

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF CHURCHILL COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

155 N. Taylor St., Fallon, NV 89406

April 17, 2026

Call to Order:

The special meeting of the Board of County Commissioners was called to order at 8:15 AM on April 17, 2026.

PRESENT: Commissioner Myles Getto
Commissioner Eric Blakey
Commissioner Matt Hyde
Asst. County Manager/HR Director Joe Sanford
Comptroller Sherry Wideman
Chief Deputy District Attorney Lane Mills
Clerk/Treasurer Linda Rothery
Deputy Clerk Tara Adams

ABSENT: County Manager Chris Spross

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 the 14th day of April, 2026 between the hours of 8:00 and 9:00 AM at all of the locations listed on the Agenda, in accordance with NRS 241.

Appointments:

A- Consideration and possible action re: Appointment of a Sheriff pursuant to NRS 245.170 to fill the vacancy of that office due to the death of Sheriff Richard Hickox.

The untimely death of Sheriff Richard Hickox on April 11, 2026 has left a vacancy in that office. Pursuant to NRS 245.170, the Board of County Commissioners shall appoint a suitable person who is an elector of the county to fill the vacancy until the first Monday of January after the next ensuing biennial election. The vacant office must be placed on the ballot at that election. In this case, the office of Sheriff was already set to be on the ballot for the 2026 election. Therefore, the appointed Sheriff will serve in that office until the first Monday in January 2027, at which time the candidate elected as a result of the 2026 general election will take office.

As the candidacy filing period has already passed for the 2026 election cycle, and Sheriff Hickox was set to run unopposed in the upcoming election, NRS 293.165 dictates how candidates can file for this office prior to the 2026 general election. NRS 293.165(2) provides a procedure by which an additional candidate filing period will be opened for this office.

FISCAL IMPACT: N/A

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT:

FUNDING SOURCE:

ACTION REQUESTED: Accept

Lane Mills, Chief Deputy District Attorney presented this item as outlined above.

Commissioner Hyde said Sheriff Hickox appointed Undersheriff Orozco as his right-hand man, and that is an extension of what the people wanted in this community, and they trusted Sheriff Hickox to appoint his Undersheriff. I feel like Lee Orozco is the right man to fill his shoes at this point. I recommend to appoint Lee Orozco as Sheriff.

Commissioner Blakey said I support those comments and I totally agree with Commissioner Hyde's comments. The direction that he was taking the Sheriff's Office will be followed by his successor, I am sure, if Lee Orozco is appointed to be Sheriff.

Chair Getto said he could not agree more with both Commissioners.

Undersheriff Orozco agreed to be appointed as Sheriff.

Commissioner Eric Blakey made a motion to appoint Undersheriff, Lee Orozco, as the Sheriff of Churchill County pursuant to NRS 245.170 to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Sheriff Richard Hickox, for the remainder of the current term of office ending the first Monday of January, 2027. Commissioner Matt Hyde seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

District Court Judge Thomas L. Stockard administered the Official Oath of Sheriff to Lee Orozco to fulfill the unexpired term.

Public Comment:

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

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 8:22 AM.

Approved: _____

Myles Getto, Chairman

Approved: _____

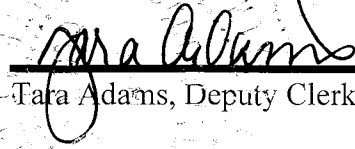
Eric Blakey, Vice-Chairman

Approved: _____

Matt Hyde, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Linda Rothery, Clerk/Treasurer

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Tara Adams", is written over a solid black horizontal line.

Tara Adams, Deputy Clerk to the Board