

## **MINUTES OF THE CHURCHILL COUNTY AUDIT COMMITTEE**

**155 N. Taylor St., Fallon, NV 89406  
December 10, 2024**

### **Call to Order:**

The regular meeting of the Audit Committee was called to order at 10:00 AM on December 10, 2024.

#### **PRESENT:**

Member Alan Kalt  
Member Joseph Sanford  
Comptroller Sherry Wideman  
Chad Atkinson, HintonBurdick CPAs  
Kelli Jones, HintonBurdick CPAs  
Mark Feest, CC Communications  
Jamie Hyde, CC Communications  
Deputy Clerk of the Board Pamela D. Moore  
Deputy Clerk Crystal Muschetto  
Commissioner Harry Scharmann

#### **ABSENT:**

### **Pledge of Allegiance:**

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

### **Public Comment:**

Member Sanford 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 of the Board, that the Agenda for this meeting was posted on the 3rd day of December, 2024, between the hours of 9:00 and 11:00 AM 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:**

**Member Alan Kalt made a motion to approve the Agenda as submitted. Member Joseph Sanford seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.**

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

#### **A- December 19, 2023.**

The Minutes of the meeting held on December 19, 2023 are presented for the committee's consideration and approval.

FISCAL IMPACT: N/A

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT:

FUNDING SOURCE: N/A

ACTION REQUESTED: Accept

Member Alan Kalt made a motion to approve the Minutes of the meeting held on December 19, 2023 as presented. Member Joseph Sanford seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

**Appointments:**

**A- Consideration and possible action re: Presentation of the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report for the general Churchill County and CC Communications for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2024.**

The Annual Comprehensive Financial Report for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2024 will be presented to the Audit Committee. After review of the report, the Audit Committee is asked to make a recommendation to the Board of County Commissioners for acceptance and approval of the audit report.

FISCAL IMPACT: As contracted.

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT:

FUNDING SOURCE: General Fund.

ACTION REQUESTED: Accept

Kelli Jones, with HintonBurdick CPAs, had the following PowerPoint presentation:



**CHURCHILL COUNTY**

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**Summary of the Annual Comprehensive  
Annual Financial Report  
FYE 6-30-2024**

Presented By Sherry Wideman, CPA  
Comptroller



# Two-year comparison Net Position (assets – liabilities)

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|                                   | Governmental activities |                | Business-type activities |               | Combined total |                |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------------|----------------|--------------------------|---------------|----------------|----------------|
|                                   | 2024                    | 2023           | 2024                     | 2023          | 2024           | 2023           |
| Current and other assets          | \$ 65,489,838           | \$ 63,775,918  | \$ 35,276,512            | \$ 32,129,638 | \$ 90,766,350  | \$ 87,905,546  |
| Noncurrent assets                 | 459,423                 | 388,742        | 18,624                   | 348,467       | 478,047        | 737,209        |
| Capital assets                    | 100,821,204             | 93,812,355     | 86,960,804               | 88,882,064    | 187,782,008    | 182,694,399    |
| Total assets                      | 166,770,465             | 159,976,995    | 112,255,940              | 111,360,159   | 279,026,405    | 271,337,154    |
| Deferred outflows of resources    | 16,327,829              | 16,313,329     | 3,375,707                | 4,011,308     | 20,293,536     | 20,524,857     |
| Current liabilities               | 3,966,375               | 4,489,460      | 2,117,618                | 2,310,362     | 6,113,993      | 6,799,822      |
| Long-term liabilities outstanding | 64,170,068              | 67,089,123     | 26,038,401               | 27,164,918    | 90,598,469     | 89,154,041     |
| Total liabilities                 | 68,336,443              | 66,578,383     | 28,216,019               | 29,475,280    | 96,732,462     | 96,033,863     |
| Deferred inflows of resources     | 3,862,357               | 4,195,818      | 2,956,979                | 2,348,467     | 6,819,336      | 6,544,285      |
| Net position                      |                         |                |                          |               |                |                |
| Net investment in capital assets  | 79,945,414              | 72,209,148     | 72,775,569               | 70,771,150    | 152,720,983    | 142,980,298    |
| Restricted                        | 18,615,536              | 18,700,474     | 18,624                   | 18,624        | 18,634,160     | 18,719,098     |
| Unrestricted                      | 12,638,544              | 14,806,501     | 11,664,456               | 12,757,946    | 24,393,000     | 27,564,447     |
| Total net position                | \$ 111,199,494          | \$ 105,716,123 | \$ 84,458,649            | \$ 83,547,720 | \$ 195,658,143 | \$ 189,263,843 |

Governmental Activities ↑ \$5.48M

Business Activity ↑ \$911K

## Revenues and Expense Compared to Prior Year

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|                                                                        | Governmental activities |                | Business-type activities |               | Combined total |                |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|----------------|--------------------------|---------------|----------------|----------------|
|                                                                        | 2024                    | 2023           | 2024                     | 2023          | 2024           | 2023           |
| Revenues                                                               |                         |                |                          |               |                |                |
| Program revenues                                                       |                         |                |                          |               |                |                |
| Charges for services                                                   | \$ 5,156,258            | \$ 4,778,236   | \$ 22,074,784            | \$ 22,410,635 | \$ 28,130,842  | \$ 27,188,171  |
| Operating grants and contributions                                     | 9,447,720               | 7,233,690      | -                        | -             | 9,447,720      | 7,233,690      |
| Capital grants and contributions                                       | 7,500                   | 122,188        | 665,901                  | 233,678       | 673,401        | 355,864        |
| General revenues                                                       |                         |                |                          |               |                |                |
| Ad valorem taxes                                                       | 11,592,153              | 10,684,810     | -                        | -             | 11,592,153     | 10,684,810     |
| Consolidated taxes                                                     | 8,650,989               | 8,467,443      | -                        | -             | 8,650,989      | 8,467,443      |
| Other taxes                                                            | 9,862,246               | 9,841,944      | -                        | -             | 9,862,246      | 9,841,944      |
| Other unrestricted intergovernmental                                   | -                       | 20,000,000     | -                        | -             | -              | 20,000,000     |
| Unrestricted investment earnings                                       | 2,893,652               | 70,285         | 582,470                  | 245,619       | 3,476,122      | 924,904        |
| Other miscellaneous revenues                                           | 1,553,895               | 2,900,389      | 1,264                    | 40,778        | 1,555,159      | 3,041,117      |
| Total revenues                                                         | 51,234,415              | 64,409,861     | 24,224,219               | 22,959,618    | 75,378,634     | 87,369,943     |
| Expenses                                                               |                         |                |                          |               |                |                |
| General government                                                     | 11,634,695              | 7,110,810      | -                        | -             | 11,634,695     | 7,110,810      |
| Judicial                                                               | 6,105,290               | 5,804,558      | -                        | -             | 6,105,290      | 5,804,558      |
| Public safety                                                          | 13,855,505              | 17,181,691     | -                        | -             | 13,855,505     | 17,181,691     |
| Public works                                                           | 5,940,516               | 4,677,397      | -                        | -             | 5,940,516      | 4,677,397      |
| Health                                                                 | 393,597                 | 235,305        | -                        | -             | 393,597        | 235,305        |
| Welfare                                                                | 3,601,085               | 3,367,347      | -                        | -             | 3,601,085      | 3,367,347      |
| Culture and recreation                                                 | 3,756,755               | 2,624,423      | -                        | -             | 3,756,755      | 2,624,423      |
| Community support                                                      | 2,257,722               | 1,927,675      | -                        | -             | 2,257,722      | 1,927,675      |
| Interest on long-term debt                                             | 555,603                 | 572,686        | -                        | -             | 555,603        | 572,686        |
| Telephone                                                              | -                       | -              | 12,865,941               | 11,193,989    | 12,865,941     | 11,193,989     |
| Long distance                                                          | -                       | -              | 100,035                  | 108,184       | 100,035        | 108,184        |
| Broadband                                                              | -                       | -              | 5,536,421                | 5,335,411     | 5,536,421      | 5,335,411      |
| CAP                                                                    | -                       | -              | 1,086,486                | 1,095,401     | 1,086,486      | 1,095,401      |
| Waste water                                                            | -                       | -              | 1,009,649                | 1,102,810     | 1,009,649      | 1,102,810      |
| Utility water                                                          | -                       | -              | 709,441                  | 609,721       | 709,441        | 609,721        |
| Golf course                                                            | -                       | -              | 64,437                   | 60,746        | 64,437         | 60,746         |
| Total expenses                                                         | 48,100,768              | 45,481,898     | 21,463,250               | 19,506,233    | 71,564,018     | 64,988,131     |
| Increase/(Decrease) in net position before transfers and contributions | 3,053,645               | 20,925,087     | 2,760,969                | 3,433,705     | 3,814,574      | 24,358,792     |
| Transfers                                                              | (3,50,000)              | 792,216        | 120,000                  | (792,216)     | -              | -              |
| Increase/(Decrease) in net position                                    | 2,903,645               | 21,627,303     | 2,910,929                | 2,730,489     | 3,814,574      | 24,358,792     |
| Net position, beginning                                                | 103,716,123             | 84,087,820     | 83,547,720               | 80,817,231    | 189,263,843    | 164,905,011    |
| Restatement adjustments                                                | 2,579,726               | -              | -                        | -             | 2,579,726      | -              |
| Net position, ending                                                   | \$ 111,199,494          | \$ 105,716,123 | \$ 84,458,649            | \$ 83,547,720 | \$ 195,658,143 | \$ 189,263,843 |

Change from FY 2023

Governmental Revenue  
Governmental Expense



\$13.2M  
\$4.6M

Business-type Revenue  
Business-type Expense



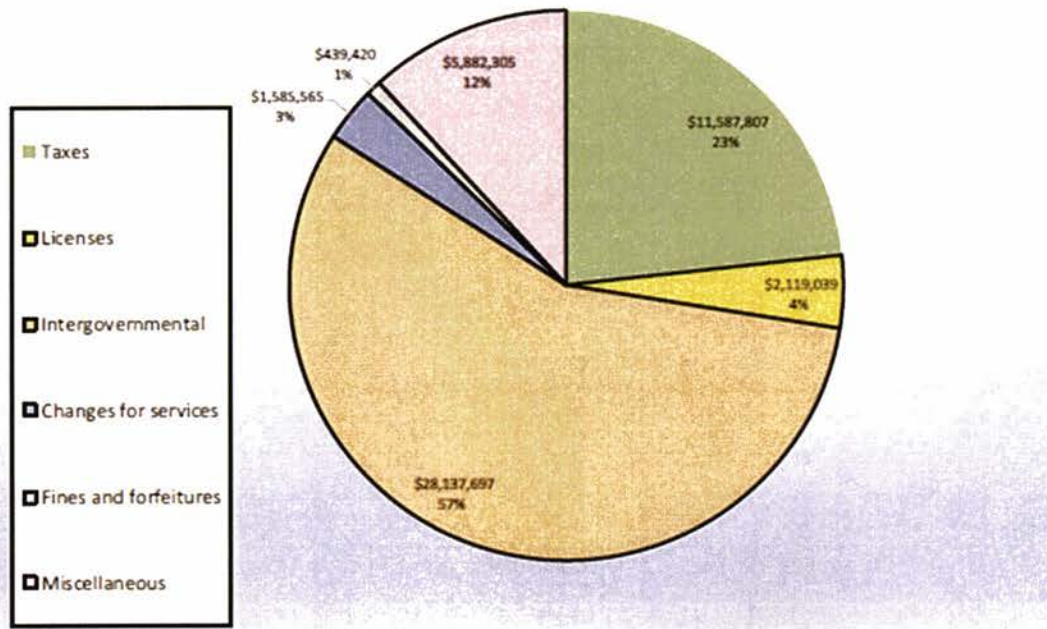
\$1.3M  
\$3.96M

Note: The expense includes depreciation, pension, and debt principal payments



## Governmental funds revenue of \$49,751,833 by source

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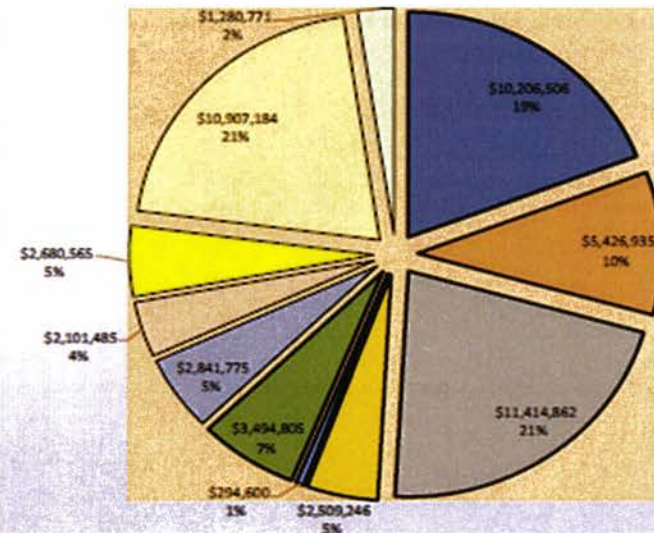


## General Government Revenues By Source for the last 10 years

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| Fiscal Year Ended June 30.                                                  | Taxes      | Licenses and Permits | Intergovernmental Revenues | Charges for Services | Fines and Forfeits | Interest and Miscellaneous | Total      | % Change |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|----------------------|----------------------------|----------------------|--------------------|----------------------------|------------|----------|
| 2015                                                                        | 8,529,270  | 563,707              | 14,463,708                 | 1,242,500            | 478,467            | 1,928,228                  | 27,205,880 | -2.7%    |
| 2016                                                                        | 9,087,338  | 793,920              | 13,837,411                 | 1,272,148            | 539,451            | 2,446,582                  | 27,976,850 | 2.8%     |
| 2017                                                                        | 8,167,353  | 1,022,824            | 14,495,790                 | 1,280,962            | 549,907            | 3,276,448                  | 28,793,284 | 2.9%     |
| 2018                                                                        | 8,663,383  | 1,290,770            | 16,598,844                 | 1,327,975            | 533,486            | 1,585,135                  | 29,999,593 | 4.2%     |
| 2019                                                                        | 9,251,305  | 1,559,879            | 17,427,798                 | 1,422,464            | 590,092            | 2,401,615                  | 32,653,153 | 8.8%     |
| 2020                                                                        | 9,376,255  | 1,639,593            | 19,659,848                 | 1,278,356            | 453,816            | 2,682,900                  | 35,090,768 | 7.5%     |
| 2021                                                                        | 9,820,415  | 1,709,994            | 21,890,790                 | 1,447,419            | 535,194            | 2,219,330                  | 37,623,142 | 7.2%     |
| 2022                                                                        | 9,863,554  | 1,659,495            | 27,787,689                 | 1,573,854            | 503,748            | 2,315,781                  | 43,704,121 | 16.2%    |
| 2023                                                                        | 10,689,362 | 1,929,091            | 46,087,563                 | 1,571,275            | 540,555            | 3,115,871                  | 63,933,717 | 46.3%    |
| 2024                                                                        | 11,587,807 | 2,119,039            | 28,137,697                 | 1,585,565            | 439,420            | 5,882,305                  | 49,751,833 | -22.2%   |
| Includes: General Special Revenue, Capital Projects and Debt Service Funds. |            |                      |                            |                      |                    |                            |            |          |
|                                                                             |            |                      |                            |                      |                    |                            |            |          |
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# Governmental Funds Expenditure of \$53,158,734 by function page 198

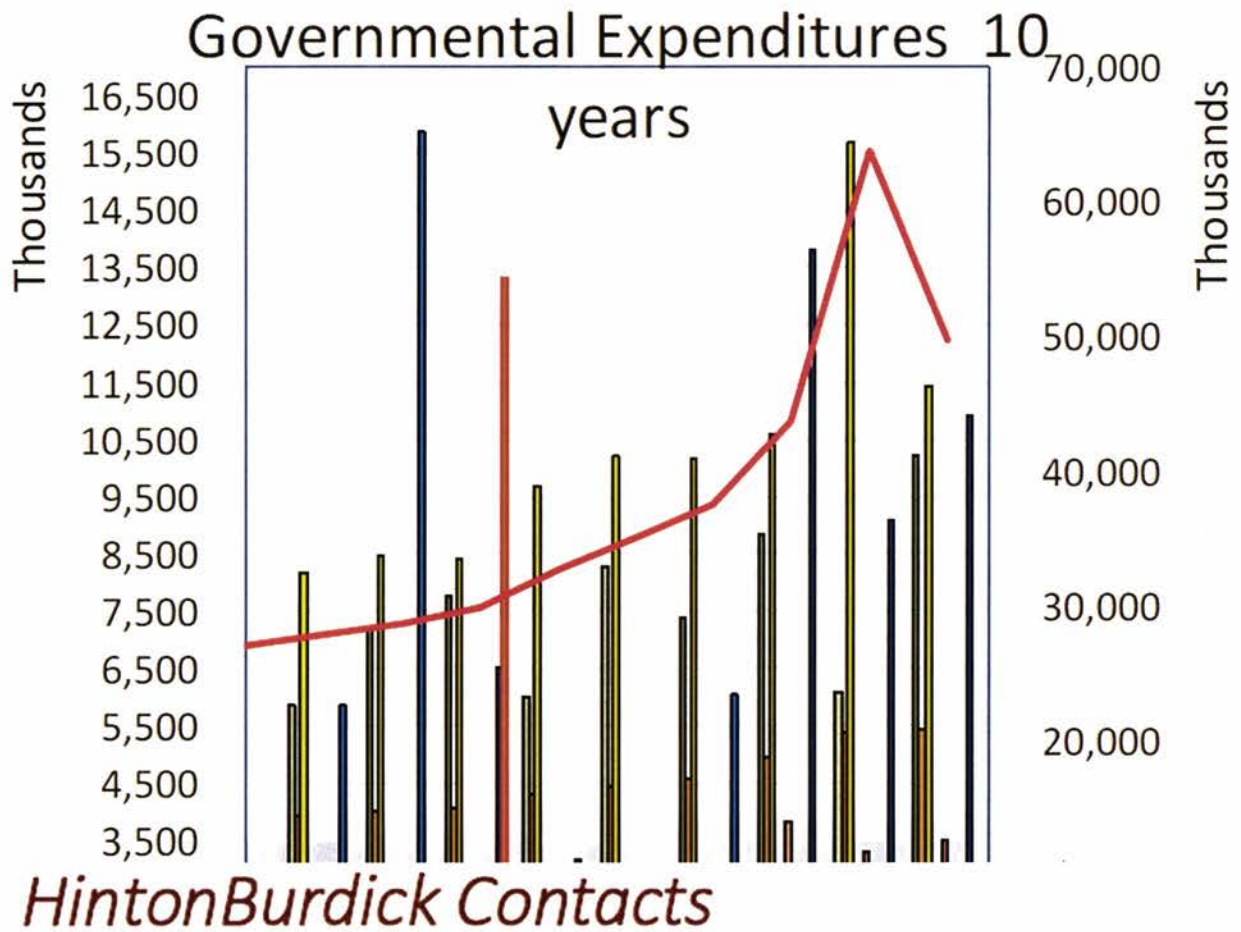


## Governmental Expenditures by Function Last ten fiscal years Page 198

|      | General Government | Judicial  | Public Safety | Public Works | Health & Sanitation | Welfare   | Culture & Recreation | Community Support | Intergovernmental | Capital Outlay | Debt Service Principal | Interest | Totals     | % Chg   |
|------|--------------------|-----------|---------------|--------------|---------------------|-----------|----------------------|-------------------|-------------------|----------------|------------------------|----------|------------|---------|
| 2015 | 5,782,396          | 3,717,272 | 7,846,161     | 2,075,870    | 238,713             | 1,229,988 | 1,968,570            | 664,805           | 790,694           | 2,155,727      |                        | 3,082    | 26,473,228 | 36.00%  |
| 2016 | 5,837,818          | 3,913,785 | 8,162,516     | 1,768,435    | 249,213             | 1,365,054 | 2,157,656            | 760,391           | 749,891           | 5,899,879      |                        |          | 30,804,638 | 16.36%  |
| 2017 | 7,162,468          | 3,985,087 | 8,461,489     | 2,528,935    | 251,941             | 1,645,667 | 2,169,488            | 665,063           | 479,524           | 15,858,022     |                        | 17,980   | 43,225,614 | 40.32%  |
| 2018 | 7,750,612          | 4,073,982 | 8,382,431     | 1,714,917    | 259,386             | 1,645,902 | 2,177,199            | 1,112,338         | 392,272           | 6,489,000      | 13,305,041             | 294,410  | 47,587,490 | 13.11%  |
| 2019 | 5,995,438          | 4,278,793 | 9,703,540     | 1,963,445    | 277,435             | 2,011,637 | 2,094,855            | 1,027,198         | 384,644           | 3,162,768      | 301,465                | 405,339  | 31,606,557 | -33.60% |
| 2020 | 8,257,433          | 4,429,904 | 10,195,318    | 1,354,130    | 280,115             | 2,000,549 | 2,282,289            | 1,434,499         | 392,059           | 1,619,965      | 308,749                | 398,055  | 32,953,465 | 4.28%   |
| 2021 | 7,356,495          | 4,579,569 | 10,151,831    | 1,945,151    | 295,025             | 2,581,457 | 2,286,222            | 1,009,747         | 1,701,598         | 6,021,531      | 318,420                | 388,384  | 38,635,430 | 17.24%  |
| 2022 | 8,838,774          | 4,950,534 | 10,587,231    | 2,077,267    | 300,295             | 3,818,300 | 2,374,082            | 1,773,084         | 769,403           | 13,821,311     | 687,267                | 589,675  | 50,587,223 | 30.98%  |
| 2023 | 6,045,846          | 5,367,972 | 15,672,242    | 2,129,999    | 214,422             | 3,277,345 | 2,077,607            | 1,781,354         | 1,875,579         | 9,068,076      | 705,360                | 575,082  | 48,790,884 | -3.57%  |
| 2024 | 10,206,508         | 5,426,935 | 11,414,862    | 2,509,246    | 294,600             | 3,494,805 | 2,841,775            | 2,101,485         | 2,680,565         | 10,907,184     | 722,713                | 558,058  | 53,158,734 | 8.95%   |

General, Special Revenue, Debt Service and Capital Projects.

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# Churchill County, Nevada Fiscal Year 2024 Audit Presentation

Presented by  
HintonBurdick CPAs and Advisors

## Introduction

- Thanks to the County's staff
- Letter of transmittal
- Management's discussion and analysis (MDA)

## Audit Reports

- **Independent auditors report – page 15**
  - Unmodified opinion or “clean opinion”
- **Report on Internal Controls over Financial Reporting and On Compliance – page 219**
  - No internal control deficiencies
  - 2024-001 Budgetary Compliance

# Audit Reports

- **Independent Auditor's Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program and Report on Internal Control over Compliance in Accordance with the Uniform Guidance – page 225 (Churchill County)**
  - No instances of noncompliance or internal control deficiencies reported
  - Low risk auditee – see page 228
- **Independent Auditor's Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program and Report on Internal Control over Compliance in Accordance with the Uniform Guidance – page 237 (Central Nevada Health District)**
  - No instances of noncompliance or internal control deficiencies reported
  - High risk auditee (due to first year) – see page 240

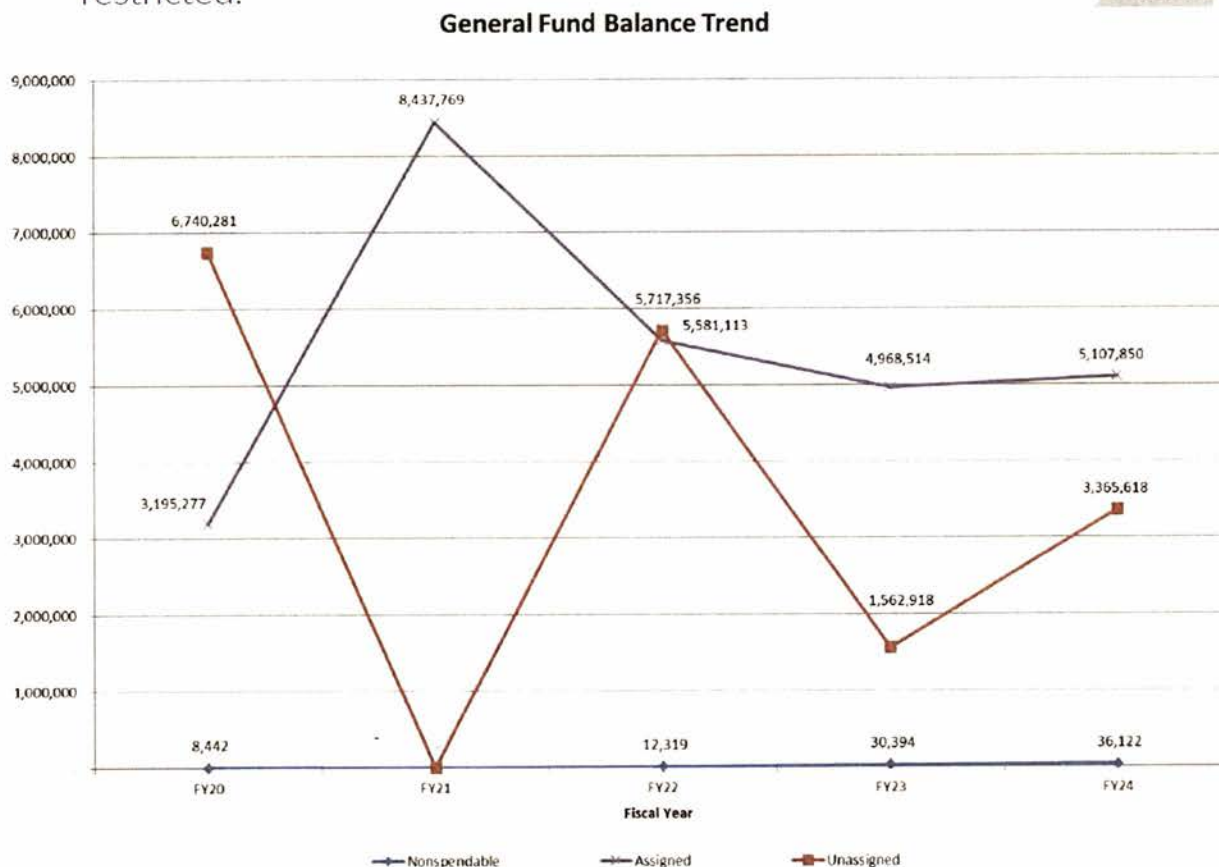
# Financial Highlights

- All funds operated within approved budgets, except Indigent Services Fund
- Changes in fund balances – governmental funds - page 36
- Changes in net position – business-type funds - page 42
- Review of fund balance and net position
  - Assets/deferred outflows – liabilities/deferred inflows = fund balance or net position

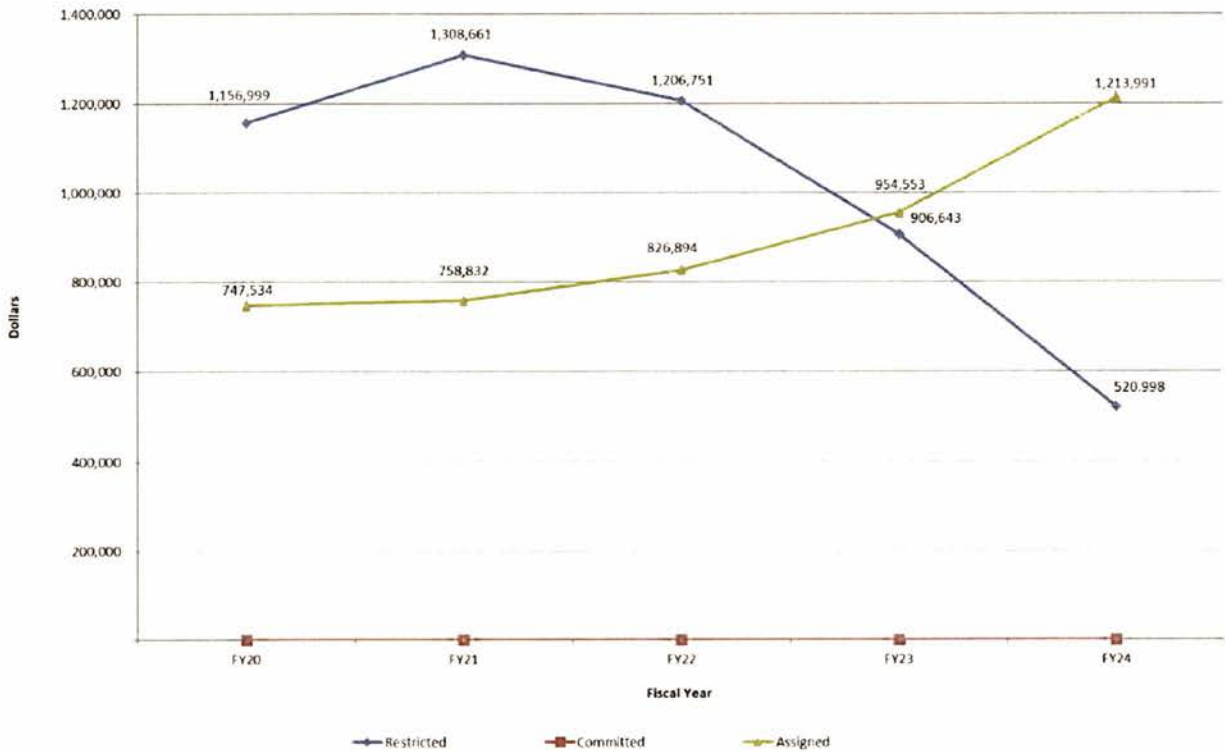


# Financial Highlights

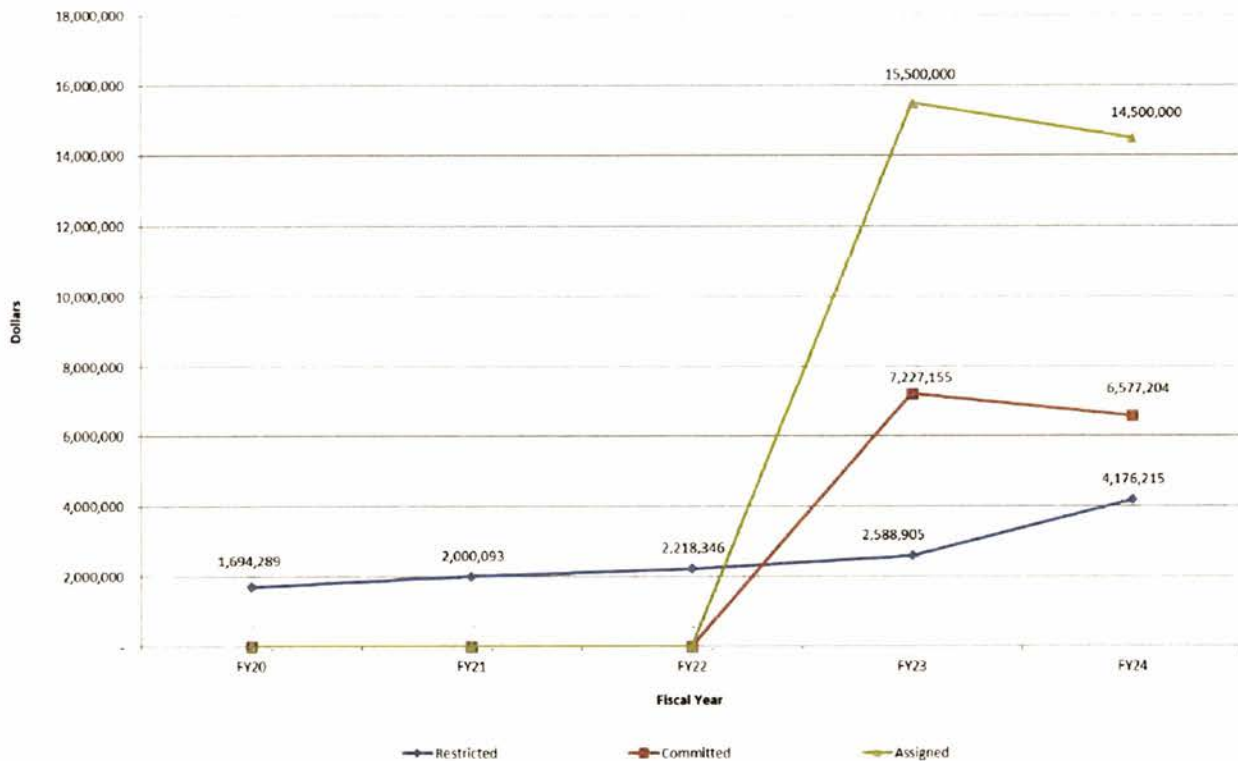
- Churchill County took over the management and accounting of Central Nevada Health District which has been included as a discretely presented component unit.
  - CNHD had an over increase in net position of \$478,115
  - See page 32 & 33
- County also added the new Opioid Settlement special revenue fund during FY2024. This is considered a major fund for FY2024.
  - This fund had an increase in fund balance of \$376,390 which is all restricted.



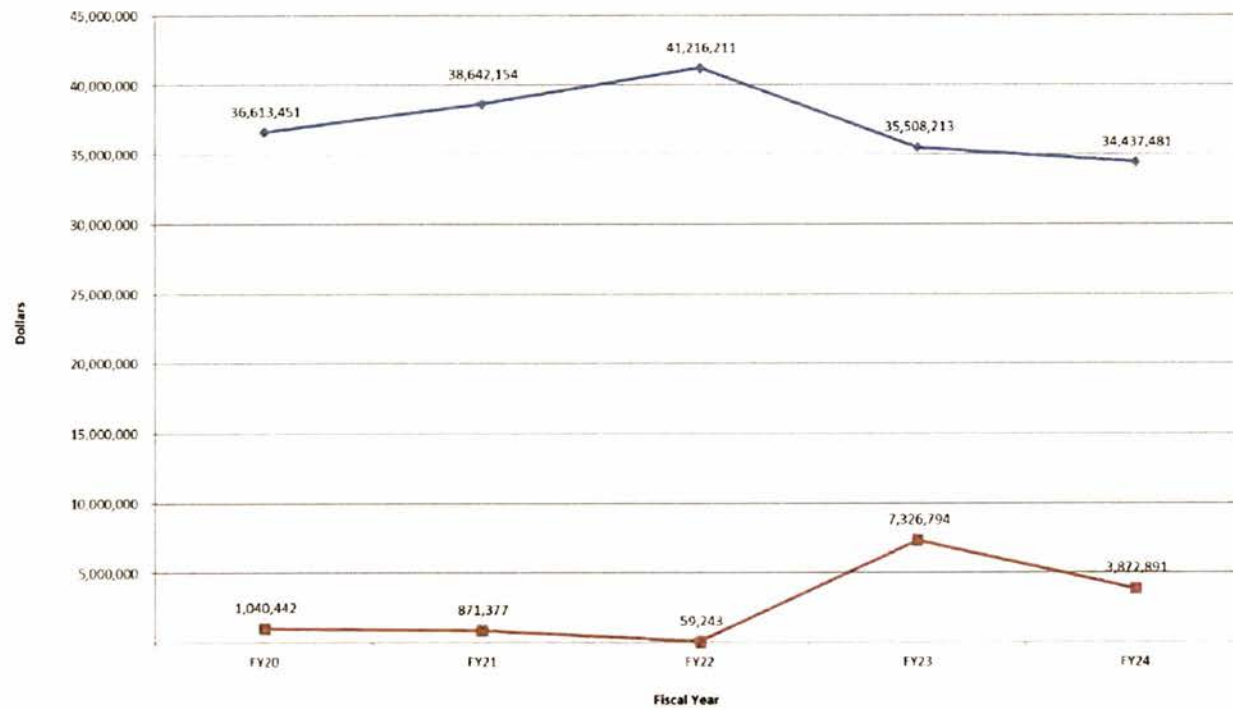
**Road Fund Balance Trend**



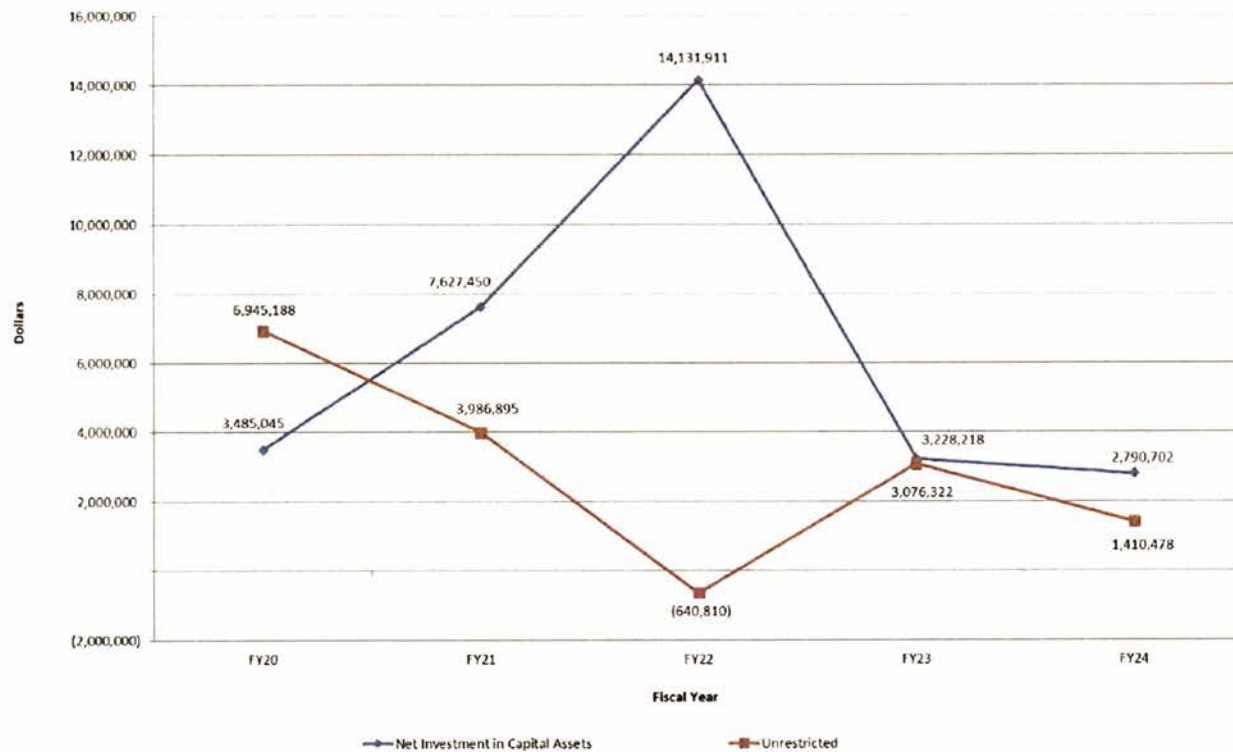
**Special Ad Valorem Capital Projects Fund Balance Trend**



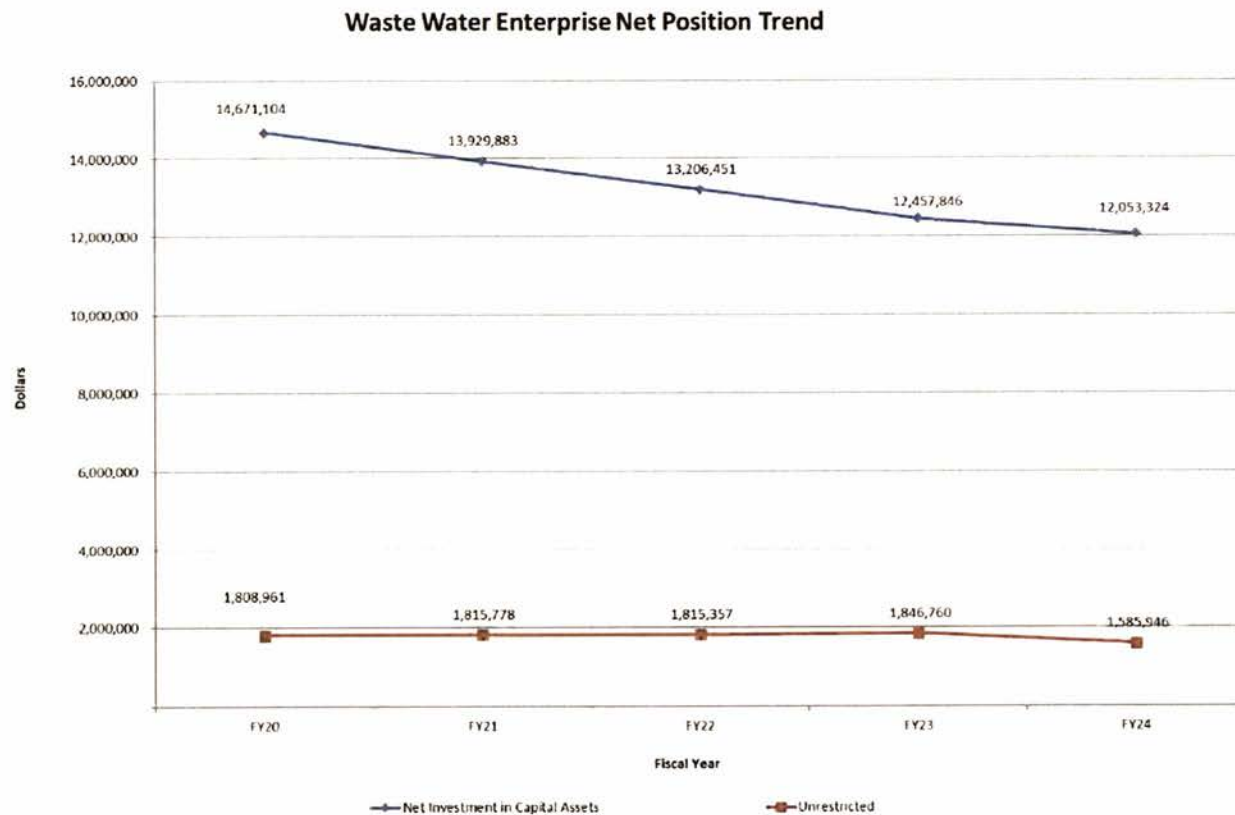
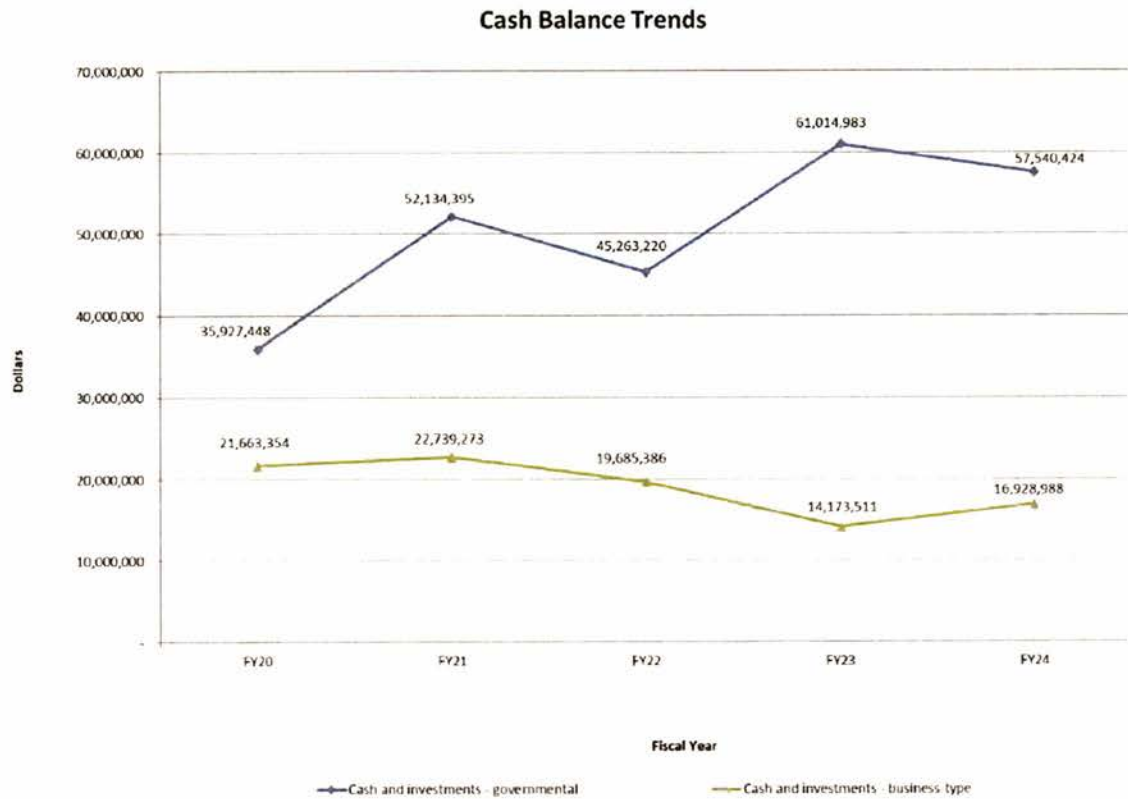
**CC Communications Telephone Net Position Trend**



**CC Communications Broadband Net Position Trend**







Member Alan Kalt said did you guys encounter any difficulties during the audit? Ms. Jones said no. In fact, this was an easier year than it has been previously. Things went really well. I know in the past we had some difficulty gathering information from CC Communications but this year went very well with the audit. Chad Atkinson, HintonBurdick, said we tried to improve the communication this year. We had regular updates that we were sending out on a weekly basis, regarding where the project was and information that we needed. I think that seemed to help all parties, the auditor and the auditees, and others involved in the oversight. I think that helped a lot. Ms. Jones said I would also add that I think there has been some additional staffing, as well, which also helped the overall audit. Member Kalt asked if there were any disagreements with management? Ms. Jones said no. Member Kalt asked if there were any concerns of fraud, waste, or abuse? Ms. Jones said no. I just wanted to cover my fiduciary responsibility as a board member to be sure we covered those things.

Mr. Kalt said I have a couple of comments about the audit. First, I am so proud that you guys got it done. Management got the statements out on November 22nd. Kudos to the county and CC Communications for doing that and, obviously, to the auditors for getting the audit completed before the deadline. I participate in the Committee for Local Government Finance meetings and the number of extensions that are being requested is just going up. The fact that you guys got it done is just great work. It is also great that there were no issues, no difficulties, no disagreements, and no fraud.

I would point, regarding Note 2 on the compliance for the Indigent Services Special Revenue Fund that, yes, it was overextended by \$21,000.00. Although, revenue exceeded the budget by \$383,000.00. The ending fund balance was \$1,200,000.00 and they were \$150,000.00 over budget. From a compliance and fiduciary responsibility standpoint, I do not see an issue. Yes, an augmentation should have been done. That is easy to say. When I was Comptroller, I never got them all done myself. I am not worried about that finding. Obviously, they will address it with the Department of Taxation and they will be happy with that.

Those were the questions and concerns that I had. There is some specific stuff that I may talk with Sherry and Jamie about offline about but I am just proud of the process, which went well. Mr. Atkinson said the connection is somewhat bad but I think we are catching most of the conversation but, if there is anything we need to respond to, let us know. Member Kalt said I was just complimenting everybody. Keep up the good work.

Member Sanford asked if there was any public comment but there was none.

**Member Alan Kalt made a motion to recommend acceptance of the audit report and related findings for the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2024 to the Board of County Commissioners. Member Joseph Sanford seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.**

**Discussion by Committee regarding matters affecting the committee:**

There was no further discussion.

**Consider and schedule future meeting dates and future Agenda items:**

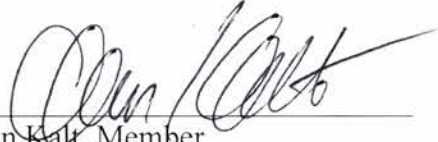
There were no future meeting dates or Agenda items suggested. However, it was noted that there will be new members next year and we may need to select a Chair and Vice-Chair earlier than the regularly scheduled meeting.

**Public Comment:**

Member Sanford asked if there was any public comment but there was none.

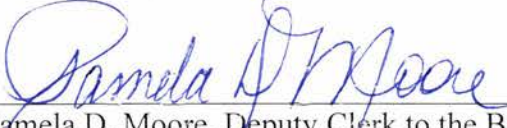
**Adjournment:**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:18 AM.

APPROVED:   
Alan Kalt, Member

ATTEST:

Linda Rothery, Clerk/Treasurer

  
Pamela D. Moore, Deputy Clerk to the Board