

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF CHURCHILL COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

**155 N. Taylor St., Fallon, NV 89406
November 19, 2025**

Call to Order:

The regular meeting of the Board of County Commissioners was called to order at 1:15 PM on November 19, 2025.

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

ABSENT: N/A

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 Tara Adams, Deputy Clerk, that the Agenda for this meeting was posted on the 13th day of November, 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:

Deputy Clerk Moore reported that Old Business Item A had been withdrawn and, therefore, the Agenda needs to be revised accordingly.

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

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

A- September 4, 2025.

The Minutes of the meeting held on September 4, 2025, are presented for the board's consideration and approval. The completion of Minutes was not done within 30 days and, therefore, the board is asked to find that this is due to the staff shortages in the office over the past six months or more.

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 September 4, 2025 as presented. Commissioner Matt Hyde seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

Appointments:

A- Update of current activities, plans, or actions related to the Bureau of Land Management's Carson City District.

Staff from the Carson City District of the 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.

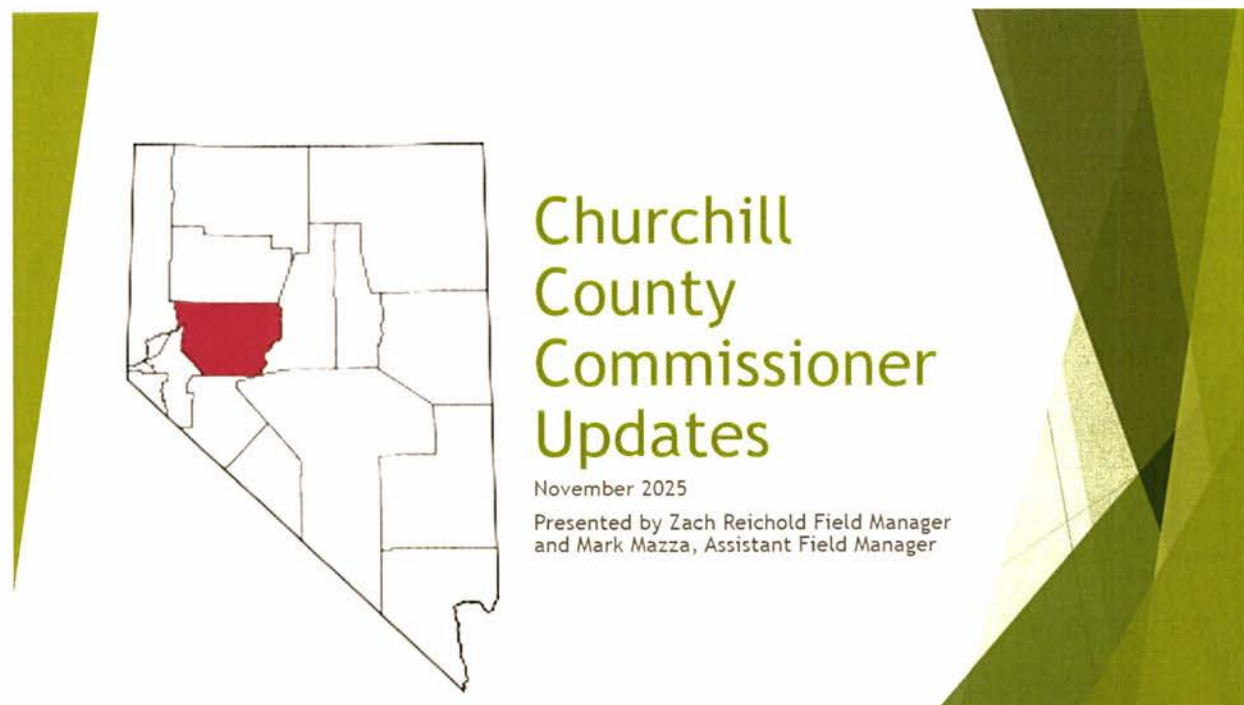
FISCAL IMPACT: N/A

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: N/A

FUNDING SOURCE: N/A

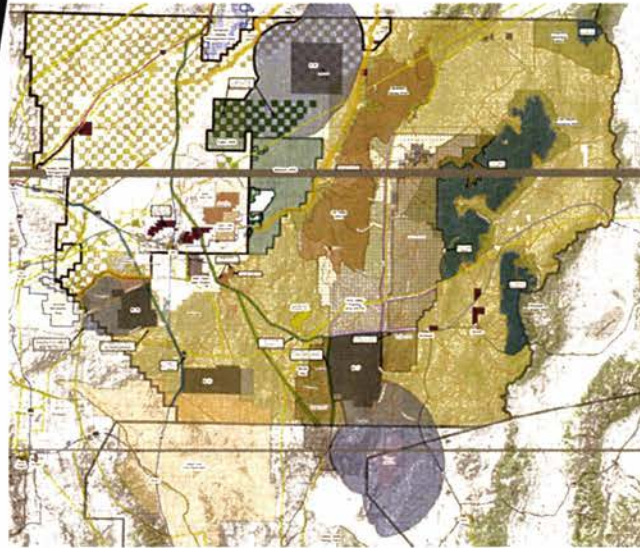
ACTION REQUESTED:

Zach Reichold & Mark Mazza had the following PowerPoint presentation:



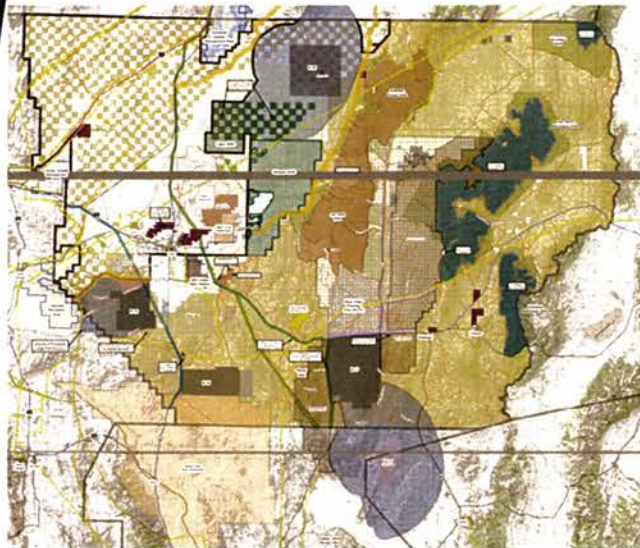
National Defense Authorization Act - BLM

- Sand Canyon road realignment- BLM is the lead agency for NEPA; design & construction being discussed with the BLM, BOR, Navy and County. Contractor continuing to conduct technical baselines studies.
- BLM working with approach on grazing in all bombing ranges. Final permits were mailed out to permittees at the end of the appeal period with new numbers, waiting on signed and returned permits from the permittees prior to turnout
- BLM and BOR developing an Interagency Agreement for the land exchange responsibilities for Section 2907. IAA sent to HQ 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.

- Section 2908- 100% draft of the Churchill County Checkerboard Resolution Implementation Strategy Plan. Plan shared with County during Sept. 12 meeting- a second meeting should be scheduled in Dec. BLM drafting Memorandum of Understanding with County for Section 2908.
- State Route 361- BLM is a cooperating agency. FHWA and NDOT conducting baseline surveys.
- Great Basin pipeline relocation (B-17)- BLM is a cooperating agency. BLM attends bi-monthly meetings. Contractor finishing baseline surveys, then BLM will review draft NEPA document.



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Grazing and Range Management

- ▶ Working with Pleasant Valley Livestock on a 1st of its kind prescribed grazing project by Eastgate
 - ▶ Currently Grazing with ongoing monitoring
 - ▶ 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 December 2025**

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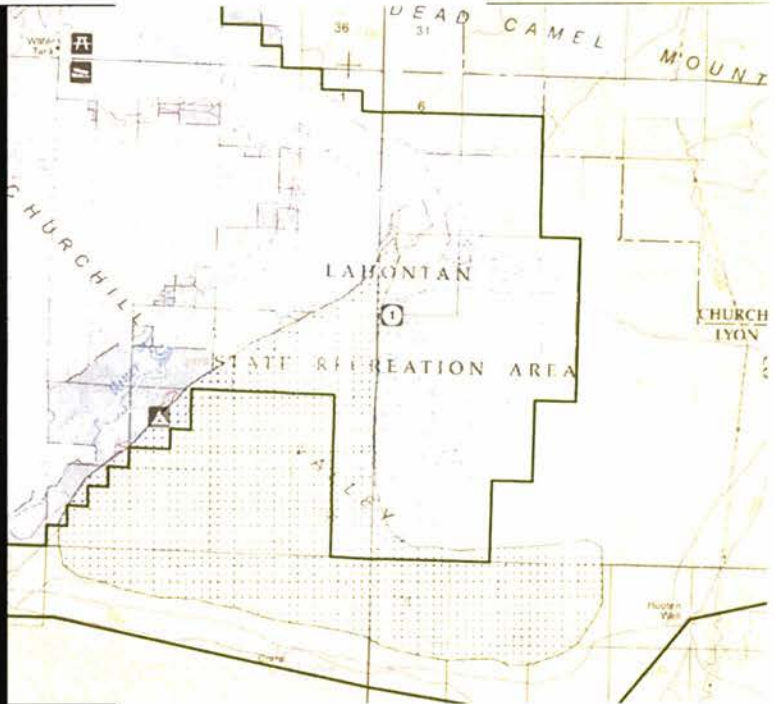
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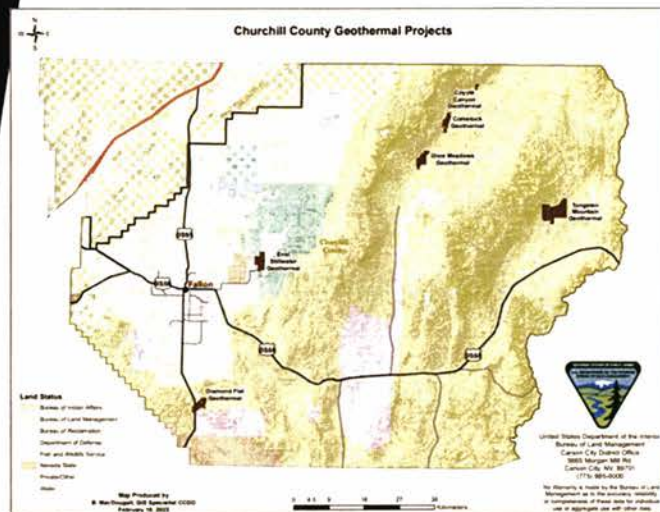
Wild Horse and Burro

- ▶ Census flights completed March 2025. Population estimates (corrected for observer bias) available:
 - ▶ Pilot Mtn Herd (Mineral County): 653 horses
 - ▶ Marrietta Herd (Mineral County): 168 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
- ▶ 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.
- ▶ October 25 adoption event at Northern Nevada Correctional Center adopted 20 saddle-trained animals. Next event has not yet been scheduled.



Geothermal Projects

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



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2025 Geothermal Lease Sale EA

Nine parcels nominated in CCD, 20,293 acres; two parcels in Churchill County, 3,795 acres.

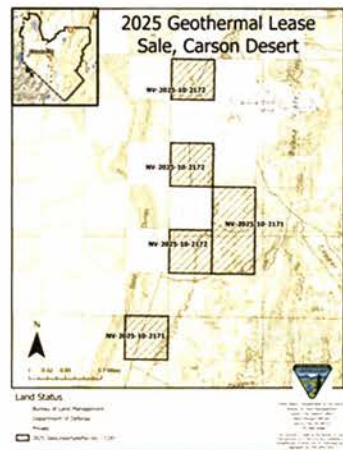
Lease Sale was held October 21, 2025; EA posted to [ePlanning](#).

All 9 leases were sold:

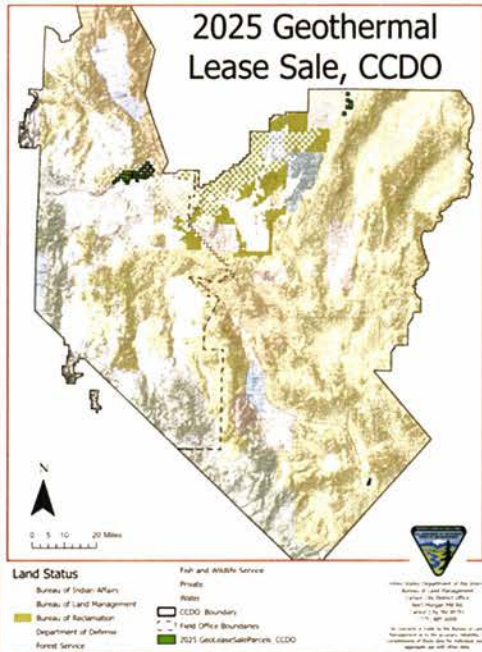
- 2 in Churchill County sold for \$6 and \$8 per acre.
- 6 in Washoe County - \$21, \$7, \$2, \$5, \$6, and \$39/acre.
- 1 in Mineral County - \$35/acre.

Statewide Lease sale results
86 parcels sold totaling
280,000 acres for approximately
\$9.5 million.

Churchill County Parcels



2025 Geothermal Lease Sale, CCDO



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.

Lands & Realty

Greenlink North

- ▶ Responding to protest resolution. This will involve the BLM HQ office, waiting more information
- ▶ Nevada State Office is the lead on this project

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.

Questions

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

B- Consideration and possible action re: Ratification of an Agreement between the State of Nevada, Department of Health and Human Services, and Churchill County Social Services to enhance public awareness through an intensive marketing campaign on child abuse prevention and to connect families with local support, in the amount of \$125,000.

Churchill County Social Services has been awarded \$125,000 from the State of Nevada, Department of Health and Human Services, to complete a media campaign with KPS3 to support a one year of child abuse prevention education and information.

FISCAL IMPACT: \$125,000.

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: Contractual/Consultant- \$125,000.

FUNDING SOURCE: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families

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 grant Agreement as presented. Commissioner Eric Blakey seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

C- Consideration and possible action re: Ratification of an Agreement with the State of Nevada, Department of Health and Human Services, and Churchill County Social Services to provide In-Home Services through the Homemaker Program, in the amount of \$119,601.36.

Churchill County Social Services has been awarded continued funding to support the Homemaker Program offered through the William N. Pennington Life Center. The program provides up to two hours of in-home support, including laundry and cleaning, for aging and disabled individuals, twice a week, based on need. The program currently has 62 individuals of the 75 funded. Challenges are obtaining contracted services for the program.

Furthermore, in 2023, funds were allocated to support yard clean-up. Social Services has been unsuccessful in obtaining a contractor for this work to meet the needs. Social Services will release the RFP again in early spring 2026 in the hope of increasing the services.

FISCAL IMPACT: \$119,601.36.

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: Personnel-\$27,159.05; Travel- \$495.41;

Contractual/Consultant- \$82,240; Other- \$1,890.74; Indirect Costs- \$7,816.16.

FUNDING SOURCE: Nevada Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS): Social Services Block Grant (SSBG); Title XX- 4%, Independent Living Grant (ILG)- 96%.

ACTION REQUESTED: Accept

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

Chair Getto asked if there were any comments or questions regarding this matter but there were none.

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

D- Consideration and possible action re: Ratification of an Agreement between the State of Nevada, Department of Transportation, and Churchill County Social Services for the Federal Transit Administration Programs 5311 and 5339 for Churchill Area Regional Transportation (CART), in the sum of \$579,287, and to authorize the purchase of one transportation bus per the scope of work.

Social Services has been awarded a total of \$579,287 for a two-year funding cycle, with a total match requirement of \$191,971 as follows: Project 5311 for operations 40.62%, program administration 20%, and capital maintenance 5%, to support CART operations for residents to access services and vital support networks to maintain independent, healthy living, with a priority of 60 and older and those with disabilities. The total federal share for the two-year cycle is \$343,235, with a required match of \$150,316.

Project 5339 is for the purchase of one bus to ensure proper safety and overall reliability of equipment to deliver the service to Churchill County residents. The federal award is \$236,053, with a county match @ 15% of \$41,656.

FISCAL IMPACT: 5311 \$343,235; 5339 \$236,053.

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: Two-Year Breakdown: Funding- Federal Share/Subrecipient Share/Total:

Operating - \$158,000/ \$108,083/ \$266,082

Program Administration - \$164,582/ \$41,146/ \$205,727

Capital Maintenance - \$20,653/ \$1,087/ \$21,740

Capital Vehicles - \$236,053

FUNDING SOURCE: Nevada Department of Transportation

ACTION REQUESTED: Accept

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

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

Commissioner Matt Hyde made a motion to approve the grants as presented and to authorize the Director of Social Services to purchase the transit bus per the scope of work. Commissioner Eric Blakey seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

E- Consideration and possible action re: Presentation of the Medicaid Mapping Project by Brooke Page from CSH.

In FY25, Churchill County Social Services was awarded funding to complete an Medicaid Mapping Project to determine the feasibility of the county to become a Medicaid billable county for eligible services provided. The overall process, findings, and recommendations will be presented.

FISCAL IMPACT: None.

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: N/A

FUNDING SOURCE: N/A

ACTION REQUESTED: Accept

Brooke Page, with CSH, had the following PowerPoint presentation:



CHURCHILL COUNTY MEDICAID BUSINESS CASE

Churchill County Board of County Commissioners
November 19, 2025



About CSH

CSH empowers communities to create homes and deliver services that build safe, thriving, and resilient futures. We support affordable housing developers, service providers, and policymakers with the tools, data, and expertise to drive lasting change.

Since 1991, CSH has invested more than \$2.2 billion in communities that has helped **create or preserve more than 512,500 supportive housing units** for individuals and families exiting long-term homelessness.



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Agenda

Topics for Today

The Purpose for Medicaid Business

The Process

Medicaid Crosswalk

The Business Case

Considerations for a Path Forward



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Why A Medicaid Business Case

Churchill County partnered with CSH to assess the feasibility of becoming a Medicaid-billable entity.

Purpose
Evaluate whether key county services can transition from local funding to sustainable Medicaid reimbursement.



The Crosswalk Provides
Which services align with the Nevada Medicaid State Plan and potential waiver pathways.

Focus of the Business Case
Non-Emergency Medical Transportation (NEMT) and Juvenile Justice Targeted Case Management (TCM)



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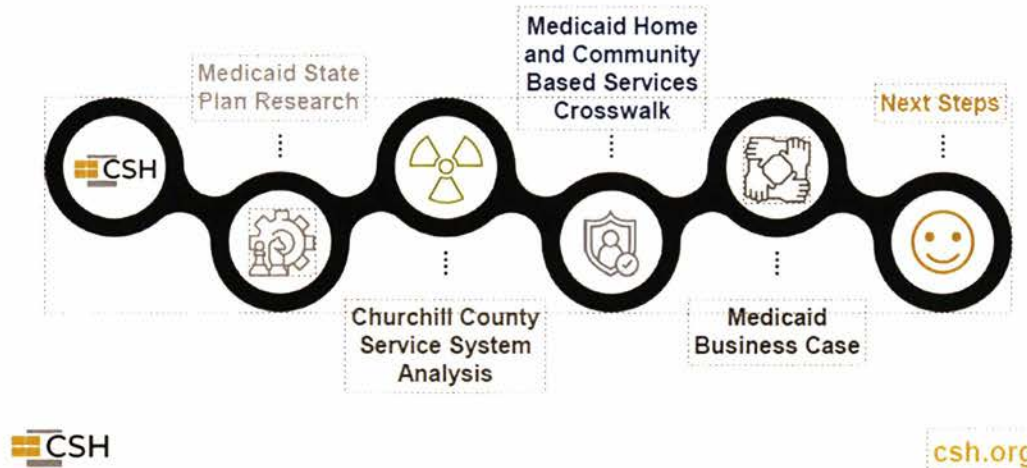
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The Process

CSH engaged with Churchill County over the course of 18 months to develop the Medicaid Crosswalk and Business Case



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Mapping County Services to Medicaid

The Crosswalk provides a systems-level view of how Churchill County programs align with Medicaid authorities, identifying coverage pathways, documentation gaps, and opportunities for federal reimbursement.

Research

- ☐ State Plan Amendment
- ☐ State Conversations
- ☐ Services Offered in Churchill
- ☐ Listening Sessions

Service Identification

- ☐ Churchill Service Analysis
- ☐ Cross Reference State Plan Amendment Analysis
- ☐ Determine Which Services Are Likely Covered By Medicaid

Reporting

- ☐ Compile Results
- ☐ Policy Recommendations
- ☐ Operational Considerations



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Service Pilot for Medicaid Activation

The Crosswalk demonstrated existing county programs already meet Nevada Medicaid standards and can transition to reimbursement once provider enrollment and documentation protocols are in place.

SERVICES THAT IMMEDIATELY ALIGN WITH MEDICAID



**Homemaker
& Attendant
Services**



**Juvenile
Justice Case
Management**



**Non-Emergency
Medical
Transportation**



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Service Modeling and Cost Structure

The Business Case applies data-grounded modeling to quantify Medicaid-billable service units, cost inputs, and documentation thresholds for compliance.

Billable Units Modeled

- ☐ NEMT rides to covered medical services (non-medical trips excluded).
- ☐ TCM activities: assessment, care planning, referral/linkage, and monitoring.

Cost Inputs

- ☐ Fully loaded labor and fringe
- ☐ Supervision and quality assurance
- ☐ Vehicle operations and administrative overhead

Eligibility

- ☐ Verified Medicaid enrollment and medical necessity (for NEMT)
- ☐ Qualified provider status and credentialing requirements
- ☐ Dated, signed, and complete case documentation



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Return On Investment

The Business Case projects roughly \$150K in annual recoverable Medicaid revenue against defined startup and operational costs, with a three-year breakeven horizon.

Recoverable Revenue The Business Case projects roughly \$150K in annual recoverable Medicaid revenue against defined startup and operational costs, with a three-year breakeven horizon.

Break Even Within 2.5-3yrs., after which ongoing Medicaid reimbursements would offset both startup and operational costs.

Annual Cost annual ongoing administrative costs for billing



Juvenile Justice Targeted Case Management

One-Time startup requirement to operationalize Medicaid billing



Non-Emergency Medical transportation for trips to covered medical destinations.

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Considerations for Moving Forward

Topics for Churchill County to consider when deliberating the decision to transition to Medicaid.

Medicaid Compliance
Operational Standards that govern Medicaid

Data Governance
Reliable foundation for cross-departmental billing

Staff Capacity Building
Staff performing Medicaid-billable functions

Managed Care Partnership
systems and agreements mirror plan standards

Electronic Health Record
workflow capable of generating compliant claims



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Thank you!

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

Commissioner Matt Hyde made a motion to approve the report as presented.

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

F- Consideration and possible action re: Notification of a name change from Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Health Care Financing and Policy, to Nevada Health Authority, Nevada Medicaid, for an agreement with Churchill County Social Services, which provides the non-federal share for medical care of indigent persons within the Medicaid County Match Program.

Previously, the Board of County Commissioners approved the Agreement to extend the terms. As of July 1, 2025, the creation of the Nevada Health Authority developed and moved all activities related to Medicaid from the Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Health Care Financing and Policy, to the Nevada Health Authority, Nevada Medicaid. It is requested that the Chair be authorized to execute the Agreement for said revision.

FISCAL IMPACT: N/A

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: N/A

FUNDING SOURCE: N/A

ACTION REQUESTED: Accept

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

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

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

G- Consideration and possible action re: Ratification of an Agreement between Silver Summit Healthplan and Churchill County Social Services for a collaboration to expand Medicaid education for rural Nevada.

Silver Summit Health Plan has provided \$20,000 to be utilized for staffing to support the enrollment and education in the new Medicaid Managed Care Plans. In no way will Social Services endorse one plan over another, just offer the benefits of the plans so the individual can determine the best plan to suit their needs.

FISCAL IMPACT: N/A

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: N/A

FUNDING SOURCE: N/A

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

H- Consideration and possible action re: Ratification of an Agreement between the Department of Health and Human Services and Churchill County Social Services to provide Dementia Support Services, in the amount of \$8,000.

The State of Nevada, Department of Aging and Disabilities Services, released a funding opportunity for a pilot project to engage those diagnosed with dementia or memory loss in the nationally certified "Opening Minds through ART" program. Three jurisdictions were awarded a grant to develop programs and complete an evaluation on the success of the program. Churchill County Social Services applied for the \$8,000 demonstration project, not only to support those diagnosed with dementia and memory loss, but to foster programming to support caregivers. It is the goal to provide two six-week art courses from February — May 2026, with an art show at the end of May to highlight the creations. Further work will be conducted with the Access to Healthcare Network to identify sources to create and implement a dementia/memory loss caregiver support group, as this is a barrier within the community.

The project requires a Coordinator to become a certified Facilitator, oversee volunteers to have a 1:1 ratio for participants, manage supplies, and participant data. Currently, the Social Services Department is working to hire a new Project Coordinator. Should one not be hired in time to oversee this project, it is requested that the Director of Social Services have authorization to contract with an individual for up to \$150 per week. The cost will be used as the required match of the program, if approved and utilized. If the Coordinator is not approved, then internal staff will determine the best individual for the project and provide training as required to become certified.

FISCAL IMPACT: \$8,000.

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: Personnel - \$4,798.12; Other - \$2,158.40; Indirect Costs - \$1,043.48.

FUNDING SOURCE: Administration for Community Living (ACL); Alzheimer's Disease Prevention Initiative (ADPI)

ACTION REQUESTED: Accept

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

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

Commissioner Eric Blakey made a motion to approve and ratify the Agreement as presented and to authorize the Director to contract outside for services to be delivered, if found to be necessary. Commissioner Matt Hyde seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

I- Consideration and possible action re: Approval of the CART asset transfer to Churchill County.

On October 1, 2025, CART operations moved to Churchill County Social Services, William N. Pennington Life Center. Since this date, the operations have been using the CART buses previously purchased. The CART Board of Directors have approved the transfer of the assets to Churchill County. Churchill County provided the original match for the purchases.

The Churchill County Road Department is completing a full review of the buses and determining which should be disposed of as unnecessary vehicles that have high maintenance costs. The goal will be to reduce the number of vehicles to a maximum of six buses, and utilize funds to obtain a smaller vehicle that is more cost-effective for low-volume rides, not needing a wheelchair lift for outlying areas to reduce fuel costs.

FISCAL IMPACT: N/A

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: N/A

FUNDING SOURCE: N/A

ACTION REQUESTED: Accept

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

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

Commissioner Matt Hyde made a motion to approve the CART asset transfer to Churchill County. Commissioner Eric Blakey seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

B. J- Consideration and possible action re: Approval of a request from the Lahontan Valley Bird Dog Club to continue use of county-owned water, in the amount of 200 acre-feet, on their training grounds at Assessor's Parcel Number 009-231-15, with the stipulation that the club pays all associated fees for transferring and using the water, including the costs of the county water consultant to process the water transfer.

Churchill County owns water collected during the development of permit approvals under Churchill County Code requirements. Most of this water is put into the TCID temporary transfer program, in which farmers that want to farm additional land can temporarily use it for a year. This allows the county-owned water to produce agricultural crops that contribute to the local economy. The farmer pays for the temporary transfer of the water and pays the TCID fees that would normally accrue to the county.

Since 2009, the county has agreed to let the Lahontan Valley Bird Dog Club (LVBDC) borrow county-owned water, at no charge, for use on their dog training grounds. The club pays the temporary transfer fees that the state charges and pays for the TCID charges. The county has been having our water consultant, Chris Mahannah, prepare the transfer Application but he has not charged the LVBDC for his billing costs. It is recommended that these fees be paid by the LVBDC. Below is a history of the past requests by LVBDC.

For reference, the different of acre-feet (af) numbers mentioned below can irrigate an approximate area of farmland as follows: 300 af – 85 acres; 200 af – 57 acres; 175 af – 50 acres; 150 af – 43 acres.

In 2009, the LVBDC requested to use 300 af of county water on APN 006-851-76 (south of Berney Rd./Harrigan Rd. intersection). Due to concerns of reducing productive farm ground and the products grown every year, the county approved a smaller amount of 150 af for 4-years. In 2012, in year-3, the LVBDC came back and requested to increase the amount of water to 200 af. At this point, it appears the training ground location changed to APN 006-093-01 (the SE corner of Bearnly Rd. and Pasture Rd.), which is a Navy-owned property. The board approved an increase to 175 af for the remainder of the agreement. In 2013, the first Agreement expired and the LVBDC requested to renew the Agreement. They again requested an increase of water to 200 af. The board approved the continuation of the previous 175 af. for 4-years. In 2017, the second Agreement expired and the LVBDC requested to renew the Agreement. They did not request an increase of water. The board approved the continuation of the previous 175 af for 4-years. The Agreement expires at the end of the 2025 water year.

Current Request - The LVBDC is again requesting to renew the Agreement. They again request an increase of water to 200 af. See the club's letter for details of their request and their operations.

An email from Diane Baily with TCID states that the State Engineer's Office has asked about the County doing a permanent transfer to the Bird Dog Club (with the understanding that no title will change and it can be withdrawn at any time). It may be too late to get a permanent through for next year, but this might be the last year a temporary will be allowed.

FISCAL IMPACT: None as the club will pay all of the fees.

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: The Lahontan Valley Bird Dog Club will pay all fees to the State Engineer, TCID, and the county water consultant to process the request.

FUNDING SOURCE: N/A

ACTION REQUESTED:

Randy HInes, Public Works, Planning, and Building Director, made the presentation as outlined above.

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

Commissioner Blakey asked if we were to make this permanent, can we just state that in the motion, and let staff make changes when it is time to do that, or would this have to come before the board again? Mr. Sanford stated that if we move forward with this today, stating in the motion that you are accepting the permanent transfer from the place of use, then we will do that next year when the time comes. We would not bring it before the board again.

Commissioner Blakey asked why they are asking for more water? Chip Bunker, Secretary for the Lahontan Bird Dog Club, stated the reason for the added amount of water is because prior to this, we were using land that the Navy had allowed us to use. They have put that back into their Agriculture Lease Program, so we purchased 200 acres in Stillwater from Fish and Wildlife. The amount of ground that we are trying to put water on has increased. We were doing about 130 to 140 acres on that piece of land, and now it is 200, so that is the reason for the increase.

Commissioner Eric Blakey made a motion to authorize the Lahontan Valley Bird Dog Club to continue use of county-owned water, in the amount of 200 acre-feet, on their training grounds, for a period of four (4) years, including via a permanent revocable transfer, with the stipulation that the club pays all associated fees for transferring and using the water, including the costs of the county water consultant to process the water transfer. Commissioner Matt Hyde seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

K- Consideration and possible action re: Approval of the issuance of a Notice of Award for the New Pass House and Day Center (PWP-CH-2025-487) to PEC Contracting and Engineering as the lowest responsible bidder, in the amount of \$864,442.94.

Previously, the funding Agreement was placed for an alternative location and the Deed Restriction was recorded. Since this time, the scope of work pertaining to the location has been updated to the new location on Quail Way. It is requested to execute the new Agreement and Deed Restriction for the new property to allow for the New Pass House and Day Center to be allocated as part of the Home Means Nevada Initiative to create placement for Transitional Housing and a day center for the homeless to obtain services, access showers, laundry, and warming kitchen.

The New Pass House and Day Center project is located at 280, 282, 290, and 292 Quail Way and is for transitional housing and a day center for the homeless to obtain services, access showers, and a warming kitchen. The “Work” to include the following:

Demo existing walls and doorways to improve accessibility for ADA requirements.

- Remove/replace carpet/tile including baseboards.
- Construct interior walls.
- Remove and replace kitchen / bathroom fixtures including toilets and supply lines.
- Remove existing hot water heaters and replace with tank less water heaters.
- Remove existing hot water boilers and registers for heating.
- Remove existing swamp coolers / window AC units.

- Remove and replace lighting fixtures with LED fixtures.
 - Remove and replace all receptacles, switches, and wall plates.
 - Prime and paint interior walls and ceilings.
 - Install mini-split cooling system in units 280 and 282.
 - Install mini-split heating/cooling system in units 290 and 292.
- Install wiring for cameras and door access points as required.
 - Install security cameras and door access points.

We had two bidders for the project and the lowest responsible bidder was PEC Contracting and Engineering with a bid of \$864,442.92.

FISCAL IMPACT: \$864,442.94

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: Grant funds to be expensed no later than December 31, 2026.

FUNDING SOURCE: Home Means Nevada

ACTION REQUESTED: Accept

Shannon Ernst stated that this is a project to help with transitional housing. We have been offering this program since around 2001, renting apartments and houses for clients, however, based on the current market, we find that challenging. The opportunity came up with the Home Means Nevada initiative funding, in which were successful in obtaining to purchase an apartment complex. The goal is to have two houses so we can do placement in each room, seven rooms total, as well as a day center for homeless services.

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

Commissioner Hyde asked what happens to the contingency funds if they do not find anything? Do we ever get those funds back? Mr. Hines said after the purchase of the buildings there is a certain amount of dollars leftover. We have a cost of \$764,000.00, with \$100,000.00 going into a contingency fund. If that is not used, Shannon has to prepare the inside of the building for use. County Manager Spross said that this is not a lump sum contract, so only the contingency would be used, if there was a requirement for a change order, that change order would go through the process, and we would use the contingency fund. If there are no change orders, there is no need to dip into the contingency fund, and it will never be spent. Without it being a lump sum, it is not like that money would get laid out there, and we would not get to see it.

Commissioner Blakey asked if this is part of the 1.7 million dollar grant, with no additional funds, and will the leftover money be used to furnish the building and obtain services? Ms. Ernst said absolutely.

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

Commissioner Matt Hyde made a motion to issue a Notice of Award for the New Pass House and Day Center Project to PEC Contracting and Engineering as the lowest responsible bidder, in the amount of \$864,442.94, and approve the County Manager to

execute a Contract and any change orders for the same. Commissioner Eric Blakey seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

L- Consideration and possible action re: Approval to move \$9,921.93 from the Recorder Technology Expenditure to Technology Fund Capital Outlay to proceed with the PacStates Cabling Project for the Recorder's Office.

The Recorder's Office continues to have no internet connection on their computers, along with bad connection errors during phone calls. The installation of port Cat 6 wiring throughout the Recorder's Office will significantly upgrade the level of cabling and patch cords.

FISCAL IMPACT: \$9,921.93

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: \$9,921.93 for cabling project.

FUNDING SOURCE: Technology Fund.

ACTION REQUESTED: Accept

Tasha Hessey, Churchill County Recorder, made this presentation as outlined above.

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

Commissioner Eric Blakey made a motion to approve the expenditure of \$9,921.93 from account 310-310-59755 Recorder Tech Expenditure. Commissioner Matt Hyde seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

Comptroller Wideman stated she is confused by this. Aren't we using tech funds to buy this? We do not do transfers, as that is a budgetary thing, which goes before the Department of Taxation. You are just asking me to pay for this out of the tech fund, are you not? Assessor Felton stated that she is. Ms. Hessey is requesting to move it within the tech fund from the Recorder line item to the Capital Expenditure. Ms. Wideman said that it will be done during budget augmentations, it is not done piece-mealed throughout the year. Go ahead and pay for it out of that fund, and it will be approved during budget augmentations at the end of the year. Ms. Felton said this is in accordance to the Purchasing Policy that was approved in December 2024. This is a requirement that we have not done before, until that policy. Ms. Wideman said that is fine, however, when we do budget augmentations, that is when those funds will be moved. Go ahead and use those funds, this is approval for this purchase because it was not budgeted. Ms. Felton stated she has the money in the line item, so it just needs to be moved. Ms. Wideman said it needs to come before the board and be approved. That is what this is, and I just wanted to clarify that. We do not just send budget augmentations every time someone comes before the board. Chair Getto asked Ms. Wideman if we need a motion on this to move those funds? Ms. Wideman said I believe you just approve the expenditure because it was not brought before the board during the budget process. Those were the instructions I had given. Chair Getto said let's just approve the expenditure of \$9,921.93. Commissioner Blakey asked if they just make a motion to approve the contract? Do we need to say where it is coming from? Ms. Wideman stated that you will say that it comes out of the technology fund.

Commissioner Blakey made a new motion to approve a contract with PacStates in the amount of \$9,921.93 to be paid from the technology fund. Commissioner Hyde seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

Mr. Spross asked if this money is in the tech fund, just in a different account within the tech fund, is there a requirement for an augmentation if the balance of the tech fund does not change, and it is just being spent from one of the different account codes within the tech fund? Ms. Wideman said during the budget process, there is a transfer, so we can transfer between line items. That comes before the board at the end of the fiscal year.

M- Consideration and possible action re: Application for support funding for the Fallon Youth Club in the amount of \$10,000, with an annual update on activities.

Churchill County has a long-standing history of supporting the Fallon Youth Club (FYC) in the amount of \$10,000 annually; although for FY24 a one-time increase was provided, bringing the total to \$15,000. Last year, FY25, due to budget reductions, the FYC was notified that the community support budget line items were reduced by 15%, which resulted in an amount of \$8,500 in support included in the final budget under the FYC line item. This fiscal year, FY26, the county has budgeted for a return to the full \$10,000 and has kept the budget flat by reducing the miscellaneous grants line item.

For the past 19-years, the FYC has provided quality, low-cost, after-school programming for the children/youth of this community. FYC Executive Director, Shannon Goodrick, will provide an update of activities.

FISCAL IMPACT: FY26: \$10,000 +/-.

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: The Fallon Youth Club line item within the Community Support Budget has been funded each year with \$10,000 and we were able to return to that amount this year by reducing the miscellaneous grant line item.

FUNDING SOURCE: Community Support/Fallon Youth Club: 100-401-58558.

ACTION REQUESTED: Accept

Shannon Goodrick, Executive Director, Fallon Youth Club, made this presentation as outlined above.

Commissioner Blakey thanked Ms. Goodrick and The Fallon Youth Club for their dedication to the community. Commissioner Hyde stated that he sits on the board, and knows that there are a lot of challenges, so this money will be well spent.

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

Commissioner Hyde made a motion to approve funding amount of \$10,000.00 for the Fallon Youth Club for fiscal year 2026. Commissioner Blakey seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

Letters Received:

A- Nevada Division of Environmental Protection's notification of it's comments to the Request for Revision; Conceptual Site Model; and Site Closure Evaluation for the City of Fallon Maintenance Yard.

The Nevada Division of Environmental Protection (NDEP) provides notification to the City of Fallon of its review of the Conceptual Site Model and Site Closure Evaluation (CSM) for the referenced facility (Site) dated July 31st, 2025, and prepared by Scott Keesey, Certified

Environmental Manager (CEM) of Broadbent & Associates (Broadbent) on behalf of the City of Fallon.

This CSM describes various conditions of the Site including; environmental site history, hydrogeological conditions, extent of impact to soil and groundwater, historical remediation efforts, potential exposure pathways or sensitive receptors, fate and transport analysis, and a data gap analysis. The CSM concludes that the Site generally meets the criteria for a groundwater exemption 'No Further Action' determination as outlined in NAC 445A.22725(2). However, the CSM notes that methyl ter-butyl ether (MTBE) continues to be detected above its Nevada State Action Level of 20 micrograms per liter (mg/L) in select wells due to an unidentified upgradient source.

The summary of analyses and Site conditions are described in the CSM which is provided.

NDEP commented the following on the Conceptual Site Model and Site Closure Evaluation:

1. Section 8.0 Fate and Transport Analysis: The BIOSCREEN natural attenuation model does not appear to be properly calibrated to historical site conditions. Field data concentrations must first be input in to parameters to compare with real-world groundwater plume behavior as seen with historical concentrations. Monitoring wells MW-2, MW-4, MW-6, MW-15 and MW-7 groundwater data from 2012, 2013, or 2014 would be applicable to calibrating plume behavior. Hydraulic gradient value should be increased to better represent the soil mixture at the site. Biodegradation rates may also need to be adjusted depending on the slope observed from calibration graphs of concentration over distance from source.
2. Section 10, Not Further Action Exemption Criteria Evaluation: NDEP does not concur with the CSM's evaluation of NAC 445A.22725(2)(b) and NAC 445A.22725(2)(c) as presented in Section 10. Based on what the CSM states, the findings in Section 10 has not been confirmed with quantitative data. The NDEP considers the potential for MTBE migration to the onsite municipal well to be an unanswered question and requests that Section 10 be revised accordingly.
3. Section 11.0 Summary, Data Gaps and Recommendations: There is a significant data gap concerning MTBE concentrations in the onsite City of Fallon municipal wells W01 and W02. Without additional information, NDEP considers there to be a potential exposure pathway for onsite contaminants to reach the wells. Prior to case closure, a demonstration will need to be made that the petroleum hydrocarbon contamination present in Site monitoring wells above action levels has not been impacted and will not impact the onsite municipal wells.

NDEP requests submittal of a revised Conceptual Site Model and Site Closure Evaluation Report, inclusive of comments #1 & #2, to NDEP within thirty (30) days to the date of the letter and no later than November 24, 2025. NDEP does not require revisions to comment #3, but will require a workplan to sample onsite municipal wells for MTBE and/or perform aquifer testing to demonstrate that there is no hydraulic communication between the shallow contaminated aquifer and the screened intervals of the municipal wells. This workplan will be formally requested in NDEP's concurrence with a revised CSM.

FISCAL IMPACT: N/A

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: N/A

FUNDING SOURCE: N/A

ACTION REQUESTED: None; Informational Only

B- Bureau of Land Management's (BLM) Final Land Health Assessment (FLHA), Evaluation Report, and an unsigned Standards Determination Document (SDD) for Basalt (03505), Belleville (03511), Little Huntton (03546), McBride Flat (03560) allotments and McBride Flat Unallotted area.

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) provides a letter indicating that a Final Land Health Assessment (FLHA), Evaluation Report, and an unsigned Standards Determination Document (SDD) for Basalt (03505), Belleville (03511), Little Huntton (03546), McBride Flat (03560) allotments, and McBride Flat Unallotted area. The preliminary assessments and evaluation reports were publicly available on July 3, 2025, combined in one document. Since then, the project has been divided into separate Standards Determination Documents to address Basalt, Belleville, and Little Huntton Allotments individually, and the McBride Flat Allotment and McBride Unallotted all together.

The BLM is making the combined FLHA and separate SDD's publicly available for thirty (30) days to provide early public engagement, as well as feedback on the SDD documents as well as early engagement in the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) related to grazing and range improvements on the mentioned allotments, which could include the authorization of grazing. This information can be submitted to the BLM Stillwater office, attention to Mark Mazza, Assistant Field Manager. Information received during the early public engagement period will be considered in NEPA related to grazing and land improvements, which may include authorization of grazing and development of NEPA alternatives. All submissions must be received by December 2, 2025. Hard copies available upon request.

FISCAL IMPACT: N/A

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: N/A

FUNDING SOURCE: N/A

ACTION REQUESTED: None; Informational Only

C- National Association of Counties (NACo) notification of its 90th Anniversary celebration and publication of the vital role counties, boroughs, and parishes having played in shaping our nation.

The National Association of Counties (NACo) has provided a letter and booklet regarding their ninetieth (90th) anniversary, highlighting their role in unifying and strengthening county governments.

FISCAL IMPACT: N/A

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: N/A

FUNDING SOURCE: N/A

ACTION REQUESTED: None; Informational Only

Commissioner Blakey stated that if you have the time to read the insert, there is a lot of history about our country, and how NACo came about. They have done many great things for our country.

D- State of Nevada, Department of Business & Industry's Declaration of Shortage of Skilled Labor or Licensed Contractors in Rural Areas of Nevada.

The State of Nevada, Department of Business & Industry, has adopted a Declaration of Shortage of Skilled Contractors in Rural Areas of Nevada, which states that there is a shortage of skilled labor or licensed contractors in Churchill County, Nevada that is adversely impacting the availability of attainable housing for essential workers employed in Churchill County. This declaration is to remain in effect until the Director of the Department of Business & Industry determines there is no longer a shortage of skilled labor or licensed contractors in Churchill County.

FISCAL IMPACT: N/A

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: N/A

FUNDING SOURCE: N/A

ACTION REQUESTED: None; Informational Only

Old Business:

A- Consideration and possible action re: Award of a Contract to MS Construction to update the Social Services William N. Pennington Life Center Beauty Shop to meet the State of Nevada's requirements and to authorize Public Works, upon approval of the District Attorney's Office, to enter into a Contract, in the amount of \$27,600.

The William N. Pennington Life Center Beauty Shop has been found to not meet the standards for the State of Nevada's Cosmetology requirements. The requests for quotes were released on July 17, 2025, to four local contractors, Hammon Construction, Cory Plaizier, Ben Paul, and MS Construction. Two contractors met with Social Services staff to review the project. At the close of bid, no quote was submitted. In an effort to get the project completed, discussions were had with both contractors that had reviewed the project. Ben Paul declined, MS Construction agreed to submit a bid. The bid was received on November 11, 2025, for the amount of \$27,600.

During FY26, this project was presented to the Board of County Commissioners to be included in the Life Center's budget for building repairs and maintenance, and \$30,000 was allocated, account # 396-401-57500.

It is requested to approve the quote and authorize Public Works, upon approval of the DA's Office, to enter into a Contract with MS Construction.

FISCAL IMPACT: \$27,600.

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: Replacement of two beauty shop workstations with wash bowls, and space storage cabinet. Quote includes all materials and labor.

FUNDING SOURCE: Fund 396 — Building Repairs and Maintenance

ACTION REQUESTED: Accept

This item was withdrawn prior to the meeting.

B- Consideration and possible action re: Approval of updated Guidelines for the Churchill County Senior Volunteer Program, with the annual reimbursement rate approval retroactive to July 1, 2025.

For over 20 years, there has been support for the county's created Senior Volunteer Program. The program provides reimbursement to county seniors for mileage to volunteers at certain non-profits. The goal is to increase volunteerism by seniors in the community and support the aging population with socialization to reduce isolation.

At the time, Churchill County absorbed the William N. Pennington Life Center under Social Services, the Senior Volunteer Program was reviewed. The information was outdated and limited to guidance. Social Services followed what they had by providing \$.40 per mile up to \$50 per quarter to qualifying seniors who volunteer at Banner Hospital Auxiliary, Out of Egypt, and the William N. Pennington Life Center.

During the FY26 budget hearings, the fund was evaluated as it is held in the County Managers' office under the Community Support, line item Vol. Sr. Program, in the amount of \$12,750, which was reduced from \$15,000 from FY25. The County Manager at the time directed the Director of Social Services to rewrite the program and align it with current standards and needs for our aging to be supported to volunteer. Once the FY26 final budget was approved, the processes were released to Social Services staff, partnering non-profits, and participants of the program to align with Churchill County mileage rates each year and increase the max quarterly allotment to \$75 from \$50.

Participants submitted date requests for the first quarter of FY26 with the new guidelines. Social Services processed and submitted to the Comptrollers' Office. Social Services was informed this would need to be approved by the Board of County Commissioners separately.

Social Services is urging the board to approve, retroactive to July 1, 2025, the \$75 max @ \$.70 per mile for July - December 2025, then approve the policy allowing the mileage rate to align with the county reimbursement rates each January. The process provided allows for a fair rate and clean process moving forward.

Currently, the program has 25 participants, with 17 that still exceed the \$75 due to the amount of time they contribute to volunteerism in the county.

FISCAL IMPACT: FY25 \$3,043.64 of \$15,000 allocated; FY26 \$6,539.48 of \$12,750 approved estimated for 25 volunteers.

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: Estimated Increase of \$3,495.84 for FY26 for 25 volunteers.

FUNDING SOURCE: General Fund - County Manager - Community Support - Senior Volunteer Program.

ACTION REQUESTED: Accept

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

Comptroller Wideman said when we took this over, the reimbursement rate was twenty cents, and then it went up to forty cents. The charitable miles are not associated with the seventy cents

because that is for business miles; charitable miles are fourteen cents per mile according to the IRS. It used to be seventy-five dollars per quarter, then it was reduced to fifty dollars per quarter, so that is the history. As for the line item, it was a place marker because we would just reimburse an actual bank account that was held separately from the Senior Coalition. It was never intended to be spent to the maximum amount.

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

Commissioner Eric Blakey made a motion to approve the new guidelines and pay structure as presented, retroactive to July 1, 2025. Commissioner Matt Hyde seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote. Commissioner Blakey asked Ms. Ernst to thank the volunteers for their service.

C- Consideration and possible action re: Amendment of the open position for the CNHD Administrator/Health Officer position to increase the pay range to an amount not to exceed \$380,000 base salary or \$592,800 with benefits.

CNHD has worked with Churchill County Human Resources to post and advertise the Administrator with MD position on 8/26/25 and again on 9/9/2025, with no qualifying candidates applying. The position is currently open until filled. The qualifications are crucial to work towards the overall strategy of increasing services, such as jail medical, in our community.

The Interim Administrator feels it is best for CNHD and Churchill County to increase the pay range, not to exceed \$380,000. Once approved, it is requested that the Interim Administrator have the authority to work with the Chair of CNHD and Churchill County Human Resources to develop the revised posting and release until filled.

This action was approved by the CNHD Board on November 13, 2025.

FISCAL IMPACT: \$380,000 salary cap; \$212,800 benefit cap; \$592,800 total cost.

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: \$380,000 salary cap; \$212,800 benefit cap; \$592,800 total cost.

FUNDING SOURCE: CNHD General Fund; grant funds; insurance reimbursement applies when eligible; Churchill County and other counties, as part of the Jail Medical Expansion Program, will contribute up to 68% of the total cost.

ACTION REQUESTED: Accept

Shannon Ernst, Interim Administrator, made the presentation as outlined above.

Chair Getto asked what is 68%? Ms. Ernst said 68% of \$592, 800.00.

Commissioner Hyde asked if other counties join, the amount will go down? Ms. Ernst said yes, as counties join, it will go down. If we went to Medicaid billable, we could look for the Medicaid piece, and where they are billing, because they are already Medicaid billers. There are some ways that we can bring this down, we just do not know what that is until we implement this within the jail system.

Commissioner Hyde said that his concern is sufficing what the jail needs pertaining to certain NRS. Ms. Ernst said absolutely, however, these have been conversations that I have not been involved in. Those discussions have been with the Civil District Attorney's Office. Sheriff Hickox stated there has not been any conversations with him.

Commissioner Hyde said his concern is, if we hire one doctor and other counties join in, we will have to continue to keep supporting and hiring. I do not want to deplete what we need. Ms. Ernst said that Juvenile Probation Office (JPO) has been asking about this, and I did speak with the Sheriff. We did a walk through because they were asking for Central Nevada Health District (CNHD) to help them. After the pandemic, I was not a part of those conversations, and I was only brought the RFP that went out for the medical that is needed. Those are the things that this whole program would align with.

Chair Getto asked if the member counties want to utilize the doctor, they would pay into it, but it is not that part of the agreement? Ms. Ernst said this is not part of a public health structure, this is an add-on for something that we can do. This is not required by our agreements. What is required by CNHD agreements with each county, is to provide infectious disease investigation, environmental health, and public health preparedness. This is an add on, such as, family planning, which we receive grant funds for all the communities.

Commissioner Blakey asked if CNHD is trying to hire an administrator, and they are saying that they want to raise the salary limit to a maximum of \$380,000.00? Ms. Ernst stated because it will be a medical doctor. Commissioner Blakey asked, so Churchill County wants to have a medical doctor on staff with CNHD to start new avenues of care that we have already tried to go on a contract with for the Churchill County Detention Center (jail), JPO and Social Services, correct? Ms. Ernst said not Social Services, this is just looking at inmate medical.

Commissioner Blakey asked how did you get to 68%, and what portion of that 68% is Churchill County paying to the CNHD for their services? Ms. Ernst said this is in addition to what is paid for the annual assessment. It is 68% of the cost of the position, which would be Churchill County's responsibility, unless there are other fees that can decrease that. The agreement was that Churchill County would pay, basically, the cost to implement this and meet the needs that you are requesting. Once this program is launched, if other government entities, and I do not want to throw out names, but there is interest in two other entities that need service, then that will bring that cost down of that program. Basically, Churchill County is paying to have that program here, and if others join, of course that cost for service goes down. If we are able to collect fees from Medicaid reimbursement for example, or the Opioid payout, those costs will come down. Commissioner Blakey said I am still confused. 68% is \$403,000.00, so the other counties only have to divide \$192,000.00? Ms. Ernst said no, the \$192,000.00 is the amount the CNHD has already budgeted for the administrator. This additional cost is to get the doctor on, to bring this program to Churchill County first. It was agreed that all the extra costs to bring on staff to make this work would be the responsibility of Churchill County to pay. If others came on, of course that cost would go down, because the \$380,000.00 would be split between all the people that came to the table. Right now, Churchill County is the only one that we trying to provide this for, as it has been a request for years. It wasn't until I came on as Interim Administrator in March, that the Chair asked me to look into this. When I was evaluating what

CNHD's structure is, this was included in how we could provide this. In order to do this, and not just an administrator, which used to cost us \$192,000.00, we have to have a doctor on staff to meet the requirements to provide such medical services. When we went out for the first level, we did get some applicants that did not qualify. I feel like I am caught in between something and I am sorry. If this is something that Churchill County does not desire to do, then this is something that CNHD needs to know, because I have aligned their organizational chart, and all of their staffing around this model, which you have already approved. If this is not something that Churchill County wants to go forward with, then I would go back to CNHD through a special meeting, and we would probably take this position out of the organizational chart and not have it in the future. Commissioner Blakey said my concern is, if we are doing this to go in the direction to get medical for the jail and JPO, and no discussions have been had with those entities or the Sheriff to see how this will work, that is a concern. My other concern is, it would be the CNHD's responsibility to have this in place, then if Churchill County wanted a doctor for the jail and JPO, a fee would be paid to CNHD in addition to that. I understand that they are trying to get Churchill County to be the gopher to get this started. Ms. Ernst said that it was Churchill County that brought this up during our workshop, and another county said we would possibly have interest in this, as they are also having issues. I can say these conversations have been happening with the Sheriff's Department since the pandemic. We mapped what they are doing now with nurses that were in the health department. It was after the pandemic when the Civil District Attorney's Office was involved, and not me. I was not involved from 2023 to March of 2025. Chair Getto said I think that is the big portion of this. CNHD was always designed to be a standalone entity that Churchill County would no longer have to take care of. That has kind of changed now, which is why Ms. Ernst has stepped in, and I think we still want to go toward CNHD being on its own. We got put in a predicament, where Ms. Ernst had to take this over, so that is why it is being brought back up. Commissioner Hyde said I think the real problem with recruiting a doctor is, they want to be a doctor, not an administrator of this network of other things. Ms. Ernst there were two individuals that were interested, but they would not accept the position for the amount of money that was offered.

Commissioner Blakey said that he is not comfortable making a decision today. Chair Getto said he is also leaning that way. I think we need to take a step back and see if this position meets our needs. Commissioner Hyde said my fear is that it will meet our needs today, but then it is going to have to expand. Ms. Ernst said that when you look at mapping out the services, it is not just the doctor. We have nursing staff that are already employed who would also assist. We have a departmental tour of my department this afternoon, and this was under those discussions. They are going to have to add one to one and a half nursing positions based on the need in the jail systems across the county, because of what is being requested for the medication reviews, the medication compliance and on-call situations. It is one doctor that would be overseeing the program, and they have requirements to be in the jail systems, review things, and meet patients on a certain basis. You also have nurses that support, which we have two on staff.

Chris Spross, County Manager, asked if we have to take on other counties? I know we are talking about reducing the price by doing that, but would we have to so that we do not dilute our service here? Ms. Ernst said that I think this would be a discussion with the CNHD board. I really do not think I can say what the future of CNHD is going to be. It would be hard to say

that they cannot have it, but the price would go up if we had to do more. I think that is a conversation for that board, as they have to make those decisions.

Mr. Spross said that I want to make the board aware that if we revert away from this, going back to an administrator for CNHD, the county still has a responsibility to fulfill the obligation to the jail and JPO for those medical services. I think this was an opportunity to see how we could combine those. Commissioner Hyde said I understand that. Obviously, we were not in those discussions, as far as what this looks like, and how it works. Commissioner Blakey asked if we hired this administrator, the whole department would be part of the jail and JPO medical, and, it is just not an individual who is doing those medical services? Ms. Ernst stated the clinical services. Commissioner Blakey said that I understand the estimates and proposals we have received in the past are close to one million dollars for the jail and JPO medical. Mr. Sanford stated in general, CNHD is separate from the jail medical issue. CNHD typically would not have any involvement with inmate care for the jail. When the request to have this position recruited as a doctor, then create sort of a sub administrator to do what Commissioner Hyde was concerned about, was, we do not want to have our doctor just do paperwork all day for what we are paying. The intention is, if we recruit a medical doctor, he would be the licensing authority and oversight for many of our nursing and other staff, who could then go into the jail and provide services. We understand that it is an additional cost, but that may be cheaper than the \$750,000.00 previously proposed. It would give us significantly more oversight into that group than what we would have with an independent contractor. There was an additional benefit that, if other CNHD members also wanted to join, we would not have to get more doctors, and we may need more nursing staff, but the doctor would already be covered. That was the intention, and I think it sounds like some significant conversation needs to take place, since maybe that was not clear. That was just the discussion that was had, and I think the operation that CNHD has been under.

Arthur Mallory, District Attorney, asked, as a point of clarification, is this talking about paying someone almost \$600,000.00 per year to be the administrator for CNHD, and provide medical services for the Jail? We would have one person do all of that, should they agree to it? Ms. Ernst said it is medical for the jail, but we are also required to have a medical doctor on staff. Mr. Mallory said I am not asking about requirements, I am just asking if this is \$600,000.00 for one individual to perform both of those functions? Ms. Ernst said that is correct.

Ms. Ernst said when you look at this, we have amazing benefit packages that cost us a fortune. The individuals that were going to come forward do not care about these benefit packages. They care about the money, which is why I keep saying \$380,000.00, plus putting the benefit package on, takes us to this point. But you are going to have to pay the \$380,000.00 because no one cares about the benefit package you have to provide. It is a hard struggle when you get into government and offer positions such as this. Commissioner Hyde asked if it has to be government, or can it be a contract? Chair Getto said we can go back to a contract, but the original contracts were \$1,100,000.00 and \$750,000.00. Commissioner Blakey said my concern is that this gets the doctor, but there are other moving parts that are going to cost us. There are more moving parts than just hiring the doctor, you have nurses too. When you add those costs, is the jail medical going to really cost \$600,000.00 itself? Now we are getting North of our number of where we were when we had a contractor. I do not see how the doctor is going to do

everything at the jail, so there will be additional costs. Ms. Ernst said we have two nurses on staff, one APRN and one RN. The goal was to utilize the staff that are there, because truly they are being underutilized in our communities for infectious disease treatment and things of that sort. Currently, your assessment already covers that. When I was put back in this role in March, which was supposed to be three months, we were going to start mapping it out, so that everything within the RFP was covered in this program. We had not gotten to the point of hiring an administrator. Last week, the CNHD board approved Dr. McDonald an additional contract to begin writing the protocols and mapping this service out, so we can make sure every piece was covered to present it to everyone that wanted to be involved. It was never my intention to write protocols and do this, so we have a doctor writing those.

Commissioner Blakey said I would like more information and the plan for the jail and JPO and include those departments in the discussions to ensure what Dr. McDonald is presenting works for each facility, including the costs. I know that it may be outside your scope, but we need to take this into consideration because we cannot hire the doctor first, because we have to pay what is brought before us to make this work.

Ms. Ernst said her concern is that CNHD needs to move forward to hiring an administrator and doctor, or we need to go back to the old way and get an administrator. The structure, with myself being their administrator, running Social Services and the Life Center, does not work. Honestly, if you want to have a workshop and talk through this, I do not think we can wait three or four months to start recruiting. We have to make some movement at CNHD. I am not trying to be harsh, but this was a three-month commitment on my part, and here we are. If this is not something that you are interested in, then I will call an emergency meeting with CNHD to re-evaluate our structure. Chair Getto said I think that is where we are at now; we are going over and over this Agenda item. If this is the route we want to go, then we need to have Ms. Ernst go back and make it more understandable. If we want to go back to RFPs to see what comes back, we can do that, but in my opinion, it is not the route we need to go, due to costs. Commissioner Hyde said I agree. Chair Getto said if we can roll this position and utilize CNHD staff to take care of the medical aspect, that is better, at least for me. I do want confirmation that it would cover our liability and cover the doctor for the jail and the JPO. Commissioner Hyde said that is what he wants, and would like this to come back as soon as possible, asking if this could be ready by next meeting. All the stakeholders need to be at the table to discuss this; one of us for sure, Ms. Ernst, Mr. Otuafi, Sheriff Hickox, and Mr. Sanford, so we are all on the same page. Chair Getto agreed. Commissioner Blakey said the most concerning aspect to him is the additional cost aside from the doctor, that will make all this work..

Commissioner Hyde asked Ms. Ernst what is holding the interested entities back from being a part of this? Ms. Ernst said that they want to see that it gets started. When I did a round table with all the commissions about what they wanted to see from CNHD, they all have lists of things they would like. They would like us to provide mental health services, which is not public health, but could be an option if the county is willing to pay for it. Commissioner Blakey asked if the question was asked by all the members to go into an even percentage for this new salary. Ms. Ernst said, no, that they knew it would be an additional assessment. Commissioner Blakey asked that they did not ask if that was an option for everyone to pay equally to get to the \$592,000.00? Ms. Ernst said no, we did not throw out numbers and had not gotten to that point.

Mr. Sanford said just so you know, some of them are commissioners, but many of the CNHD board members are not, or would not be able to swear for their county independently. I think they were waiting to see if this was going to happen before they brought it to their board.

Chair Getto said I think we want to table this until the next Agenda item, or at Ms. Ernsts' earliest convenience.

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

Commissioner Eric Blakey made a motion to table the matter to a future Agenda for further information. Commissioner Matt Hyde 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: Approval of Resolution 15-2025 directing the Churchill County Assessor to take certain actions regarding the Secured Tax Roll for 2026-2027.

NRS 361.300(3) requires that, before December 1st of any fiscal year in which an assessment is made, the Board of County Commissioners shall, by Resolution, direct the County Assessor to take certain actions regarding the Secured Tax Roll in Churchill County. This Resolution directs such action to be taken. This statute also directs the Assessor to complete appraisals of property on the secured tax roll annually on or before December 18th. The secured roll is then closed for inspection and reopened on or before January 1st for any corrections, changes, or new construction.

A) The Assessment notices for the Churchill County 2026-2027 Secured Tax Roll will be mailed by December 12th.

B) The newspaper publication will run in the Lahontan Valley News on December 18th.

C) The 2026-2027 Secured Tax Roll will be published on the county website and in other public areas on or before December 12th.

FISCAL IMPACT: N/A

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT:

FUNDING SOURCE: N/A

ACTION REQUESTED: Accept

C- Consideration and possible action re: Central Nevada Health District Service Report for October 2025.

The report provides service and investigation data for October 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

D- Consideration and possible action re: Recorder's Monthly Apportion Report for October 2025 totaling \$18,479.45 in revenue.

Churchill County Recorder, Tasha Hessey, provides her Recorder's Monthly Apportionment Report for October 2025 totaling \$18,479.45 in revenue for the month.

FISCAL IMPACT: \$18,479.45 in revenue.

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

FUNDING SOURCE: General Fund

ACTION REQUESTED: Accept

E- Consideration and possible action re: Public Works, Planning & Building Department's Revenue Reports for October 2025 showing a total for Public Works & Planning of \$256,434.61 and a total for Building of \$102,583.37 in revenue for the month.

The Public Works and Building Department submits the October 2025 revenue reports for the board's consideration and acceptance. Public Works and Planning reported total revenues of \$256,434.61 and a total for Building of \$102,583.37 in revenue for the month.

FISCAL IMPACT: Public Works Planning, \$256,434.61 Building, \$102,583.37.

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

FUNDING SOURCE: General Fund.

ACTION REQUESTED: Accept

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

Provided for the board's review is the report showing 37 buildings issued in the month of October 2025. Included in the 37 permits are 2 single-family-dwelling permits, 1 commercial permit and 1 industrial permit. Additionally, 2 manufactured home permits and 2 septic permits were issued.

FISCAL IMPACT: N/A

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: N/A

FUNDING SOURCE: N/A

ACTION REQUESTED: Accept

G- Consideration and possible action re: Sheriff's Civil Report for the month of October 2025 totaling \$4,437.87.

The Sheriff's Office provides its Civil Report for October 2025 for the board's review and acceptance. A total of \$4,437.87 was received as revenue for the month.

FISCAL IMPACT: \$4,437.87

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

FUNDING SOURCE: General Fund.

ACTION REQUESTED: Accept

H- Consideration and possible action re: Treasurer's Report for October 2025 showing a balance of \$66,667,354.17 in the account.

Clerk/Treasurer Linda Rothery provides the Treasurer's Monthly Report for October 2025 showing a balance of \$66,667,354.17 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

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:

Commissioner Hyde reported on the following topics:

- Attended a Fallon Youth Club meeting. They are looking at doing some more fundraising.

Chair Getto reported on the following topics:

- Attended a Carson Water Conservancy District meeting.

Commissioner Blakey reported on the following topics:

- Missed a Fire Board meeting due to a prior commitment.
- Attended a Museum meeting.
- Attended the CEDA breakfast this morning.
- Go support the Greenwave this weekend for the State Championship football game.

Manager Spross had nothing to report.

Comptroller Wideman reported on the following topics:

- We are wrapping up the Audit, employees have been sent their leave conversions, and we are onto budgets now.

DA Mallory had nothing to report.

Assistant County Manager/HR Director Sanford reported on the following topics:

- I met with the compensation study folks this afternoon. There will be some additional questionnaires they are providing for all staff and Department Heads that will go out as soon as I get them.

Clerk/Treasurer Rothery reported on the following topics:

- The office is busy, but I am just going to brag again. I am happy we are fully staffed. We are handling all of the day-to-day tasks and catching up on tasks we haven't been able to get done.

Recorder Hessey reported on the following topics:

- The Recorder's Office is going to work on rewiring our office, so thank you very much.

Assessor Felton reported on the following topics:

- The Assessor's Office is getting ready to close the Tax Roll and we are working on our budget.

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 2:55 P.M.

Approved: _____

Myles Getto, Chairman

Approved: 
Eric Blakey, Vice-Chairman

Approved: 
Matt Hyde, Commissioner

ATTEST:
Linda Rothery, Clerk/Treasurer


Tara Adams, Deputy Clerk