ms. Brown expressed her appreciation and consideration for the donation.

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

Commissioner Eric Blakey made a motion to approve funding for the Fallon Junior Rodeo in the amount of \$1,307.49. Commissioner Matt Hyde seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

C- Consideration and possible action re: Ratification of an Agreement with CSH and Churchill County Social Services for a no-cost extension of the Medicaid technical assistance contract to August 31, 2025.

Since April 2024, Churchill County Social Services has been working with CSH to evaluate the overall feasibility and cost benefit of becoming the first countywide Medicaid billable provider.

Since this time, CSH has met with all departments, such as the Library, Parks & Recreation, Juvenile Probation / Detention, Court Services, Sheriff's Department, and Social Services that could potentially bill for services. The services were mapped for potential eligibility. To date, CSH has worked with CART and JPO to evaluate actual consumer services, who would qualify, current cost of services, etc. to start the process of fiscal evaluation. Once this is completed, the report will be presented to the Commission to determine if the county, as a whole, should begin the implementation process for such a program.

This project was awarded as a demonstration project by the Nevada State Department of Health and Human Services, Director Whitley. Director Whitley felt Churchill County was in a great position to conduct this evaluation and look at becoming the first county in Nevada to become a Medicaid-billable county.

This Contract is requested to be extended until 8/31/2025, at no cost, to allow for final edits to the report to be completed, presentation to the Commission, and adding the outcome for the board.

FISCAL IMPACT: \$150,000 - original Contract.

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: Original Contract terms.

FUNDING SOURCE: Fund for Health Nevada - State of Nevada Health and Human Services.

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 and ratify the Contract extension as presented. Commissioner Eric Blakey seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

D- Consideration and possible action re: Approval of an agreement with Emma White and Churchill County to support and help coordinate Churchill County's suicide prevention initiatives within the community.

During the 2024 fiscal year, the community completed a Suicide Prevention and Behavioral Health Plan. The activities were funded by the State of Nevada for Social Services as a priority to reduce suicide and increase behavioral health activities in the community. The plan identified three priority groups to support the increase of awareness and build assets to support those suffering with behavioral health illnesses.

Emma White has been key in moving progress forward and was funded by the State Office of Suicide Prevention. As of July 1, 2025, the funding is being cut and her position is being eliminated. This reduction will have tremendous negative impacts on the current work completed and the proposed activities over the next year that have been planned, such as training in the school, community, increased outreach, and overall education.

Director Ernst met with Derild Parsons, Superintendent of Schools, and Mayor Tedford, of the City of Fallon, regarding the concerns. The three agree it is imperative not to lose the traction the groups have worked so hard to build and increase activities with the Behavioral Health Taskforce. Further, they agreed that a Contract with Ms. White would be the best path to support the community, as she has been vital in the work already done and the future planning.

Mr. Parsons has agreed to reduce the allocation of County Mental Health / Marijuana Funding for FY26 to help support the effort. Mayor Tedford has agreed to provide \$12,000 of funding to the Contract. This will allow for Social Services to allocate the balance from the Social Services Mental Health Budget that was approved by the Commission for FY26. Ms. Ernst will evaluate activities completed and anytime it is found that activities relate to the Opioid Settlement Funding, the costs will be billed to the allowable category.

FISCAL IMPACT: up to \$30,000.

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: Actual cost to complete scope of work.

FUNDING SOURCE: 50% Social Services Mental Health Budget; 50% City of Fallon.

ACTION REQUESTED: Accept

Shannon Ernst, Social Services Director, made this presentation as outlined above. Commissioner Blakey thanked Ms. Ernst for her efforts and stated that this is important to our community.

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

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

E- Consideration and possible action re: Ratification of a Salon Lease Agreement between Churchill County Social Services and Sandra Burrell for a lease of one Beauty Shop Station at the William N Pennington Life Center, for the amount of \$400 per month.

The William N. Pennington Life Center has a beauty shop that has two chairs that are rented out. Ms. Burrell has rented one station since the opening of the WNP Life Center, at the rate of \$400 / month. It is requested to renew the Salon Lease Agreement at the same rate.

Rates of the rental will be evaluated in FY26 after the required updates are completed.

FISCAL IMPACT: \$4,800 a year.

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: \$400 a month revenue for the lease of one beauty shop station.

FUNDING SOURCE: Lessee Sandra Burrell.

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 Salon Lease Agreement as presented and to authorize the Chair to execute the Lease. Commissioner Eric Blakey seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

F- Consideration and possible action re: Approval of funding to the Churchill County School District, in the amount of \$20,200, and Churchill Community Coalition, in the amount of \$19,500, to support positive mental health and substance abuse education for youth and community residents from R092-17A and Opioid Settlement Funds.

Annually, funding opportunities are offered to non-profits in the community to support the increased education on substance abuse. This was developed to allocate funds from the R017-17A Marijuana Tax Revenue received by Churchill County. Based on increased concerns of behavioral health issues in the community, funding has also been allocated from the Social Services Mental Health Budget to fill gaps where activities are not eligible under the R092-17A funds.

This year, the recommendation is to fund the Churchill Community Coalition to support the Too Good for Drugs and Mindfulness Program, at a funding level of \$19,500, and the Churchill County School District for a partnership with The Frontier Behavioral Health Center to provide increased counseling services within the schools, in the amount of \$20,500, reduced by \$5,000 to support another partnership for community efforts and training by Emma White in the school.

These partnerships have been successful for over 7 years.

FISCAL IMPACT: \$39,700 funded to outside partners.

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: \$19,500 Churchill Community Coalition; \$20,200 Churchill County School District.

FUNDING SOURCE: Marijuana Tax Fund R092-17A.

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 Contracts as recommended and to authorize the Director of Social Services to execute the same. Commissioner Eric Blakey seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

G- Consideration and possible action re: Approval of a Deed transferring real property located at 170 S. East Street, Fallon, Nevada, APN 001-545-03, to the City of Fallon.

Churchill County agreed to transfer this property with the old Senior Center in trade for the Cottage School property a number of years ago. However, this property was not properly transferred and remains in Churchill County's name. The property is a paved parking lot that can be used by the City of Fallon for its purposes in the Oats Park and old Senior Center area.

FISCAL IMPACT: None.

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: N/A

FUNDING SOURCE: N/A

ACTION REQUESTED: Accept

Joseph Sanford, Chief Deputy District Attorney - Civil, 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 and direct the Chair to sign the Deed as presented. Commissioner Matt Hyde seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

H- Consideration and possible action re: Approval of an Interlocal Contract between Churchill County and the Nevada Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, Nevada Division of Forestry, for wildfire protection in the amount of \$29,876.00 for a two-year period.

Presented for the board's approval is an Interlocal Contract with the Nevada Division of Forestry whereby the division will work to maintain effective wildfire management in cooperation with local and federal counterparts. This is a contract renewal for a term of 2 years, with the existing Agreement expiring June 30, 2025. The provisions in the Interlocal Contract are the same as in previous years and provides vital backup and assistance in the event of a fire in our community. The cost for the service is \$14,938.00 each fiscal year but shall not exceed \$29,876.00.

FISCAL IMPACT: \$14,938.00 each fiscal year but shall not exceed \$29,876.00

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: This recurring expense is very similar to prior years and funds are already budgeted in the Fire Department's budget.

FUNDING SOURCE: General Fund.

ACTION REQUESTED: Accept

This item was withdrawn prior to meeting.

Letters Received:

A- Thank you cards from individuals who received the Jim Regan Memorial Scholarships.

Some recipients of the Jim Regan Memorial Scholarships have provided thank you cards for these scholarships.

FISCAL IMPACT: N/A

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: N/A

FUNDING SOURCE: N/A

ACTION REQUESTED: None; Informational Only

New Business:

A- Consideration and possible action re: Appointment of Chris Spross to serve on the Regional Transportation Commission, on the Western Nevada Regional Youth Center Board, and as an alternate member on the Carson Water Subconservancy District and Central Nevada Regional Water Authority to replace Jim Barbee effective July 7, 2025.

Jim Barbee will be retiring on July 7, 2025. Chris Spross will be taking his place as the Churchill County Manager. This action will serve to replace Jim's position as a representative of Churchill County on these various boards and to replace him with Chris Spross.

FISCAL IMPACT: N/A

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: N/A

FUNDING SOURCE: N/A

ACTION REQUESTED: Accept

Joseph Sanford, Chief Deputy District Attorney - Civil, 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 appoint Chris Spross to serve on the Regional Transportation Commission, to the Western Nevada Regional Youth Center Board, and as an alternate member on: the Carson Water Subconservancy District and Central Nevada Regional Water Authority to replace Jim Barbee, effective July 7, 2025. Commissioner Matt Hyde seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

B- Consideration and possible action re: Adoption of Resolution 9-2025 assigning an additional portion of the ad valorem tax levy for Cooperative Extension for Fiscal Year 2025-2026, in the sum of 1 cent, making a total of 2 cents.

The proposed resolution sets forth the tax rate for support of the Cooperative Extension Program. The Budget and corresponding tax rate were prepared using the budgeted tax rate for the current year, which is 2 cents. This Resolution is required by Nevada Revised Statutes.

FISCAL IMPACT: See Budget.

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: The tax rate levy will support Cooperative Extension in Churchill County, Nevada.

FUNDING SOURCE: See Budget.

ACTION REQUESTED: Adopt

A RESOLUTION ASSIGNING AN ADDITIONAL PORTION OF THE AD VALOREM TAX LEVY IN SUPPORT OF THE COOPERATIVE EXTENSION FUND FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026 AND OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO.

Sherry Wideman, Comptroller, made this presentation as outlined above. To conclude Comptroller Wideman's presentation, Chair Getto offered clarification for both Commissioner Hyde and Commissioner Blakey for the rate increase. Chair Getto explained this will provide two additional Ag Extension Officers at the FSA Office in Fallon.

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

Commissioner Matt Hyde made a motion to adopt Resolution 9-2025 assigning an additional portion of the ad valorem tax levy in support of Cooperative Extension for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 and directing the Comptroller to include it in the Final Budget to the Department of Taxation as required by Nevada Revised Statutes. Commissioner Eric Blakey seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

C- Consideration and possible action re: Approval of Resolution 10-2025 adopting and certifying Churchill County's Tax Rate for Fiscal Year 2025-2026.

At the Commissioners' meeting held on May 21, 2025, Comptroller Wideman presented the proposed FY25-26 Churchill County tax rate of \$1.2829 and the final budget. During the meeting, the final budget and tax rate were approved by the Board of County Commissioners. The overall Churchill County tax rate is \$2.8629 and the City of Fallon rate is \$3.6600.

Once the Nevada Tax Commission certifies the ad valorem rates, the board is required to certify the combined tax rate in a resolution pursuant to NRS 361.460.

FISCAL IMPACT: As budgeted.

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: As budgeted.

FUNDING SOURCE: Churchill County Funds.

ACTION REQUESTED: Adopt

A RESOLUTION IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF NEVADA REVISED STATUTES CHAPTER 361.460 CERTIFYING THE COMBINED TAX RATE FOR THE LEVY OF TAXES BEGINNING JULY 1, 2025 AND SPECIFICALLY COMMITTING AND DESIGNATING THE NUMBER OF CENTS OF EACH ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS OF PROPERTY LEVY FOR EACH FUND, REMAINING

UNITL A SIMILAR BOARD ACTION IS TAKEN TO CHANGE THE COMMITMENT LEVELS AND OTHER MATTERS PROPERLY RELATING THERETO.

Sherry Wideman, Comptroller, 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 adopt Resolution 10-2025 certifying the combined tax rate for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2026 as submitted. Commissioner Matt Hyde seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

D- Consideration and possible action re: Publication of Summary Fiscal Report as required by Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) 354.561.

Nevada Administrative Code 354.561 requires the publication of a summary fiscal report before July 1st of each year. The report is to show the total actual revenues and expenditures, the estimated current year revenues and expenditures, and the budgeted revenues and expenditures for the General Fund. In addition, the proprietary funds shall include total operating and non-operating revenues and expenses for the actual, estimated current year, and budget year. Please refer to the report for more details. The report was published in *The Fallon Post* on June 27, 2025.

FISCAL IMPACT: N/A

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: N/A

FUNDING SOURCE: N/A

ACTION REQUESTED: Accept

Sherry Wideman, Comptroller, made this presentation as outlined above.

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

This item was presented for informational purposes only and no action was taken.

E- Consideration and possible action re: Approval of the Pay Tables for Fiscal Year 2025-2026.

Pay Tables are approved by the Commissioners each fiscal year to provide direction on the direct rates of pay for all Churchill County employees. The Pay Tables for FY25-26 reflect a general adjustment of 3.625% with a reduction of employees' PERS increase match of -1.625% netting a 2% increase over the previous year for general employees and a 6.375% general adjustment with a reduction of employees PERS increase match of -4.375%, netting a 2% increase over the previous year for general law enforcement employees. The represented employee wages have been approved at previous meetings but are still included as a part of the overall Pay Tables. The Pay Tables further include the new Election Technician position for the Clerk/Treasurer's office, the wage rate changes associated with the restructuring of the Recordation Clerk positions within the Recorder's office, and the reclassification of the Captain's wages in the Sheriff's Office.

As a note and not included in the Pay Tables, in the 83rd Session of the Nevada Legislature, SB116 was signed into law, which revises NRS 245.043 which increases the base salary for elected officers effective 7/1/2025. The base salary for the District Attorney, Sheriff, Clerk/Treasurer, Assessor and Recorder in effect for fiscal year 2018-2019 is to be adjusted for each fiscal year starting with fiscal year 2019-2020 and ending in fiscal year 2024-2025 by compounding the annual percentage increase in Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers, West Region (All Items); or 3% above the highest paid employee supervised by the elected official on January 1, 2025, whichever amount is higher is to be the new base salary. The new base salaries are as follows:

County Commissioners - \$36,000/year

Clerk/Treasurer - \$107,818/year

Recorder - \$107,818/year

Assessor - \$107,818/year

District Attorney - \$177,808.22/year

Sheriff - \$135,738/year.

FISCAL IMPACT: Additional \$280,034.09.

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: \$185,210.55 in salary and \$94,823.54 in benefits.

FUNDING SOURCE: General fund and other funds as appropriate.

ACTION REQUESTED: Accept

Chris Spross, Assistant County Manager, made this presentation as outlined above.

Churchill County Assessor, Denise Felton added the 2025-2026 SB 116 was passed and has a total of 3 parts to this revised statute. The first part brought 3% for subordinates that were making more than the elected officials, the second portion used CPI through 2024-2025 to bring it current, but then stated there is no CPI for 2025 currently. Ms. Felton highlighted section 4 and explained that the Board of County Commissioners has the authority to provide a 2% increase specifically for Elected Officials. This will help departments move forward in step with one another and their employees.

Commissioner Blakey expressed that it was his understanding that, each year, the County Commission would decide if they were going to award the 2% annually. Chair Getto further explained that it is similar to the budget cycle process and, as a unified board, would appoint the 2% increase to elected officials. Mr. Sanford clarified that the language in the Bill says annually or anytime that is chosen by the board and confirmed this would be addressed on an annual basis.

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

Commissioner Matt Hyde made a motion to approve the Pay Tables for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 as submitted, which reflect a general adjustment for regular county employees of 2%. Commissioner Eric Blakey seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

F- Consideration and possible action re: Notification of the budget impacts associated with the Sheriff's Office, Clerk/Treasurer, and Recorder position reclassification, as well as other departmental budget impacts related to payroll.

The reclassification of the positions in the Sheriff's Office, the Recorder's Office, and the Clerk/Treasurer's Office were approved at a recent Board of County Commissioners' meeting and the costs of the reclassification have been included in the FY25-26 budget. As the exact numbers of these changes were approximate during the budget process, this agenda item is to provide notification, detail, and additional clarity to the exact costs associated with the restructuring.

- The Sheriff's Office is restructuring the two Captain's wages from a Grade 77A, Step 2 and 3, to a Grade 77A, Step 5 and 6, respectively. This results in a cost impact for FY25-26 of \$11,043.55 in salaries and \$6,786.26 in benefits, for a total of \$17,829.81.
- The Recorder's Office is restructuring the recordation positions from a Senior Recordation Clerk and Recordation Clerk to a Recordation Clerk and Recordation Clerk Trainee, respectively. The Recordation Clerk position will change from a Grade 39 to a Grade 43. This results in a cost impact for FY25-26 of \$2,756.00 in wages and \$1,087.24 in benefits, for a total of \$3,843.24.
- The Clerk/Treasurer's Office has eliminated a Deputy Clerk/Treasurer's position and replaced it with an Election Technician position. The new position will be placed at a Grade 47, Step 1. This results in a cost impact for FY25-26 of \$4,663.98 in wages and \$1,839.94 in benefits, for a total of \$6,503.92.
- District Attorney's Office - Reclassification of the vacant position to be hired as a Deputy DA II.
- District Court - Reclassification of the Court Clerk Trainee to Court Clerk.
- Parks & Recreation (303) - \$1,000 budgeted for Other Salary and Wages Overtime.
- Public Works, Planning & Building - \$1,140 budgeted for three Planning Commissioners to meet for 1 hour, one week before each meeting, and retain the intern that was previously approved for another year to scan hard records.
- Social Services - \$221.00 in Standby Time.

FISCAL IMPACT: None, over what has already been approved as part of the FY25-26 budget approval.

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: N/A

FUNDING SOURCE: General Fund.

ACTION REQUESTED: Accept

Chris Spross, Assistant County Manager, made this presentation as outlined above.

Chair Getto asked if there was any public comment but there was none. This item was presented for informational purposes only and no action was taken.

G- Consideration and possible action re: Reappointment of Carla Pomeroy to the TDR Sending Site Review Committee for another three year term through June 30, 2028.

The Churchill County Sending Site Review Committee reviews all Transfer of Development Rights (TDR) Applications, evaluates local entity comments, the Conservation Easement Deed, proposed restrictions, and verifies the TDRs. The committee provides a report and recommendation to the Churchill County Planning Commission, per Section 16.14.080 B of the Churchill County Code. The TDR Sending Site Review Committee is comprised of three (3) members, including a minimum of two agricultural representatives and one at-large representative, appointed by the Board of County Commissioners, who serve three (3) year terms. The Planning Director serves as the non-voting Chair of the committee.

Carla Pomeroy was appointed to the Sending Site Review Committee on June 19, 2019 and she has indicated that she is interested in continuing to serve. Ms. Pomeroy is serving as one of the agricultural representative positions on the committee. Since she meets the qualifications, has experience, and provides a good balance to the committee, staff recommends that she be appointed to serve another three year term on the TDR Sending Site Review Committee. This recommendation is being made with consideration that the applicant has a clear understanding of the duties and responsibilities related to this position.

FISCAL IMPACT: N/A

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: N/A

FUNDING SOURCE: N/A

ACTION REQUESTED: Accept

Chris Spross, Assistant County Manager, 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 reappoint Carla Pomeroy to serve another three year term on the TDR Sending Site Review Committee, effective July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2028. Commissioner Matt Hyde seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

H- Consideration and possible action re: Reappointment of Jason Sibley to the Churchill County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife, for a term effective July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2028.

County Advisory Boards to Manage Wildlife (CABs) are appointed by County Commissioners from all 17 Nevada counties to serve three (3) year terms. The County Advisory Boards (CABs) to Manage Wildlife are responsible for advising the Nevada Wildlife Commission, particularly with the setting of seasons and limits for their respective counties. CABs advise the Wildlife Commission by gathering information from area sportspersons and local input through meetings in their respective counties. Members on the CABs should be selected with the intent to provide representation from a cross-section of the county, to ensure that all major viewpoints are examined, and that any faction or special interest group does not dominate the CAB. Nevada Revised Statute (NRS) 501.297 – NRS 501.303 governs the County Advisory Boards to Manage Wildlife.

Jason Sibley was appointed to the Board to Manage Wildlife on July 6, 2017 to fill an

unexpired term that ran through June 30, 2019. He was then reappointed for two more full term and has expressed a desire to continue serving. The Chair of the County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife, Peggy Hughes, has expressed a desire to have Mr. Sibley reappointed to another term.

FISCAL IMPACT: N/A

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: N/A

FUNDING SOURCE: N/A

ACTION REQUESTED: Accept

Chris Spross, Assistant County Manager, 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 reappoint Jason Sibley to serve a 3-year term on the Churchill County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife, effective July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2028. Commissioner Eric Blakey seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

I- Consideration and possible action re: Reappointment of Ava Case, Gary Imelli, and Bob Francke to the Churchill County Park and Recreation Commission, for terms commencing on July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2029.

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 Parks 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. Members Ava Case, Gary Imelli, and Bob Francke submitted emails indicating their desire to be reappointed to another term.

The County Manager and Facilities, Parks & Recreation Director reviewed the emails and discussed the current composition of the Park and Recreation Commission. Recommendation is being made to reappoint Ava Case, Gary Imelli, and Bob Francke to another four year term, with consideration that the Applicants have a clear understanding of their duties and responsibilities related to this position.

FISCAL IMPACT: N/A

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: N/A

FUNDING SOURCE: N/A

ACTION REQUESTED: Accept

Chris Spross, Assistant County Manager, 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 reappoint Ava Case, Gary Imelli, and Bob Francke to another term on the Churchill County Park and Recreation Commission, effective July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2029. Commissioner Matt Hyde seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

J- Consideration and possible action re: City of Fernley's Temporary Applications 94356, 94357, 94358 and 94359 filed by Resource Concepts. Inc to change the point of diversion, place of use, and manner of use of a portion of existing Permit 80184 from an underground source located in Lyon County, Nevada to a new point of diversion and place of use in Churchill County, Nevada.

The City of Fernley, through their agent, Resource Concepts Inc., filed Temporary Applications 94356, 94357, 94358 and 94359 on April 29, 2025. The applications propose to change the point of diversion, place of use, and manner of use of a portion of existing Permit 80184. The existing point of diversion and place of use of Permit 80184 is currently within Lyon County and the proposed points of diversion and place of use for the Applications are within Churchill County.

RCI has provided a copy of Temporary Applications 94356, 94357, 94358 and 94359 and their supporting maps for review. Copies of the Applications and their supporting maps can also be viewed and/or printed from the Division's website, <http://water/nv.gov>.

NRS 533.363(4) addresses the responsibilities of the Board of County Commissioners in this matter:

"4. Each board of county commissioners which is notified of a request for a permit pursuant to this section shall consider the request at the next regular or special meeting of the board held not earlier than 3 weeks after the notice is received. The board shall provide public notice of the meeting for 3 consecutive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation in its county. the notice must state the time, place and purpose of the meeting. At the conclusion of the meeting the board may recommend a course of action to the State Engineer, but the recommendation is not binding on the State Engineer."

FISCAL IMPACT: N/A

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: N/A

FUNDING SOURCE: N/A

ACTION REQUESTED: Accept

This item was withdrawn prior to the meeting and will be rescheduled on August 7, 2025.

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: Transfer of funds to the City of Fallon, in the amount of \$310,000, from Regional Transportation Fund 280 for the 2024 Preventative Maintenance Project.

The City of Fallon is requesting the transfer of funds in the amount of \$310,000 from Regional Transportation Fund 280 for the 2024 Preventative Maintenance Project.

FISCAL IMPACT: \$310,000 from Regional Transportation Fund 280-631-70800.

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: As outlined.

FUNDING SOURCE: \$310,000 from Regional Transportation Fund 280-631-70800.

ACTION REQUESTED: Accept

C- Consideration and possible action re: Transfer of funds to the City of Fallon, in the amount of \$60,000, from Public Transit Fund 395-881-70700 for the 2024 Preventative Maintenance Project.

The City of Fallon is requesting the transfer of funds in the amount of \$60,000 from Public Transit Fund 395-881-70700 for the 2024 Preventative Maintenance Project.

FISCAL IMPACT: \$60,000 from Public Transit Fund 395-881-70700.

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: N/A

FUNDING SOURCE: \$60,000 from Public Transit Fund 395-881-70700.

ACTION REQUESTED: Accept

D- Consideration and possible action re: Sheriff's Civil Report for the month of June 2024 totaling \$3,032.00 in revenue collected.

The Sheriff's Office provides its Civil Report for May 2025 for the board's review and acceptance. A total of \$3,268.00 was received as revenue for the month.

FISCAL IMPACT: \$3,268.00.

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: Treasurer's Report for May 2025 showing a balance of \$59,707,447.78 in the account.

Clerk/Treasurer Linda Rothery provides the Treasurer's Monthly Report for May 2025 showing a balance of \$59,707,447.78 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

F- Consideration and possible action re: Report from the Churchill County Sheriff regarding an officer-involved-shooting resulting in the death of a suspect, which occurred on June 16, 2025.

Nevada Revised Statutes require a report from the Churchill County Sheriff regarding certain incidents that result in a death where officers are involved. This incident does not have a specific reporting requirement, but in the interest of public safety and awareness, the Sheriff provides this report regarding the death of a suspect in an officer involved shooting which occurred on June 16, 2025. The investigation into the officer involved shooting is being conducted by the Nevada State Police. An initial report of their findings is expected soon.

FISCAL IMPACT: N/A

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: N/A

FUNDING SOURCE: N/A

ACTION REQUESTED: Accept

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

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

Consider Future Agenda Items:

There were no future Agenda items scheduled.

Commissioner and Management Staff Reports:

Chair Getto reported on the following topics:

- Attended a Library Board meeting.
- Attended a NACO meeting.
- Attended a Central Nevada Regional Water Authority meeting.
- Attended a Carson Sub-water Conservancy District Meeting.

Commissioner Hyde reported on the following topics:

- Attended a Parks and Recreation meeting.
- Commissioner Hyde welcomed Chris Spross as the new County Manager.

Commissioner Blakey reported on the following topics:

- Attended the Planning Commission and the Board of County Commissioners Workshop for Industrial Zoning Districts and stated this will be very positive for the county.
- Attended Mr. Barbee's retirement send-off.
- Attended Mr. Young's retirement send-off.
- Completed a 2 day Strategic Plan for the museum.
- Commissioner Blakey congratulated Chris Spross and welcomed him as the new County Manager, while encouraging staff and citizens to embrace the new leadership team.

Assistant County Manager Spross reported on the following topics:

- Thanked everyone for the kind words.
- Attended Mr. Barbee's retirement.
- Attended Mr. Young's retirement
- Attended Mr. Joeby's retirement.

Comptroller Wideman had nothing to report.

Chief Deputy DA Sanford reported on the following topics:

- Working with the Planning Department who are having issues with code enforcement.

Clerk/Treasurer Rothery reported on the following topics:

- Billed 22.7 million in property taxes.
- Billed 3.5 million in special assessments.
- 2025-2026 tax bills have been added to the county site.
- Tax Bills are scheduled to be mailed out to the owners of 12,366 parcels.

District Attorney Mallory reported on the following topics:

- Appreciates the Board's consideration related to the Elected Officials' salaries.

Assessor Denise Felton reported on the following topics:

- Closed the tax role.

Sheriff Hickox reported on the following topics:

- The state performed an audit at the Sheriff's Station and received notice that they are compliant.
- The state has caused some delay in the Modernization Project but everyone is ready to get started.
- Waiting on Spectrum to put TV's back in the jail. Commissioner Hyde asked if an Over the Top service had been considered. Sheriff Hickox confirmed they have and explained that it was considered because of the delay with Spectrum and lack of forward momentum. The Sheriff explained that he will be speaking with Mr. Sanford about the possible breach of contract with Spectrum and moving on to a new company.
- We conducted a multi-agency active shooter drill-training at the jail. The State Auditor came down for the grant and she participated. She was very happy with the training and said, based on what she has seen, it opens us up for more funding.

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 9:06 AM.

Approved: 
Myles Getto, Chairman

Approved: 
Eric Blakey, Vice-Chairman

Approved: 
Matt Hyde, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Linda Rothery, Clerk/Treasurer



Crystal Muschetto, Deputy Clerk