

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF CHURCHILL COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

**155 N. Taylor St., Fallon, NV 89406
September 17, 2025**

Call to Order:

The regular meeting of the Board of County Commissioners was called to order at 1:15 PM on September 17, 2025.

PRESENT: Commissioner Myles Getto
Commissioner Eric Blakey
Commissioner Matt Hyde
County Manager Chris Spross
Comptroller Sherry Wideman
Senior Civil Deputy District Attorney Jeff Weed
Deputy Clerk to the Board Pamela D. Moore

ABSENT: Clerk/Treasurer Linda Rothery

Pledge of Allegiance:

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

Public Comment:

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

Verification of the Posting of the Agenda:

It was verified by Pamela D. Moore, Deputy Clerk to the Board, that the Agenda for this meeting was posted on the 12th day of September, 2025, between the hours of 8:00 and 9:00 AM at all of the locations listed on the Agenda, save for the posting to the state's website due to a cyber security breach, in accordance with NRS 241.

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

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

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

A- June 18, 2025.

The Minutes of the meeting held on February 19, 2025, are presented for the board's consideration and approval.

FISCAL IMPACT: N/A

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: N/A

FUNDING SOURCE: N/A

ACTION REQUESTED: Accept

Commissioner Eric Blakey made a motion to find that staff shortages in the Clerk/Treasurer's office have caused delays to the completion of Minutes and to approve the Minutes of the meeting held on June 18, 2025 as presented. Commissioner Matt Hyde seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

B- July 16, 2025.

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

FISCAL IMPACT: N/A

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: N/A

FUNDING SOURCE: N/A

ACTION REQUESTED: Accept

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Appointments:

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FISCAL IMPACT: N/A

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: N/A

FUNDING SOURCE: N/A

ACTION REQUESTED: Other

This item was done to recognize these athletes for their accomplishment, but no action was taken.

1:15 PM B- Presentation of Employee Service Awards for the 3rd Quarter of 2025.

Employees receiving service awards during the 3rd Quarter of 2025 are:

Employee	Department	Years of Service
Brandon Bird	Juvenile Probation Office	20
Samuel White	Sheriff	10
Clinton Allegre	Road Department	10

Larissa Sanchez	Comm Activities/Parks & Recreation	5
Jennifer Lambert	Social Services/Life Center	5
Chris Spross	County Manager	5

FISCAL IMPACT: N/A

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: N/A

FUNDING SOURCE: N/A

ACTION REQUESTED: None; Informational Only

The employees were recognized for their years of service to Churchill County but no action was taken.

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

Kim Dow, District Manager, 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

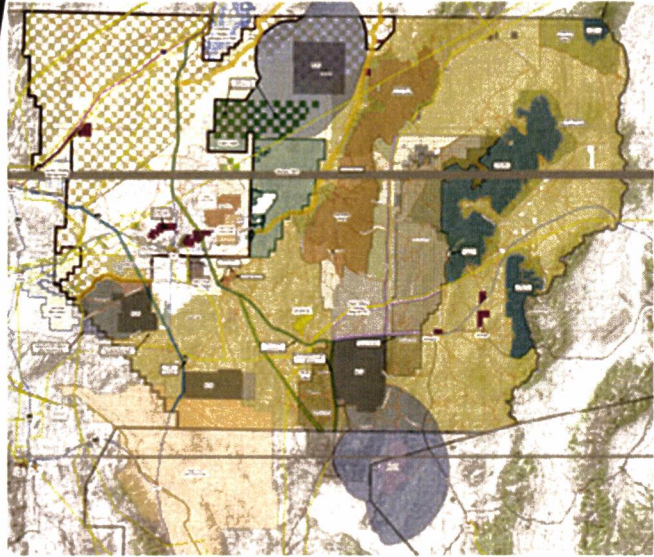
Zach Reichold and Mark Mazzo provided updates on NEPA regulations, NDAA, Grazing and Range Management, Greater Sage Grouse Amendment, Wild Horse and Burro, Geothermal, Geothermal Lease Sale, Minerals Projects, Special Recreation Permits, Lands & Realty.

NEW NEPA Regulations

- ▶ June 30, 2025, Department of Interior received changes regarding streamlining NEPA requirements
 - ▶ DOI NEPA handbook has replaced individual agency NEPA policy
 - ▶ BLM wide, page limits (75 for EAs and 150 for EISs) and time limits (1 year EAs, 2 years EISs) but Nevada will still be 6 months and 1 year respectively
 - ▶ Scoping and public comment can still happen, but require higher level approvals and will therefore be less frequent
 - ▶ EIS and EAs with RMP amendments still have public review
- ▶ New expedited NEPA under section 112 in Big Beautiful Bill allows proponents to pay for expedited NEPA - 6 months for an EA, 1 year for an EIS.
- ▶ Now 433 available Categorical Exclusions Available to BLM, many adopted from other agencies

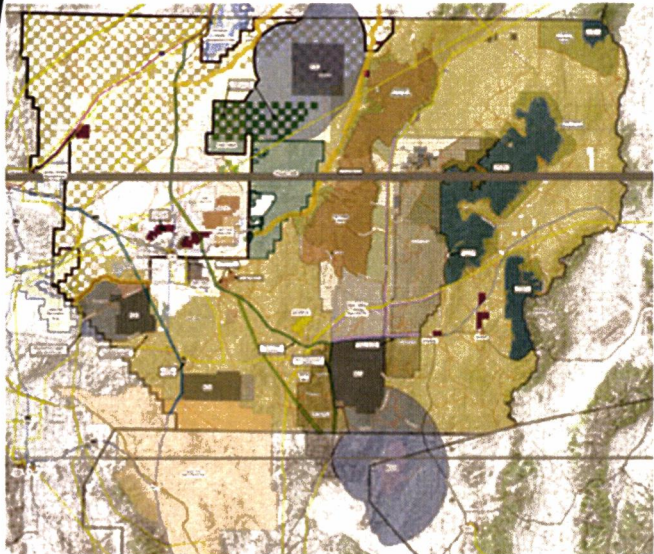
National Defense Authorization Act - BLM

- Sand Canyon road realignment- BLM is the lead agency for NEPA; design & construction being discussed with the BLM, BOR, Navy and County. BLM emailed County 7/31 email with BOR and BLM CFRs. Parties met on 9/12 to discuss paths forward. Contractor continuing to conduct technical baselines studies.
- BLM working with approach on grazing in all bombing ranges. B-16 Final Grazing Decisions mailed 9/3/2025. In appeal period until Oct 10. Working with cadastral and RCI to make sure boundaries are as accurate as possible at this moment in time following the IEC meeting.
- BLM and BOR developing an Interagency Agreement for the land exchange responsibilities for Section 2907. IAA sent to DOGE for approval.
- Prioritizing work on affected B-16 grazing permits. For work on B17 and B20 ranges an Assistance Agreement has been set up to complete some of the more quantitative monitoring with Walker Basin Conservancy.



National Defense Authorization Act - BLM cont.

- 100% draft of the Churchill County Checkerboard Resolution Implementation Strategy Plan (NDAA bill, Section 2908). Plan anticipated to be shared with County during Sept. 12 Meeting.
- State Route 361- BLM is a cooperating agency. FHWA and NDOT conducting baseline surveys.
- Great Basin pipeline relocation- BLM is a cooperating agency. BLM attends bi-monthly meetings- looking into ROW issuance, property and title rights



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Grazing and Range Management

- ▶ Working with Pleasant Valley Livestock on a 1st of its kind prescribed grazing project by Eastgate
 - ▶ Expected grazing period on October 1st
 - ▶ High loading of annual grasses (Cheatgrass)
- ▶ Focus for renewals is on the NDAA allotments, monitoring is occurring on all expanded ranges.



Greater Sage Grouse Amendment

- ▶ The Greater Sage-grouse Draft Resource Management Plan (RMP) Amendment and Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), and the feedback received in over 38,000 public comments, BLM has prepared a Proposed RMP Amendment and Final EIS.
- ▶ Friday, November 8th, the Proposed RMP Amendment and Final EIS will be available on BLM's National NEPA Register at:

<https://eplanning.blm.gov/eplanning-ui/project/2016719/510>

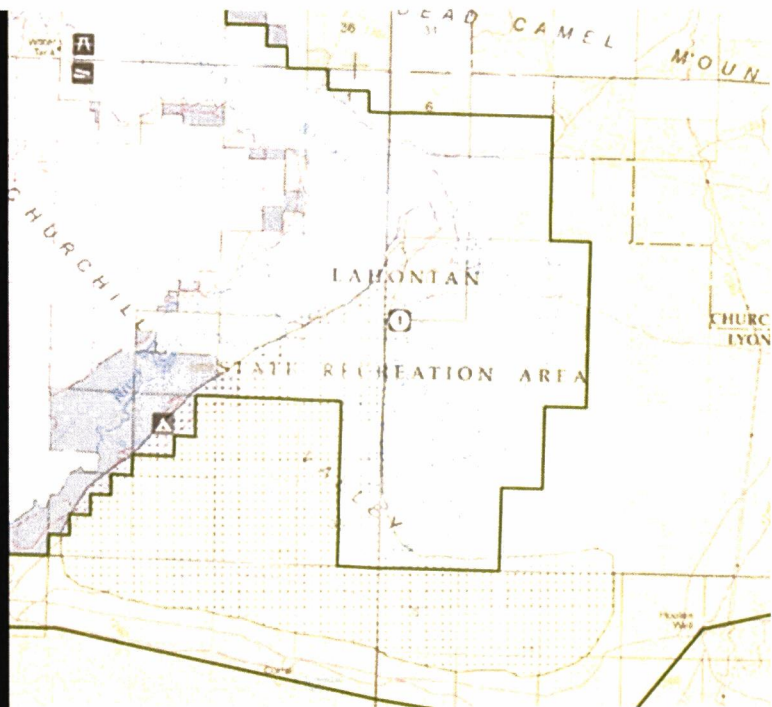
- ▶ Friday (November 8th), will initiate a 60-day Governor's consistency review that closes on Tuesday, January 7, 2025.
- ▶ The BLM will publish a Notice of Availability for the Proposed RMP Amendment and Final EIS in the Federal Register on Friday, November 15, 2025. The publication of the Notice of Availability in the Federal Register will initiate a 30-day protest period that will close on Monday, December 16, 2024.
- ▶ **A Nevada specific ROD expected to be issued October 2025**

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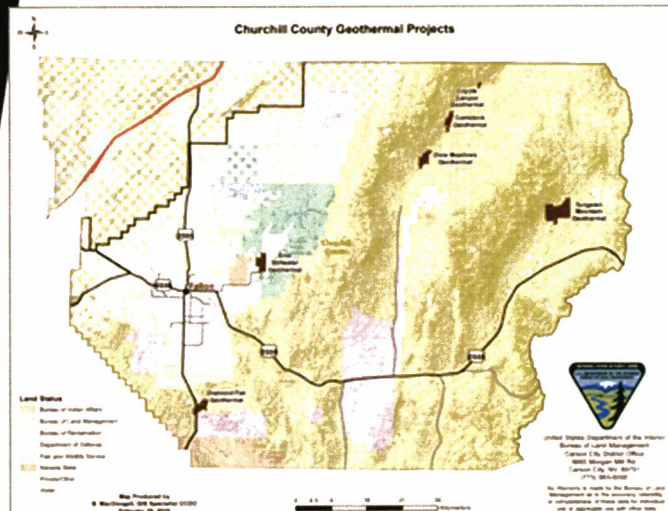
Wild Horse and Burro

- ▶ Census flights completed March 2025. Population estimates (corrected for observer bias) available:
 - ▶ Pilot Mountain Herd (Mineral County): 653 horses
 - ▶ Marietta Herd (Mineral County): 155 burros*, 10 horses
 - ▶ Pine Nut Herd (Douglas, Carson City and Lyon): 283 horses
 - ▶ Garfield Flat Herd (Mineral County): 206 horses
 - ▶ Wassuk Herd (Lyon, Mineral): 128 horses
- *raw count number
- ▶ Lahontan Herd Management Area (Churchill County) Gather Plan EA appeal period closed 8/15. One appeal received and currently working through that while awaiting posting of FY26 gather schedule.
- ▶ 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. Finalizing management evaluation report and preparing draft HMAP, scoping expected Fall 2025.
- ▶ Next adoption event scheduled for Oct 25 at Northern Nevada Correctional Center



Geothermal Projects

- ▶ Dixie Meadows: A baseline requirements document has been completed with USFWS, NASF, and BLM and provided to Ormat, ongoing discussions and working group meetings.
- ▶ Diamond Flat Resource Confirmation - Approved under Alternative Arrangements under emergency permitting on 6/20/25



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2025 Geothermal Lease Sale EA

Nine parcels nominated
total, 20,293 acres;

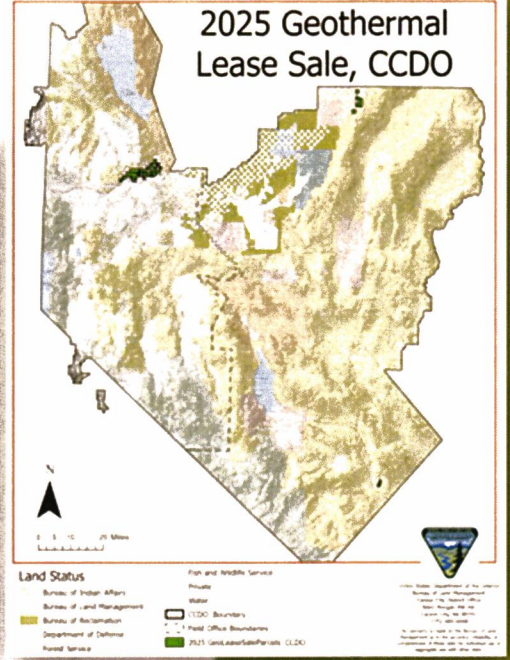
Two parcels in Churchill
County, 3,795 acres

8/22/2025
Publishing the final EA
and Draft FONSI on the
BLM National NEPA
Register

10/20/2025
Publishing of the signed
FONSI and Decision
Record

10/21/2025
Geothermal lease sale
date

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Minerals Projects

- ▶ Cosmo Lithium Exploration. Plan of Operations received in August. This is a lithium exploration project proposed in Dixie Valley.
- ▶ Bell Mountain Mine. Churchill County. 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 Sagittarius Exploration. Churchill County. 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.

Chris Spross stated that the county has yet to receive the Checkerboard Resolution draft that we went over in our meeting and asked Mr. Reichold to send it so he can begin the review process.

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

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

D- Consideration and possible action re: Creation of a full-time intern position within the Office of the Public Defender titled "Legal Intern", compensated at Grade 44, Step 1, at \$22.14 hour.

For the past year, despite specific and targeted recruiting efforts, the Office of the Public Defender has not received a sufficient number or quality of applicants to fill its attorney vacancies as required by the State of Nevada. Without new strategies, the office will remain understaffed and unable to meet the community's critical need for constitutionally mandated legal representation.

To strengthen recruitment efforts and build a sustainable pipeline of qualified candidates, it is recommended that the county establish a paid legal internship program. This position would attract current law students and recent graduates in good standing who seek valuable professional experience and connections in public defense.

Interns would work under the direct supervision and mentorship of the Chief Public Defender, assisting with all phases of case preparation and litigation—such as discovery review, legal research, client interaction, and motion drafting—consistent with applicable rules. In addition to providing immediate support to the office, the program would position interns to remain in Churchill County upon graduation and transition into one of the already-approved attorney positions. This strategy aligns short-term staffing needs with long-term recruitment goals.

FISCAL IMPACT: None [Salary \$46,134.40, Benefits \$32,804.48 = \$78,938.88].

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: The salaries, benefits (including PERS) and positions for several full-time attorneys have already been approved by this Commission and budgeted by the Office of the Public Defender. Because these attorney positions remain unfilled, allocating funding for a legal intern would not create any new financial burden on the county; the costs are already accounted for within the department's current budget. In addition, the proposed internship pay is reimbursement-eligible through the Nevada Department of Indigent Defense, further reducing the county's net financial impact.

FUNDING SOURCE: Office of Public Defender (budget funds already approved for current fiscal year), reimbursement eligible position via Nevada Department of Indigent Defense.

ACTION REQUESTED: Accept

Jacob Sommer, Public Defender, made this presentation as outlined above.

Sherry Wideman stated that this is truly an additional position because they are not getting rid of any other positions, so when the budget comes forward, it would increase the budget in the next fiscal year. Mr. Sommer noted this position is reimbursable through the Department of Indigent Defense (DIDS), which would be completely covered. Ms. Wideman stated that DIDS only covers a three-year average of 51.72 % of all expenditures from the various Public Defenders.

Commissioner Hyde asked if this covers our requirements under Department of Indigent Defense. Mr. Sommer said it will help, and he doesn't believe that DIDS would view it as an actual attorney position but it will definitely help, as the intern will be able to practice under the limited practice rules under the Nevada Supreme Court, taking some of the case load from existing full time attorneys, so the answer is yes. In speaking with DIDS, they are very happy that we would consider this as an option because they know law students tend to make decisions before they graduate, and they see us getting ahead of the curve. Commissioner Hyde asked if Mr. Sommer was aware of any other office doing this that has had success, and Mr. Sommer stated this is a common occurrence in a lot of Public Defender offices throughout the country where they have legal intern position that they use as a pipeline for recruiting. For instance, I taught at a conference in Salt Lake this last year, and the director of that program shared the success they've had. Utah has two law schools close to Salt Lake, so they were able to attract a number of young law students from that program.

Commissioner Blakey asked if the only difference between the intern position and the casual position is benefits? Kim Brontsema, HR manager, stated that is one of the differences with the intern position as a casual position, that way we are not hiring someone full time and it structures the position so there is a better understanding that they are working while they are in school and to get that additional experience to move forward into a full time position. Commissioner Blakey asked if Ms. Brontsema was recommending that it be a casual intern position? Mr. Sommer answered that, for recruiting purposes, it would be easier to propose a benefited position, but we will take what we can get. I just need a position that I can start talking to law students about so offers can be made for those interested.

County Manager Spross asked if this is for one position, and Mr. Sommer said yes.

Commissioner Blakey stated that we have struggled with getting the position filled, and Commissioner Hyde said he agrees with Mr. Sommer regarding that recruitment would be better with a benefited position, and my thought is that we want this to turn into an attorney position in the office. Mr. Sommer stated that is the plan and I don't think I would make an offer if I thought it was going to be a lost cause; I want someone who would be reasonably willing to give us a shot. Chair Getto said then you would agree that this being a steppingstone position? Mr. Sommer said absolutely, and he has recently spoken to a student that would like to work in Churchill County, but they are getting offers from all over, and I don't want to lose this person. Commissioner Hyde asked if there is a timeline we need to put on this? Mr. Sommer stated his intent with this position in my office, and this could easily be adjusted to help the District Attorney's office if needed, would not have a full staff of attorneys and an intern, so this would be solely for a pipeline to recruit, however the Commissioners want to do that. I will not use it for anything other than to recruit for full-time positions. Commissioner Hyde said, unfortunately, we are in a position where we have a tough time recruiting for any positions, so I am for trying this. Commissioner Blakey stated that we have to be competitive, and Commissioner Hyde and Chair Getto agreed.

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

Commissioner Matt Hyde made a motion to approve the creation of a paid full-time internship position within the Office of Public Defender titled “Legal Intern” compensated at Grade 44 on the pay table (Step 1 is \$22.14/hr). Commissioner Eric Blakey seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

E- Where We Live Project presentation from the State Extension Specialist, University of Nevada.

Dr. Loretta Singletary, State Extension Specialist, with the University of Nevada, will make a Where We Project Live presentation.

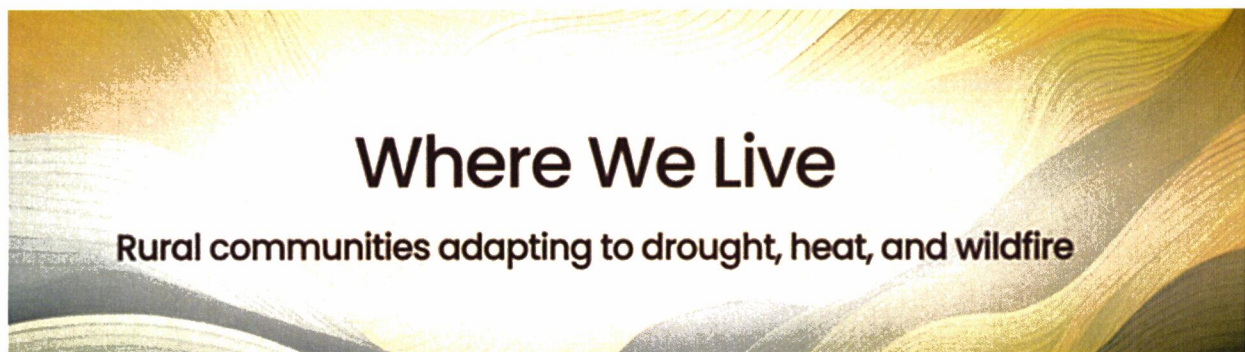
FISCAL IMPACT: N/A

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: N/A

FUNDING SOURCE: N/A

ACTION REQUESTED: None; Informational Only

Dr. Loretta Singletary, State Extension Specialist, University of Nevada, appeared virtually and by phone, and made a Where We Live power point presentation.



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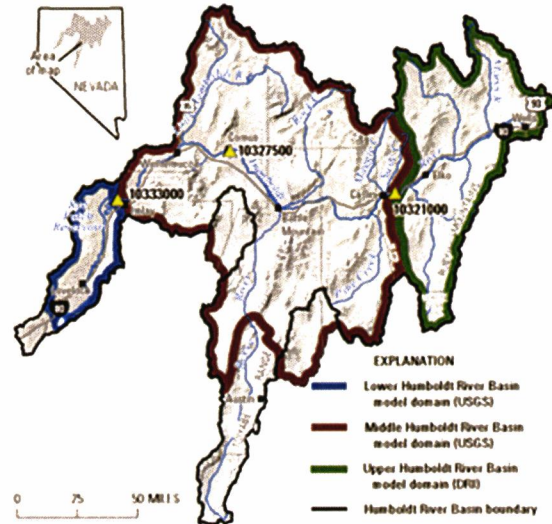
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About Where We Live (W2L)

- Aim: to advance our understanding of the factors that can contribute to local adaptation
- Goal: to discover how individual adaptation can enhance community-scale responses



Our Research & Our Team

- **5-10 minute survey** to assess drought, heat, and wildfire risks
- Seeking volunteers for **30 minute interviews** to better understand challenges in adapting to drought



Loretta Singletary, PI



Elizabeth Koebele, Co-PI



Enoch Adom,
Postdoctoral Scholar



Bea Gordon, Co-PI



Gine Gilson,
Postdoctoral Scholar



Chinsine Albano, Co-PI

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We need to hear from
you!

Use this QR code or the
link to the e-survey in the
Zoom Chat



Please let us know if you
would like to give an
interview
singletaryl@unr.edu
ggilson@unr.edu

Chair Getto asked Dr. Singletary, in regards the e-survey, if she still wanted Churchill County residents to participate as the focus was not on our area. Dr. Singletary stated, yes, that on the back end they would be able to determine which responses would be in a sub-basin, and so even if you're not sure if where you live or work is in the sub-basin, and you don't necessarily have to reside there, we will be able to sort that out, as all information and feedback is valuable. Chair Getto thanked Dr. Singletary for the clarification.

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

F- Public Hearing - Consideration and possible action re: Bill 2025-A, Ordinance 32, an ordinance amending Title 16 of the Churchill County Code and establishing the I-1, I-2, and I-3 zoning districts; deleting the I zoning district; defining the zoning and design review process; establishing zoning requirements for existing and additional industrial land uses; clarifying the requirements for power generation facilities; and other matters related thereto.

This Ordinance deletes the current I Industrial Zoning District and replaces it with the I-1, I-2, and I-3 Zoning Districts. The I-1 Zoning District is intended for light industrial uses, the I-2 Zoning District is intended for medium industrial uses, and the I-3 Zoning District is intended for heavy industrial uses. The ordinance defines the review process and requirements for various new and existing industrial uses in the newly established districts. These changes will allow for a more granular approach in addressing industrial uses throughout Churchill County. The Ordinance further establishes the Conditional Zoning Permit process, which allows for the authorization and conditioning of particular land uses through an administrative review. The ordinance further clarifies requirements for all power generation facilities instead of just renewable energy facilities to address a gap in the County Code requirements.

The planning department held two joint workshops, on April 22 and June 24, in which we went over the proposed industrial code changes and a revised zoning map. The highlights of the code changes are as followed:

- Assigned names for each industrial zone.
 - I1 – Commercial Industrial
 - I2 – Industrial
 - I3 – Heavy Industrial
- Section 16.08.250 - Use Table For All Zoning Districts.
 - Deleted the original table and replaced it with a new table that includes the three industrial zones.
 - Revised the table to indicate what uses are allowed, allowed with SUP, or prohibited in the new industrial zones.
 - Removed the Administrative Special Use Permit and grouped them with the Conditional Zoning Permit.
- Added section 16.08.065 – Zoning Reviews
- Added section 16.08.075 – Conditional Zoning Permit
 - Use allowed through a Conditional Zoning Permit – Designated C in the land use table.
- Made minor edits to section 16.08.080 – Special Use Permits
- Added section 16.08.085 – Conditional Use Permits.
 - Conditional Use Permit is a permit to operate a facility where an explosive, highly hazardous substance designated pursuant to NRS 459.3816 is present in quantities greater than designated in NRS 459.3816, or a hazardous substance adopted pursuant to NRS 459.3833 will be used, manufactured, processed, transferred, or stored.
- Revised section 16.24.010 – Definitions Generally
 - Revised or added new definitions for industrial uses.
- Revised section 16.16.030 - Renewable Energy Facility .
 - Changed renewable energy facility to power generation facility
 - Power generation facilities are classified by the source of the power generated, being fuel-based resources (including generators) and renewable resources.

We received a letter from SB Energy (included in the agenda packet) requesting that solar-powered major power generation be considered a conditional zoning permit in the I2 and I3 zones.

The proposed code changes were presented to the planning commission on August 13, 2025, and were recommended for approval by the planning commission, including solar-powered major power generation be a conditional zoning permit in the I2 and I3 zones.

The public hearing notice was published in *The Fallon Post* on Friday, September 5, 2025.

FISCAL IMPACT: N/A

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: N/A

FUNDING SOURCE: N/A

ACTION REQUESTED: Accept

Randy Hines, Public Works, Building and Planning Director, made this presentation as outlined above.

Commissioner Blakey stated he would like to revisit the Industrial I-3 zoning. Everything in the chart is satisfactory to me, however, we seem to be an attractant for powered transmission, so I want to make sure that we have done everything we can do to accommodate new business, and I think if we were to make it a conditional review, instead of the Special Use Permit, the staff is qualified to handle that situation and get it moving forward. That is the only one that I would like to still advocate to get changed, knowing that everything else is powered transmission, and all the other locations are still a Special Use Permit, because we do not want powered transmission in an I-1 or I-2, or anywhere else. Do you guys have any additional thoughts on that? Chair Getto said he got some clarification on that, and that would be solely subject to I-3. Mr. Hines said that is correct. Chair Getto said, after that clarification, he has no problem with the staff handling that process and procedure. Commissioner Hyde said, if it is solely for I-3, then he agrees. Commissioner Blakey said if anyone has any other kind of property, then they come for a Special Use Permit, or a re-zone to get moved to an I-3, which still can get reviewed by us, to which Mr. Hines stated that is correct. Chair Getto asked if it was an A-10 or RR-20, they would have to come to you and actually get a Special Use Permit if they wanted to pursue that? Mr. Hines stated that on an RR-20, yes, and on an A-10, no, they are not permitted there, but, it is permitted in an RR-20 with a Special Use Permit. If they wanted to change it to an I-3, they would go through the zone change process, which would come in front of you guys.

Chair Getto asked if there were any other questions or comments. He stated a letter was received that stated: "Dear Clerk, We are Ahjing Ying and Uphing Yang, owner of APN 003-691-65. We wrote this letter because I received your notice about a public hearing about an ordinance amending zoning districts. We have received the public rezoning hearing notice that shows our neighbors' parcels 003-691-61, 003-691-67, 003-691-68, 003-691-69, and 003-691-70 are going to be rezoned for Industrial zoning I-1, I-2, or I-3. Our parcel, 003-691-65, is not listed in the rezoning plan. We have deep concerns that as neighboring residential zoning parcels, we will probably be rezoned as Industrial zoning and then have pollution to cause our parcels unsuitable for residential usage, although it's Residential zoning, then cause our parcels useless. If our neighbor parcels will be rezoned as Industrial zoning, I-1, I-2 or I-3, we request your help to rezone my parcels 003-691-65 to similar Industrial zoning as those neighboring parcels are. Thank you. We support the plans to rezone this area to Industrial zoning to develop this area. Our parcels near the street 95, and convenient to I-80 freeway, by road 95, and not far away from the railway, also suitable for Industrial zoning, right? If you don't agree with me, we can have a quick phone discussion, my phone number is" – although I won't read the phone number. "Best regards, the landowners". Chair Getto stated he just wanted to read that one on record.

Chair Getto asked if there was any public comment. Steve Vogel stated I am against the rezoning out in Hazen and the rest of the area, and I left you guys a paper to read, and you might want to take some time to read and understand it. I am filing a complaint with the Attorney General's Office. I would describe the damages that the County Commissioners are

already committing against the businesses that are out there in Hazen already. I described a few of them, and I look forward to working with you guys with this problem. Our property values are going to drop, because there is millions and millions of dollars worth of property out there. You have already done damage, and I am not sure what the damages are to the water aquifer in Hazen. The water table is five feet underneath the Hazen store, and you can actually drive through Hazen, and to the right or left, depending on which way you are going, the water table is right on top of the ground. Tests will have to be determined if there are any current or future problems, basically poisoning the people of Churchill County and Hazen. It is going to take some time to get through and work things out. I left my phone number and email address; email is the best way to get a hold of me. I look forward to working things out because most of us moved to this small Hazen town due to the politics of California, Reno and all that, we want to get away from everything, and there is already damage here and other problems that I see for the future. So, feel free to contact me, and I am going to finish tying this up and send it to the Attorney General, Aaron Ford, and see if we can work this out. But I don't see anything happening by rezoning and keeping the status quo. If you want to know my background, I will gladly tell you my history, my family in an email if you'd like to know.

Chair Getto stated just for clarification, we are not rezoning any ground for new Industrial, this is simply clarifying the Industrial ground we already have, and for the sole reason of creating a symbiotic relationship I guess you could say, where that I-1 is a less aggressive type of Industrial, the I-2 is a step up, and the I-3 is the most aggressive form. So, the whole entire reason for that is to create a buffer in between residential areas and this Industrial ground to clarify that. Mr. Vogel said the map you sent out is useless, and I do not think anybody realizes what is going to go on in those areas, because you have a bunch of circles on the map, and you can't even tell what specific areas are on there. I know we were zoned Industrial a long time ago, and the first business that went in there was an oil company, for road oils and stuff like that, and there is contamination all over the place. I have a cup of oil sands from that plant that they said there is no byproduct or anything to worry about, and they lied. There is just a lot of those things in there that we are not going to agree with. I need to explain in more detail what you guys are planning and what is going on and resubmit it to the people of Hazen and the rest of Churchill County. You have to have written consent from us, we the people, before you can move on anything, and I have studied the Charters of Freedom extensively through the last 34 years, and much of my research is going to the Trump Administration. So, I am protecting my sister's property, my property, as well as the people of Hazen. Thanks.

Chair Getto asked if there was any other public comment. A resident stated that she does not understand the map and what is changing in her area. She is trying to go off the lettering. She was unable to go to the last meeting the county had. But, it is hard for her to tell by this map what is going to affect her general locale. She lives out by the airport, and the road toward the transfer station, before the transfer station started, was great. There was very little garbage, very little debris in the road, and now, at least once a week, she is having to pull over her car and pull items out of the middle of the roadway because they are falling off of vehicles, or out of whatever trucks are driving them in. So, from a safety standpoint, that would be her only issue, is first finding out what affects her area, what changes that would cause, and then the actual

living conditions around it. So that is her statement. Mr. Hines stated that is actually the next Agenda item, not this one.

Chair Getto asked if there was any other public comment and there was none.

Chair Getto asked Jeff Weed to clarify the restructuring of the zoning and how we do that. Mr. Weed stated yes, currently, we are on the agenda item for the adoption of the amendment to the ordinance to the county code. So, we are talking about the modification of what qualifies in what we consider Industrial zoning. Right now, we have Industrial zoning and we are expanding it to three different Industrial zones, so people have a better idea of how to proceed when they look into that. I am submitting to Mr. Sanford. Mr. Sanford stated, as Mr. Weed explained, this agenda item is the ordinance related to the amendments of the county code. Currently we have one single Industrial section, the Industrial zone, all industrial activity is listed within that zone. The map that was shown earlier and was blanketed in a kind of red color, that is the current Industrial zone across the entire county. What this amendment would do is create the I-1, I-2, and I-3 zones. The I-1 is a light Industrial, commercial Industrial, the I-2 is regular Industrial, and I-3 is heavy Industrial. And so, only property that is currently Industrial is being considered today, and the next agenda item but those will be rezoned and redefined from the current I zone to either I-1, I-2 or I-3.

Chair Getto said thank you both, hopefully that kind of addresses your concerns. So again, when we were looking at this, as I stated before, we wanted to try to keep I-1, if it is going to be near residential, I-1. So, it's a very, very light Industrial. Nothing is actually switching to Industrial, it is already zoned Industrial, so it's going to be a much lighter version of Industrial, and so as it steps up, we move further and further away, so I-3 is up by 1-80 where no one really lives, there are some residents, but it is up there where it is not really going to affect our residents. You can also contact the Planning Department, and they can give you that actual map and explain it to you and where your location is.

Chair Getto asked if there was any other public comment, and there was none.

Commissioner Blakey made a motion to adopt the Industrial Zoning Map as presented. Chair Getto corrected Commissioner Blakey that the motion needs to be to approve the Bill 2025-A, Ordinance 32, as submitted. Mr. Weed said we are on Item 7 F and I think you may be looking at G. Commissioner Matt Hyde made an amendment to the motion to approve the Bill 2025-A, Ordinance 32, as submitted. Commissioner Eric Blakey seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote. Mr. Hines stated the solar also needs to be addressed in the motion. Chair Getto asked for an amendment to the amended motion to include the solar generation on I-3 zoning. Mr. Hines stated that would be to approve the Conditional Zoning Permit in I-3. Commissioner Hyde amended the motion to include the Conditional Use Permit instead of a Special Use Permit for power for I-3. Commissioner Blakey seconded the motion as revised, which carried by unanimous vote.

G- Consideration and possible action re: An ordinance amending zoning districts is under consideration by Churchill County. Current Industrial Zoned parcels, listed below, will be designated as I-1 (light industrial), I-2 (medium Industrial), or I-3 (heavy Industrial):

I1:

**006-081-01, 006-132-13, 006-132-14, 006-132-15, 006-132-38, 006-132-39, 006-871-28, 006-871-29, 006-871-31, 006-871-32, 006-871-33, 006-871-34, 006-871-35, 006-871-36, 006-871-37, 006-871-40, 006-871-41, 006-871-42, 006-871-43, 006-871-44
006-871-45, 007-091-87, 007-131-19, 007-131-21, 007-131-22, 007-131-23, 007-131-24, 007-131-25, 007-171-01, 007-271-47, 007-271-48, 007-311-12, 007-311-13, 007-511-11, 007-651-12, 007-651-17, 007-651-18, 008-341-09, 008-341-10, 008-341-11, 009-251-28, 009-271-23, 009-271-24, 009-271-49, 009-271-50, 009-271-51, 009-271-52,**

I2:

003-011-02, 007-091-97, 007-171-02, 007-171-03, 007-171-22, 007-171-23, 007-171-52, 007-171-53, 007-171-54, 007-171-75, 007-171-79, 007-171-80, 007-311-14, 007-311-42, 007-311-44, 007-311-49, 007-311-50, 009-251-40, 009-251-41, 009-251-43, 009-251-44, 009-251-45, 009-251-46, 009-251-47, 009-251-48, 009-251-49, 009-251-50, 009-251-51, 009-251-52, 009-251-53, 009-251-54, 009-251-55, 009-251-57, 009-251-58, 009-251-59, 009-251-60, 009-251-63, 009-251-66, 009-251-67, 009-251-68, 009-251-69, 009-251-70, 009-251-71, 009-251-72, 009-251-73, 009-251-77, 009-251-78, 009-251-86, 009-251-87, 009-251-88, 009-251-89, 009-251-90, 009-251-91, 009-271-22, 009-271-25, 009-271-26, 009-271-27, 009-271-28, 009-271-29, 009-271-30, 009-271-36, 009-271-45, 009-271-46, 009-271-47, 009-271-48, 009-271-55, 009-271-72, 009-271-73, 009-271-78, 009-271-79, 009-271-80

I3:

002-431-04, 003-691-61, 003-691-67, 003-691-68, 003-691-69, 003-691-70, 007-011-51, 007-011-52, 007-011-53, 007-011-54, 007-011-55, 007-011-56, 007-011-57, 007-011-58, 007-011-59, 007-011-60, 007-011-61, 007-011-62, 007-011-63, 007-011-64, 007-011-65, 007-011-66, 007-071-35, 007-071-36, 007-071-76, 007-071-79, 007-071-80, 007-071-81, 007-071-93, 007-071-94, 009-251-17, 009-251-84, 009-251-85, 009-271-31, 009-271-32, 009-271-33, 009-271-34, 009-271-35, 009-271-37, 009-271-38, 009-271-39, 009-271-40, 009-271-41, 009-271-42, 009-271-43, 009-271-44, 009-291-09, 009-371-01, 009-371-83, 009-411-09.

This proposed zoning map deletes the current I Industrial Zoned parcels and replaces them with either the I-1, I-2, and I-3 Zoning designations. The I-1 Commercial Industrial is intended for light Industrial uses, the I-2 Industrial is intended for medium Industrial uses, and the I-3 Heavy Industrial is intended for heavy Industrial uses. There are enlarged views for areas where there are multiple Industrial zoned parcels for clarity.

The proposed zoning map is part of the proposed Bill 2025A, Ordinance 32 amending Title 16 of the Churchill County Code that established the I-1, I-2, and I-3 zoning districts.

The proposed zoning map changes were presented to the Planning Commission on August 13, 2025, and were recommended for approval by the Planning Commission.

FISCAL IMPACT: N/A

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: N/A

FUNDING SOURCE: N/A

ACTION REQUESTED: Adopt

Randy Hines, Public Works Director, made this presentation as outlined above.

County Manager Spross asked Mr. Hines to clarify that this is not including any new Industrial parcels, these are only changing existing Industrial parcels to either I-1, I-2 or I-3, is that correct? Mr. Hines stated that is correct. Chair Getto said thank you for that clarification.

Commissioner Hyde said he would just tell you that the big reason why we did this, was because it was just a big Industrial, and that is how you have things slip in next to you, if there are no parameters. So, we really were looking out for the safety of our residents, and that is the real purpose of this, is to keep things that are dangerous and hazardous materials way away from town. So, we all live here, we want to be safe and keep our residents safe, so that is our main objective.

Chair Getto stated that was very well said, and asked if that answered questions, and a resident stated it did.

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

Commissioner Eric Blakey made a motion to adopt the Zoning Map Amendment for Industrial Zoned Properties as listed in this agenda item. Commissioner Matt Hyde seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote. Mr. Hines thanked staff for putting a lot of time and effort in on this code change, and it is greatly appreciated with their efforts. Chair Getto thanked the office as well.

H- Consideration and possible action re: An Abandonment of Easement Application, AE25-3, filed by Gary Laca, Trustee of Dani 1987 Trust Agreement for property located on Conrad Place, Assessor's Parcel Number 006-231-74, consisting of 7.29 acres in the A-5 zoning district, whereby the Applicant proposes to abandon the drainage easement along the east and south sides of the parcel.

The Applicant is requesting the abandonment of a 20' wide irrigation easement located within parcel 4 of a Parcel Map recorded as Document No. 465024 on January 19, 2018, in the official records of Churchill County, Nevada. The easement was intended to be a private easement, but that distinction was accidentally left off.

The irrigation easement was originally established by the Applicant at the time of the split in the anticipation of a potential need for irrigation infrastructure to support farming operations and included the easement as a precautionary measure to protect potential irrigation needs. Since the time of the parcel split, the Applicant has revised development plans for the property and the easement is no longer necessary for current or future use and is, therefore, seeking its formal abandonment. Note that during pre-application conversations with the Applicant, the extent of the abandonment does not extend to or affect any surrounding irrigation easement.

Notification letters of the hearing scheduled before the Board of County Commissioners were mailed on August 26, 2025 and the legal notice was published in *The Fallon Post* on Friday, September 5, 2025.

FISCAL IMPACT: N/A
EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: N/A
FUNDING SOURCE: N/A
ACTION REQUESTED: Accept

Dean Patterson, Public Works, Planning & Building Department, 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 request to abandon an unused 20' wide irrigation easement (Application AE25-3) located within parcel 4 of a Parcel Map recorded as Document No. 465024 on January 19, 2018, in the official records of Churchill County, Nevada, as described in the Application and with changes required by the County Surveyor. Commissioner Eric Blakey seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

Dean Patterson stated that there will be an Order for Abandonment for your signature to resolve this.

I- Consideration and possible action re: Approval of Resolution 14-2025 authorizing the disposal of broken property by county offices.

Churchill County, specifically the District Attorney's Office, has surplus non-working electronic equipment that is no longer functional, efficient, or suitable to public use. See Exhibit A. NRS 332.185 authorizes the Board of County Commissioners to declare personal property of the county as surplus and dispose of said personal property in any manner.

FISCAL IMPACT: N/A
EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: N/A
FUNDING SOURCE: N/A
ACTION REQUESTED: Adopt

Joseph Sanford, Chief Civil Deputy District Attorney, 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 14-2025 to dispose of broken property. Commissioner Matt Hyde seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

J- Consideration and possible action re: Ratification of an Agreement between the State of Nevada, Department of Human Services, and Churchill County Social Services to provide direct assistance and referrals to Social Services for individuals and families in need, in the amount of \$23,723.

Churchill County Social Services has received funding to support Family Resource Activities. The funds in FY26 will be retroactive to July 1, 2025, and will provide for a continued

partnership with Juvenile Probation for the Parent Project activities in addition to supporting Child Abuse Prevention and the annual Community Day Activities.

FISCAL IMPACT: \$23,723.

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: \$15,625-Personnel; \$3,000-Contractual/Consultant; \$3,341-Other.

FUNDING SOURCE: Fund for a Healthy Nevada (FHN).

ACTION REQUESTED: Accept

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

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

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

K- Consideration and possible action re: Ratification and approval of the appointment John Hong as the Churchill County Library Director at an advanced step placement of Grade 72, Step 7, and approval of \$2,000.00 for moving expenses.

The Library Board of Trustees appoints, evaluates the performance of and, if necessary, dismisses the Library Director. NRS 379.025. The Library Director administers all functions of the library, employs assistants and carries out the policies established by the Library Board of Trustees. The Library Board of Trustees accepted applications and interviewed two candidates for the vacant Library Director position. The Library Board of Trustees met on September 10, 2025, and appointed John Hong to the position of Library Director at an initial Step of Grade 72, Step 7, to be effective on October 20, 2025, contingent upon approval of the advanced step placement by the Board of County Commissioners. Churchill County Code 3.32.040(A) provides that "initial appointment to a position shall be made at the beginning step of the range except as otherwise noted" in CCC Title 3. CCC 3.32.040(B) authorizes the Board of County Commissioners to approve an advanced step placement to: (1) meet a difficult recruiting problem, or (2) employ a person who possesses superior qualifications. The required criteria in CCC 3.32.040(B) are met in this instance, and the Library Board of Trustees requests approval from this board on the advance step placement.

FISCAL IMPACT: \$12,396.80 salary difference (without benefits) and \$2,000 for moving expenses.

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: As the Library is currently budgeted at Grade 72, Step 2, for the Library Director, the fiscal impact represents the difference in annual salary (without benefits) between Step 7 and Step 2 of the Library Director Pay Grade (Grade 72). Additionally, there would be \$2,000 for moving expenses.

FUNDING SOURCE: Library Fund.

ACTION REQUESTED: Accept

Kim Brontsema, Human Resources Manager, made this presentation as outlined above.

Chair Getto commented that he sits on the Library Board, and it has been extremely challenging

to fill this position. The library has been bumping along, so I really advocate for this. It has been a challenge, as Kim and the public know. He (Mr. Hong) interviewed great, he's a great guy, so that is all I have to say about that.

Commissioner Blakey said he would just like to mention that there is definitely a hiring issue with people available, so we have to make everything attractive, otherwise we are going to fall way behind. Thank you for your hard work on this.

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

Commissioner Eric Blakey made a motion to ratify and approve the Library Board of Trustees appointment of John Hong as the Churchill County Library Director at an advanced step placement of Grade 72, Step 7, and approval of \$2,000 for moving expenses. Commissioner Matt Hyde seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

L- Consideration and possible action re: Review of the Churchill County Rural Public Health Laboratory and discussion of closure.

In late 2020, the State of Nevada developed a plan with Churchill County to create a rural Public Health Laboratory to support infectious disease specimen results. The goal was to partner with the UNR State Public Health Laboratory to implement the Rural Laboratory as a satellite location and increase capacity to meet the lab's needs in Northern Nevada. Over a two-year period, an agreement was unable to be obtained between the three organizations: UNR, Churchill County, and the State of Nevada, Department of Public and Behavioral Health (DPBH), so the county was funded directly.

The goal with the agreement with Churchill County and the State of Nevada DPBH was that funding would be allocated to support the operations until December 2026 through ARPA and CDC funding, but Churchill County would look at a suitability plan for future operations. Churchill County had identified the need for the lab to become a site to process substances and other court-required testing to fill a gap in Nevada. Churchill County earmarked \$250,000 from Opioid Settlement dollars to support the purchase of equipment.

Since 2023, the Churchill Rural Public Health Laboratory has struggled to maintain a Generalist, who is a required Scientist to be in the laboratory for any specimens to be processed, unless the Medical Laboratory Director is present. There is a lack in the workforce overall for Generalists, and it is a competitive market. In March 2025, the Laboratory funding was impacted by the Federal Clawbacks. The funds supported staffing and overall operational funding. The Social Services Director worked with DPBH to reallocate costs to an alternative grant, but this reduced the funding available to support the Laboratory operations to December 2026.

UNR has provided an update that the Laboratory located in Reno has determined that the operations will be expanding into substance testing, and the equipment has been purchased, which impacts Churchill's plans to expand into this testing to increase revenue and fill a gap in Northern Nevada. The Social Services Director, in conjunction with DPBH, has not been able to identify other sources of funding to develop an appropriate sustainability plan for the operations. There have been attempts to work with UNR to re-evaluate agreements for the lab to

become a satellite again, but this has not been successful due to reduced funding at the federal level to support such activities.

Currently, the Churchill Laboratory has a contracted Medical Director and Laboratory Technician. The goal was to support the Laboratory Technician to obtain the credentials as a Generalist, which is a two-year process with proper oversight, and gain experience. Through discussions, the State and UNR would support Churchill to maintain funding from the current grants to support the Technicians' ongoing employment up to two years to gain the Generalist Licensure, since this will support workforce development for Rural Nevada. The remainder of the funds would be returned to DPBH for reallocation to the UNR lab and work on a laboratory equipment transfer, for which grants have been paid in the last five years.

It is the recommendation of the Social Services Director to proceed with negotiations for the closure of the laboratory, enter into an agreement to support the ongoing employment of the Technician, and transfer equipment in accordance with federal guidelines.

FISCAL IMPACT: N/A

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: N/A

FUNDING SOURCE: N/A

ACTION REQUESTED: Accept

Shannon Ernst, Social Services Director/Interim Administrator, 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 closure plan and to authorize the Director of Social Services to negotiate personnel contracts and funding agreements to support this action. Commissioner Eric Blakey seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

M- Presentation about pump tracks for recreation for future consideration.

Steven Christie will make a presentation to the board about pump tracks for recreation for future consideration.

FISCAL IMPACT: N/A

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: N/A

FUNDING SOURCE: N/A

ACTION REQUESTED: None; Informational Only

Steven Christie reported that he, his wife and child travel and they use Google to find pump tracks. It is for recreational use for skateboarding, biking, or scooters, and you gain perpetual motion, and you stay in the track. It meets the SNPLMA Act, it's per recreation, it's about health and no one has to pay for it. It is something that is open daily no matter the weather. 10-20 minutes on the pump track is a great workout. Velosolutions is the company from

Switzerland that has really dominated the market, and has partnered with ARC, a company in Missouri, which is building pump tracks all over the country, the closest one from here is in Utah. I have been speaking to Lucas, the Western Regional salesman, who sent me all the comps. The biggest one is being built in Chico, California, which will be 5 acres. It breaks down to a million dollars per acre to build one. If we find some ground that we want to put one up, and one of my favorite ones is in Santa Cruz which is only on half an acre, it is \$15,000 for the design and estimate. If we have funds awarded to us, we could build a smaller one or one that is 6 acres and it could be the crowning jewel of Fallon. It has been my greatest pleasure going to these, and people come from miles around just for the pump tracks. When we do get this, I would spearhead competitions. There is no consequences to these, it could be on dirt or grass, but any kid or person could get on there, you're not falling off the ground, the dirt naturally goes away from the asphalt, and asphalt is also a cheaper material. I just wanted you all to aware of it, it's really important to me, and I think it would be the coolest thing for our county for health recreation.

Commissioner Hyde stated he has never heard of these, but it looks pretty fun. Chair Getto said it does look fun, and as SNPLMA money comes available, a two year process, that is something we can definitely look at for one of the many park projects we have planned. Mr. Christy said please reach out if I can help. Commissioner Blakey told Mr. Christy to give the County Manager your contact information and maybe submit something a little more in depth so he has all the information he need to implement that into the SNPLMA.

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- Nevada Division of Environmental Protection's notification of a no further action determination for Ormat Stillwater 1 Geothermal Power Plant.

The Nevada Division of Environmental Protection (NDEP) reviewed closure documentation submitted on July 22, 2025 by Ormat Technologies, Inc. The agency issued a no further action determination for the release of about 200 gallons of mineral oil from a leaking turbine flange, including any related contamination in surrounding areas.

On July 22, 2025, Ormat Technologies, Inc. and Nicholas Crosby requested a no further action determination from NDEP. After reviewing the corrective action file, NDEP found residual petroleum hydrocarbons in soil above reportable concentrations, but below industrial action levels and remediation standards. NDEP concluded no further assessment or remediation is needed to protect human health and the environment.

NDEP may re-evaluate its decision if site conditions change or new information emerges showing potential harmful impacts on human health or the environment.

FISCAL IMPACT: N/A

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: N/A

FUNDING SOURCE: N/A

ACTION REQUESTED: None; Informational Only

B- Bureau of Land Management's notification of its Proposed Decision for the North Stone Cabin Temporary Water Hauls Project in the Stone Cabin and Willow Creek allotments.

On February 21, 2025, the BLM Tonopah Field Office (TFO) issued a Public Consultation letter to Stone Cabin Ranch LLC and the public regarding proposed temporary water hauls on the Stone Cabin and Willow Creek allotments. The drought response action was developed in cooperation with the ranch and the TFO to address severe drought conditions. The letter serves as a Proposed Decision authorizing these temporary range improvements.

The Stone Cabin Allotment is located about 30 miles east of Tonopah, Nevada and covers approximately 389,499 acres. The area includes portions of Stone Cabin Valley, along with the Monitor, Kawich, and Hot Creek Mountain Ranges. Elevations range from 5,300 feet in the valley bottoms to 9,300 feet in the mountains. The landscape is made up of steep mountains, foothills with salt-desert shrub and perennial grasses, and alkali valley bottoms. Vegetation varies by elevation: black greasewood and fourwing saltbush dominate the lower areas, salt-desert shrub and perennial grasses occur at mid-elevations, and pinyon/juniper woodlands are found higher up.

The Willow Creek Allotment lies about 40 miles northeast of Tonopah and encompasses 12,171 acres. It is primarily sagebrush grassland with perennial grass foothills. Elevations range from 6,300 feet in the valleys to 7,400 feet in the mountains. The allotment borders the Stone Cabin Allotment to the south and U.S. Forest Service lands to the north.

Cattle grazing on the Stone Cabin Allotment is permitted year-round for 1,992 Animal Unit Months (AUMs) by Stone Cabin Ranch LLC. On the Willow Creek Allotment, grazing is authorized from June through October for 341 AUMs. Both allotments contain limited riparian resources. Additional resources present include the Stone Cabin Herd Management Area (HMA) and sage-grouse habitat, which is found across much of the allotments, except in the southwest corner.

Since the onset of recent drought conditions, the Tonopah Field Office and Stone Cabin Ranch LLC have worked together to address limited forage and water availability. Over the past ten years, grazing AUMs have been reduced due to persistent drought, competition with wild horses for forage, and livestock operation needs. Average permit use has been 76% in the Willow Creek Allotment and 63% in the Stone Cabin Allotment.

Under 43 CFR 4420.3, the Tonopah Field Office has the authority to approve the construction and maintenance of range improvements. Temporary range improvements, including water hauls, are considered drought response actions under the Drought EA. Implementing these water hauls helps livestock access forage from previous growing seasons that would otherwise be unavailable due to distance from water, while supporting resource protection and recovery in line with BLM drought policy.

Design stipulations including the temporary nature of those water hauls will be included pursuant to 43 CFR 4120.3-4. In accordance with 43 CFR 4160.3 (a) this Proposed Decision

would become the Final Decision in the absence of a protest.

The Nevada Department of Agriculture submitted comments in response to the February 21, 2025, Public Consultation Letter. After review, no changes were made, and BLM's responses to the comments are provided. Originally, five water haul sites were proposed, but one site was removed from consideration after internal review due to resource concerns and is no longer part of the proposed action.

The Proposed Decision includes the following:

1. Approval of Four Temporary Water Haul Locations: Temporary water hauls may be used during authorized livestock grazing and for one additional growing season to support drought recovery. Troughs must be removed within seven days after use. Each site will undergo a cultural inventory assessment and field inspection before approval to ensure proper placement. Escape ladders are required on all water tanks to reduce wildlife mortality.

2. Within-Season Drought Triggers for the Stone Cabin Allotment: Livestock must be removed within seven days from areas meeting the following utilization levels:

- * Salt Desert Shrub: 25% of key species
- * Sagebrush Grassland: 30% of key species
- * Pinyon-Juniper Woodland: 30% of key species
- * Mountain Shrub: 30% of key species
- * Riparian Zones: four-inch stubble height of key species

3. Annual Authorization and Livestock Movement: Stone Cabin Ranch LLC must request temporary water hauls annually, with the Authorized Officer approving start dates in writing. If drought triggers are reached or the permittee chooses to move livestock earlier, animals will be rotated to the next pasture or private pasture. Early removal requires written approval from the BLM Authorized Officer, and scheduled dates will adjust accordingly.

If drought response triggers are met or the permittee chooses to move livestock earlier, animals will be rotated to the next pasture or a private pasture. Early movement requires written approval from the BLM Authorized Officer, and scheduled dates will adjust accordingly.

The decision to implement the North Stone Cabin Temporary Water Hauls as a drought response action is consistent with the Tonopah ROD and the approved Resource Management Plan (BLM 1977, as amended). Resource review within the DNA determined that the proposed action will not cause undue or unnecessary environmental degradation and aligns with federal, state, and local laws and plans. The action is not expected to adversely affect threatened or endangered species, migratory birds, or significant scientific, cultural, or historical resources. All design features in DOI-BLM-NV-B020-2025-0010-DNA will be applied to protect natural resources and prevent unnecessary degradation of public lands.

Since 2012, Nevada rangelands have been impacted by drought. Field observations by Stone

Cabin Ranch LLC and the BLM indicate that the Stone Cabin and Willow Creek Allotments continue to experience drought effects, with perennial plants showing minimal growth or regeneration and dirt tanks and reservoirs displaying low water levels. Indices such as the U.S. Drought Monitor and USGS Veg DRI maps indicate severe drought conditions.

Temporary water hauls will provide alternative water sources and help manage livestock distribution. In areas dominated by invasive annual plants, targeted grazing from these water hauls can help reduce cheatgrass cover, particularly during early spring and fall growth. Water availability strongly influences cattle distribution, as animals typically do not use areas more than two miles from water. By placing water hauls strategically, previously grazed areas can be rested and temporarily inaccessible to livestock, reducing overgrazing risk.

Under this Proposed Action, four temporary water haul sites would be approved, selected based on prior disturbance along existing roads. Water would be delivered by truck, and all troughs would include wildlife escape ladders to prevent mortality. The Tonopah Field Office proposes authorizing Stone Cabin Ranch LLC to use these water hauls to control livestock distribution and mitigate drought impacts. The action would remain in effect for the duration of the drought, plus one full growing season to allow recovery. A DNA worksheet will be completed prior to the Final Decision. This proposal aligns with 43 CFR 4120.3 and 4160.1-3, governing approval of temporary range improvements.

On February 21, 2025, the BLM Tonopah Field Office issued a public consultation letter, and comments were received on March 27, 2025. The BLM interdisciplinary team identified resource concerns at one proposed site, which was removed from the project, eliminating the need to analyze alternatives for the remaining four sites.

Right of Protest:

Any applicant, permittee, lessee, or interested party may protest the Proposed Decision under 43 CFR 4160.2 by submitting a written protest in person or by mail to the Authorized Officer, Perry B. Wickham, Field Manager, Tonopah Field Office, within 15 days of receiving the decision. Protests must clearly state why the decision is in error and must be submitted in hard copy. Electronic submissions (email, fax, social media, CDs, DVDs, thumb drives) are not accepted due to federal security guidelines.

If no protest is filed, the Proposed Decision becomes final under 43 CFR 4160.3(a). If a protest is filed, the Authorized Officer will review it and issue a Final Decision under 43 CFR 4160.3(b).

Here's a summarized version of that section:

Appeal Procedures: Any applicant, permittee, lessee, or other person adversely affected by a Final Decision may appeal to an administrative law judge under 43 CFR 4160.3(c), 4160.4, and 4.170. A notice of appeal must be filed with the Departmental Cases Hearings Division (DCHD) and include:

- * A copy of the decision being appealed
- * A statement of standing
- * A statement of timeliness
- * A statement explaining why the appellant believes the decision is incorrect, with specific factual allegations and supporting legal arguments

Appellants may also file a petition for stay of the decision's effectiveness during the appeal, which must meet the criteria in 43 CFR 4.171.

Copies of the notice of appeal and supporting documents must be served on:

- * The officer who issued the decision
- * All persons or entities named in the decision
- * The appropriate Office of the Solicitor (per OHA Standing Orders at <https://www.doi.gov/oha/oha-standing-order>)(<https://www.doi.gov/oha/oha-standing-order>))

If a party is represented by an attorney or designated representative, service must be made on that representative.

FISCAL IMPACT: N/A

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: N/A

FUNDING SOURCE: N/A

ACTION REQUESTED: Accept

C- Bureau of Land Management's notification of the draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Silver Peak Lithium Operation (SPLO) Project and the public comment period and public meeting associated therewith scheduled for September 23, 2025 at 2:00 PM.

The Bureau of Land Management provides notification of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the Silver Peak Lithium Operation (SPLO) Project and the public comment period and public meeting associated therewith scheduled for September 23, 2025 at 2:00 PM. Albemarle U.S., Inc. submitted an amendment to their authorized Plan of Operations to the BLM under the Mining Law of 1872 and the regulations found at 43 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 3809 that the BLM is required to respond to. The proposed amendment to the plan reconciles existing disturbance not previously authorized and would authorize the expansion of lithium brine extraction operation facilities at the SPLO site in Esmeralda County, Nevada. The reconciliation disturbance is comprised of 168 acres of private land and 770 acres of public lands administered by the BLM, and the expansion disturbance would be comprised of 375 acres of private land and 283 acres of public lands administered by the BLM.

The BLM, with the Tonopah Field Office as the lead and in coordination with cooperating agencies, has prepared the Draft EIS to provide analysis of potential impacts from the proposed project and alternatives. The DEIS is available for public review and comment from August 29 through October 6, 2025. One virtual public meeting will be held during this time on Tuesday, September 23, 2025, from 2:00 to 3:00 PM. The registration link, dial in number, and webinar ID are included in the notice.

To download the draft EIS, the Supplemental Information Report, and the Supplemental Environmental Report, visit: <https://eplanning.blm.gov/eplanning-ui/project/2035664/510>.

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 the issuance of the Grazing Decision for the Lahontan grazing allotment, which would authorize the issuance of a new 10-year term livestock grazing permit to the current permit holder and would include a reduction in acreage of the allotment, as well as a reduction in livestock number and the corresponding animal unit months.

The Bureau of Land Management provide notification of the issuance of the Grazing Decision for the Lahontan grazing allotment, which would authorize the issuance of a new 10-year term livestock grazing permit to the current permit holder and would include a reduction in acreage of the allotment, as well as a reduction in livestock number and the corresponding animal unit months.

The decision provides for the withdrawal of certain public lands for military purposes under Section 2901 in the James M. Inhofe National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2023. This action was analyzed in the January 2020 Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) prepared by the Department of the Navy for the Fallon Range Training Complex (FRTC), as proposed in Alternative 3 (Preferred Alternative). A Record of Decision (ROD) for this action was signed in March 2020.

Procedures for filing an appeal are listed in the Decision. Once interested parties or the public receives the Decision, the 30-day appeal period begins.

FISCAL IMPACT: N/A

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: N/A

FUNDING SOURCE: N/A

ACTION REQUESTED: None; Informational Only

E- Bureau of Land Management's notification of a Decision Record (DR) and Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) based on the analysis provided in the Blue Wing Complex Gather and Herd Management Area Plan Environmental Assessment.

The Bureau of Land Management provides notification of a Decision Record (DR) and Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) based on the analysis provided in the Blue Wing Complex Gather and Herd Management Area Plan Environmental Assessment. This DR explains the rationale for the selection of the alternative and tools to be implemented. Under the selected alternative (Alternative A), the BLM will implement a Herd Management Area Plan (HMAP) and use a variety of management tools, including gathers and removals, to maintain the wild horse and burro population within the Blue Wing Complex.

Due to wild horse and burro numbers in excess of Appropriate Management Levels (AML) and

lack of water and forage availability for the increasing herd sizes, management actions are necessary to reduce population growth rates in order to achieve and maintain AML and to prevent further deterioration of range conditions.

The EA, DR, and FONSI can be viewed online at: <https://eplanning.blm.gov/eplanning-ui/project/2032468/510>.

FISCAL IMPACT: N/A

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: N/A

FUNDING SOURCE: N/A

ACTION REQUESTED: None; Informational Only

F- Bureau of Land Management's notification of the issuance of the Grazing Decision for the Horse Mountain grazing allotment, which would authorize the issuance of a new 10-year term livestock grazing permit to the current permit holder and would include a reduction in acreage of the allotment, as well as a reduction in livestock number and the corresponding animal unit months.

The Bureau of Land Management provide notification of the issuance of the Grazing Decision for the Lahontan grazing allotment, which would authorize the issuance of a new 10-year term livestock grazing permit to the current permit holder and would include a reduction in acreage of the allotment, as well as a reduction in livestock number and the corresponding animal unit months.

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Procedures for filing an appeal are listed in the Decision. Once interested parties or the public receives the Decision, the 30-day appeal period begins.

FISCAL IMPACT: N/A

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: N/A

FUNDING SOURCE: N/A

ACTION REQUESTED: None; Informational Only

Commissioner Blakey asked if this is the letter they protest and if they are in position to do so, and Chair Getto said that is correct, it will move to a protest then to it will move to an appeal process after this.

New Business:

A- Consideration and possible action re: Advanced Step Appointment upon Promotion of Joseph Sanford to Assistant County Manager/HR Director at an additional cost of \$4,988.96 per year.

A recruitment was recently conducted for the position of Assistant County Manager/HR Director for Churchill County. The interview panel completed interviews on September 8, 2025. The position had 31 applicants; four candidates were selected for interviews; three were interviewed. At the end of the interviews, all members of the interview panel agreed that Joe Sanford was the stand-out candidate.

Mr. Sanford has worked for the county for over ten years in the District Attorney's office as a Civil DA. His qualifications and ability are stellar, and he comes in with working knowledge of the county, specifically, Human Resources and the Public Works, Planning and Building Departments.

Title 3 of the Churchill County Code (Section 3.32.040) says that a promoted employee "shall be placed on the lowest step in the higher range that provides a two-step increase over the salary last received". This would put Mr. Sanford at Step 5 of Grade 86 (\$143,707.20 annually). Title 3 also indicates the county board may approve an advanced step appointment within a salary range to:

1. Meet a difficult recruiting problem; or
2. Employ a person who possesses superior qualifications.

Staff believes the current circumstances meet the second category. Mr. Sanford's knowledge of the county and his ability to adapt and grow are critical to the success of this position. Staff respectfully requests the Board of County Commissioners to approve promoting him at an advanced step. Based on a review of the pay range, Mr. Sanford's qualifications, and discussions with Mr. Sanford, staff requests the board to approve hiring Mr. Sanford at Step 6 of Pay Grade 86 (\$147,284.80 annually).

FISCAL IMPACT: Approximately \$17,231 for a full year.

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: The fiscal impact is based on the costs of salary and benefits for hiring Mr. Sanford at one step higher than the normal two-step increase. This number is based on a full 12 months of salary. This does take into account any savings from the budgeted Assistant County Manager/HR Director at Step 8 of Pay Grade 86.

FUNDING SOURCE: General Fund.

ACTION REQUESTED: Accept

Kim Brontsema, Human Resources 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 the advanced step placement of Joe Sanford to Step 6 of Grade 86 (\$147,284.80 annually). Commissioner Matt Hyde seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

B- Consideration and possible action re: Notification of and approval of the apportionment of the Fiscal Year 2025 Federal Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILT) in the amount of \$3,071,354.

Churchill County has recently received the annual Federal Payment in Lieu of Taxes. The following is a comparison of amounts received over recent years:

Fiscal Year	Amount
FY 24	\$2,973,815
FY 23	\$2,797,457
FY 22	\$2,552,647
FY 21	\$2,492,770
FY 20	\$2,457,872
FY 19	\$2,346,920
FY 18	\$2,298,812
FY 17	\$2,260,796
FY 16	\$2,384,202
FY 15	\$2,003,488
FY 14	\$2,199,792
FY 13	\$2,053,174
FY 12	\$2,151,359

The amount budgeted was \$3,025,000 and is apportioned to the following funds:

Fund	Amount
General Fund	\$1,600,000
Parks & Recreation Fund	\$ 600,000
Public Library	\$ 100,000
Risk Management Fund	\$ 50,000
Compensated Absences Fund	\$ 175,000
Debt Service Fund	\$ 500,000

The Federal PILT payment was under the budgeted amount, resulting in (\$51,185) in less than anticipated revenue. There was an excess budget amount in the Debt Service Fund of (\$53,927) due to the USDA Letter of Conditions, only 15% of the Federal PILT is required. Of that excess, \$51,185 is to fund the under budget of the General Fund including the additional \$2,742.

FISCAL IMPACT: As outlined.

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: As outlined.

FUNDING SOURCE: General Fund, Parks & Recreation Fund, Risk Management Fund, Compensated Absences Fund, Public Library, and Debt Service Fund.

ACTION REQUESTED: Accept

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

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

Commissioner Matt Hyde made a motion to note the receipt of the FY 2025 Federal Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILT) and to approve the apportionment to the funds as recommended by the Comptroller. Commissioner Eric Blakey seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

C- Consideration and possible action re: Apportionment of the Fiscal Year 2025 less-than-anticipated geothermal revenue, in the amount of -\$26,987.48

Churchill County has received a total of \$1,181,593.97 in geothermal revenues in fiscal year 2024, which resulted in greater-than-anticipated budgeted revenues in the sum of \$481,593.97. The recommendation is to allocate the greater-than-anticipated general revenue as follows: \$452,612.91 to Social Services for expenditures not covered by grant revenues, \$336,000 for the entire 270 N. Maine St. remodel, and the remaining \$116,612.91 for various expenditures including two vehicles; increase the Building Reserve Fund by \$51,741.95, since the ending fund balance is below budget. These allocations included a reduction of the budgetary allocation to the Debt Service by \$-22,760.89 since only 15% is required due to debt covenants.

FUND	%	BALANCE	BUDGET AMOUNT	APPORTIONMENT OVER (UNDER) BUDGET
General Fund	29%	\$ 342,662.22	\$200,000.00	\$ 0.00
Social Services	22%	\$ 259,950.69	\$150,000.00	\$ 452,612.91
Debt Service	15%	\$ 177,239.11	\$200,000.00	\$ -22,760.89
Building Reserve	19%	\$ 224,502.84	\$100,000.00	\$ 51,741.95
Extraordinary Repairs	15%	\$ 177,239.11	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 0.00
TOTAL		\$1,181,593.97	\$700,000.00	\$ 481,593.97

FISCAL IMPACT: As outlined.

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: Funds as outlined above.

FUNDING SOURCE: As outlined.

ACTION REQUESTED: Accept

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

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

Commissioner Eric Blakey made a motion to approve the apportionment of the less-than-anticipated FY25 geothermal revenue as recommended by the Comptroller.

Commissioner Matt Hyde seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

D- Consideration and possible action re: Apportionment of the Fiscal Year 2025 CTX revenue in the amount of \$9,112,693.01

Churchill County has received a total of \$8,711,295.56 in CTX revenue for Fiscal Year 2022, which resulted in greater-than-anticipated revenues in the sum of \$1,021,295.56. It is recommended to leave apportionments as allocated except for transferring of \$250,000 to the

Library Fund, \$200,000 to the Parks & Recreation Fund, and \$550,000 to the Building Reserve Fund from the allocation to the General Fund.

The total augmented budgeted amount was \$7,690,000 which went to the following funds:

FUND	TOTAL	BUDGET AMOUNT	ADDITIONAL APPORTIONMENT
General Fund	\$7,771,299.56	\$6,500,000.00	-\$1,000,000.00
Social Services	\$129,996.00	\$130,000.00	
Library	\$0	\$0	\$250,000.00
Parks & Recreation *	\$450,000.00	\$500,000.00	\$200,000.00
Compensated Absences	\$65,004.00	\$65,000.00	
Building Reserve*	\$249,996.00	\$450,000.00	\$550,000.00
Extraordinary Repairs	\$45,000.00	\$45,000.00	

*Augmented Budget

FISCAL IMPACT: As outlined.

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: As outlined.

FUNDING SOURCE: Funds as outlined above.

ACTION REQUESTED: Accept

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

Commissioner Blakey asked Ms. Wideman, on the finding for the taxation department, is this going to be a common problem across all counties? Did all counties have the same reduction in sales tax? Ms. Wideman stated I do not know how they manage their budget. I know I spoke to various counties and they were going to put a receivable in, so they were hoping, but everybody was running really low, and I am not sure how they manage their budget. That happens frequently and it may not be, but the auditors did not seem to think it was a problem, but, in speaking with my rep at taxation, she said it would just be a letter. We can blame it on economic forum for changing the way they are producing reports.

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

Commissioner Matt Hyde made a motion to approve the apportionment of the CTX revenue as recommended by the Comptroller. Commissioner Eric Blakey seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

Consent Items:

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

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

FISCAL IMPACT: N/A

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: N/A

FUNDING SOURCE: N/A

ACTION REQUESTED: Accept

B- Consideration and possible action re: Treasurer's Report for July 2025 showing a balance of \$62,243,305.20 in the account.

Clerk/Treasurer Linda Rothery provides the Treasurer's Monthly Report for July 2025 showing a balance of \$62,243,305.20 in the account. This report is provided for the board's consideration and acceptance.

FISCAL IMPACT: N/A

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: N/A

FUNDING SOURCE: N/A

ACTION REQUESTED: Accept

C- Consideration and possible action re: Notification of a Burial Application C499A06D3 approved September 3, 2025.

Notification of a Burial Application that was received and approved on September 3, 2025, per NRS 428.

FISCAL IMPACT: N/A

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: N/A

FUNDING SOURCE: Social Services Indigent Fund.

ACTION REQUESTED: Accept

D- Consideration and possible action re: Notification of Burial Application C41707B7E approved September 3, 2025.

Notification of a Burial Application that was received and approved on September 3, 2025, per NRS 428.

FISCAL IMPACT: N/A

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: N/A

FUNDING SOURCE: Social Services Indigent Fund.

ACTION REQUESTED: Accept

E- Consideration and possible action re: Recorder's Monthly Apportionment Report for August 2025 totaling \$19,005.20 in revenue.

Churchill County Recorder, Tasha Hessey, provides her Recorder's Monthly Apportionment Report for August 2025 totaling \$19,005.20 in revenue for the month.

FISCAL IMPACT: \$19,005.20 in revenue.

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

FUNDING SOURCE: General Fund

ACTION REQUESTED: Accept

F- Consideration and possible action re: Sheriff's Civil Report for the month of August 2025 totaling \$5,014.

The Sheriff's Office provides its Civil Report for August 2025 for the board's review and acceptance. A total of \$5,014.00 was received as revenue for the month.

FISCAL IMPACT: \$5,380.00.

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: Fees collected help to offset the services provided.

FUNDING SOURCE: General Fund.

ACTION REQUESTED: Accept

G- Consideration and possible action re: Treasurer's Report for August 2025 showing a balance of \$66,682,612.43 in the account.

Clerk/Treasurer Linda Rothery provides the Treasurer's Monthly Report for August 2025 showing a balance of \$66,682,612.43 in the account. This report is provided for the board's consideration and acceptance.

FISCAL IMPACT: N/A

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: N/A

FUNDING SOURCE: N/A

ACTION REQUESTED: Accept

H- Consideration and possible action re: Public Works, Planning & Building Department's Revenue Report for August 2025 showing a total for Public Works Planning of \$38,174.66, and a total for Building of \$45,716.01 in revenue for the month.

The Public Works, Planning and Building Department submits its August 2025 revenue report for the board's consideration and acceptance. Public Works and Planning reported total revenues of \$38,174.66, while the Building Department reported \$45,716.01 for the month.

FISCAL IMPACT: Public Works Planning, 38,174.66 Building, \$45,716.01

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

FUNDING SOURCE: General Fund

ACTION REQUESTED: Accept

I- Consideration and possible action re: Approval of the Building Permit Activity Report for August 2025.

Provided for the board's review is the report showing 30 Building issued in the month of August 2025. Included in the 30 permits are 1 single-family-dwelling permits, 2 commercial permits and 2 industrial permits. Additionally, 3 manufactured home permits and 6 septic permits were issued.

FISCAL IMPACT: N/A

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: N/A

FUNDING SOURCE: N/A

ACTION REQUESTED: Accept

J- Consideration and possible action re: Central Nevada Health District service update report for August 2025.

The report provides service and investigation data for August 2025 for Churchill County / City of Fallon, specifically, and the district as a whole.

FISCAL IMPACT: N/A

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: N/A

FUNDING SOURCE: N/A

ACTION REQUESTED: None; Informational Only

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

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

Consider Future Agenda Items:

Changing the November meeting.

Commissioner and Management Staff Reports:

Chair Getto reported on the following items:

- I had a Library Board Meeting, IEC meeting for the Navy as well as an RTC meeting.

Commissioner Hyde had nothing to report.

Commissioner Blakey reported on the following items:

- I attended a Fire Board meeting.
- I attended the 9/11 ceremony.
- The Stillwater Conservation District was cancelled.
- I attended the Proclamation reading with the City of Fallon for Suicide Prevention this month.
- I attended a Museum Board meeting and there will be a lecture series on September 27 at 12:00 PM at the Museum, hosting the DeBraga Ranch.
- I'd like to congratulate Mr. Sanford on his promotion for his new position. I think he'll do well. Once again, I would like to ask the citizens and staff to embrace our new leadership, as we are getting going and running. I look forward to adding him to the team, and I think we are getting ready to do great things for the community, and we cannot do that without community and staff input. We encourage everyone to get together.

County Manager Spross reported on the following items:

- Immediately following this meeting, I am going to be heading to Las Vegas for the Lithium Symposium through Friday.
- Next week, Tuesday through Thursday, I will be in Las Vegas again for the State NACo Conference.
- Regarding the SNPLMA site visit: our program manager is coming up from Las Vegas to do the pre-work site inspection as a requirement prior to Notice of Award on Wednesday, which Mr. Sanford will be looking after on behalf of the county.
- Something I wanted to bring up, and this had been mentioned a couple of times at this meeting, but it has not been formalized, but now that Joe (Sanford) is on board with HR and the County Manager's office, HR and the County Manager's office is going to commence with a county-wide Compensation Study. In the next thirty days, we will be coming in front of you to outline the plan of how we are going to do that. It is our intention to have the information to you prior to budget time for next fiscal year, so I wanted to make you aware of that. If you have any questions or concerns or have any input, we would love to hear it.

Comptroller Wideman had nothing to report.

Civil Deputy DA Weed had nothing to report.

Deputy Clerk Moore reported on the following items:

- Linda is attending the County Fiscal Officers Association meeting this week in Tonopah and next week will be in Las Vegas for Election Official Training.
- We will have one new employee start in our office on Monday, September 22nd, and will have a second one start on September 29th, but we are still down one employee.

Sheriff Hickox had nothing to report.

DA Mallory had nothing to report.

Claims and Payroll Transmittals:

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

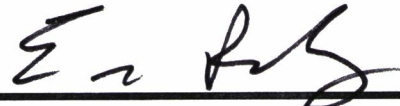
Public Comment:

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

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 2:53 PM.

Approved: 
Myles Getto, Chairman

Approved: 
Eric Blakey, Vice-Chairman

Approved: 
Matt Hyde, Commissioner

ATTEST:
Linda Rothery, Clerk/Treasurer


Tara Adams, Deputy Clerk