

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF CHURCHILL COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

155 N. Taylor St., Fallon, NV 89406
February 18, 2026

Call to Order:

The regular meeting of the Board of County Commissioners was called to order at 1:16 PM on February 18, 2026.

PRESENT: Commissioner Myles Getto, Chair
Commissioner Eric Blakey, Vice-Chair
Commissioner Matt Hyde
County Manager Chris Spross
Assistant County Manager/HR Director Joe Sanford
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 11th day of February 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 revised, withdrawing Appointment Item 7 B. 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- January 21, 2026.

The minutes of the January 21, 2026 are presented for the board's consideration and approval.

FISCAL IMPACT: N/A

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: N/A

FUNDING SOURCE: N/A

ACTION REQUESTED: Accept

Commissioner Eric Blakey made a motion to approve the Minutes from January 21, 2026 as submitted. Commissioner Matt Hyde seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

Appointments:

A- Consideration and possible action re: Ratification of a grant award between the State of Nevada, Aging and Disability Services Division, and Churchill County Social Services, in the amount of \$40,382.28, to provide Transportation Services to individuals.

Churchill County Social Services was awarded \$40,382.28 to support the CART Reno transportation ridership 60 and older. This is partial funding retroactive to 10/1/2025. The new funding allocations for the July 1, 2026 application process will be released in February 2026.
FISCAL IMPACT: \$40,382.28.

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: Personnel - \$27,791.60; Travel - \$5,376.00; Operating - \$3,375.33; Other - \$848.07; Indirect Cost - \$2,991.28.

FUNDING SOURCE: Independent Living Grant - \$40,382.28; Match - \$6,057.00

ACTION REQUESTED: Accept

Chris Spross, County Manager, 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 Grant Award as presented. Commissioner Eric Blakey seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

B- Consideration and possible action re: Presentation of Churchill County Social Services' Behavioral Health Taskforce 2025 Impact Report.

In December 2024, the Behavioral Health Assessment and Strategic Plan was completed and released. Groups have been dedicated to the implementation to support increased access to services, reduction in suicide, and overall community education.

Emma White was contracted by Churchill County, though a shared funding agreement with the City of Fallon. A presentation will be provided on the outcomes achieved, recommendations for the structure of the taskforce, etc. during the meeting.

FISCAL IMPACT: N/A

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: N/A

FUNDING SOURCE: N/A

ACTION REQUESTED: None; Informational Only

This item was withdrawn and will be heard at a future date.

Letters Received:

A- Notification from Great Basin Gas Transmission Company of its 2028 Expansion Project to meet growing natural gas demand in northern Nevada, with infrastructure to be constructed in Churchill, Humboldt, Lyon, Pershing, Storey, and Washoe Counties.

Great Basin Gas Transmission Company provides notification of its 2028 Expansion Project to meet growing natural gas demand in northern Nevada, with infrastructure to be constructed in Churchill, Humboldt, Lyon, Pershing, Storey, and Washoe Counties. The project will provide approximately 921,000 dekatherms, per day, of natural gas firm transportation capacity for northern Nevada. Great Basin will construct approximately 200 miles of new pipeline and one new compressor station to serve the requested incremental firm capacity. More than 80% of the project will be co-located with Great Basin's existing pipeline, other utilities, and roadways. Great Basin's project has a target in-service date of November 1, 2028. Once the project is placed into service, Great Basin plans to abandon approximately 142 miles of the existing pipeline. Similarly, Great Basin intends to abandon two compressor stations in Pershing County, Nevada. A copy of the preliminary project map is included with the Pre-Filing request filed with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC).

Great Basin's Pre-Filing request includes a description of the project's preliminary proposed pipeline route and proposed facilities. The filing also includes a stakeholder list of affected landowners, regulatory agencies, and governmental officials in the project area. Churchill County has been identified as a landowner potentially affected by the proposed project. Great Basin plans to host four open houses in March 2026 to provide additional information and to answer questions about the project. Great Basin will provide information regarding the open house schedule when the dates and locations for those open houses have been finalized.

Consistent open communications with stakeholders throughout the project area are a priority for Great Basin, as they strive to be a good neighbor as it provides a safe, clean, and reliable source of energy to northern Nevada customers. Great Basin has launched a project website (www.GreatBasinGTCProjects.com) and dedicated email address (GreatBasin-2028Expansion@swgas.com) for stakeholder inquiries. The toll free number is 877-428-1660.

FISCAL IMPACT: N/A

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: N/A

FUNDING SOURCE: N/A

ACTION REQUESTED: None; Informational Only

B- Response received from Kirsten Stasio, CEO of the Nevada Clean Energy Fund, that the Governor had nominated Commissioner Jonathan Karr from Elko County for the vacant board member position in the Nevada Clean Energy Fund Board and did not select Monte Morrison, the candidate put forth by Churchill County.

In November of 2025, Nevada rural counties were asked to submit candidates for an open board member position on the Nevada Clean Energy Fund Board. The Nevada Clean Energy Fund (NCEF) was established in 2017 by Nevada Statutes as a nonprofit organization to accelerate financing for clean energy projects. The board consists of nine members appointed by the Governor. Churchill County submitted candidate Monte Morrison for a potential board member nomination, and submitted his letter of recommendation to Kirsten Stasio, CEO, for review. The response received from Ms. Stasio on February 9, 2026 states that the Governor went with another candidate for the board member nomination.

FISCAL IMPACT: N/A

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: N/A

FUNDING SOURCE: N/A

ACTION REQUESTED: None; Informational Only

C- Notification from the Nevada Division of Water Resources to Chris Manhannah, Manhannah & Associates, LLC, re: Confirmation of Report of Conveyance for Permit 65464.

The Nevada Department of Water Resources sent a letter addressed to Chris Manhannah, of Manhannah & Associates, LLC, stating that the Report of Conveyance was received on January 22, 2026, and it is confirmed to update ownership of Permit 65464 being 1.98 acre feet for the use on 0.44 acres within the permitted place of use in the Churchill County, a political subdivision of the State of Nevada. Details of the above water rights, including the current ownership, are viewable on their website.

FISCAL IMPACT: N/A

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: N/A

FUNDING SOURCE: N/A

ACTION REQUESTED: None; Informational Only

D- Thank you card from The Fallon Theatre for the community grant recently provided.

The Fallon Theatre provides a thank you card regarding the County Commissioner's recent donation of \$2,180.00.

FISCAL IMPACT: N/A

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: N/A

FUNDING SOURCE: N/A

ACTION REQUESTED: None; Informational Only

E- State of Nevada, Division of Minerals, report of physical safety hazards associated with abandoned mine openings.

The State of Nevada, Division of Minerals. provides its report of physical safety hazards associated with abandoned mine openings. The Nevada Division of Minerals is responsible for identifying and securing abandoned mine hazards in the state when no responsible party is found. As required by NRS 513.094 Section 2, the Division provides an annual report to county commissioners detailing dangerous mine conditions, their severity, and comparisons across the state.

Since 1987, 21,453 hazards have been secured through collaboration with state and federal agencies, property owners, and the mining industry. Attached is a summary of hazardous abandoned mine openings by county, along with a list of unsecured hazards with apparent owners. Each site is ranked on a danger scale from 2 to 10, considering accessibility and risk. Ownership of unpatented mining claims is subject to change and the Division regularly updates its database accordingly.

The Division works with landowners and federal agencies to secure remaining hazards. Counties seeking more information on unsecured sites are encouraged to contact the Division directly.

FISCAL IMPACT: N/A

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: N/A

FUNDING SOURCE: N/A

ACTION REQUESTED: None; Informational Only

New Business:

D. A- Consideration and possible action re: Reappointment of Hillery "Page" Hiskett to the Churchill County Cemetery Board, for a term retroactive to January 1, 2026 to December 31, 2029.

The Cemetery Board is an advisory board comprised of three (3) members, representing the public at large, who are to be appointed by the Board of County Commissioners. Terms are four (4) years from the date of appointment, with initial appointments to establish the board having one member serving a four (4) year term, one member serving a three (3) year term, and one member serving a two (2) year term, so that all board members' terms are staggered. All subsequent terms shall be four (4) years.

Recommendation is being made to reappoint Hillery "Page" Hiskett to another 4-year term, retroactive from January 1, 2026 to December 31, 2029.

FISCAL IMPACT: N/A

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: N/A

FUNDING SOURCE: N/A

ACTION REQUESTED: Accept

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 Hillery "Page" Hiskett to a 4-year term, retroactive from January 1, 2026 to December 31, 2029. Commissioner Matt Hyde seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

B- Consideration and possible action re: Reappointment of Dawn Whitten to the Central Nevada Health District (CNHD) Board as a Churchill County representative.

The Bylaws of the Central Nevada Health District Board of Health allow for two members from each county, city, or town which participates in the Health District to be appointed by the governing body of the county, city, or town in which they reside, together with one additional member to be chosen by the members so appointed. Additionally, the District Health Officer has authority as a county or city health officer in the District, and there is an additional member of the District Board of Health that shall be a physician licensed to practice medicine in Nevada. Members serve two-year terms and may be reappointed in the same manner as their original appointment; not to serve more than twelve consecutive years, unless at least one-year has passed since serving their 12 consecutive years.

Ms. Whitten has over 30 years in food service, holds certifications in ServSafe, Produce Safety, Human Resources, and Leadership. Her background, education, professional associations, and

experience would be a strong asset to the CNHD Board and staff recommends her re-appointment.

FISCAL IMPACT: N/A

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: N/A

FUNDING SOURCE: N/A

ACTION REQUESTED: Accept

Chris Spross, County Manager, 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 reappoint Dawn Whitten to a 2-year term on the Central Nevada Health District Board, for a term March 6, 2026 through March 31, 2028. Commissioner Eric Blakey seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

Consent Items:

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

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 354.290.

A Fund Balance Report is provided 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: Notification of an investigation for guardianship for Case #26-10DC-0081.

On January 30, 2026, the Churchill County Public Guardian received a referral to investigate for guardianship on behalf of protected person #26-10DC-0081. Per statute, our office has 30 days to determine eligibility.

FISCAL IMPACT: N/A

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: N/A

FUNDING SOURCE: N/A

ACTION REQUESTED: None; Informational Only

C- Consideration and possible action re: Court Services Second Quarter Revenue Report, for the period of October 1, 2025 to December 31, 2025, reflecting \$5,830.00 in revenue for the quarter.

Brenda Ingram, Court Services Director, provides the department's 2nd Quarter Revenue Report, for the period of October-December 2025, for the board's consideration and acceptance. A total of \$5,830.00 in revenue was collected for the quarter.

FISCAL IMPACT: \$5,830.00

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: Fees collected help to offset the costs of providing services.

FUNDING SOURCE: General Fund

ACTION REQUESTED: Accept

D- Consideration and possible action re: Recorder's Monthly Apportionment Report for January 2026 totaling \$14,921.20 in revenue.

Churchill County Recorder, Tasha Hessey, provides her Recorder's Monthly Apportionment Report for January 2026 totaling \$14,921.20 in revenue.

FISCAL IMPACT: \$14,921.20 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: Treasurer's Report for January 2026 showing a balance of \$68,569,345.53 in the account.

Clerk/Treasurer Linda Rothery provides the Treasurer's Monthly Report for January 2026 showing a balance of \$68,569,345.53 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

F- Consideration and possible action re: Public Works, Planning & Building Department's Revenue Reports for January 2026, showing a total for Public Works & Planning of \$164,456.89, and a total for Building of \$55,486.47 in revenue for the month.

The Public Works and Building Department submits the January 2026 revenue reports for the board's consideration and acceptance. Public Works and Planning reported total revenues of \$164,456.89, and a total for Building of \$55,486.47 in revenue for the month.

FISCAL IMPACT: Public Works Planning \$164,456.89 and Building \$55,486.47.

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

FUNDING SOURCE: General Fund

ACTION REQUESTED: Accept

G- Consideration and possible action re: Approval of the Building Permit Activity Report for January 2026.

Provided for the board's review is the report showing 30 buildings issued in the month of January 2026. Included in the 42 permits are 3 single-family-dwelling permits, 4 commercial permits, and 0 industrial permits. Additionally, 3 manufactured home permits, and 1 septic permits were issued.

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.

Consider Future Agenda Items:

There were no future Agenda items suggested.

Commissioner and Management Staff Reports:

Commissioner Hyde reported:

- Nothing at this time.

Chair Getto reported on the following topics:

- Lahontan Valley Conservation District meeting this morning.
- RTC Meeting this morning.

Commissioner Blakey reported on the following topics:

- I attended a Fire Board meeting, normal business there.
- I attended the Chamber of Commerce Awards Dinner; it was very nice.
- I attended the Lincoln Day Dinner, a lot of new faces to state politics were there running as candidates. There were a lot of state politicians there.
- I attended the WNC open renovation project this morning for the nursing program, which was pretty nice.
- I would like to congratulate the Churchill County High School girls' basketball team for being Regional Champs this past week, they are on to the State Championship this week.

Commissioner Hyde said he would like to add:

- I did attend the state wrestling finals, and we have a four-time State Champion, Carson Melendy, which is only the second one in the history of Churchill County High School.

That is quite an accomplishment, I just want to recognize him. We had some placers, but four-time State Champion is almost unheard of.

Comptroller Wideman reported:

- I have nothing, thank you.

Chief Civil Deputy District Attorney Carner reported:

- Nothing for me, thank you.

County Manager Spross reported on the following topics:

- I too attended the Lincoln Day dinner on Saturday, it was a great turn out, a great event.
- Last week I attended Ed James' retirement party, Ed is retiring from the Carson Water Subconservancy District. His retirement, I believe, is at the end of February. They have already selected, as you know Commissioner Hyde, his replacement. Ed will continue to have some involvement moving forward for a few months after his retirement.

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

- I attended the Joe Nichols concert at the 3C Center, I saw many of you there as well. It looked like it was a nice event, a lot of positive things about the facility.

Clerk/Treasurer Rothery reported on the following topics:

- I will just give you a quick one here. The interest allocation we did for January, our total income out of that was \$242, 900.00. We were still doing pretty good and pretty steady.

Deputy Clerk Moore reported on the following topics:

- This is my last regular board meeting as I am retiring, my last day will be March 11th with an official date of retirement on April 2nd. I wanted to thank all of you for working so well with us, I wish you all the best. I want to thank Linda for everything.

Claims and Payroll Transmittals:

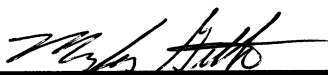
The Claims and Payroll Transmittals were submitted for the board's consideration and approval.

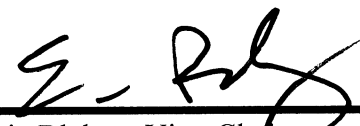
Public Comment:

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

Adjournment:

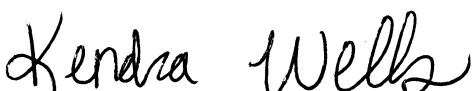
The meeting was adjourned at 1:25 PM.

Approved: 
Myles Getto, Chairman

Approved: 
Eric Blakey, Vice-Chairman

Approved: 
Matt Hyde, Commissioner

ATTEST:
Linda Rothery, Clerk/Treasurer


Kendra Wells, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer