

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF CHURCHILL COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

155 N. Taylor St., Fallon, NV 89406

January 21, 2026

Call to Order:

The regular meeting of the Board of County Commissioners was called to order at 1:15 PM on January 21, 2026.

PRESENT: Commissioner Myles Getto
Commissioner Eric Blakey
Commissioner Matt Hyde
County Manager Chris Spross
Comptroller Sherry Wideman
Chief Civil Deputy District Attorney Wade Carner
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 14th day of January, 2026, between the hours of 1:00 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:

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- December 4, 2025.

The Minutes of the meeting held on December 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 December 4, 2025, as presented. Commissioner Matt Hyde seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

Appointments:

A- Consideration and possible action re: 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.

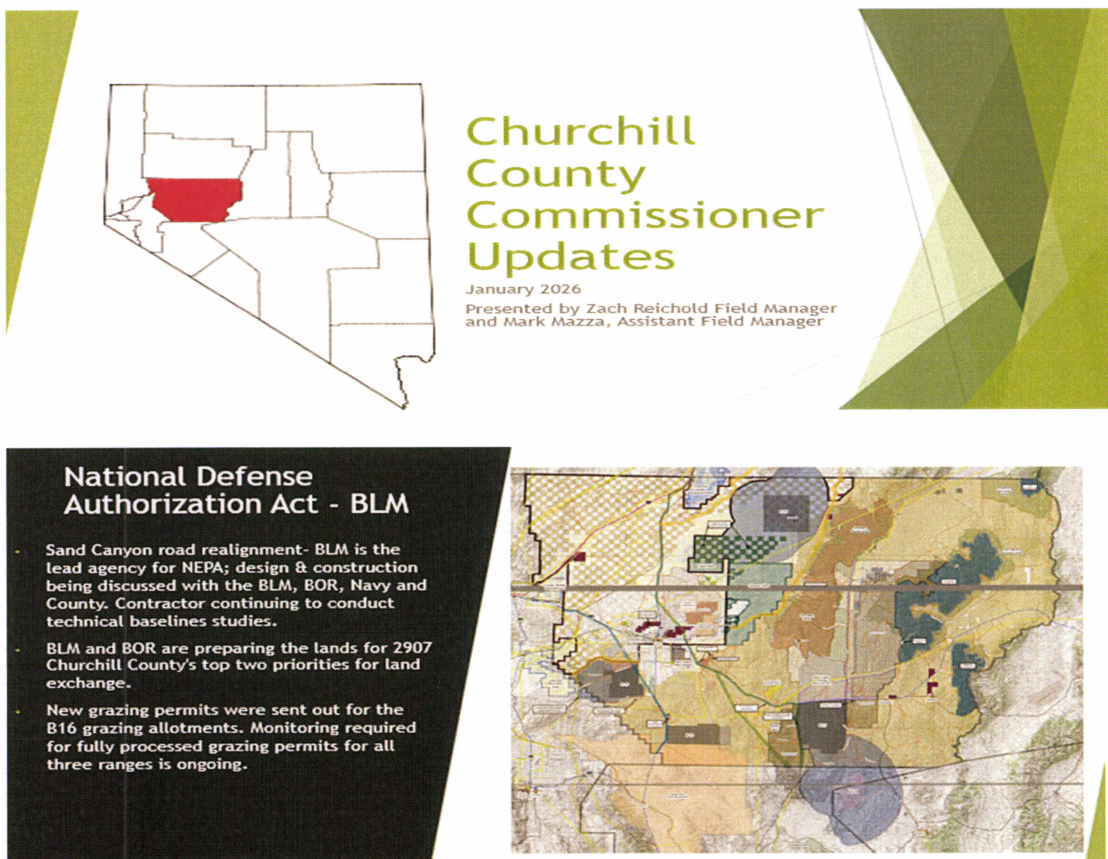
FISCAL IMPACT: N/A

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: N/A

FUNDING SOURCE: N/A

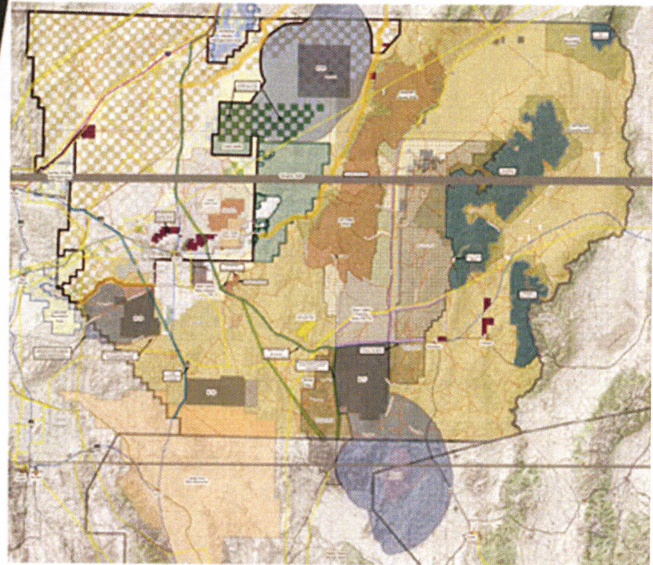
ACTION REQUESTED: None; Informational Only

Mark Mazza and Zach Reichold presented the following PowerPoint presentation:



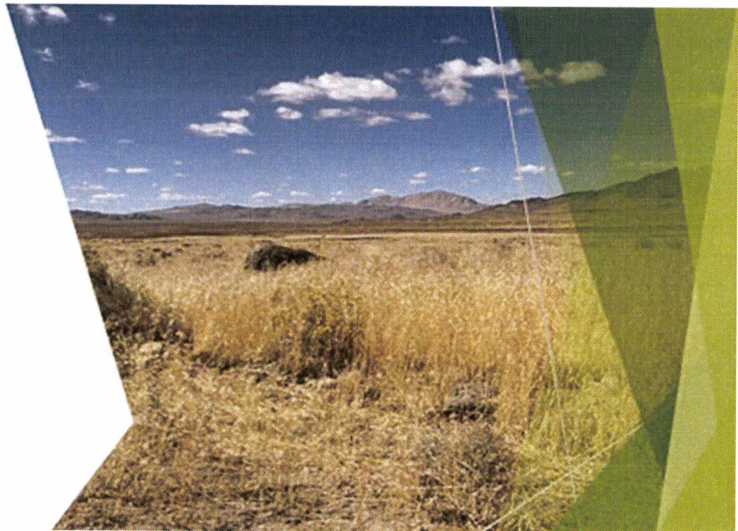
National Defense Authorization Act - BLM cont.

- Section 2908- 100% draft of the Churchill County Checkerboard Resolution Implementation Strategy Plan (Plan) completed. A second meeting early Feb. to go over Plan with County. BLM sending Memorandum of Understanding draft to County for Section 2908 for review first.
- State Route 361- BLM is a cooperating agency. FHWA and NDOT conducting baseline surveys. BLM sent edits to contractor 12/15 on baseline reports and draft EA. BLM processing geotechnical boring application.
- Great Basin "Gabbs Lateral" pipeline relocation (B-17)- BLM is a cooperating agency. BLM attends bi-monthly meetings. BLM reviewing baseline reports and draft EA, some baseline studies not completed.



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)
 - ▶ Rotations occurring using water hauls
- ▶ February 28th is the last day of this project in 2026



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Greater Sage Grouse Amendment

- ▶ The Greater Sage-grouse Draft Resource Management Plan (RMP) Amendment and Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), the Record of Decision (ROD) signed on December 22, 2025

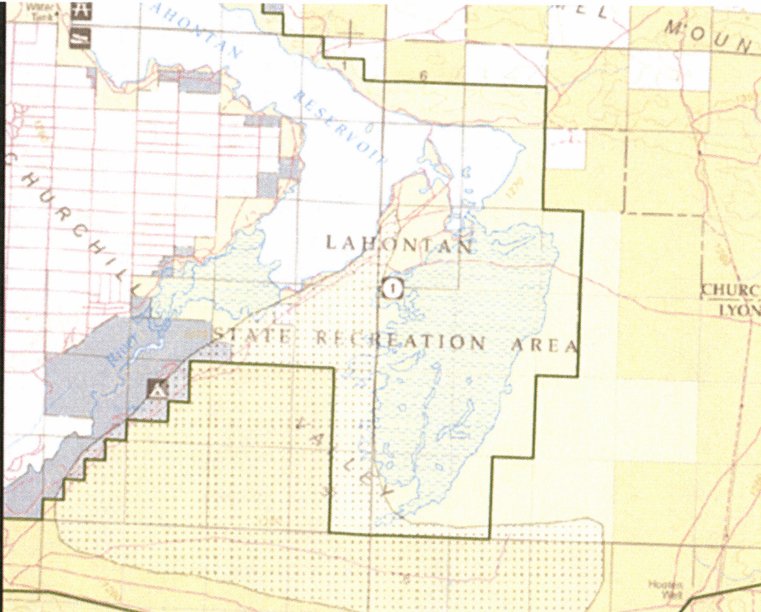
- ▶ available on BLM's National NEPA Register at:

<https://eplanning.blm.gov/eplanning-ui/project/2016719/570>

- ▶ Six alternatives were analyzed in the EIS
- ▶ Includes a model that emphasizes local area working groups and shared stewardship for those that want to get involved in habitat restoration projects
- ▶ Includes Nevada specific best management practices for grazing and has built in drought responses

Wild Horse and Burro

- ▶ Census flights completed March 2025. Currently planning for 2026 census flights. 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.
- ▶ Next priority is the North Complex (Washoe County) horse gather and HMAP. North Complex includes the Flanigan, Dogskin Mtn & Granite Peak Herd Management Areas. Currently finalizing management evaluation report and preparing draft HMAP, scoping expected February 2026.
- ▶ 20 saddle-trained wild horses and burros will be available for adoption on February 21 at the Northern Nevada Correctional Center.



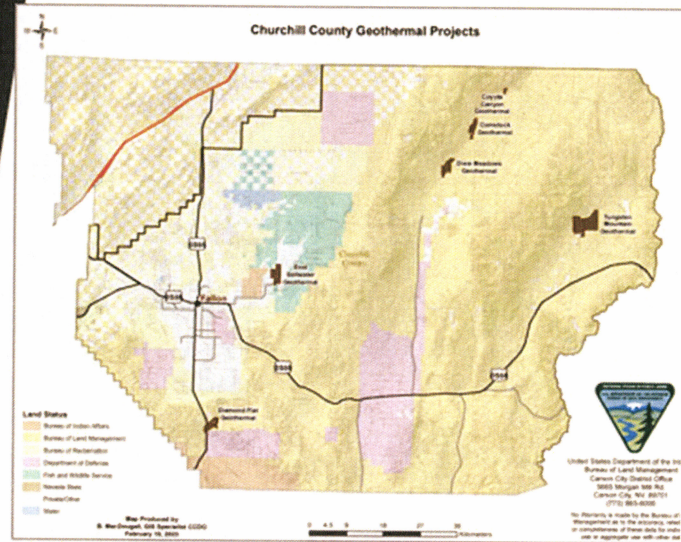
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Geothermal Projects

- ▶ (no update) Dixie Meadows EIS: A baseline requirements document has been completed with USFWS, NASF, and BLM and provided to Ormat.
- ▶ (no update) Ormat is working in Lyon County on another project called Mason which is geothermal resource confirmation on USFS managed lands where BLM manages geothermal.



Minerals Projects

- ▶ 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. Plan has been approved and baselines are currently in review.

Lands & Realty

Edwards Creek "War Canyon" ROW EA

- ▶ ROW application for water pipelines within War Canyon, Starr Canyon, and Cherry Creek.
 - ▶ Waiting for proponent and NEPA Contractor to respond to Plan of Development questions.

Renewal Applications

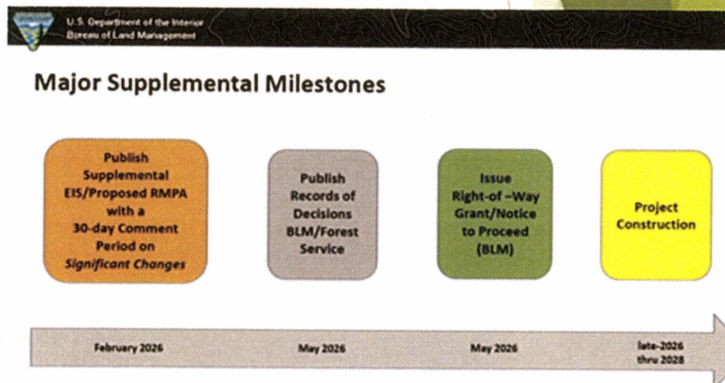
- ▶ 3 Renewals are being processed (NVN04875, NVN045156, Dixie Valley Road)

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Lands & Realty

Greenlink North

- ▶ 500 kV line with 4 GW of power that extends from Walker Substation in Yerington, NV to Robinson Substation in Ely, NV generally following Highway 50.
- Currently in the process of developing a Supplemental EIS/Proposed RMP Amendment that would respond to:
 - ❑ Issues from the protest period
 - ❑ Governor's Office request to modify or remove restrictions on construction in greater sage-grouse habitat
 - ❑ Management direction changes in the 2025 Great Sage-Grouse Plan Amendment



Questions

Mr. Spross stated, as you have heard with this update from Mr. Mazza and Mr. Reichold, several of these items have little or no update to them. It has been brought to me by a couple members of the Commission that maybe it would be best to have these meetings every quarter, with sort of a caveat from both sides that, if the BLM has something that needs to be brought to the board's attention, that they contact us and ask to be added to the Agenda, and vice-versa. I have talked to Mr. Mazza and Mr. Reichold, and they are amenable to that, so it really comes down to whether the board is interested in moving this to a quarterly update. Chair Getto, Commissioner Blakey, and Commissioner Hyde were agreeable to quarterly updates from the BLM. Mr. Spross clarified that the updates would take place each January, April, July, and October.

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

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

B - Consideration and possible action re: Application for Community Support funding from the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 8071, in the amount of \$750.00, to support the VFW for the Vietnam Veterans Benefit Event on March 29, 2026.

The Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 8071, a non-profit organization, is applying for funding to support the VFW for Vietnam Veterans Event, which is to be held on March 29, 2026. The event is free and is open to the public, and provides an opportunity for learning history, and honoring the brave soldiers who fought in the Vietnam War. The event expects around 100 or more people to participate, and they have provided a full budget breakdown for the event. The amount to be awarded will cover three items from the event budget, including the sound system, the national anthem singer, and the additional programs. There has been one prior event of this nature held, and they hope to make it an annual event with future goals to expand into classroom talks and legacy videos with life stories from soldiers who served during the Vietnam War.

FISCAL IMPACT: FY26: +/- \$750.00.

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: The selected amount to cover specific items takes into account the budget cuts to the miscellaneous grant line item in the community support budget. To date, the miscellaneous grant line item has \$3,105.02 remaining for FY26.

FUNDING SOURCE: Community Support/Miscellaneous Grants Line Item: 100-401-70300

ACTION REQUESTED: Accept

Stuart Cook with the VFW 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 funding for Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 8071, in the amount of \$750.00, to support the VFW for the Vietnam Veterans Benefit Event on March 29, 2026. Commissioner Eric Blakey seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

C- Update on the Fallon Range Training Complex Modernization/National Defense Authorization Act.

Staff will provide a progress update on the Fallon Range Training Complex and the National Defense Authorization Act. This includes updates on:

- Lone Tree Road Reconstruction
- Sand Canyon Road Construction
- Status of grazing permits
- Checkerboard Resolution
- Direct Land Conveyances

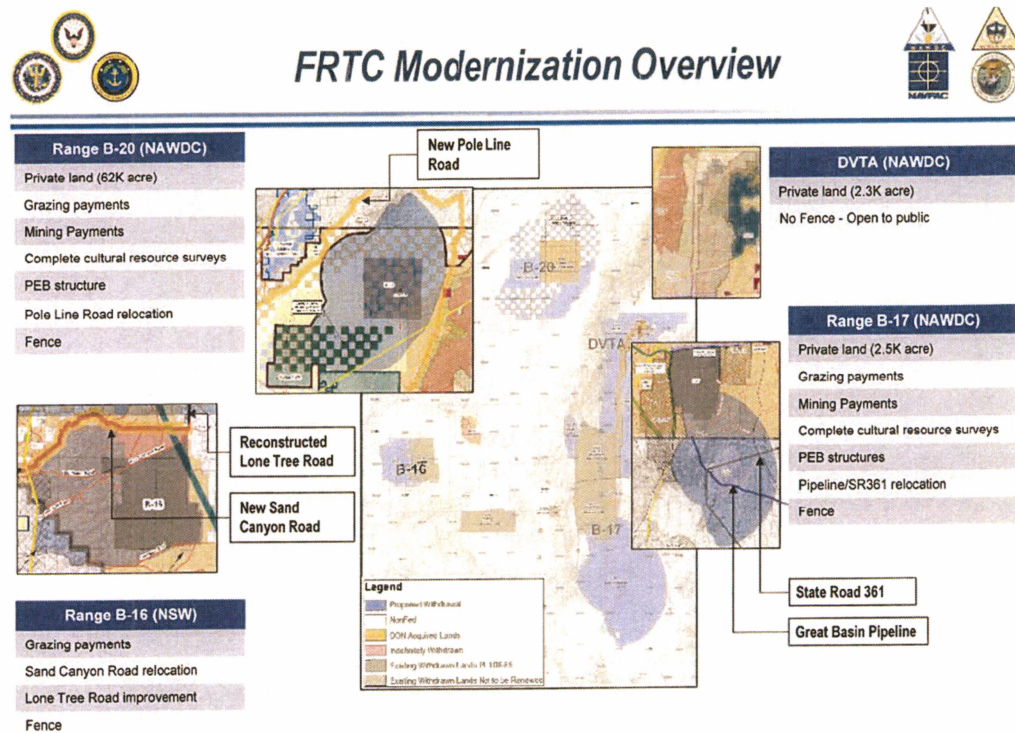
FISCAL IMPACT: N/A

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: N/A

FUNDING SOURCE: N/A

ACTION REQUESTED: None; Informational Only

Chris Spross, County Manager, presented the following PowerPoint presentation:



Massive multi-year program authorized in FY23 NDAA, will run into FY31

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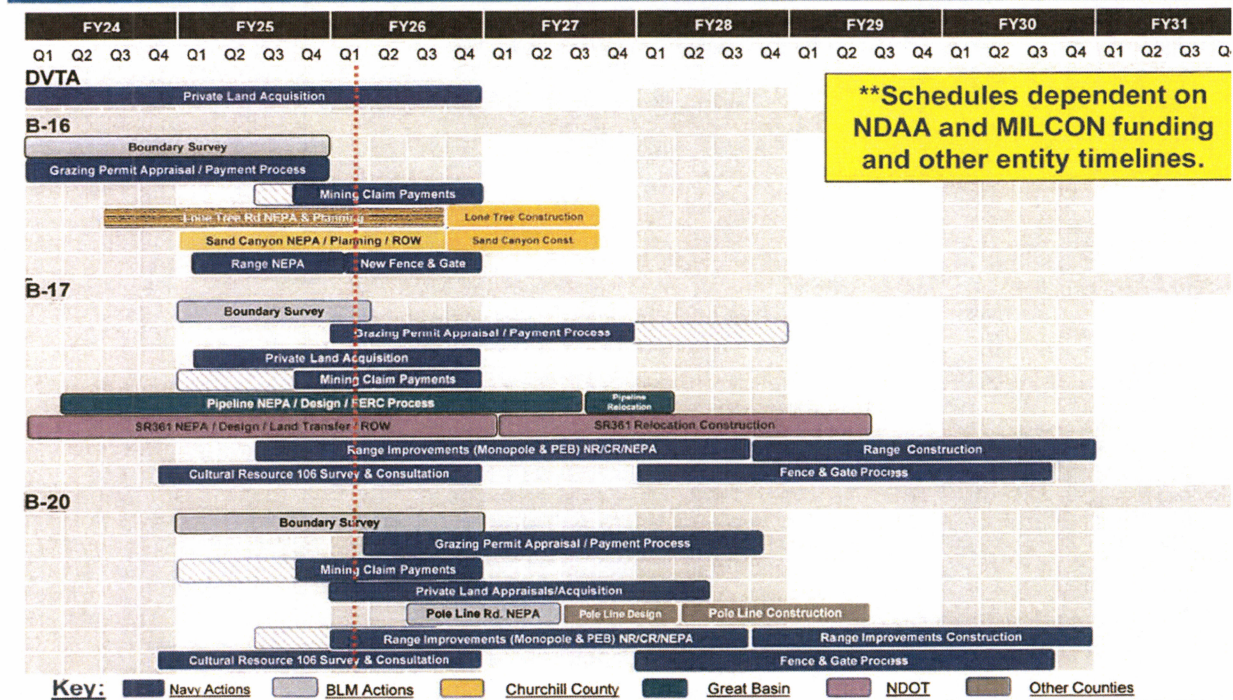
FY26 Plan Updates Year 4 Implementation



Task	Description	Timeline Driver*	Update (Dec. 3, 2025)
DVTA Private Land acquisition	All offers made in DVTA/B17	P442 active appropriations	92 Parcels Acquired; In progress;
B16 Grazing payments / modifications	Offers made; BLM modified permits	P442 active appropriations	2 Offers Made; In progress
B16/17/20 Nominal Mining Payments	Initiation of mining claim payments; Offers sent AUG 2025	P445 active appropriations	Offer letters sent; In Progress
B16 Fence under contract	B16 Fencing work now under contract / in progress	P442 active appropriations	In Progress
B16 Sand Canyon Rd. NEPA	BLM lead; interagency coordination on scope	Complete prior to P448 Construction	Biological Surveys in Progress
B16 Lone Tree Rd. NEPA	Navy lead; interagency coordination from NDOT, FHWA, and Navy to County during design and construction.	Complete prior to P448 Construction	In Progress
B17 Great Basin (GB) Pipeline: NEPA /Design	Coordination with GB on NEPA/Design, with FERC overseeing pipeline realignment and regulatory compliance.	P444 Funds	In Progress
B17 State Route 361: NEPA/Design	Coordination with NDOT on BLM RoW applications	P444 Funds	In Progress
B20 Private Land acquisition	Begin issuance of Private Land Offers in B20; Land Appraisals in progress.	P442/P445/P446 Funds	Initial Notifications Underway
B20 Pole Line Rd. NEPA surveys	BLM lead; design funds/planning	P447 Funds	In Progress



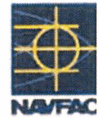
Range Overview Slide



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NEPA Actions



•B-16 infrastructure development EA

- EA finalized and FONSI signed Oct. 1, 2025
- Boundary fence installation started; expanded B-16 remains open to public at this time



•B-17 infrastructure development EA

- Infrastructure requirements in development
- NR/CR surveys and consultations planned for 2026
- EA planned for 2027

•B-20 infrastructure development EA

- Infrastructure requirements in development
- NR/CR surveys and consultations planned for 2026
- EA planned for 2027



•Lone Tree Road Improvements NEPA

- On hold, awaiting road design from contractor



U.S. Department of the Interior
Bureau of Land Management

REALTY ACTIONS

Section 2908 - Checkerboard Resolution Area

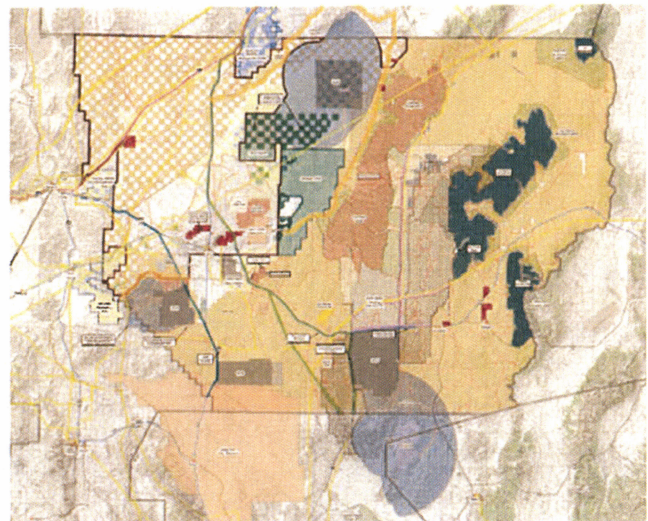
BLM is the lead agency on the land exchange process.

Community Impact: The focus is for DOI and Churchill County private landowners to consolidate Federal land and non-Federal land ownership in Churchill County, NV.

Completed: BLM, BOR and Churchill County met 12/3 to discuss Plan and timeline.

Current: Working to schedule BLM NV State Director briefing.

Next: Schedule meeting with BLM, BOR, and Churchill County to review plan.



Section 2907 – Land Conveyances and Exchanges

25,386 acres of Churchill County lands and 13,920 acres of Federal Lands are identified for exchange.

Community Impact R&PPs to Churchill County:

- Section 2907 also identifies 6,892 acres of Federal land for conveyance to Churchill County for the public purposes of
 - constructing and operating a new fire station
 - expansion of an existing wastewater treatment facility
 - operation or expansion of existing gravel pits and rock quarries (10)
 - construction and operation of public recreational facilities (3)
 - 212 acres to the City of Fallon

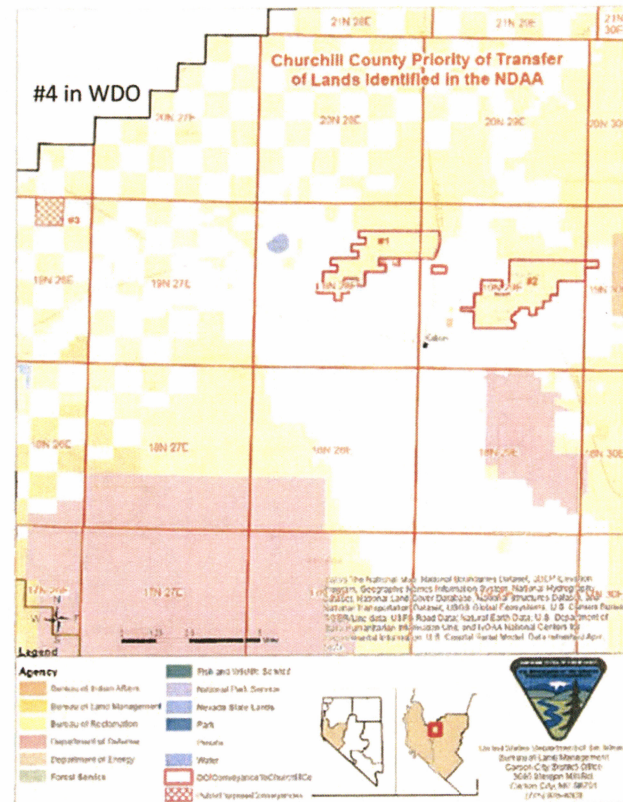
Churchill County four priorities:

1. Township 19.N Range 28.E and Range 29.E
2. Township 19.N, Range 29.E and Range 30.E
3. Section 2, Township 19.N, Range 26.E
4. Sections 26, 27, 34 and 35, Township 22.N, Range 26.E.

Completed: BOR and Churchill County in discussion on priority parcels to be exchanged. Timeline and draft budget plan submitted to BLM management for review for budget considerations. BLM, BOR, and Churchill County met 12/3 to discuss timeline & process.

Current: BLM and BOR preparing a Memorandum of Understanding on roles and responsibilities on land exchange process.

Next: Need to schedule meetings with Churchill County to discuss next steps.



Chair Getto said for the sake of clarity, each range, once everything has been met on that range, that is when it gets closed off. That includes grazing payments, mining payments, etc. Mr. Spross said that is 100% correct and, it is not just saying, “we have a new road, and we can close it off.” As part of the bill, and as part of the law, every item in each one of those ranges has to be met before that range can be closed off and go operational. B16 can be 100% done and B17 just started; they can use B16, but each individual range have to be taken care of before they are closed off.

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

Letters Received:

A- Bureau of Land Management's notification of its issuance of a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI), Decision Record (DR), and Plan of Operations Approval for Nevada Gold Mines LLC (NGM) — Swift Exploration Project in Lander County, Nevada.

On December 18, 2025, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) issued a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI), a Decision Record (DR), and Plan of Operations Approval for the Nevada Gold Mines LLC (NGM) — Swift Exploration Project in Lander County, Nevada.

NGM has been authorized to conduct mining exploration activities on public lands administered by the BLM approximately 27 miles southeast of Battle Mountain, Nevada, Lander County. The plan boundary encompasses approximately 21,160 acres of BLM-administered public lands. The plan proposes to conduct phased exploration activities over a 20-year period, with up to 200 acres of surface disturbance. Exploration activities will consist of reverse circulation, core, and hollow-stem auger drilling from constructed drill sites; constructed roads; overland travel routes; drill site and sump construction; test pits and trenches; bulk sampling; and support facilities, such as an office trailer, water well, communication sites, generators, and fuel storage.

FISCAL IMPACT: N/A

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: N/A

FUNDING SOURCE: N/A

ACTION REQUESTED: None; Informational Only

B- Nevada's Division of Environmental Protection's Request for release/spill information from I & M Logistic Transport, Inc. related to a spill that occurred on Highway 95 south of Fallon, Nevada.

The Nevada Division of Environmental Protection (NDEP) received notification on December 18, 2025, of a Release/Spill (Release) of contaminants at Highway 95, South of Fallon, Churchill County, Nevada. On December 2, 2025, an I & M Logistic Transport tanker truck lost control and released an estimated 200–400 gallons of industrial oil, which impacted an approximate 20' X 20' area of soil near Highway 95, mile marker 12 in Churchill County, Nevada. Because this release appears to have resulted in contamination and exceeds limits or quantities established by Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) 445A.347 or 445A.3473, I & M Logistic Transport is required to provide an evaluation of the release per NAC 445A.2269 and NAC 445A.227, no later than February 5, 2026, as outlined in the notice.

FISCAL IMPACT: N/A

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: N/A

FUNDING SOURCE: N/A

ACTION REQUESTED: None; Informational Only

New Business:

1:25 PM A- Consideration and possible action re: Adoption of Resolution 1-2026 authorizing the Clerk/Treasurer to sell property held in trust because of unpaid taxes, directing publication of the Notice of the Tax Sale as provided in statutes, and other matters properly relating thereto.

NRS 361.595 provides for the sale of any property held in trust by the Churchill County Clerk/Treasurer for unpaid taxes. A list of properties currently held in trust for unpaid taxes is provide with this Resolution and marked as Exhibit "A". This resolution directs Linda Rothery, Churchill County Clerk/Treasurer, or her duly authorized Deputy, to sell said trust properties to the highest bidder for cash of a total amount not less than the amount of taxes, costs, penalties, interest, and recording fees legally chargeable against the property.

The Clerk/Treasurer shall hold the sale online May 14 and 15, 2026. NRS 361.585(3) provides

that the taxpayer has until May 11, 2026 to make tax payments and, therefore, the list of properties actually sold may be different. In the event that all properties are redeemed, no tax sale will take place.

FISCAL IMPACT: Not known until the tax sale is conducted or taxes are redeemed.

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: Either the unpaid taxes will be paid and deposited or the tax sale will take place but it is unknown at this time if any parcels will be sold.

FUNDING SOURCE: General Fund.

ACTION REQUESTED: Adopt

Linda Rothery, Clerk/Treasurer, made this presentation as outlined above.

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

Commissioner Eric Blakey made a motion to adopt Resolution 1-2026 authorizing the Clerk/Treasurer to sell property held in trust because of unpaid taxes, directing publication of the Notice of the Tax Sale as provided in statutes, and other matters properly relating thereto. Commissioner Matt Hyde seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

B- Consideration and possible action re: Adoption of Resolution 2-2026, a resolution establishing the travel expenses and subsistence allowance for Churchill County effective January 1, 2026, noting the new mileage rate of 72.5 cents per mile and per diem rate of \$68.00 per day.

In May 2002, the Board of County Commissioners approved Bill 2002-G, Ordinance 33, amending Title 2 regarding travel expenses and subsistence allowance. That change allows the board to change the allowances to match the standard rates in the Internal Revenue Service Publication 463, Travel, Entertainment, Gift and Car Expenses as published annually by Resolution. Provided to the board is the Resolution, which seeks to update the mileage rate to match the IRS notification for the period beginning January 1, 2026.

The mileage rate will be 72.5 cents per mile, and the per diem total rate will increase to \$68.00 per day.

FISCAL IMPACT: The fiscal impact is undetermined because we do not know how many employees will be traveling but they will be paid in accordance with IRS Publication 453 and this Resolution.

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: As employees travel, the rate must be paid in accordance with IRS Publication 463 and this Resolution.

FUNDING SOURCE: General Fund.

ACTION REQUESTED: Accept

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

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

Commissioner Matt Hyde made a motion to adopt Resolution 2-2026, a resolution establishing the travel expenses and subsistence allowance for Churchill County effective January 1, 2026, noting the new mileage rate of 72.5 cents per mile and per diem rate of \$68.00 per day. Commissioner Eric Blakey seconded the motion which, carried by unanimous vote.

C- Consideration and possible action re: Reappointment of Bob Getto, Tom Riggins, and Alan Kalt to serve another term as regular members on the Board of Equalization through December 31, 2029.

The Churchill County Board of Equalization (BOE) has the authority and is directed to determine the valuation of any property assessed by the County Assessor. Based upon such determination, the Board of Equalization may change the correct valuation found to be incorrect as it is necessary to make it conform to the taxable value of the property assessed. The Board of Equalization is comprised of five (5) members and one (1) alternate appointed by the Board of County Commissioners, who serve four (4) year terms.

Bob Getto, Tom Riggins, and Alan Kalt are regular members whose terms expired on December 31, 2025. All of these members have expressed the desire to continue serving for another four (4) year term. All of these members have an understanding of the duties and responsibilities of the board. Staff recommends their reappointment to the Board of Equalization.

FISCAL IMPACT: N/A

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: N/A

FUNDING SOURCE: N/A

ACTION REQUESTED: Accept

Chair Getto disclosed that he will abstain from voting because Bob Getto is his uncle.

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

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

Commissioner Eric Blakey made a motion to reappoint Bob Getto, Tom Riggins, and Alan Kalt to serve another term as regular members on the Board of Equalization through December 31, 2029. Commissioner Matt Hyde seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote of the two Commissioners voting with the abstention from voting of Chair Getto.

D- Consideration and possible action re: Approval of a Fleet Services Vehicle Replacement Policy.

Churchill County recently implemented a Fleet Services Department to ensure a managed routine maintenance and service policy for all county-owned vehicles. This department has helped ensure all county-owned vehicles are properly maintained, serviced, and accounted for. The Fleet Services Vehicle Replacement Policy is a guide on the replacement plan for county-owned vehicles, facilitating budgeting and strategic planning for the county's fleet.

FISCAL IMPACT: Costs are variable as no current standard exists.

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: This policy will ensure a more uniform and planned transition of vehicles throughout the County occurs. It is expected to cause minimal direct fiscal impact, but ensure newer vehicles are utilized in the correct departments related to public safety and passenger transportation.

FUNDING SOURCE: N/A

ACTION REQUESTED: Accept

Joe Sanford, Assistant County Manager/HR Director, made this presentation as outlined above.

Commissioner Blakey said I would like for us to define patrol vehicles, to make sure that those vehicles are police package ready, so there is no confusion of what vehicle will be purchased for patrol. That is a vital asset for those vehicles and to that department to ensure they do not have more maintenance problems than a regular vehicle. Because of the type of use, I would like us to consider defining that more.

Sheriff Hickox said I spoke with Gary (with Fleet Services) about this, and he had some ideas that differ from ours as far as rotation of vehicles. I just want it on the record that the agreement between Gary and I is that we will have a say in it; that we can sit down and they will propose the vehicles that are due to be out, and then we can talk about the usage of different types of vehicles coming in, so that it is not dictated by a person who maybe does not know the needs of our agency. We had a very good conversation about it, and a good understanding on it, but I just want it on the record, that the departments would have a say in the type of vehicle they feel is most appropriate for their agency, and it is not just blind-purchased bought for them.

Commissioner Hyde said he agrees with everything stated, and Chair Getto agreed, stating when we make the motion we will include "as discussed in this meeting", and they can look at the Minutes if they need to.

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

Commissioner Matt Hyde made a motion to approve the Fleet Services Vehicle Replacement Policy as presented and as discussed in this meeting. Commissioner Eric Blakey seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

E- Consideration and possible action re: Approval to begin immediate recruitment of an Associate Planner or Senior Planner to address a planned retirement.

The Churchill County Planning Department serves a critical function in county government, ensuring new and expanding businesses meet the requirements of our zoning codes. As Churchill County continues to develop, it is absolutely critical that businesses and individuals receive accurate and timely responses to their zoning questions. Churchill County has been blessed to have a great Planning Department over the last few years, with many needed critical process updates being implemented. Unfortunately, Dean Patterson, Senior Planner, will be retiring in the next few months (March-May), depending on the needs of the department and PERS eligibility. Mr. Patterson has an incredible amount of institutional knowledge that needs

to be passed on to the next person. However, Churchill County's Planning Technician recently left his position, leaving the department with no planning personnel after Mr. Patterson's retirement.

It would be a significant benefit to Churchill County to hire a new Planner with at least some overlap period to ensure all processes and procedures can be transferred. Accordingly, an immediate recruitment for this position is requested.

FISCAL IMPACT: Any overlap would not exceed the current personnel budget for the department.

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: As outlined above.

FUNDING SOURCE: General Fund.

ACTION REQUESTED: Accept

Joe Sanford, Assistant County Manager/HR Director, made this presentation as outlined above.

Commissioner Blakey stated that the Planning Department is critical to the future of the county, and I do not want to restrict this department any more than we have to. We currently have two positions that are in the budget right now, which are a Planning Tech and a Senior Planner. I would like to, if we can, consider a change in the motion to include all three of those positions: Planning Tech, Senior Planner, and Associate Planner, so we can fill two of those positions, but recruit for three, and, hopefully, we get two, so it gives options to be fully staffed again. That is my recommendation on this item.

Manager Spross asked the board, based on that motion, if the county cannot find a Senior Planner, but there are two Associate Planners that would want to come to work, is this board authorizing the ability to hire both of those Associate Planners, or are you looking to either fill a Senior Planner position and a Associate Planner position, and then separately a Planning Tech? I would like to make sure the Planning Department has the flexibility to hire what they think they need.

Mr. Hines said, in the nearly two years I have been here, we have had a Planner and a Planning Tech. We feel that it would be beneficial for our department to have two Planners, whether that is two Associate Planners, with the opportunity to grow into a Senior Planner, or have a Senior Planner and another Planner. We could take care of the "tech" part of that with Diane, as she is pretty much that Planning Tech position, and her position is the same pay grade as that. It would be more of a benefit for us to have two Planners with as much work that comes through the department. We have done a lot of work with just our Senior Planner, because we did not have a Planning Tech for quite a while.

Commissioner Blakey asked Mr. Hines to define the difference between the Senior Planner position and an Associate Planner position. Mr. Hines said it is probably just experience. The Senior Planner has their planning degree, and then they have the experience. The Associate Planner probably has their planning degree, fresh out of college, and is gaining their experience. The Planning Tech does not really have the credentials to have a degree, and they are kind of more that tech position. Looking at the salaries, a Senior Planner and a Planning

Tech are within one thousand dollars of two Associate Planners. If we did find two Associate Planners, that would be similar to what we pay today, which would not be that much of an increase in salary and benefits. Mr. Spross asked Mr. Hines, what if you find a Senior Planner and an Associate Planner? Mr. Hines said starting it is an increase of \$17,000.00 with benefits at Grade 1, and at mid-grade, it is about \$18,000.00 increase. Commissioner Blakey said \$18,000.00 above your current budget if we hired a Senior Planner and an Associate Planner? Mr. Hines said yes, but the current Senior Planner is maxed out, so it would actually be a decrease. I was just taking starting pay at Grade 1 and Grade 7. Commissioner Blakey said your department does have a return on that, and it is not a dead expense department, so you do bring in revenue to alleviate an increase. Mr. Hines said that is correct, and there is an upcoming workshop to address fee schedule increases.

Commissioner Blakey said I think this is a vital and important department that we need to make sure that we do not hold back on, so Mr. Hines can move forward. He has a full plate already. We can make that motion to say, "the immediate recruitment of Planning Tech, Associate Tech, and a Senior Planner", and it can be two Associate Planners if necessary.

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

Commissioner Eric Blakey made a motion to authorize the immediate recruitment of a Permit Tech, Associate Planner, or Senior Planner, and to hire 2 Associate Planners, 1 Associate Planner and 1 Senior Planner, or any combination of 2 of the 3 positions. 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: Recorder's Monthly Apportionment Report for December 2025 totaling \$15,967.20 in revenue.

Churchill County Recorder, Tasha Hessey, provides her Recorder's Monthly Apportionment Report for December 2025 totaling \$15,967.20 in revenue for the month.

FISCAL IMPACT: \$15,967.20 in revenue.

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

FUNDING SOURCE: General Fund

ACTION REQUESTED: Accept

C- Consideration and possible action re: Recorder's 2nd Quarter Mining Claim Filing Fees Report for the period October - December 2025.

Recorder, Tasha Hessey, provides her 2nd Quarter Mining Claim Filing Fee Report for the period October - December 2025 required by NRS 517.185. Details can be obtained from reviewing the report.

FISCAL IMPACT: N/A

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: N/A

FUNDING SOURCE: N/A

ACTION REQUESTED: Accept

D- Consideration and possible action re: Recorder's 2nd Fiscal Quarter Real Property Transfer Tax (RPTT) Report for period October - December 2025.

Recorder, Tasha Hessey, provides her 2nd Fiscal Quarter Real Property Transfer Tax (RPTT) for October - December 2025. Further details can be obtained by reviewing the report.

FISCAL IMPACT: N/A

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: N/A

FUNDING SOURCE: N/A

ACTION REQUESTED: Accept

E- Consideration and possible action re: Public Works, Planning & Building Department's Revenue Reports for December 2025, showing a total for Public Works & Planning of \$24,158.69, and a total for Building of \$42,468.50 in revenue for the month.

The Public Works and Building Department submits the December 2025 revenue reports for the board's consideration and acceptance. Public Works and Planning reported total revenues of \$24,158.69 and a total for Building of \$42,468.50 in revenue for the month.

FISCAL IMPACT: Public Works Planning \$24,158.69 and Building \$.42,468.50.

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 December 2025.

Provided for the board's review is the report showing 30 buildings issued in the month of December 2025. Included in the 30 permits are 4 single-family-dwelling permits, 4 commercial permits, and 0 industrial permits. Additionally, 0 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 4th Quarter 2025 Death in Custody Report showing no deaths at the Churchill County Law Enforcement Facility for the quarter.

Nevada Revised Statutes require the Sheriff to provide a quarterly Death in Custody Report. Sheriff Hickox provides his 4th Quarter 2025 Death in Custody Report showing no deaths at the Churchill County Law Enforcement Facility for that period.

FISCAL IMPACT: N/A

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: N/A

FUNDING SOURCE: N/A

ACTION REQUESTED: Accept

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:

No future items were discussed.

Commissioner and Management Staff Reports:

Commissioner Getto reported on the following topics:

- Attended an RTC Meeting.

Commissioner Hyde reported on the following topics:

- Toured the base expansion on B16, and it gave me a lot better understanding on what they are trying to do. It was very eye-opening with the weapons that we have, and to continue to provide the best training in the world for the Navy Seals. It was very worthwhile and very interesting. The knowledge they have of every piece of equipment was absolutely amazing. I am grateful I had the opportunity to check that out.

Commissioner Blakey reported on the following topics:

- Attended Assembly Bill 211 training on receivership.
- Attended the New Frontier ribbon cutting ceremony and open house. The Lieutenant Governor, Assemblyman Koenig, and Mayor Tedford attended, as well.
- Attended the Wildland Fire update meeting for this area. The most valuable thing I learned there was that we have cameras on top of Fairview Peak and you can access them.
- Attended a Fire Board Meeting.
- Attended the Chamber Luncheon.
- Attended a CEDA Board Meeting.
- Attended a Museum Meeting.

Manager Spross reported on the following topics.

- Attended the Wildfire update meeting.
- Attended the RTC Meeting.
- Attended the Navy tour with Commissioner Hyde. It was very informative and it really does open your eyes as to why the expansion is needed and its purpose.

Comptroller Wideman reported on the following topics:

- Working on the 2027 budget.

Civil DA Carner had nothing to report.

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

- Mr. Spross and I have been having budget meetings with individual departments. We will have more information as the budget moves forward.

Clerk/Treasurer Rothery reported on the following topics:

- Our office is busy collecting Property Taxes. Delinquent Property Taxes are being handled in a different way: we send out notifications, and a lot of those parcels are part of the tax sale list, which we are completing the due process for.
- We have been working on Primary Elections, with the Judicial Filing closing this last Friday, and we are starting the Mail Ballot Process.

Deputy Clerk to the Board Moore reported on the following topics:

- I have distributed the Jim Regan Memorial Scholarship Applications, which is open now, and due April 3rd. This is open to casual county employees or their dependents. It is not open to regular county employees, because they have the education reimbursement part of our code. Please share with everyone.
- I need clarification from Commissioner Hyde and Chair Getto regarding the Nevada Works Board. There is some confusion from the last meeting, and I would like to discuss that after this meeting.

Recorder Hessey had nothing to report.

Assessor Felton reported on the following topics:

- Board of Equalization training is next week. Thank you for re-appointing the very qualified members. Currently we have two appeals; one is an unsecured property and the other is a residential mixed property.

Sheriff Hickox had nothing to report.

Anne McMillian, Public Information Officer, stated she is happy to share her office with the new IT professional, Ken Hanke.

Claims and Payroll Transmittals:

Public Comment:

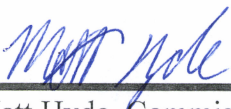
Chair Getto asked if there was any public comment, but there was none.

Adjournment:

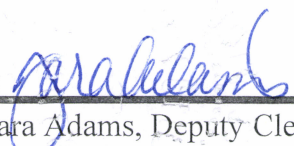
The meeting was adjourned at 2:04 PM.

Approved: 
Myles Getto, Chairman

Approved: 
Eric Blakey, Vice-Chairman

Approved: 
Matt Hyde, Commissioner

ATTEST:
Linda Rothery, Clerk/Treasurer


Tara Adams, Deputy Clerk