

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF CHURCHILL COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

155 N. Taylor St., Fallon, NV 89406

June 18, 2025

Call to Order:

The regular meeting of the Board of County Commissioners was called to order at 1:15 PM on June 18, 2025.

PRESENT:

Commissioner Myles Getto, Chair
Commissioner Eric Blakey, Vice-Chair
Commissioner Matt Hyde
County Manager Jim Barbee
Comptroller Sherry Wideman
Clerk/Treasurer Linda Rothery
Senior Deputy District Attorney Jeff Weed
Deputy Clerk to the Board Pamela D. Moore
Deputy District Attorney Joseph Sanford

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. Christy Lattin said I wanted to introduce myself to this board. I am a reporter at *The Fallon Post* newspaper. While I am new to *The Fallon Post*, I am not new to newspaper reporting. I did cover this Commission about 15 years ago with the other newspaper. Pam, Linda, and Mr. Mallory know who I am. I just wanted to introduce myself to you. Thank you for letting me be here.

Clay Hendrix said I returned today to address the serious concerns I have previously raised regarding the County Manager's selection process. When I last spoke before this body, I said, if the Commission failed to investigate these concerns, I would complete the investigation myself. I have done exactly that. At the center of this matter is Mr. Spross' resumé, which contains several material misrepresentations. First, he claims that he held both an A and a B2 Contractor's License. However, public records from the Nevada State Contractor's Board confirm that Mr. Spross has never held an A License. That claim is demonstratively false. Second, Mr. Spross claimed to have earned an Associate's Degree in mechanical engineering from Saskatchewan Polytechnic. That statement is a misrepresentation. Saskatchewan Polytechnic does not offer and has never offered an Associate's Degree in mechanical engineering. The institution issues only a diploma in mechanical engineering technology. Presenting a diploma as a degree, particularly in a technical field like engineering, is not a mere oversight. It is a deliberate inflation of credentials intended to mislead. Third, Mr. Spross' resumé paints a picture of advanced engineering expertise and leadership. However, many of those claims appear unsupported and exaggerated. He suggests he is, essentially, an engineer who lacks licensure. Yet, he lacks the academic qualifications even to sit for the engineering

exam. These are not trivial embellishments. They are material misrepresentations – part of a pattern of inflating qualifications to secure high level public positions.

Not only does Mr. Spross lack the credentials he claims, but he also lacks the credibility required for this Commission to rely on his statement. In the practice of law, juries are instructed, if a witness is found to have testified falsely on one point, they may disregard the witness' entire testimony. I ask you, what do you believe now? It is also important to remember that, under Nevada law, it is unlawful for a public officer knowingly to make false and misleading statements. According to NRS 197.130, every public officer who shall knowingly make any false or misleading statement in any official report or statement shall be guilty of a gross misdemeanor. The unlawfulness underscores the seriousness of truthfulness in public service and highlights the legal consequences of misrepresentation. The information I present is based on direct communication with Saskatchewan Polytechnic and independent research. Due to Canadian privacy laws, I cannot obtain official confirmation without Mr. Spross' written consent. That raises an essential question – did Mr. Spross actually attend the classes he claimed the institution took in his name? Has anyone on this Commission or in Human Resources attempted to verify even the most basic qualifications?

This situation also raises serious legal and ethical concerns regarding the role of the current County Manager in the hiring process. Chair Getto stopped him and said he had reached his three minute time limit. He asked if there was any further public comment, but there was not.

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 12th day of June, 2025, between the hours of 3:00 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:

Chair Getto reported that we will revise the Agenda, with the removal of New Business Item N.

Commissioner Matt Hyde made a motion to approve the Agenda as revised.

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- April 16, 2025.

The Minutes of the meeting held on April 16, 2025 are presented for the board's consideration and approval.

These Minutes were not completed within 30 days due to the fact that the office has been short-staffed since March 12, 2025 and the Clerks have been required to assume duties from the Treasurer's side of the office to ensure that the public is served. This fact has left less time for the Clerks to prepare Minutes of the meetings. The board is asked to find there is good cause for the Minutes to be approved beyond the 30 days as required.

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 April 16, 2025 as presented and find good cause for the delay in approval of the Minutes of more than 30 days. Commissioner Matt Hyde seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

Appointments:

1:15 PM A- Presentation of Employee Service Awards for the 2nd Quarter of 2025.

Employees receiving service awards during the 4th Quarter of 2024 are:

Employee	Department	Years of Service
Pamela D. Moore	Clerk/Treasurer	25
Lane Mills	District Attorney	20
Gary Fowkes	Road Department	10
Brian Miller	Sheriff	10
Tiffany Josepchs	District Court	10
Julie Benninghove	District Court	10
Joseph Sanford	District Attorney	10
Brandon Agard	Juvenile Probation Office	5
Camaren Page	Juvenile Probation Office	5
Ashley Coonce	Sheriff	5

FISCAL IMPACT: N/A

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: N/A

FUNDING SOURCE: N/A

ACTION REQUESTED: None; Informational Only

This item was done for the recognition of the employees' years of service and no formal action was taken.

A. B- Consideration and possible action re: Update of current activities, plans, or actions related to the Bureau of Land Management's Carson City District.

Bureau of Land Management will provide an update of current activities, plans, or actions related to the Bureau of Land Management's Carson City District.

FISCAL IMPACT: N/A

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: N/A

FUNDING SOURCE: N/A

ACTION REQUESTED: None; Informational Only

Mark Mazza and Zach Reichold had the following PowerPoint presentation:



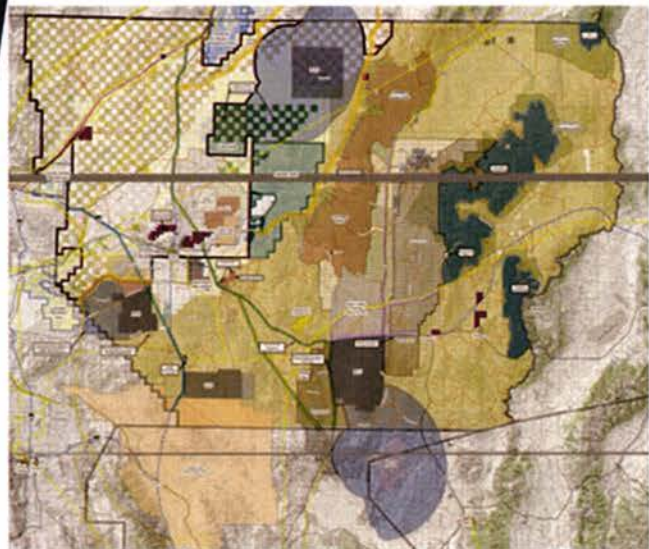
Churchill County Commissioner Updates

June 2025

Presented by Zach Reichold Field Manager and Mark Mazza, Assistant Field Manager

National Defense Authorization Act - BLM

- Sand Canyon road realignment- BLM is the lead agency for NEPA; next steps to soon be finalized by the BOR, Navy and County. Contractor continuing to conduct technical baselines studies.
- BLM, Nevada Department of Agriculture, Navy and the grazing permittees (currently B-16) meet regularly with the affected grazing permittees. BLM working with approach on grazing in all bombing ranges
- BLM and BOR developing an Interagency Agreement for the land exchange responsibilities for Section 2907. Timeline and estimate submitted for review to CCDO management.
- Prioritizing work on affected B-16 grazing permits



Zack Reichold said the Sand Canyon Road realignment is part of the National Defense Authorization Act, which is something that is required under the act. We have been in contact with the County Manager, members of the Bureau of Reclamation, and the Navy to work on a path forward. We just met about this yesterday and we have some things that we need to go

back to the table with to make sure that we are legal. We will regroup in about two weeks and make sure that we get a template for the review of the draft language that we propose in our way forward. Then we will present that for review to see if we can start moving forward with the realignment.

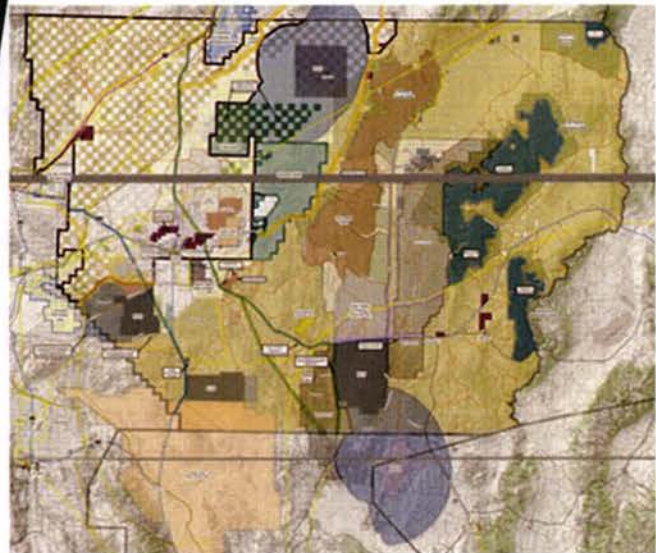
The BLM, Nevada Department of Agriculture, Navy and the Grazing Permittees are currently working. We are meeting on a regular basis on the B-16 range expansion project and the reallocation of some of those AUMs that are being withdrawn from that range area for the grazer. Once we have completed that, we will move forward with a similar process with the B-17 and B-20 range expansion.

The BLM and BOR are developing an Interagency Agreement for the land exchange under Section 2907 for the NDAA. A timeline and estimate was submitted for review to the CCDO management.

BLM is prioritizing work on the affected B-16 grazing permits to get additional resource information. Mr. Mazza said we are doing some monitoring out there in coordination with the grazing permittee so we can renew the grazing permits for the next few years.

National Defense Authorization Act - BLM cont.

- 100% draft of the Churchill County Checkerboard Resolution Implementation Strategy Plan (NDAA bill, Section 2908). Waiting to schedule a briefing with BLM Nevada State Director.
- State Route 361- BLM is a cooperating agency. FHWA and NDOT conducting baseline surveys.
- Great Basin pipeline relocation- BLM is a cooperating agency. BLM IDT reviewing documents, Plan of Development and incoming technical baseline Resource Reports and additional needs.



Mr. Reichold said the BLM has completed a 100% draft of the Churchill County Checkerboard Resolution Implementation Strategy Plan. This is the plan that needs to go forward for our State Director's approval. Once we have briefed that to the State Director, which we intend to do next week, and we get either their approval or find out what they want amended, then we will be able to come back to the county to present that plan to you to make sure it is in alignment with the county's Master Plan. We would then discuss the various different roles that

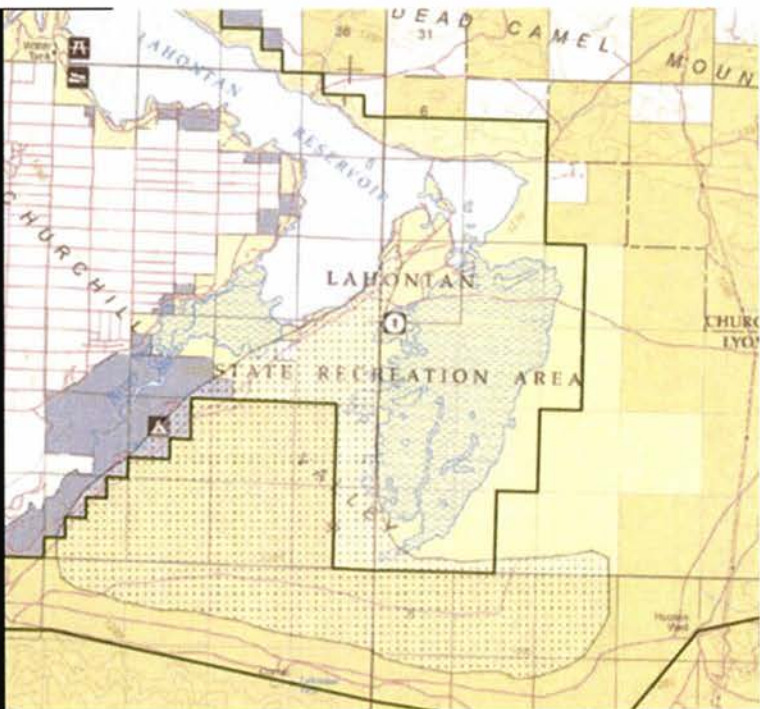
the county would be involved in for the joint approval of those nominated lands or how the lands would be nominated within that area.

With regard to State Route 361, BLM is a cooperating agency. The Highway Administration and NDOT are conducting the baseline studies for that, which are the cultural and environmental survey baselines that will then support the NEPA.

Regarding the Great Basin pipeline relocation, we met with the Navy this week and are discussing with them and the owner of the pipeline to determine the best way to move forward with that project in regards to making sure we are compliant with our requirements under the CFRs, which are the rules that we work under and also the NDAA.

Wild Horse and Burro

- ▶ Census flights completed March 2025. Raw counted numbers available:
 - ▶ Pilot Table Herd (Mineral County): 579 horses
 - ▶ Marietta Herd (Mineral County): 155 burros, 9 horses
 - ▶ Pine Nut Herd (Douglas, Carson City and Lyon): 222 horses
 - ▶ Garfield Flat Herd (Mineral County): 160 horses
 - ▶ Wassuk Herd (Lyon, Mineral): 94 horses
- ▶ Prioritizing the Lahontan Herd Management Area (Churchill County) gather EA. Public comment period closed May 12. Final EA and Decision undergoing internal review; expected publication July 2025.
- ▶ Second priority is the North Complex (Washoe County) horse gather and HMAP. North Complex would include the Flanigan, Dogskin Mtn & Granite Peak Herd Management Areas.
- ▶ Adoption event at Northern Nevada Correctional Center on 6/21 - 18 saddle-started horses available



Mr. Mazza said we had the census flights and the numbers that we counted on those herds listed above. At the top of the slide, the big updates are the Lahontan Gather EA, which is in Churchill County. Right now we are expecting the Final EA and Decision. We are doing an internal review of that and expecting that to come out next month. We would then be in a good place to gather out there. This is adjacent to the B-16 range that is supposed to come online.

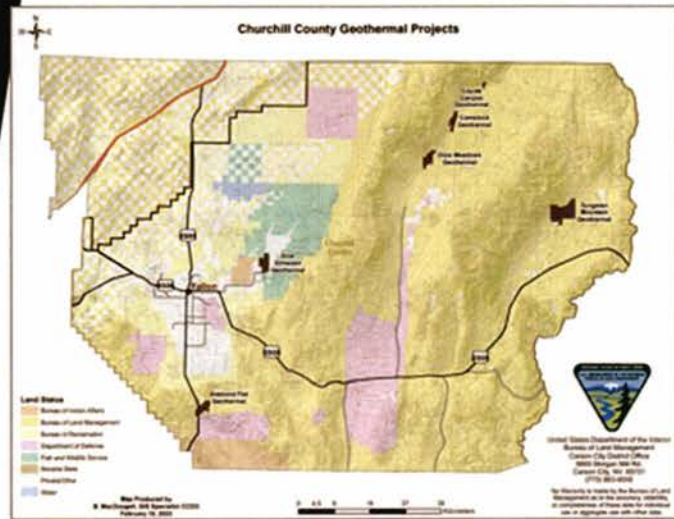
The next update is the adoption event at the Northern Nevada Correctional Center on June 21st. There will be 18 saddle-started horses available for adoption.

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Geothermal Projects

- ▶ Dixie Meadows: A baseline requirements document has been completed with USFWS, NASF, and BLM. Ormat has participated in the discussions
- ▶ Diamond Flat (exploration) NEPA in progress and working on PEA with NEPA contractor.
 - ▶ BLM is requesting SHPO enter into a Memorandum of Agreement to resolve adverse effects; a Historical Properties Treatment Plan is being developed



Mr. Mazza said there are two projects that we putting a lot of time and energy into, both in Churchill County. The first is Dixie Meadows. We are working through the baseline requirements that have been finalized and what permitting would need to go to implement any instruments that would monitor ground water, monitor surface water, or anything like that. We are looking at those under categorical exclusions so that the monitoring can be completed in preparation for the NEPA that would come with production.

The second one is the Diamond Flat EA. This was a project that was selected for emergency permitting under the energy emergency. That EA has been sent up to the Department of Interior for solicitor review. It could move pretty quickly.

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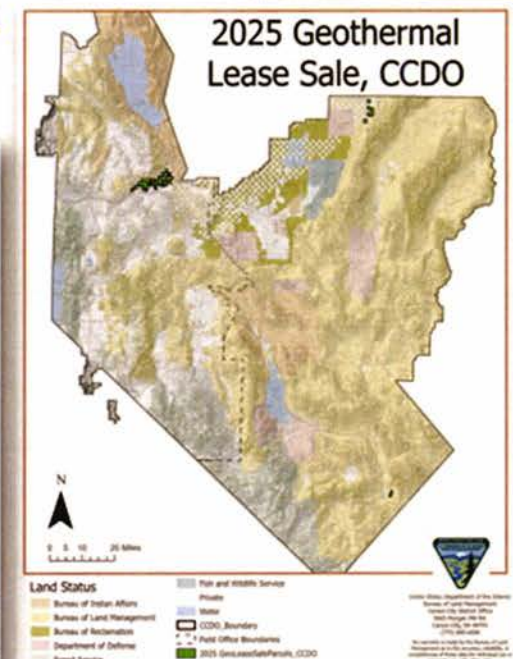
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2025 Geothermal Lease Sale EA

Nine parcels
nominated total,
20,293 acres;

Two parcels in
Churchill County,
3,795 acres



Geothermal Lease Sale- parts of 2 parcels
were deferred from this sale
(already removed from previous slide's map)

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| <p>► Parcel NV-2025-10-2179</p> <p>► The parcel is located within the Numu Neve Special Management Area designated in the FY22 NDAA.</p> <p>► The SMA holds cultural and sacred importance to regional Paiute and Shoshone Tribal Nations, collectively termed the “Numu Neve Commission” (Commission), which has signed a co-stewardship agreement with the BLM to jointly manage this area. However, the BLM and the Commission have not yet completed a management plan for the SMA.</p> | <p>► Portion of parcel NV-2025-10-2171</p> <p>► Township24 N, Range 35E, Section 17 S1/2 (Mount Diablo Meridian)</p> <p>► Overlaps with pending conveyance to Churchill County under the FY22 NDAA</p> <p>► Remaining parcel portion for GT lease sale consideration:
 T. 23 N., R. 33 E., Sec. 1 LOTS 1 thru 4;
 S 1/2 NE1/4, S1/2 NW1/4, S1/2
 T. 24 N., R. 34 E., Sec. 20 PROT ALL;
 Sec. 29 PROT ALL</p> |
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Mr. Mazza added that they are in the final stages of this year's geothermal lease sale EA. This is something that happens annually. If there are parcels that are selected within each BLM district, then we do a step-down EA for that so that they can go to sale. There were nine parcels

nominated in total and two of those are in Churchill County. We are calling them the Carson Desert parcels, which are depicted on the map. Those are only two parcels. If you look at the numbers, they are broken out in the different pieces.

The process involves an internal review and, if there are things that are unresolved to the point where they shouldn't move to a lease sale yet, they are deferred for the next year until those things can be worked through. It was actually one whole parcel and then a part of another parcel, so this title slide is a little bit off, but parcel 2179 was deferred because it fell within the Numa Newe Special Management Area. Under that Co-stewardship Agreement, we need to develop a plan on how those lands have been managed and how geothermal leasing, production, the sale, and all of those things would occur. That hasn't been done yet, so once that was to occur and it is more defined how geothermal would work in those parcels, we can look at that one again.

The other one was a portion of this parcel in 2171. The other portions of those parcels are on the former slide and the map. The portion of this parcel that was deferred was because it fell within a conveyance parcel under the NDAA.

Minerals Projects

- ▶ Bell Mountain Mine. Lincoln Resource Group is entering the final design, pre-construction phase for the Bell Mountain Mine. The EA for the project was finalized and Decision Record / FONSI issued March 2020.
- ▶ Cosmo Dixie Exploration. Cosmo E&P US., has two Notices for lithium exploration in Dixie Valley. Aquarius, two drill pads and 1,150 feet of constructed road, for a total of 3.47 acres. Sagittarius, one drill pad and 7,060 feet of constructed road, for a total of 4.75 acres.

Mr. Reichold said, with mineral projects, we have the Bell Mountain Mine where the Lincoln Resource Group is entering the final design phase. That is the pre-construction phase for this project. The EA for the project was finalized and the Decision Record and FONSI were issued in March 2020.

We just recently received a revised Plan of Operations for the Cosmo Dixie Exploration project. This is a lithium project where two notices have been issued for exploration in the Dixie Valley

area. The Aquarius has two drill platforms and 1,150 feet of constructed road, for a total of 3.47 acres. The Sagittarius has one drill pad and 7,060 feet of constructed road, for a total of 4.75 acres of disturbance.



With regard to Special Recreation projects that have been approved that enter into Churchill County, the Valley off-road has already been conducted. This weekend, we have the Legacy Race, which is the Baja Nevada, scheduled for June 25-29. The Best in the Desert Vegas to Reno is scheduled for August 13-16. The Gold Rush is scheduled October 9-12. The Burro Adventures race will be held at Sand Mountain is June 21-22.

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Lands & Realty

Greenlink North

- ▶ Final EIS expected to be published in April 2025.
- ▶ Record of Decision expected to be published in July 2025.

Edwards Creek "War Canyon" ROW EA

- ▶ ROW application for water pipelines within War Canyon, Starr Canyon, and Cherry Creek.
- ▶ IDT specialists are reviewing the project to provide baseline surveys direction.

Relative to Greenlink North, which is a multi-district project for a transportation line for energy, the final EIS was published in April 2025 and the Record of Decision is supposed to be published in July 2025.

With regard to the Edwards Creek, War Canyon, Right-of-Way EA project, the BLM received a right-of-way application for water pipelines with War Canyon, Star Canyon, and Cherry Creek. We received that from the applicant. Our specialists are reviewing that application and are preparing to give feedback and additional requirements or information to the applicant so that we can further evaluate this project.

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Questions

Chair Getto asked if there was any questions or comments from staff but there was none. This item was done for informational purposes only and no action was taken.

C- Presentation of Carcass Grand Champion Winners, Reserve Grand Champion All Around Winners, Grand Champion All Around Winners, Record Book Contest Winners, and Personal Interview Winners from the 2025 Churchill County Junior Livestock Show (CCJLS).

The Churchill County Junior Livestock Show and Sale was held April 24 - 26, 2025. The Board of County Commissioners will present awards for Grand Champion Winners in the Carcass Contests for Steer, Hog, Lamb and Goat; Reserve Grand Champion All Around Winners; and the Grand Champion All Around Winners. Also presenting the Record Book Contest Winners and Personal Interview Winners.

CARCASS GRAND CHAMPION WINNERS:

Grand Champion Steer Carcass – Caitlyn Dock
Grand Champion Hog Carcass – Colton Fait
Grand Champion Lamb Carcass – Gabe Houyoux
Grand Champion Goat Carcass – Chloe Kent

RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION ALL AROUND WINNERS:

Reserve Grand Champion Junior All Around – Brayden Sowersby
Reserve Grand Champion Intermediate All Around – Louie Pellandini
Reserve Grand Champion Senior All Around – Taylor Sowersby

GRAND CHAMPION ALL AROUND WINNERS:

Grand Champion Junior All Around – Kaylee Montalvo

Grand Champion Intermediate All Around – Macady Bogdanowicz
Grand Champion Senior All Around – Allie Fait

Record Book Contest:

Jr - Hailey Hiibel
Intermediate - Ellie Peixoto
Senior - Allie Fait

Personal Interview:

Junior - Brayden Sowersby
Intermediate - Macady Bogdanowicz
Senior - Taylor Sowersby
FISCAL IMPACT: N/A
EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: N/A
FUNDING SOURCE: N/A
ACTION REQUESTED: None; Informational Only

County Manager Barbee said this show is done through a Cooperative Agreement between Churchill County, the Commission, and the Churchill County Junior Livestock Show Foundation, which does the funding side of it, while it falls under the umbrella of the county as a county event sponsored and endorsed by the Commission. This last year, at the sale that was held in April, the sale generated over \$200,000 in livestock sales. Coming out of this community, that is a tremendous thing to say. When you remove the actual market value of those livestock, you are still looking at well around \$150,000 in scholarships that are brought forward for those students that are working hard and putting together these great projects that the folks and businesses in this community are supporting. Please give a big round of applause for all of that because it is a tremendous amount. This item was done for recognition and presentation of awards but no action was taken.

D- Consideration and possible action re: Renewal of a Professional Services Agreement with Mahannah & Associates, LLC for an amount not to exceed \$180,000 per year.

Mahannah & Associates, LLC, formerly WRD, has a long-standing professional history with Churchill County and has provided water resource consulting for many years. Typical Contracts are for three-year periods and the attached Contract would cover the period beginning July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2028, with an increase to the annual "not to exceed" cap of 5% from \$160,000 to \$180,000, to account for workload variability. The last three years' worth of total invoicing under the existing Contract were: ~\$135k, \$158k & \$110k for FYs 23, 24 & 25 (through May), respectively. FY24 approached the current contract cap of \$160k, hence the request to increase the current cap by \$20k. However, it is unlikely to approach that level unless work loads increase notably.

The Contract also provides for reimbursement of project-related expenses, which range from \$10-14K per year for State Engineer applications, permits, and proof of extension fees or other project expenses on behalf of the county. Provided herewith is a cover letter which summarizes proposed Contract changes, as well as an overview of contracted and special projects during

FY22-25. The Contract includes Exhibit "A" Scope of Services and details the work performed and services provided to the county. Due to the longstanding relationship with Mahannah & Associates, the institutional water resource knowledge and continuity as county staff and elected officials change or retire has been very valuable.

FISCAL IMPACT: Up to \$180,000 per fiscal year.

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: Funds have been budgeted for the continuation of contracted services for water resources.

FUNDING SOURCE: Water Resources/Contracted Services: 380-380-52400.

ACTION REQUESTED: Accept.

Chris Mahannah made the following PowerPoint presentation:

**Mahannah & Associates, LLC
Renewal of Professional
Services Contract
FY 26-28**



Chris C. Mahannah, PE, WRS
Email: chris@mah2o.com

June 18, 2025

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Summary of Tasks:

Churchill Contract:

- Water rights management
- Water resource protection
- Water resource planning
- Coordination /Collaboration w/ CNRWA, HRBWA, TCID, USFWS
- Conjunctive management
- Legislative committee(s)
- Legislative bill testimony
- Others

Outside Funded Tasks:

- Lahontan valley water level monitoring
- Dixie valley water level & precip gage monitoring
- Geothermal monitoring plan reviews
- Well design & aquifer testing ...



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Mr. Mahannah said I gave an update to Commissioners Blakey and Hyde in October of last year, so I thought I would go over today is a quick summary of the work I do for Churchill County. You can see from this Summary of Tasks that everything on the left side represents everything I do for Churchill County that would be covered under this Contract. The first one is water rights management. The county has a portfolio of surface and underground water rights, which require occasional change applications to be filed, extensions of time, proofs of beneficial use, reports of conveyance, and those sorts of things to keep those water rights in good standing.

With regard to water resource protection, that involves looking at applications or actions upstream on the Truckee and Carson Rivers or other groundwater projects that may have the potential to affect Churchill County's interest in water rights and water resources. That can involve everything from filing protests, negotiating with applicants to try to resolve issues, which, in some cases, results in a water right hearing before the State Engineer with expert witness testimony, studies, and that type of thing.

Water resource planning involves assisting the county. Going back to 2000 with my prior associate, Water Resource & Development (WRD), we prepared a 25 and 50 year Water Resource Plan that was all-encompassing of the entire county. That was updated a couple of times and narrowed down, with the most recent being work with Shaw Engineering in the 2019 Water and Wastewater Master Plan. I have assisted in that. Wrapped into that is that the county owns the Wild Goose Farm west of town. I am out there monthly measuring water levels and meters. Occasionally, there are pump well rehabilitation replacement issues out there, so I assist the county in that.

Mr. Mahannah said this contract involves coordination and collaboration with various entities that interface with Churchill County. The list would include Central Nevada Regional Water Authority, Humbolt River Basin Water Authority, TCID, Fish and Wildlife Service, USGS, Nevada Division of Water Resources, State Engineer. At the Nevada Water Resource Association's conference this year, State Engineer Adam Sullivan announced that Basin 101 or the Carson Desert is going to be the next basin that they study with their Nevada Water Initiative. They are currently working on two basins in the eastern part of the state where they are applying the best-available science to update perennial yields and water availability. This is an issue I have harped on in Basin 101 that natural recharge to the basin is very small from precipitation and the aquifers are supported by the irrigation project. The State Engineer knows that and they want to update the studies and Basin 101 will be the next basin they study. I will be working with them to help define that study and how they might go about it.

With conjunctive management, I have spent a good amount of time on this over my career. Nevada is finally coming into the 21st century when it comes to this issue of interconnectedness of groundwater and surface water and the effect that junior priority groundwater pumping is having on senior decreed surface water rights. This has really come to an issue on the Humboldt River. USGS and the Desert Research Institute have initiated modeling efforts that have been going on for nearly a decade now and we are still waiting on the middle model to be completed. They found issues with it, so it has been a long, drawn-out process, but they are attempting to do best-available science to determine what those impacts are. The State Engineer hopes to issue a draft order at the end of this year on how he might handle that issue on the Humboldt. In anticipation of that, he has formed a stakeholder working group with about 30 people involved. I got invited to participate in that or I was actually nominated by Churchill County and TCID to do that. That started almost exactly a year ago today. We met quarterly in locations from Elko, Battle Mountain, and Winnemucca throughout the Humboldt watershed. As those meetings have occurred, there have been 3-4 sub-groups that have been formed and I have been invited to participate in two of those. One of them is to consider the formation of conservation districts or groundwater districts. Colorado and Idaho have done this to help manage surface and groundwater connectivity because the State Engineer has limited ability under the current statutory scheme, which, basically, is curtailment and that is a very draconian action. We have worked with some of these other states to see how they have done it and how that could possibly be used in Nevada. With the other sub-group, where we had our first meeting on Monday, is a more technical related group of hydrology folks on the nuts and bolts of how that might be managed.

Regarding participation in Legislative Committees, the Central Nevada Regional Water Authority (CNRWA) has a Legislative Committee headed by Norm Frey. I am on that committee, along with 4-5 other folks. We started meeting, which was headed by Allen Biaggi, the former head of the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, includes about a dozen of us representing everybody from NGOs and environmental folks, Truckee Meadows Water Authority, Nevada Farm Bureau, and State Engineer's staff. We have worked in the interim for the last two years trying to see what changes might be needed for this session that just ended. The bills that came out of that, which was signed into law a week ago by the Governor, were SB36 and AB104. It is a water right retirement bill. I was actively involved in

that bill. There were two or three times where that bill, potentially, was going off the rails and it would have, potentially, had a very negative effect for Churchill County, not only in Basin 101 but also in Dixie Valley. There is a lot of excitement around this bill. While I am proud to be a part of it becoming law, I think it has to be tempered with the reality of the success that it may achieve. Some of the lawmakers are under the false pretense that this is the be-all, end-all for basins that are over-appropriated and over-pumped. It is one very small tool in the toolbox. The State Engineer knows that. The pilot program was funded by ARPA funds of \$25M to retire water rights primarily in Diamond Valley. At the Nevada Water Resource conference, DRI did an analysis of the water rights that were retired and the \$25M that were spent and only about half of that was actually wet water that was being put to use. There was \$25M spent of taxpayer's dollars for a lot of what really had no benefit for the basin. Going forward, a better job could be done with water right retirement. Going along with this, there was legislative bill testimony for SB36 and AB104. Although I was supportive of the bill, at one point I would have been opposed to it with some language that the NGOs wanted in there, so that went back and forth.

Other miscellaneous stuff that I do includes water right dedication maps for the county or any particular task that the County Manager's office or Public Works related to water that I will take on.

On the right side are other tasks that are funded outside of the proposed contract. The Lahontan Valley Water Level Monitoring is a program that has been funded mostly by CWSD. There is a little bit of matching money that the county puts into that. That project is probably going on 15 years of monthly water level data, which has been very valuable. The State Engineer has used that data to make decisions on the water right transfer to the golf course that I will talk about in a moment. CWSD also funds the county's interest in Dixie Valley for ongoing water level monitoring, and we have 13 high-altitude precipitation gauges that I monitor out there. Additionally, there are Special Use Permits with geothermal companies and monitoring plan reviews that industry pays for. Last, but not least, is well design and aquifer testing. That is what I am spending a lot of time on right now. I am a sub-consultant to Shaw Engineering, thanks to Mr. Barbee and Mr. Spross. They got ARPA funding to drill two new municipal wells on the county golf course. We just completed the second one on the east side of the golf course earlier this week. We will start test pumping those early next week. They look to be very promising. That was funding for the two wells, to equip them, to connect pipelines, and demolition of the sewer plant that was on the site there. That project is moving along nicely.

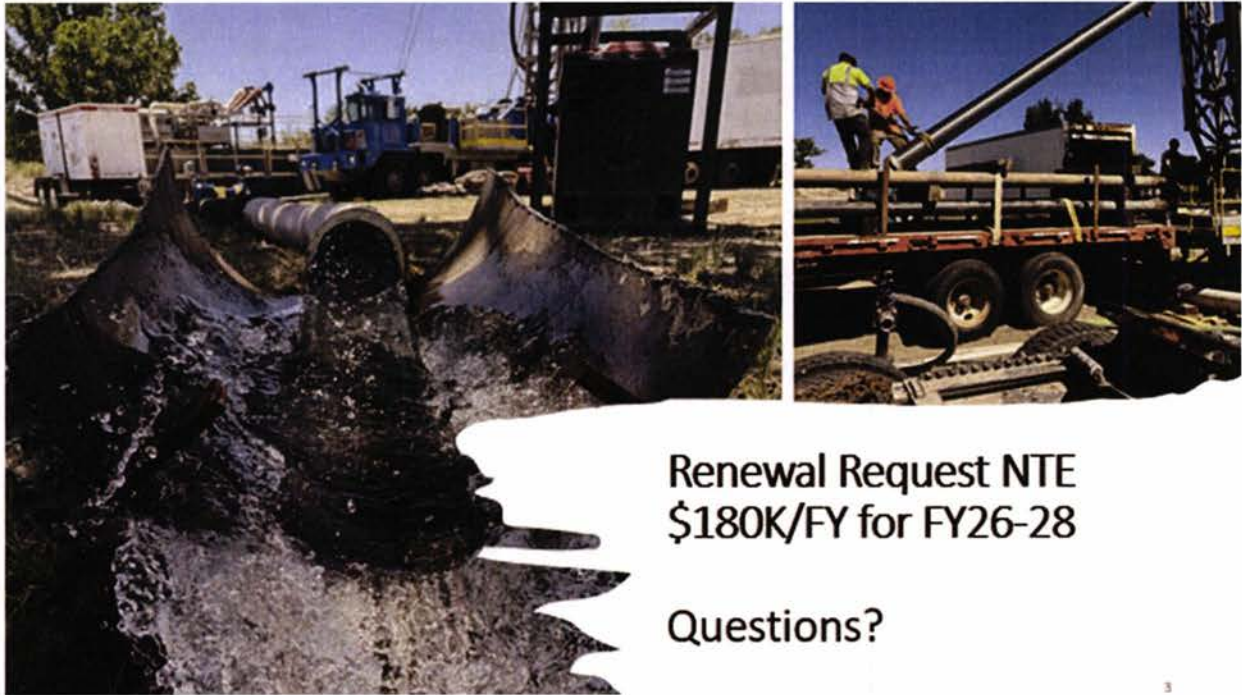
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**Renewal Request NTE
\$180K/FY for FY26-28**

Questions?

Mr. Mahannah said, in conclusion, we have always, in the past, renewed this contract with Mahannah & Associates in three-year increments. We are asking for a not-to-exceed amount of \$180,000 per year for the next three years. The caveat is that would be a maximum. The current fiscal year to date is around \$110,000. In the prior fiscal year, we are close to the current cap of \$160,000, which I think was \$157,000 and change, so I bumped it up a little to make sure that, if workloads increase, we are covered.

Finally, I would like to express my appreciation and thanks for all of the years of working with Churchill County. I believe Mr. Spross will be the sixth County Manager that I have worked under, assuming this is approved. If I may diverge slightly from the previous public comments, I have had the privilege and opportunity to work with Mr. Spross for the five years he has been here. I found him to be a very hard working, dedicated individual. Although he may not have a P.E. behind his name, I think, no offense to Mr. Barbee, he has probably the best engineering/construction wherewithal than any prior County Manager I have worked with. I am happy to answer any questions.

Chair Getto asked if there were any questions or comments from board or staff. Commissioner Blakey thanked Mr. Mahannah for his commitment to the county over the years. I look forward to working with you in the future.

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

Commissioner Matt Hyde made a motion to approve the Professional Services Agreement

with Mahannah & Associates, LLC for the period of July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2028. Commissioner Eric Blakey seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

E- Consideration and possible action re: Ratification of the funding Agreement for the Pet Charities Program.

Churchill County Social Services has received funding from the Pet Charities to support the Pet Program at the Life Center. The program supports veterinarian bills, food, and prescriptions for seniors and disabled individuals that struggle to meet monthly financial obligations.

FISCAL IMPACT: \$15,000.

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: Personnel Costs-\$6,764.10; Program Activities-\$5,775.90; Materials & Supplies-\$1,780.00; Other Direct Costs-\$680.00.

FUNDING SOURCE: Meals on Wheels Loves Pets: Regional Cohort and Storytelling Grant.

ACTION REQUESTED: Accept

Shannon Ernst, Social Services Director, made this presentation as outlined above. She said we have about 36 individuals who are receiving services each month and this could be used for pet food and prescriptions. We do very limited pet bills.

Chair Getto asked if there were any questions or comments from staff or any public comments but there were none.

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

F- Consideration and possible action re: Ratification of an Agreement between United Way of Northern Nevada and the Sierra and Churchill County Social Services to establish a stipend award for approved SAFE applications not to exceed \$1,200.

Churchill County Social Services has been awarded funding through the NV Energy SAFE Program to support payments of utility bills for low-income residents with disconnect notices. The department will utilize the funds per the Agreement and program policies.

FISCAL IMPACT: \$1,200.

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: \$1,200 to support payments to avoid utility disconnects for Churchill County residents.

FUNDING SOURCE: United Way of Northern Nevada and The Sierra.

ACTION REQUESTED: Accept

Shannon Ernst, Social Services Director, made this presentation as outlined above. She added that, prior to two years ago, this used to be just an informational Agreement with NV Energy, where we would provide certain funding to help individuals to keep their utilities turned on. It has changed and the funding goes to United Way, so we have to apply for the funds. This year

we have been awarded \$1,200. This follows all of our policies and procedures for those individuals who have a disconnect notice to maintain those utilities.

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

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

G- Consideration and possible action re: Ratification of the Intrastate Interlocal Contract Between Public Agencies between the Nevada Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Welfare and Supportive Services, and the Churchill County District Attorney's Office, Child Support Division, for the period of July 1, 2025, to June 30, 2029.

This Contract was previously approved by the Board of Commissioners at a meeting held on May 1st, 2025. After approval and signatures were obtained, the Contract was sent to the state to be fully executed. The state responded stating that the Governor's Finance Office would not approve the Contract as the amounts included in the Contract by the state were rounded up or down to the nearest dollar amounts, rather than including dollars and cents. For example, the Contract included an annual cost of \$796,982 for FY26, whereas the Contract before the board now includes an annual cost of \$796,982.33 for FY26. The state provided an updated version of the Contract with each of the costs modified to include cents instead of rounding to the nearest dollar amount. Chair Myles Getto signed the updated Contract so that it could be sent to the state on an expedited basis and the request is for the board to ratify the signing of the updated Contract. The information and description regarding the Contract presented at the last hearing is included below.

NRS 425.370 and NRS 425.380(1) require counties to provide child support enforcement and paternity establishment for local parents. The expenditure of funds for this purpose is reimbursed by the federal IV-D program. The Churchill County District Attorney, Child Support Division, has been providing this service for local residents for many years and has a stellar record of timely and effective service. This Contract is paid at a cost of actual per invoice from a grant award from the Child Support Enforcement, Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance number 93.563. The federal agency that provides the grant is the Administration for Children and Families, Department of Health and Human Services. The expenditures of funds under the grant are subject to annual audit requirements.

This Contract establishes the regulations for continued services by the Child Support Division for July 1, 2025, to June 30, 2029, and sets forth the obligations of the county and of the Division of Welfare and Supportive Services. It provides that the county will allocate funds for the provision of services contracted in the Agreement (locate, establishment, and enforcement services for all Churchill County non-assistance IV-D cases), with the understanding that federally recognized administrative costs shall be reimbursed and incentive payments shall be paid by DWSS, at the level authorized by Congress for Title IV, Part D, of the Social Security Act IV-D. The contracted services and scope of work are consistent with prior years' requirements and no significant additions were made to the scope of work. The Contract and all addendums/attachments have been reviewed and approved on a statewide and local level and by

the Child Support Division. The board had previously approved the Interlocal Agreement at the May 1st, 2025 meeting. The state has since ratified the amounts, changing from the nearest dollar to include cents.

FISCAL IMPACT: Child Support Division will receive up to \$3,284,663 to provide Child Support Enforcement services from July 1, 2025, to June 30, 2029.

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: As outlined above.

FUNDING SOURCE: Child Support Budget.

ACTION REQUESTED: Accept

Jeff Weed, Senior Deputy District Attorney - Civil, made this presentation as outlined above.

Chair Getto asked if there were any questions or comments from board or staff, or any public comment but there were none.

Commissioner Eric Blakey made a motion to ratify the Intrastate Interlocal Contract Between Public Agencies between the Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Welfare and Supportive Services, and the Churchill County District Attorney's Office, Child Support Division. Commissioner Matt Hyde 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

Jeff Weed, Senior Deputy District Attorney - Civil, reported that, as the board is aware, there has been extensive work going on at the Legislature. It has since adjourned. All Bills that were going to go to the Governor's desk have gone there and the time to either sign those or veto those has passed. Included in the Agenda Packet are those Bills which have been discussed periodically that have a nexus to the county and what the county's position was regarding the Bills. Today, I am only going to go over the Bills that the Commission voted to either oppose or support a few meetings back. The Chair of the Board signed those letters and they were sent to the Legislature. There are about 20 Bills and I will touch briefly on those and update the board on whether or not they passed. I'll start with those the board voted to support.

SB69: This Bill required certain projects to enter into Agreements with local governments to defray the costs incurred in providing services and infrastructure necessary to serve qualified

projects to be eligible for transferrable tax credits and tax abatements. This was passed and signed by the Governor.

AB363: This Bill allows local governments to request the establishment of a Groundwater Board, to submit lists of eligible candidates for appointment to the board, and submit written advice and recommendations to the State Engineer regarding strategies to reduce over-pumping. This Bill was passed and then signed by the Governor.

AB249: This Bill provided for, when there is a fiscal note and there is an inquiry from local governments into the effect that the Bill would have locally on the government, this allowed for an extension of time if there was required extended research and those kinds of things in order to get those fiscal notes in. This was supported by the county and was passed and signed by the Governor.

AB66: This Bill died in the Legislature. This was the Bill regarding the second District Court General Jurisdiction Judge within the county. This Bill did not make it to the Governor's desk and will not be signed into law.

AB70: The board was in support of this Bill and it was passed and signed. This required, for renewable energy development, if there were to be a tax abatement, partial or otherwise, of renewable energy facilities, this would require certain reimbursement for the counties for operational costs in doing Environmental Impact Statements and those kinds of things required by law. Again, this was passed and signed.

AB211: This passed but was not signed by the Governor.

AB226: This Bill was vetoed by the Governor. This had to do with certain transferrable tax credits for tax abatements to certify that those applicants would commit to collaborate with the communities and local governments in requiring a statement that they would work with governments to help with the costs and those kinds of things associated with the growth that would come from that, but this was vetoed by the Governor.

Moving on to the Bills that were opposed by the board:

AB241: This would allow for and require the adoption of an ordinance by local governments authorizing, by right, multi-family housing developments or mixed-use developments that include residential components or properties to be zoned for those which are commercial use. If it is zoned for commercial purposes, they would be able to come in and build, by right, those types of facilities and housing developments. This was passed and signed by the Governor.

SB93: This was opposed. This bill requires, as a condition of any grant or federal money for the development of broadband services and infrastructure, that a contract license complies with certain provisions of NRS. The county's concern is that funding from these federal projects does not account for the substantial increased costs associated with prevailing wages. This was opposed by the county and passed the Legislature but was vetoed by the Governor.

SB447: This was also opposed by the county and vetoed by the Governor. This bill removed the County's autonomy by requiring that reasonable attorney fees be included in certain contracts. Those attorney fees could be granted despite what was written in contractual agreements.

AB245: This prohibits possession of certain firearms, specifically semi-automatic centerfire rifles and semi-automatic shotguns, by those under the age of 21. This was opposed by the county and vetoed by the Governor.

AB247: This one dealt primarily with certain requirements for providing real-time translation services for those with certain disabilities, primarily for the hearing impaired. This was opposed by the county and died in the Legislature, not making it to the Governor's desk.

AB388: This is referred to as the unpaid family and medical leave bill, was opposed by the county and vetoed by the Governor.

AB462: This one combined the Port Authority Act with the Industrial Park Authority. The county's concern was that it restricted certain authority and regulated development in managing industrial parks. This was opposed by the county but passed and was signed by the Governor.

AB479: This Bill dealt with certain tax abatements related to agricultural and solar use of property. This was opposed by the county but passed and was signed by the Governor.

AB502: This was opposed by the county, required a public body to request an identifying number from the Labor Commission not less than three business days before any advertisement or solicitation for public work was published or made. This was opposed by the county but passed and was signed by the Governor.

AB547: This one dealt with the requirement for the state to evaluate job applicants based on their experience within the federal government, treating it the same as if it were within the state government. This was passed and signed by the Governor.

SB390: This Bill dealt with child support enforcement. It contained a provision restricting, in certain circumstances, the reporting of failure to pay child support to the DMV and limiting the ability to suspend driver's licenses, which is an important aspect of child support collection. This died in the Legislature and did not make it to the Governor's desk.

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.

Letters Received:

A- Carson Water Subconservancy District's Final Budget for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2026.

The Carson Water Subconservancy District provides a copy of its Final Budget for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2026 for public information.

FISCAL IMPACT: N/A

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: N/A

FUNDING SOURCE: N/A

ACTION REQUESTED: None; Informational Only

B- Churchill County Mosquito, Vector, and Noxious Weed Abatement District's Final Budget for Fiscal Year 2026.

The Churchill County Mosquito, Vector, and Noxious Weed Abatement District provides its Final Budget for Fiscal Year 2026 for the information of the board and public.

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 Proposed Decision for the Stone Cabin Temporary Water Hauls Project.

On January 23, 2025, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Tonopah Field Office (TFO) consulted with Colvin & Son, LLC and the public regarding a proposal to authorize four temporary water hauls in the Stone Cabin Allotment. This action is a cooperative response to ongoing severe drought conditions impacting forage and water availability in the region. The allotment, located about 30 miles east of Tonopah, Nevada, covers approximately 389,499 acres across a diverse landscape that includes mountains, foothills, and valleys. Cattle grazing in this area is permitted seasonally and year-round by two ranching operations, with a total of 13,985 Animal Unit Months (AUMs) authorized.

Due to persistent drought since 2012, Colvin & Son, LLC has repeatedly reduced or suspended grazing to alleviate pressure on the land. In the current grazing year, they have reduced their herd by more than half. The temporary water hauls are intended to provide cattle access to previously unreachable forage areas and reduce overgrazing in concentrated zones. The water will be delivered by truck to strategically chosen locations based on prior disturbance along existing roads and all water troughs will be equipped with wildlife escape ladders.

The proposed decision aligns with federal drought policies and the Tonopah Resource Management Plan. It includes specific conditions, such as requiring cultural and environmental assessments before haul sites are approved and mandates that troughs be removed within seven days of the end of the use period. Grazing rotations will be adjusted based on seasonal drought triggers and livestock must be removed from affected areas within seven days if those thresholds are reached. Annual written approval from the BLM will be required for implementing the water hauls each year.

Public and tribal involvement was part of the planning process. A public consultation letter was sent out in January and tribal consultation letters followed in February. One public comment was received and reviewed but no changes to the proposed decision were made. The BLM determined the proposed action would not cause unnecessary environmental degradation or adversely affect protected species or cultural resources.

This decision is subject to a 15-day protest period. If no protest is filed within that time, the decision becomes final. Temporary water hauls are viewed as an effective tool to support livestock distribution, reduce invasive species, and allow rangeland recovery during and after drought conditions.

Any individual whose interests are negatively impacted by the BLM's final decision has the right to appeal for a hearing before an administrative law judge. This appeal must be submitted within 30 days of receiving the final decision and must clearly explain why the appellant believes the decision is incorrect. Additionally, the appellant may request a stay (a temporary halt of the decision's implementation) by filing a petition for stay along with the appeal, also within 30 days of receiving the final decision. Both the appeal and any petition for stay must be submitted to the office of the authorized officer, Perry B. Wickham, Field Manager of the Tonopah Field Office, BLM, at P.O. Box 911, Tonopah, NV 89409. Within 15 days of filing, the appellant must also serve copies of the appeal and petition for stay to all parties named in the decision and to the Office of the Solicitor, Pacific Southwest Region, U.S. Department of the Interior in Sacramento, California.

The petition for stay must demonstrate justification using four criteria: (1) potential harm to the parties if the stay is granted or denied, (2) the likelihood the appellant will succeed on the merits of the appeal, (3) risk of immediate and irreparable harm if the stay is not granted, and (4) whether granting the stay serves the public interest.

Anyone named in the decision (besides the appellant) who wishes to respond to a petition for stay may file a motion to intervene with the Hearings Division in Salt Lake City, Utah. This motion and response must be submitted within 10 days of receiving the petition for stay. Copies must then be served to the appellant, the Office of the Solicitor, and any other named individuals within 15 days of filing. Each party must include a written certification of service with their documents, indicating the date and method by which the documents were served.

FISCAL IMPACT: N/A

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: N/A

FUNDING SOURCE: N/A

ACTION REQUESTED: None; informational only.

D- Bureau of Land Management's notification of its development of a Herd Management Area Plan and Gather Environmental Assessment for the Antelope and Triple B Complexes and its associated 30-day public scoping period.

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Ely District, in coordination with the Elko District, has developed a Herd Management Area Plan and Environmental Assessment (EA) for the Antelope and Triple B Complexes. A 30-day public scoping period will begin on May 29, 2025. The Preliminary EA is available for public review and addresses key issues to guide wild horse management alternatives in these areas. The document can be accessed at: <https://eplanning.blm.gov/eplanning-ui/project2034747/510>.

FISCAL IMPACT: N/A

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: N/A

FUNDING SOURCE: N/A

ACTION REQUESTED: None; Informational Only

E- The Churchill County 4-H Club provides a thank you card in appreciation of the support Churchill County has provided to make the Churchill County Junior Livestock Show such a success.

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FISCAL IMPACT: N/A

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: N/A

FUNDING SOURCE: N/A

ACTION REQUESTED: None; Informational Only

F- Consideration and possible action re: Bureau of Land Management's notification that it has issued a Notice of Field Manager's Final Decision for Prescribed Grazing to Manipulate Vegetation Composition and Structure for the Eastgate Allotment.

The Bureau of Land Management provides notification that it has issued a Notice of Field Manager's Final Decision for Prescribed Grazing to Manipulate Vegetation Composition and Structure for the Eastgate Allotment. This is being done to meet resource objectives: reduced fuel loads through annual invasive grass reduction, increased perennial grass cover, and reduced riparian utilization. This action would contribute to improvements in ecological functionality as the cheatgrass is reduced and the native deep-rooted perennial bunchgrasses are increased. The treatment will also minimize habitat loss and degradation due to increased fire frequency and size of wildland fires from the proliferation of annual invasive grasses in the Great Basin. Annual invasive grasses, primarily cheatgrass, contribute to altered fire regime conditions that intensify wildland fire frequency, duration, and size. These increases in annual invasive grasses have decreased the integrity of ecological functions and services. Long-term, there is a desire to manage BLM-administered lands in a manner that maintains and improves the ecological health of these lands and supports and sustains appropriate land uses and habitats.

Areas identified for prescribed grazing are dominated by, or contain a dominant understory of, the annual invasive grass, cheatgrass (*Bromus tectorum*). BLM will issue free-use grazing permits, as appropriate, to provide for attainment of resource objectives. No intact or recovering plant communities with an understory dominated with native grasses will receive prescribed grazing treatments.

The treatment area selected is within the Eastgate Allotment administered by the Stillwater Field Office. The treatment area is physically separated from the larger allotment and will be managed with different objectives than the larger allotment. There will be no change to any existing grazing permit or allotment management plan through this decision and prescribed grazing would be authorized outside the Terms and Conditions of existing grazing permits. The treatment area spans BLM-managed public lands and is strategically placed to protect intact native plant communities.

BLM has determined to implement the Action Alternative C as described in DOI-BLM-NV-C010-2024-0034-DNA. This alternative would reduce fine fuel cover, reduce litter accumulation, and, thereby, reduce invasive annual grass germination rates and seedbed accumulation and transfer. The treatment would occur for up to three years. Each year, a project plan for the annual treatment would be developed based on the annual production of cheatgrass, as well as monitoring results of the previous year's treatment. Further information about the decision can be found in the notice provided herewith.

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: Approval of a modification to the Joint Funding Agreement (JFA) 23ZJFA00139 with the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) for the Carson River Basin Groundwater Levels and Water Quality Monitoring, in the amount of \$9,750 for Fiscal Year 2025/26.

The county has been a funding partner with the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) to monitor water level trends of the shallow, intermediate, and basalt aquifers related to land-use and management changes within Churchill County for more than twenty years. Programs such as this provide long-term critical data collection that helps us understand and manage our water resources.

Our last Joint Funding Agreement with the USGS went into effect July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2025, with \$9,300 being provided by Churchill County for Fiscal Year 2024 and \$9,750 in Fiscal Year 2025. CWSD also provided the same contribution as the county, with USGS as the largest funding contributor, having committed \$27,700 over the two-year period. In January 2023, USGS approached the county to communicate their desire to apply for funds through the Carson Water Subconservancy District, which has also been one of the joint funders of this ongoing study. Budgetary resources were also requested within the county's Water Resource Fund in the FY24 budget to continue this monitoring program. The program was then named the "Carson River Basin Groundwater-Levels and Water-Quality Monitoring", as there were elements being combined from monitoring in Douglas and Lyon Counties, the Middle Carson, and the Newland's, all of which are part of the Carson River Basin. However, the objectives of each project were, and will continue to be, maintained. The combination has promoted having a watershed perspective on groundwater trends. Furthermore, it served to streamline USGS groundwater-level and water-quality data collection efforts in the Carson River Basin and it provided a single USGS point of contact for CWSD and Churchill County to more efficiently receive communication on data trends. The modification to the Agreement would renew those efforts and be active from July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026, with a total of \$9,750 being provided by Churchill County in Fiscal Year 2026. CWSD will also be providing a contribution of \$8,228, and USGS committing \$9,700 for the fiscal year.

FISCAL IMPACT: FY2026: \$9,750.

C- Consideration and possible action re: Budget Transfer #1 for Fiscal Year 2024-2025.

In accordance with the Local Government Budget Act, the Comptroller's Office would like to submit to the Board of County Commissioners Budget Transfer #1 for Fiscal Year 2024-25. In accordance with the Act, the reason for the transfers and the transfers must become part of the official Minutes of the meeting. As such, the transfers are to adjust the Budget to more accurately reflect the estimated expenditures within the funds based on the needs determined by the various departments. The transfers do not increase the overall appropriation with the various funds. See attachment for details.

FISCAL IMPACT: No increase in the overall Budget are requested in these transfers.

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: The transfers will adjust the Budget to more accurately reflect the estimated expenditures by the various departments within the various functions at the fund level.

FUNDING SOURCE: N/A

ACTION REQUESTED: Accept

Churchill County Budget Transfers #1 FY 6-30-2025

Department	Description	Account Number	Final Budget	Increase	Decrease	Adjusted Budget
\$ -						
Road Department						
Expenditures						
Road Department	ROAD PROJECTS	210-511-52350	\$ 300,000		\$ 8,065	\$ 291,935
Road Department	CAPITAL OUTLAY-EQUIPMENT	210-511-75100	\$ 7,500	\$ 8,065		\$ 15,565
						\$ -
Road Department			307,500.00	8,065.00	8,065.00	307,500.00
Risk Management						
Expenditures						
Risk Management	RESERVE FOR PAYMENTS	330-711-75100	\$ 300,000	\$ -	\$ 79,000	\$ 221,000
Risk Management	CAPITAL OUTLAY-EQUIPMENT	330-711-75100	\$ -	\$ 79,000		\$ 79,000
						\$ -
						\$ -
						\$ -
Risk Management			300,000.00	79,000.00	79,000.00	300,000.00
Water Resource						
Expenditures						
Water Resource	CONTRACTED SERVICES	380-380-52400	\$ 185,000	\$ 100,000	\$ -	\$ 285,000
Water Resource	PURCHASE TDR S	380-380-76631	\$ 2,200,000	\$ -	\$ 100,000	\$ 2,100,000
						\$ -
Water Resource			\$ 2,385,000	\$ 100,000	\$ 100,000	\$ 2,385,000
Infrastructure Tax Fund						
Expenditures						
Infrastructure Tax Fund	CONTRACTED SERVICES	385-385-52400	\$ 10,000	\$ -	\$ 10,000	\$ -
Infrastructure Tax Fund	RESERVE FOR CAP IMPRV	385-385-71250	\$ 30,000	\$ -	\$ 30,000	\$ -
Infrastructure Tax Fund	PURCHASE TDR S	385-385-76631	\$ 200,000	\$ 40,000	\$ -	\$ 240,000
						\$ -
Infrastructure Tax Fund			\$ 240,000	\$ 40,000	\$ 40,000	\$ 240,000
Capital Project Tx Levy						
Expenditures						
Capital Project Tx Levy	CITY CAP IMPROV .01	515-601-70850	\$ 100,000	\$ 15,000		\$ 115,000
Capital Project Tx Levy	CAPITAL OUTLAY-EQUIPMENT	515-755-75100	\$ 100,000		\$ 15,000	\$ 85,000
						\$ -
Capital Project Tx Levy			200,000.00	15,000.00	15,000.00	200,000.00
Total Budget Transfers			\$ 3,432,500	\$ 242,065	\$ 242,065	\$ 3,432,500

***no change in total County budget

Sherry Wideman, Comptroller, 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 budget transfers as submitted and make the transfers part of the official Minutes of the Board of County Commissioners as required by the Local Government Budget Act. Commissioner Eric Blakey seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

E- Consideration and possible action re: Adoption of Resolution 7-2025, which seeks to augment the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Budget in accordance with the Nevada Revised Statutes.

Provided for the board's review and consideration is Resolution 7-2025, which seeks to augment and amend the FY 24-25 Budget of the County of Churchill. The augmentation is to implement changes in the budget due to greater than anticipated opening fund balances, revenues, and unappropriated ending fund balance for capital projects. The augmentation is needed to be in compliance with the Local Government Budget Act contained in NRS 354. This is a housekeeping item for the budget. See the discussion for the details of the individual fund activities below under explanation of impacts. See related statutes regarding Budget Augmentations below:

NRS 354.598005 Procedures and requirements for augmenting or amending budget.

1. If anticipated resources actually available during a budget period exceed those estimated, a local government may augment a budget in the following manner:

(a) If it is desired to augment the appropriations of a fund to which ad valorem taxes are allocated as a source of revenue, the governing body shall, by majority vote of all members of the governing body, adopt a resolution reciting the appropriations to be augmented, and the nature of the unanticipated resources intended to be used for the augmentation. Before the adoption of the resolution, the governing body shall publish notice of its intention to act thereon in a newspaper of general circulation in the county for at least one publication. No vote may be taken upon the resolution until 3 days after the publication of the notice.

(b) If it is desired to augment the budget of any fund other than a fund described in paragraph (a) or an enterprise or internal service fund, the governing body shall adopt, by majority vote of all members of the governing body, a resolution providing therefor at a regular meeting of the body.

2. A budget augmentation becomes effective upon delivery to the Department of Taxation of an executed copy of the resolution providing therefor.

3. Nothing in NRS 354.470 to 354.626, inclusive, precludes the amendment of a budget by increasing the total appropriation for any fiscal year to include a grant-in-aid, gift or bequest to a local unit of government which is required to be used for a specific purpose as a condition of the grant. Acceptance of such a grant and agreement to the terms imposed by the granting

agency or person constitutes an appropriation to the purpose specified.

4. A local government need not file an augmented budget for an enterprise or internal service fund with the Department of Taxation but shall include the budget augmentation in the next quarterly report.

FISCAL IMPACT: As outlined.

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: Local governments are prohibited from exceeding approved appropriations. Any excess expenditures greater than appropriation would result in an apparent violation of NRS and would be noted in our independent auditor's report. The General Fund augmentation of \$403,000 mainly for Commissioners' Chamber upgrades; Public Defender payroll, benefits, furniture, and security; contracts for Facilities; JPO retirement benefits; Planning Department software; and capital outlay for the Cemetery and the Public Defender. An augmentation to Social Services in the amount of \$135,000 for wages, benefits and contracts; Fire Equipment Apparatus Fund augmentation of \$10,000 for the final cost of the new engines; Road Department of \$30,000 for fleet maintenance capital outlay. Also, augmentations to Parks & Recreation of \$310,000 to cover part-time wages in Recreation Athletics, and operating costs for the Pool, Parks, and the Civic Center; \$25,000 Restitution Fund; \$20,000 to the Water Resource Fund for the district water fees; \$145,000 Opioid Settlement Fund to establish a budget for the new fund; \$178,000 in the Infrastructure Tax fund to help cover the county's cost of the TDR Program; \$800,000 in the Building Reserve Fund to cover cost of Public Defender's building remodel and various building purchases; and \$185,000 to the Extraordinary Repairs Fund for JPO Detention camera system. See attachment for more details.

FUNDING SOURCE: Greater than anticipated beginning fund balances, revenue resources, and unappropriated ending fund balance for capital projects.

ACTION REQUESTED: Adopt

A RESOLUTION TO AUGMENT AND AMEND THE 2024-2025 BUDGET OF THE COUNTY OF CHURCHILL, NEVADA, AND OTHER MATTERS PROPERLY RELATING THERETO.

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RESOLUTION NO. 7-2025

**BOARD OF CHURCHILL COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
CHURCHILL COUNTY, NEVADA**

**A RESOLUTION TO AUGMENT AND AMEND THE 2024-2025 BUDGET OF THE
COUNTY OF CHURCHILL, NEVADA, AND OTHER MATTERS PROPERLY
RELATING THERETO.**

**BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS,
CHURCHILL COUNTY, NEVADA:**

WHEREAS, certain funds had greater than anticipated opening fund balances, revenues,
and available fund balances, thus resources have become available to the County during the
2024-2025 budget year, and

WHEREAS, said sources of revenue is as follows:

General Fund

REVENUES

Greater Than Anticipated Opening Fund Balance \$ 1,013,076

TOTAL \$ 1,013,076

EXPENDITURES

Services and Supplies (General Gov't) \$ 441,000

Capital Outlay (Judicial) 35,550

Services and Supplies (Public Safety) 152,200

Capital Outlay (Public Safety) 228,306

Services and Supplies (Intergovernmental) 50,000

Services and Supplies (Community Support) 106,020

TOTAL \$ 1,013,076

Social Services Fund

REVENUES

Greater Than Anticipated Tax Revenue	\$ 65,000
Greater Than Anticipated Miscellaneous Revenue	<u>40,000</u>

TOTAL	\$ 105,000
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EXPENDITURES

Capital Outlay (Welfare)	\$ 80,000
Services and Supplies (Welfare)	<u>25,000</u>

TOTAL	\$ 105,000
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Indigent Hospital Fund

REVENUES

Greater Than Anticipated Tax Revenue	\$ 20,000
TOTAL	\$ 20,000

EXPENDITURES

Trust Expenditures (Welfare)	\$ 20,000
TOTAL	\$ 20,000

Indigent Service Fund

REVENUES

Greater Than Anticipated Opening Fund Balance	\$ 195,419
Greater Than Anticipated Tax Revenue	60,000
Greater Than Anticipate Intergovernmental Revenue	<u>300,000</u>

TOTAL	\$ 555,419
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EXPENDITURES

Services and Supplies (Community Support)	\$ 555,419
TOTAL	\$ 555,419

Parks and Recreation Fund

REVENUES

Greater Than Anticipated Miscellaneous Revenue	\$ 322,100
Greater Than Anticipated Other Financing Sources	15,000
Greater Than Anticipated Charges for Services	<u>45,000</u>
TOTAL	\$ 382,600

EXPENDITURES

Salary and Wages (Culture and Rec)	\$ 6,500
Services and Supplies (Culture and Rec)	317,000
Capital Outlay (Culture and Rec)	<u>59,100</u>
TOTAL	\$ 382,600

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Law Library Fund

REVENUES

Greater Than Anticipated Opening Fund Balance	\$ 500
TOTAL	\$ 500

EXPENDITURES

Services and Supplies (Judicial)	\$ 500
TOTAL	\$ 500

Regional Transportation Fund

REVENUES

Greater Than Anticipated Opening Fund Balance	\$ 462,841
Greater Than Anticipated Intergovernmental Revenue	87,159
TOTAL	\$ 550,000

EXPENDITURES

City Road Projects (Public Works)	\$ 550,000
TOTAL	\$ 550,000

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners shall augment the 2024-2025 budget and appropriate these previously unbudgeted resources and make such other budget revisions as have been determined necessary in accordance with the provisions of NRS 354.598005.

This resolution shall be effective on the 18th day of June, A.D., 2025.

PROPOSED AND ADOPTED this 18th day of June, A.D., 2025.

THOSE VOTING AYE: Myles Getto

Eric Blakey

Matt Hyde

THOSE VOTING NAY: N/A

CHURCHILL COUNTY BOARD OF
COMMISSIONERS


Myles Getto, Chairman

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Deductions	Account Number	Fiscal Budget	Encum.	Adjusted Budget	Paid-over
Ad Valorem Tax Funds					\$ 1,033,495
General Fund					
Revenues					
Greater Than Anticipated Opening Fund Balance		\$ 1,033,336			
		\$ -			
		\$ 1,033,336			
Expenditures					
119-Communications	COMPUTER SOFTWARE	109-119-SB760	\$ 1,000	\$ 38,300	\$ 37,300
130-Recreation	MINING MAP EXPENDITURE	100-130-SB756	\$ 3,500	\$ 13,300	\$ 13,300
150-County Manager	TRAVEL AND SUBSISTENCE	100-150-SB830	\$ 8,000	\$ 8,300	\$ 16,800
163-Facilities	REPAIRS/MANT BUILDINGS	100-163-WF330	\$ 9,000	\$ 100,300	\$ 110,300
179-Airport Resources	HRR RECONSTRUCTION NTSPG	100-179-SB819	\$ 4,000	\$ 3,300	\$ 8,300
183-Data Processing	CAPITAL OUTLAY-EQUIPMENT	100-183-PJ100	-	\$ 43,800	\$ 43,800
183-Data Processing	COMPIERS & PRINTERS	100-183-SB782	\$ 2,000	\$ 253,300	\$ 253,300
20-District Office	PRISONER MEDICAL CARE	100-200-SB940	-	\$ 120,300	\$ 120,300
202-Free Detainment	CAPITAL OUTLAY-LANDMARKS	100-202-PJ300	-	\$ 224,300	\$ 224,300
242-Judicial Court	CAPITAL OUTLAY	100-242-PJ100	-	\$ 9,300	\$ 9,300
244-JFO	COMPUSERS & PRINTERS	100-244-SB700	\$ 20,000	\$ 22,300	\$ 47,800
247-JFO	FOOD SERVICES	100-247-SB080	\$ 40,800	\$ 43,300	\$ 51,800
249 Public Defense	CAPITAL OUTLAY	100-249-PJ100	-	\$ 26,300	\$ 26,300
40-Community Support	GRANT CAP-MANUAL	100-40-PJ200	\$ 17,000	\$ 104,300	\$ 120,300
41-Investigational	CHINA SPRINGS LEVY PKMT	100-40-61-B10	\$ 400,000	\$ 50,300	\$ 450,300
				\$ -	
				\$ -	
				\$ -	
				\$ -	
				\$ -	
				\$ -	
				\$ -	
				\$ -	
Total Increase In Expenditures			\$ 421,876		\$ 1,074,676
Social Services					
Revenues					
Greater than Anticipated Tax Revenue		\$ 90,000			
Greater than Anticipated Miscellaneous		\$ 40,000			
		\$ 130,000			
Expenditures					
434 Social Services Worker-CAPITAL OUTLAY-EQUIPMENT		220-434-PJ100	\$ -	\$ 80,000	\$ 80,000
434 Social Services Child CONTRACTED SERVICES		220-430-SJ400	\$ 6,784	\$ 20,000	\$ 400,300
				\$ -	
				\$ 190,000	
				\$ -	\$ 100,000
Indiv Hospital Fund					
Revenues					
Greater than Anticipated Tax Revenue		\$ 20,000			
		\$ 20,000			
Expenditures					
380 Indiv Hospital TRUST EXPENDITURES		380-480-TM000	\$ 130,800	\$ 20,000	\$ 150,000
				\$ -	
				\$ 20,000	
					\$ 1,000
Indigent Services Fund					
Revenues					
Greater than Anticipated Opening Fund Balance		\$ 500,410			
Greater than Anticipated Tax Revenue		\$ 60,300			
Greater than Anticipated Intergovernmental		\$ 900,900			
		\$ 1,061,610			
Expenditures					
394 Indigent Services Medical Care in County		394-800-SJ400	\$ 900,900	\$ 1,000,410	\$ 1,000,410
				\$ -	
				\$ 1,000,410	
					\$ 200,410
Total Ad Valorem Funds Augmentations					
					\$ 300,410
Non - Ad Valorem Tax Funds					
Parks and Recreation					
Revenues					
Greater than Anticipated Intergovernmental					
Greater than Anticipated - Miscellaneous Revenue		\$ 322,300			
Greater than Anticipated - Other Financing Sources		\$ 15,000			
Greater than Anticipated - Charges for Services		\$ 45,200			
		\$ 382,500			
Expenditures					
304 Parks and Rec - Fairing TELEPHONE		245-304-SB400	\$ 1,500	\$ 2,000	\$ 3,000
304 Parks and Rec - Club COUNTRY SPOKESWOM		245-309-SB300	\$ 7,800	\$ 780,000	\$ 797,500
307 Parks and Rec - Post SAL & WAGES - PART-TIME		245-307-SJ200	\$ 85,160	\$ 4,500	\$ 90,000
308 Parks and Rec - Club CAPITAL OUTLAY		245-308-PJ100	-	\$ 54,000	\$ 54,000
307 Parks and Rec - Post CAPITAL OUTLAY		245-307-PJ100	-	\$ 5,500	\$ 11,000
307 Parks and Rec - Post CONTRACTED SERVICES		245-307-SJ400	\$ 3,500	\$ 25,000	\$ 28,500
				\$ -	
				\$ 592,000	
					\$ 382,000
Law Library					
Revenues					
Greater than Anticipated Opening Fund Balance		\$ 500			
		\$ 500			
Expenditures					
Law Library BOOKS AND PERIODICALS		270-611-SB300	\$ 6,700	\$ 6,700	\$ 6,700
				\$ 0	
				\$ 6,700	
					\$ 500
Regional Transportation					
Revenues					
Greater than Anticipated Opening Fund Balance		\$ 482,041			
Greater than Anticipated Intergovernmental		\$ 87,100			
		\$ 569,140			
Expenditures					
Regional Transportation CITY ROAD PROJECTS		280-631-TM300	\$ 380,000	\$ 500,000	\$ 880,000
				\$ 500,000	
				\$ 500,000	
					\$ 450,000
				\$ 2,428,004	
					\$ 3,028,004

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 7-2025, which augments

the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Budget in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government Budget Act in NRS Chapter 354. Furthermore, directing the Comptroller's Office to forward the necessary documentation to the Department of Taxation to be in compliance with the applicable Nevada Revised Statutes. Commissioner Matt Hyde seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

F- Consideration and possible action re: Approval of an Interlocal Contract between the Churchill County Clerk/Treasurer's Office and the State of Nevada, Secretary of State's Office, for a top-down voter database, Election Management System, and associated equipment from KNOWiNK, that collects and stores information relating to voter registration, for a not-to-exceed amount of \$22,784.25 for Fiscal Year 2026.

Clerk/Treasurer Rothery is seeking approval of an Interlocal Contract between the Churchill County Clerk/Treasurer's Office and the State of Nevada, Secretary of State's Office, for a top-down voter database, known as KNOWiNK, that collects and stores information relating to voter pre-registration and registration, for a not-to-exceed amount of \$22,784.25 for Fiscal Year 2026.

Assembly Bill 422, during the 2021 Legislative Session, directed the Secretary of State to establish and maintain a centralized, top-down database system. The Nevada Secretary of State (SOS) has determined that such services support the integrity of elections in this state and has thus procured such a voter registration database, Election Management System, and associated equipment from KNOWiNK to be deployed in Churchill County.

Churchill County will be responsible for the cost to maintain the KNOWiNK ePulse, ABM (Apple Business Management) and Poll Pads. The SOS shall purchase the initial poll pads, which will also include cradle points, charging carts, and thermal paper required to provide the services. The county shall be responsible for payment of damaged poll pads, flip stands, printers, and transport cases, as well as replacement of the stylus', replacement accessories, and replacement paper. Furthermore, the county will be responsible for cellular and/or wireless data usage.

The counties shall be responsible for paying 50% of the total cost and the state the other 50% to maintain KNOWiNK TotalVote EM system, beginning in Fiscal Year 2026. The cost to the county is calculated on the percentage of registered voters (excluding Clark County) at a not-to-exceed amount of \$22,784.25 for one year. The county shall purchase scanners that are compatible with the KNOWiNK TotalVote EM system to scan paper applications for processing, if applicable.

FISCAL IMPACT: \$22,784.25.

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: The cost to the county represents 50% of the total cost and the state will cover the other 50%.

FUNDING SOURCE: Election Fund.

ACTION REQUESTED: Accept

Linda Rothery, Clerk/Treasurer, 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 Interlocal Contract between the Churchill County Clerk/Treasurer's office and the State of Nevada, Secretary of State's office, for the top-down voter database Election Management System from KNOWINK for the sum of \$22,784.25 for FY26. Commissioner Eric Blakey seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

G- Consideration and possible action re: Ratification of the Collective Bargaining Agreements between Churchill County and the International Union of Operating Engineers, Local #3 - Churchill County Dispatchers and Dispatchers Supervisor Units.

The current Collective Bargaining Agreements (CBA's) between Churchill County and the International Union of Operating Engineers (I.U.O.E), Local #3 - Dispatcher and Dispatchers Supervisors Units, is set to expire on June 30, 2025. As required under NRS 288.180, I.U.O.E, Local #3 notified the county of its desire to begin negotiations on successor Collective Bargaining Agreements for the Dispatchers and Dispatcher Supervisors Units. Negotiations began on May 27, 2025 and concluded on May 28, 2025.

Both sides negotiated in good faith. The management team thanks I.U.O.E Local #3 for their professionalism and active participation throughout the process.

The end result of the negotiations were three-year agreements. Details of the terms are outlined in the agreements.

FISCAL IMPACT: Total Cost is \$38,077.35.

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: \$27,552.35 in wages and \$10,525 in benefits as a result of negotiations.

FUNDING SOURCE: General Funds

ACTION REQUESTED: Accept

Chris Spross, Assistant County Manager/HR 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 the negotiated Collective Bargaining Agreements between Churchill County and the International Union of Operating Engineers, Local #3 - Dispatcher and Dispatchers Supervisors Units, effective for Fiscal Years 2026 - 2028. Commissioner Matt Hyde seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

H- Consideration and possible action re: Approval of the Interlocal Cooperative Agreements between the Lahontan Conservation District and the Stillwater Conservation District and Churchill County, for the period from July 1, 2025, to June 30, 2026.

Churchill County has a longstanding history of supporting the Lahontan and Stillwater Conservation Districts and, because the county continues to provide annual support, the Interlocal Cooperative Agreements between Stillwater Conservation District, Lahontan

Conservation District, and Churchill County outline the intent and responsibilities of the districts and the county.

Churchill County's current Interlocal Cooperative Agreements with the Lahontan and Stillwater Conservation Districts, effective from July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2025, allow for renewal for the subsequent fiscal year through an exchange of correspondence between the District Chairperson and the Chairperson of the Board of County Commissioners. Approval of such correspondence requires an approval by the Board of County Commissioners. The proposed new Agreements, effective from July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026, eliminate the correspondence requirement and, instead, provide for automatic annual renewal on July 1 of each year unless a party provides written notice of termination at least sixty (60) days prior to the renewal date. All other terms of the Agreements remain the same as the previous version. A copy of both have been included in the Agenda packet.

Christy Sullivan, District Clerk, provided an update on activities for the Lahontan Conservation District and the Stillwater Conservation District at the February 19th Board of County Commissioners' meeting (Minutes containing the update are provided) when funds for FY25 were released. The Lahontan Conservation District and the Stillwater Conservation District had a meeting on May 15, 2025 and approved the extensions to the Agreements. If the board approves the updated Agreements, that eliminates the need for correspondence to renew the Agreements. A new copy will be sent to the Stillwater and Lahontan Conservation Districts for approval.

The Chairperson for each Conservation District Board has also included a cover letter (included in the Agenda packet) requesting continued funding support from the county for FY26. Lahontan Conservation District requests \$7,500 and Stillwater Conservation District requests \$5,000. These requests are the same amount as FY24; FY25 had a 15% reduction, which did not carry over to FY26. A return to full funding, as in FY24, has already been budgeted by Churchill County to continue to support Lahontan and Stillwater Conservation Districts in FY26.

FISCAL IMPACT: Already provided in the approved Budget.

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: As outlined.

FUNDING SOURCE: General Fund.

ACTION REQUESTED: Accept

Alexa Robinson made this presentation as outlined above. Commissioner Blakey said we are starting to get some of these miscellaneous contracts on auto-renewal that is a wonderful idea. Is someone still reviewing every year to make sure everything is in order? Mr. Weed said yes, in our office, if we get a copy of one of these we put in our system and follow up on it each year. Ms. Robinson said we also just had Christy here in March to update on our activities and we can also make that an annual thing.

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

Commissioner Matt Hyde made a motion to approve the Interlocal Cooperative

Agreements between the Lahontan Conservation District and Stillwater Conservation District from July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026. Commissioner Eric Blakey seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

I- Consideration and possible action re: Approval to amend the effective dates and expiration dates of the Collective Bargaining Agreements between Churchill County and the Churchill County Sergeants and Deputies Association (CCSDA) for Fiscal Years 2026 - 2028.

The effective dates and expiration dates in the recently approved Collective Bargaining Agreements between Churchill County and the Churchill County Sergeants and Deputies Association are incorrect and need to be amended to reflect the beginning of the first payroll period in Fiscal Year 2025 - 2026. The effective dates for both the Sergeants Unit and Deputies Unit have been changed from July 11, 2025 to July 7, 2025, while the termination dates have been changed from July 7, 2028, to July 3, 2028. All other terms within the Agreements remain unchanged.

FISCAL IMPACT: None.

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: N/A

FUNDING SOURCE: N/A

ACTION REQUESTED: Accept

Chris Spross, Assistant County Manager/HR 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 amendment of the effective dates and expiration dates of the Collective Bargaining Agreements between Churchill County and CCSDA to reflect the beginning of the payroll period of Fiscal Year 2025 - 2026.

Commissioner Eric Blakey seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

J- Consideration and possible action re: Approval of funding for annual behavioral health wellness visits for law enforcement personnel, as required by NRS 289.510, and to execute a Contract with The Ridge, PLLC to perform the wellness visits, in the amount of \$13,000.

Churchill County is required to adopt regulations establishing minimum standards for Peace Officers. One of those standards, as outlined in NRS 289.510, is to provide for an annual behavioral wellness visit for peace officers to aid in preserving the emotional and mental health of the peace officer and to assess any conditions that may affect the performance of duties by the peace officer.

This service is not covered by the Churchill County Employee Assistance Program offered through Acentra. Staff have located The Ridge, PLLC who will travel to Churchill County to perform these wellness visits and fulfill the requirements of the statute.

The cost of the services is broken down as follows (assuming 40 full-time law enforcement personnel):

40 each - one hour visits at a cost of \$250/hr = \$10,000

6 each - round trip visits to Churchill County = \$3,000

Total Cost is estimated at \$13,000.

FISCAL IMPACT: \$13,000.

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: \$10,000 for 40-1 hours visits, \$3,000 for 6 round trips to Churchill County.

FUNDING SOURCE: General Fund 100-201-56510.

ACTION REQUESTED: Accept

Chris Spross, Assistant County Manager/HR 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 funding in the amount of \$13,000 for annual behavioral health wellness visits for law enforcement personnel as required by NRS 289.510 and to execute a Contract with The Ridge, PLLC to perform the wellness visits. Commissioner Matt Hyde seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

K- Consideration and possible action re: Adoption of the Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan.

People and property in Churchill County, the City of Fallon, and the Fallon Paiute-Shoshone Tribe are at risk from a variety of hazards having the potential to cause widespread loss of life and damage to property, infrastructure, and the environment. The purpose of hazard mitigation is to implement actions that eliminate the risk of hazards or reduce the severity of the effects of hazards on people or property.

This Hazard Mitigation Plan was prepared by Dowl in coordination with Churchill County, the City of Fallon, and the Fallon Paiute-Shoshone Tribe. The Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan has been updated to maintain compliance with federal regulations and to maintain eligibility for FEMA hazard mitigation project grant funding. Per Title 44 CFR 201.6.1, it is necessary for the governing board of the county (County Commission) to formally adopt this plan. The minutes of the County Commissioners' meeting documenting the adoption of the Hazard Mitigation Plan will be included in the plan as part of Appendix "A".

FISCAL IMPACT: None.

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: None.

FUNDING SOURCE: N/A

ACTION REQUESTED: Adopt

Chris Spross, Assistant County Manager/HR 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 adopt the Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan as prepared by Dowl and to give authority to the Assistant County Manager to modify the plan for grammatical and formatting errors. Commissioner Matt Hyde seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

L- Consideration and possible action re: Creation of a Grant and Fiscal Specialist position within the Churchill County District Attorney's Office.

Churchill County receives grant funds from state, federal, and private partners to provide many services within Churchill County, most notably through the Social Services and law enforcement departments. Historically, this position has been under the Social Services Department, as they receive the majority of our grant funding and have the largest grant compliance obligation within the county. The county administration has discussed for several years the need to have a grants/fiscal specialist within the broader county infrastructure to assist the various departments with grant acquisition, compliance, and administration functions. The District Attorney's Office is situated as an elected department that already reviews and ensures legal compliance with all grants across the county and would be best positioned to serve as a resource for multiple departments.

The current Grant and Fiscal Specialist position is currently filled by Louise Spross, the spouse of Chris Spross, who is the primary candidate for the County Manager position at the time of this Agenda report submission. Churchill County Code would prohibit County Manager Spross from indirectly supervising his spouse in the Social Services Department, requiring one of them to vacate their position. Assuming this would be Mrs. Spross, her departure would be a significant loss to the county, as Mrs. Spross has been a strong employee in a historically difficult-to-fill position and department, with widespread knowledge of county grants, fiscal controls, and relevant processes. Re-training a new employee at the close of the fiscal year places significant additional burdens on the Social Services Director, with no alternative support staff available to take on those duties during the vacancy of the position. Furthermore, it would also continue to perpetuate the location of all grant services within the Social Services Department, creating barriers to assisting the broader county.

Nevada state law and Churchill County Code recognize that the prohibition on employing relatives is to prevent patronage by reason of patronage instead of merit. Mrs. Spross has been an employee since January of 2022, much before any potential patronage issues arose. However, to ensure that no future favoritism or ethical concerns arise, it is recommended to establish the new position and transfer Mrs. Spross to the newly created position effective July 1, 2025. The county code recognizes that independently elected officials are not subject to direction of the Board of County Commissioners or the County Manager and are, therefore, sufficiently separate to employ and supervise relatives of the County Manager. See CCC 3.12.060(A)(4). This benefits the county as a whole and accommodates the needs of current employees.

It is understood that all public employees are servants of the public and no employee of the District Attorney's Office will be evaluated or considered on any factor other than merit.

FISCAL IMPACT: No fiscal impact is expected.

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: N/A

FUNDING SOURCE: N/A

ACTION REQUESTED: Accept

Arthur Mallory, District Attorney, 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 create a Grant and Fiscal Specialist position within the Churchill County District Attorney's Office as presented, with the understanding that it represents a transfer of the current position under Social Services. Commissioner Eric Blakey seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

M- Consideration and possible action re: Approval and ratification of a public comment letter regarding the Department of the Navy's Draft Environmental Assessment for the Fallon Range Training Complex-Modernization Range B-16 Improvements.

The U.S. Navy has released a Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) for public review (May 16–June 16, 2025) concerning proposed infrastructure improvements at Training Range Bravo-16 (B-16) within the Fallon Range Training Complex. These improvements are part of a broader modernization effort and aim to support realistic air and ground training. The proposals include installing 33 miles of fencing, improving 21 miles of routes, updating the Free Maneuver Area, expanding the Dead Camel Gravel Pit by up to four acres, and restoring or replacing a well near Building 612.

The Navy assessed potential environmental impacts on air quality, water, soils, biological and cultural resources, and noise. It concluded that the proposed actions would not cause significant impacts. Public and tribal comments on the project and its environmental analysis are welcomed and appreciated.

Jeremy Drew, Resource Concepts, Inc., worked with County Manager Jim Barbee to prepare a comment letter. Due to the fact that public comments were due before this meeting, he had County Manager Barbee sign the letter and the board is being asked to approve and ratify that comment letter.

FISCAL IMPACT: N/A

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: N/A

FUNDING SOURCE: N/A

ACTION REQUESTED: Accept

Jim Barbee, 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 approve and ratify the letter sent as comments on this matter as presented. Commissioner Matt Hyde seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

N- Consideration and possible action re: Appeal of the Position Review Board's decision to deny the hiring of budgeted positions within the Clerk/Treasurer's office, which are critical to the needs of the office to provide statutorily required services.

Linda Rothery, Clerk/Treasurer, filed an application to the Position Review Board seeking to immediately fill vacant positions in the office but was denied on May 23, 2025. As of the end of May 2025, the Clerk/Treasurer has two vacant positions, one that has been vacant for two months and another that became vacant due to retirement.

It is the position of the Elected Officials that the Attrition and Hiring Delay Policy is not being enforced fairly or correctly. The policy states:

"Extenuating circumstances for which the PRB may grant an exception to the hiring delay policy include:...iv. Vacancies in the same classification within a department where a waiver was granted within the prior twelve (12) months; v. Vacancies within the same department that an open position already exists; and vi. Vacancies where the best interest of the county or public necessitate filing the vacancy without compliance with the hiring delay policy." It is clear that the situation in both offices meets these qualifications.

Additionally, Churchill County Code 3.16.090(1) states:

"The appointing authority is solely responsible for the final selection and appointment of applicants to fill vacant positions within his/her department provided filling of such position has been authorized by county board in action approving a budget or another formal action of the county board."

These vacant positions were approved in the 2024–2025 budget. The Clerk/Treasurer's budget will still have budget savings with these positions being filled because the incoming employees will be hired at a lower pay grade than the previous employees.

The job description for these positions was approved at the June 5, 2025 meeting. Following the meeting, Linda Rothery went to visit with Chris Spross to request that the one position be advertised right away and was told no and that her two vacancies were on the list at the 4th and 5th positions, which will cause a critical shortage in her office at a time when tax bills are being processed and tax payments will be collected, starting in July. When she explained this to Mr. Spross, he told her to file another application, which would delay the process even longer and she would still be faced with these critical shortages. On Monday, June 9th, Linda emailed the Position Review Board once again asking to have at least one position advertised and, to date, has had no response.

Elected officials are statutorily required to provide the services outlined for their respective offices. They can also be held liable if those services are not provided. Therefore, it is the position of the Clerk/Treasurer that the board should reverse the denial by the Position Review Board and direct that the positions be immediately posted and filled.

An appeal of the decision of the Position Review Board to deny an application can be made to the Board of County Commissioners and is being presented at this time.

FISCAL IMPACT: Already provided for in the FY25 and FY26 budgets.

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: There will be a budget savings in the departmental budget because the incoming employees will be hired at lower grade than the previous employees held after numerous years of service.

FUNDING SOURCE: General Fund - Clerk/Treasurer's Budget.

ACTION REQUESTED: Accept

This item was withdrawn prior to the meeting.

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: Building Department's Revenue Report for May 2025 totaling \$39,436.78.

The Building Department provides its Revenue Report for May 2025 for the board's consideration and acceptance. A total of \$39,436.78 was received for the month.

FISCAL IMPACT: \$39,436.78

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: Fees are collected for the issuance of building permits, plan reviews, inspections, etc.

FUNDING SOURCE: General Fund.

ACTION REQUESTED: Accept

C- Consideration and possible action re: Building Permit Activity Report for May 2025.

Provided for the board's review is the report showing 35 building permits issued in the month of May 2025. Included in the 35 permits are 2 single-family-dwelling permits, 0 commercial permits and 2 industrial permits. Additionally, 0 manufactured home permits and 4 septic permits were issued.

FISCAL IMPACT: N/A

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: N/A

FUNDING SOURCE: N/A

ACTION REQUESTED: Accept

D- Consideration and possible action re: Public Works, Planning & Building Department's Revenue Report for May 2025 showing a total of \$164,097.98 in revenue for the month.

The Public Works, Planning & Building Department submits its Revenue Report for the month of May 2025 showing a total of \$164,097.98 in revenue. This report is provided for the Commissioners' review and acceptance.

FISCAL IMPACT: \$164,097.98 in revenue for the month.

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

FUNDING SOURCE: General Fund.

ACTION REQUESTED: Accept

E- Consideration and possible action re: Recorder's Monthly Apportionment Report for May 2025 totaling \$26,216.80 in revenue.

Churchill Couty Recorder, Tasha Hessey, provides her Recorder's Monthly Apportionment Report for May 2025 totaling \$26,216.80 in revenue for the month.

FISCAL IMPACT: \$26,216.80 in revenue.

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

FUNDING SOURCE: General Fund.

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 suggested.

Commissioner and Management Staff Reports:

Chair Getto reported on the following topics:

- Had an RTC meeting.
- Attended an Inter-Governmental Executive Committee meeting in Reno.

Commissioner Hyde reported on the following topics:

- Fallon Youth Club Tournament is coming up, with room for 1-3 more teams.
- CART is still moving along in its current form. We are waiting on the grant to see what that means for CART to move forward with plans.
- Attended the PRCA fundraiser for two youth in our community.
- A fabulous job was been done at the rodeo and thanked Mr. Segura for his hard work.

Commissioner Blakey reported on the following topics:

- Attended a Fire Board meeting.
- CEDA meeting where we finalized their revolving loan application.
- Museum Board meeting with an ice cream social.

- Booth at Canteloupe festival.

County Manager Barbee reported on the following topics:

- Thanked Congressman Amodei's office for working to do clarification through the House Appropriations Committee Report.
- Extended an invitation for everyone to go out to the Fallon Rodeo for the final performance and thanked Mr. Segura for his hard work.
- Congratulated Chris Spross on becoming the new County Manager.

Comptroller Wideman had nothing to report.

Deputy DA Weed had nothing to report.

Clerk/Treasurer Rothery reported on the following topics:

- The office is working on fiscal year-end stuff and, although short-staffed, the deadline will be met.
- The Secretary of State will provide summary so we know of any legislation that has passed and how it will affect elections the Clerk/Treasurers office and staff.

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.

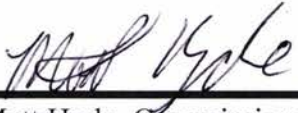
Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 3:01 PM.

Approved: 
Myles Getto, Chairman

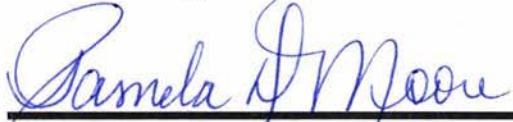
Approved: 
Eric Blakey, Vice-Chairman

Approved:


Matt Hyde, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Linda Rothery, Clerk/Treasurer



Pamela D. Moore, Deputy Clerk of the Board