

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF CHURCHILL COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

155 N. Taylor St., Fallon, NV 89406

April 1, 2021

Call to Order:

The regular meeting of the Board of County Commissioners was called to order at 8:16 AM on April 1, 2021.

PRESENT:

Commissioner H. Peter Olsen, Jr., Chairman
Commissioner Gregory Koenig, Vice-Chairman
Commissioner Justin Heath
County Manager Jim R. Barbee
Comptroller Sherry Wideman
Chief Civil Deputy DA Benjamin Shawcroft
Clerk/Treasurer Linda Rothery
Deputy Clerk to the Board Pamela D. Moore

ABSENT:

N/A

Pledge of Allegiance:

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

Public Comment:

Chairman Olsen asked if there was any public comment. Geoff Knell said I am the pain in your side. I believe in the Word of God and I am seeing my government turn their back against God, the Lord Jesus Christ. Apparently, people have their senses improved to define the difference between good and evil. I look at Nevada Revised Statutes and their conditions to maybe stop evil back in the 1960s but they are stopping good from moving forward. Jesus Christ worked in politics but the politics of his time were with the religious Sadducees, the Sanhedrin. He called them a brood of vipers, children of the devil, and their father was the father of lies. He was not passive all the time but he spoke with authority. I am pleading with you to use your common sense. Some of you claim to be believers of the Lord Jesus Christ but then I have seen your decision making and you are like a bunch of robots. Legal obligation to move things forward when you do not have the senses and study what it evil and what is good. You are going to be presented ideas today to learn something but, believe it or not, I will explain later at the first action. Jesus Christ warned the Sanhedrin but they killed him; they stoned him. Believe and trust in the Lord Jesus Christ. Better your senses to find the difference between good and evil because our federal and state governments are murdering human lives. I read an article recently where miscarriages have increased 366% in Great Britain since the vaccinations. That is right. We are being vaccinated. It is a treatment. It is a big darn experiment. Open up this county, remove the mask mandate, and stop the vaccinations. I encourage you to do that. Do the right thing and define the difference between good and evil because the United Nations has control of this country and communism is moving forward. We need to wake up. Awake and identify it. It is we the people, not the top down. God is on top but we the people are to govern you from making

foolish mistakes. Please put the spirit of God in you and let the Holy Spirit work in your heart to find it. Make a correction for yourself, not because of your legal obligations. Do what is right in the eyes of God. There were no further public comments.

Verification of the Posting of the Agenda:

It was verified by Pamela D. Moore, Deputy Clerk to the Board, that the Agenda for this meeting was posted on the 26th day of March, 2021, between the hours of 3:00 and 5:00 PM at all of the locations listed on the Agenda, in accordance with NRS 241 and the Governor's Emergency Declaration related to posting during the Pandemic.

Consideration and possible action re: Approval of Agenda as submitted or revised:

Commissioner Greg Koenig made a motion to approve the Agenda as submitted. Commissioner Justin Heath seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

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

A- March 4, 2021;

The Minutes of the meeting held on March 4, 2021 are submitted for the board's consideration and approval.

FISCAL IMPACT: N/A

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: N/A

FUNDING SOURCE: N/A

ACTION REQUESTED: Accept

Commissioner Justin Heath made a motion to approve the Minutes of the meeting held on March 4, 2021 as presented. Commissioner Greg Koenig seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

B- March 10, 2021 - Special Meeting;

The Minutes of the meeting held on March 10, 2021 are submitted for the board's consideration and approval.

FISCAL IMPACT: N/A

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: N/A

FUNDING SOURCE: N/A

ACTION REQUESTED: Accept

Commissioner Justin Heath made a motion to approve the Minutes of the meeting held on March 10, 2021 as presented. Commissioner Gregory Koenig seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

C- March 17, 2021.

The Minutes of the meeting held on March 17, 2021 are submitted for the board's consideration and approval.

FISCAL IMPACT: N/A

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: N/A

FUNDING SOURCE: N/A

ACTION REQUESTED:

Commissioner Justin Heath made a motion to approve the Minutes of the meeting held on March 17, 2021 as presented. Commissioner Gregory Koenig seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

Appointments:

8:15 AM - First Public Hearing - Consideration and possible action re: Presentation, discussion, and adoption of the 2020 Master Plan

The Master Plan provides the vision and goals for our community promoting smart growth and a strong and diversified economic base through programs and tools that protect our resources, our heritage, our open spaces, and agriculture. The elements of the Master Plan include: Chapter 1. Housing & Population, Chapter 2. Education, Chapter 3. Conservation & Natural Resources, Chapter 4. Hazards & Hazard Mitigation, Chapter 5. Historical Preservation, Chapter 6. Economic Development, Chapter 7. Recreation, Chapter 8. Transportation, Chapter 9. Public Services & Facilities, Chapter 10. Open Space, Chapter 11. Land Use, Chapter 12. Policy Plan for Public Lands. Revisions have been made to all Sections EXCEPT Chapter 12. Policy Plan for Public Lands, which will be updated at a future date.

The Planning Commission held numerous workshop meetings throughout 2019 and 2020 to get public input, as well as input from various entities to give the most current, accurate data, visioning, goals, and policies for the next 20 years. Ultimately, Chapter 12 will remain the same as what was approved in 2010. Churchill County has contracted with someone regarding the RS-2477 roads throughout the county and this may be something to incorporate into Chapter 12 of the Master Plan, which will be changed and adopted after the contracted company completes this chapter after the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) adopts their Resource Management Plan (RMP) at a future date.

Per NRS 278.220 "Adoption of Master Plan by governing body:....

1. Upon receipt of a certified copy of the master plan or any part thereof, as adopted by the planning commission, the governing body may adopt such parts thereof as may practicably be applied to the development of the city, county or region for a reasonable period of time next ensuing.

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3. Before adopting any plan or part thereof, the governing body shall hold at least one public hearing thereon,....

4."

FISCAL IMPACT: N/A

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: N/A

FUNDING SOURCE: N/A

ACTION REQUESTED: Adopt

Dean Patterson, Associate Planner, had a PowerPoint presentation as follows:



Master Plan & Update History

1990	Planning Director Garnett Mello
2003	Planning Director Eleanor Lockwood Delayed for Open Space Plan and TRACC Trails Plan
2005	Planning Director Eleanor Lockwood Fast update
2010	Planning Director Eleanor Lockwood
2015	Planning Director Michael Johnson
2020	Planning Director Michael Johnson & Public Works Director Christian Spross

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2020 Master Plan Outreach

Methods

- Contacted Agencies, Departments, Organizations, & Individuals
- Maintained a contact log of nearly 100 entries
- Sent 100s of letters and emails
- Posted updates to the Department website
- Placed Newspaper Notices
- Stories or mention in print and internet media

Master Plan Meeting Schedule

Sept. 11, 2019	Overview of the Master Plan and the 2020 update effort
Sept 24, 2019	Chapter 1 review and comments
Oct. 22, 2019	Chapter 2 & Appendix B review and comments
Nov. 26, 2019	Chapter 3 - 6 reviews and comments
Feb. 25, 2020	Chapter 7 - 8 review and comments Updates to Ch. 1 & 2
<u>Covid-19 shutdown for March and April</u>	
May 26, 2020	Chapter 9 review and comments Updates to Ch. 3 - 6
June 23, 2020	Chapter 10 - 11 review and comments Updates to Ch. 7 - 8
July 28, 2020	Chapter 12 & Appendices review and comments Updates to Ch. 9
<u>Delays due to Covid-19 and Department reorganization</u>	
Nov. 17, 2020	Updates to Ch. 10-12 & appendices
<u>Delays due to Covid-19, Holidays, and Final Editing</u>	
Mar 10, 2021	Hearing and approval by the Planning Commission
April 1, 2021	Presentation to Board of County Commissioners
April 21, 2021	Hearing and approval by the Board of County Commissioners

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Planning Requirements

- **NRS 278 Establishes:**

- Requirement to prepare the Master Plan
- Process for preparation and approval
- Contents
- Requirement to implement the Master Plan
- Process laws for implementing the Master Plan
 - Zoning Districts
 - Land divisions
 - Special Use Permits
 - Variances
 - Etc.

What is the Master Plan?

- Establishes our vision for the future.
- Provides a framework for decision making related to growth, land use, & development
- Uses a 20-year time frame.
- Identifies challenges
- Establishes goals and policies to address issues and concerns.

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Changes in Plan Organization

2015 MASTER PLAN	2020 MASTER PLAN
	Introduction
1. Introduction & Collection of all policies	1. Population and Housing
2. Population, Housing and Education	2. Education
3. Conservation and Natural Resources	3. Conservation and Natural Resources
4. Hazards and Hazard Mitigation	4. Hazards and Hazard Mitigation
5. Historical Data and Preservation	5. Historical Data and Preservation
6. Economic Development	6. Economic Development
7. Recreation	7. Recreation
8. Transportation	8. Transportation
9. Public Services and Facilities	9. Public Services and Facilities
10. Open Space	10. Open Space
11. Land Use	11. Land Use
12. Policy Plan for Public Lands	12. Policy Plan for Public Lands
APDX A Specific Historic Sites	Appendices and Links
APDX B Population & Housing Report	

Plan-wide Changes

- Extensive changes to update content – some was literally 20-years old.
 - ✓ Public Facilities and Services – Major parts no longer valid & totally rewritten
- Extensive changes to improve grammar
 - ✓ Staff person with editing experience
- Chapter title pages added to provided for visual separation between chapters

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Plan-wide Changes

- Extensive changes to add missing parts:
 - ✓ Natural resources chapter did not cover:
Agriculture, Mineral Resources, Renewable Energy, Water Resources.
- Extensive changes to move misplaced parts to the correct locations.
 - ✓ Flood hazards
 - ✓ Scattered text on recreation sites
 - ✓ Scattered text on historical places

Chapter 1 - Population & Housing

- Churchill County commissioned a Housing Needs Assessment study in 2019.
- Produced by EKAY and Associates
- Provided demographic and housing data and forecasts.

Changes

- Most of chapter rewritten for current conditions and new information

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Chapter 1 - Population & Housing

Important Points

- Population declined during recession, but has recovered.
- Home prices declined during recession, but has recovered and more.
- Population proportion over 65 is lower than most nearby counties.
- Population proportion under 10 is much higher than most nearby counties (NAS Fallon?)
- NAS Fallon is adding 1000 staff – most of them in the next 2-years >> FAMILIES

Chapter 1 - Population & Housing

Important Points

- Of residents that work - Nearly $\frac{1}{2}$ of commute out of county
- Of employees working in County - Over 30% live outside the County (NAS Fallon)
- The housing shortage is illustrated in the Housing Vacancy Rate, which has dropped by more than $\frac{1}{2}$ in the last decade.
- The Housing Needs Assessment identified a significant lack of multi-family apartments, forcing houses into the rental market.

Chapter 1 - Population & Housing

Figure 1-3 - Churchill County Adjusted Housing Vacancy Rate



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Chapter 2 - Education

Changes

- Added missing information on private schools.
- Updated education statistics.
- Much of chapter was rewritten for current conditions or new information
- Added section on Child Care

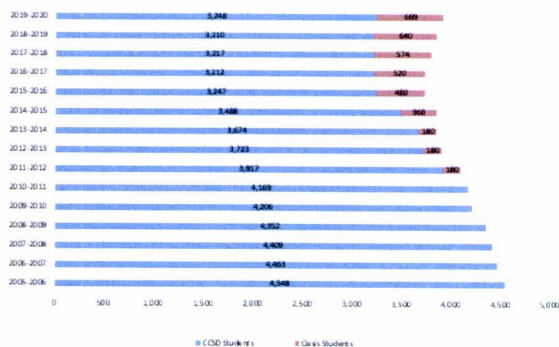
Chapter 2 - Education

Important Points

- Total enrollment was been declining since before the recession but has been increasing in the last 4 years.
- The enrollment split between public and private schools has become bigger.
- Public school enrollment has been flat, while private enrollment has increased.
- There appears to be a sizable need for additional Child Care facilities. (50-125 spaces)

Chapter 2 - Education

Student Enrollment Comparisons
2005-2020



Chapter 3

Conservation and Natural Resources

Goals:

- Protect the future viability of agricultural lands
- Protect the local water supply.
- Protect water features.
- Promote the development of renewable energy
- Promote the development of mineral resources
- Protect and maintain good air quality.
- Protect the public from nuisances and diseases

Chapter 3

Conservation and Natural Resources

Changes

- Added information for missing or incomplete categories of natural resources:
 - Agriculture
 - Mineral
 - Renewable Energy
 - Water features
- Focused attention on local natural resources to emphasize the “Oasis of Nevada”

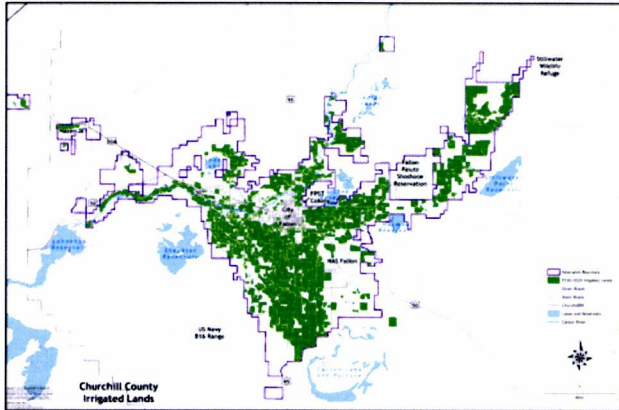
Chapter 3

Conservation and Natural Resources

Important Points

- Contrary to some preconceptions, we have extensive water resources and features
- Dry lakes are often wet:
 - Carson Sink had water 11 of last 35 years
 - Carson Pasture was at least partly full 25 of last 35 years.
- Before settlers there were ~30 sq. miles of wetlands around Fallon (1860s Original Surveys)
- Today there are ~60 sq. miles (~40,000 acres) of irrigated agricultural land around Fallon

Chapter 3 Conservation and Natural Resources



Chapter 3 Conservation and Natural Resources

Important Points

- Churchill County produces the 3rd most geothermal power in the nation
- 9 Geothermal plants
- 3 Solar power sites (w/multiple projects)
- 3 Small hydropower plants (Newlands Project)
- More proposed each year.

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Chapter 4

Hazards and Hazard Mitigation

Goals

- Protect the community from natural and manmade hazards

Changes

- Added mine hazards
- Moved Flood Hazards here

Important Points

- Local floodplain maps getting updated
- Canal break flooding is considered in development proposals

Chapter 5 - Historical Preservation

Goals

- Preserve and protect historic and prehistoric aspects of the county.
- Maintain and support the Churchill County Museum.
- Increase knowledge and appreciation of local history and sites

Changes

- Text about historic features scattered throughout plan was moved here.
- Filled in important historic elements to improved understanding: timeline approach, intersection of historic transportation routes, driving economic factors, etc.
- Incorporated the "Oasis of Nevada" approach

Chapter 5 - Historical Preservation

Important Points

- Churchill County is at the intersection of many major transportation routes, many sites still exist:
 - ☐ California Emigrant Trail (40 Mile Desert)
 - ☐ Simpson Overland Emigrant Trail (Austin to Fallon)
 - ☐ Pony Express (using Simpson trail)
 - ☐ Transcontinental Telegraph (using Simpson trail)
 - ☐ Overland Stage (using Simpson trail)
 - ☐ Transcontinental Railroad (Lovelock to Brady Hot Springs, then Hazen)
 - ☐ Lincoln Highway / US 50

Chapter 6 - Economic Development

Goals

- Protect the future viability of Agriculture
- Protect the future viability of NAS Fallon
- Promote the development of Renewable Energy
- Promote a larger industrial element in the economy
- Increase tourism

Changes

- Most of the text was badly out of date and totally rewritten
- Much information added about agriculture and NAS Fallon
- Incorporated the “Oasis of Nevada” approach

Chapter 6 - Economic Development

Important Points

- Ag was recession resistant – sales value increased
- Farm size steadily increasing – nearly 500 acres
- Sheep/goat/chicken – X40 over 20 years
- Churchill County is a top producer in the nation for several products – AND for the State too.
 - Hay/forage crops
 - Cow milk
 - Sheep/goat products
- NAS Fallon bring a large amount of money to the area
- Renewable energy projects have been steadily increasing

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Chapter 7 - Recreation

- Describes the various forms of recreation and the different local facilities.
- Establishes the categories of park classification
- Establishes requirements for major developments to provide facilities.

Changes

- Many gaps filled in, and parts in other chapters moved here.
- TRACC trails section moved to Transportation
- Added “Oasis of Nevada” approach

Chapter 8 - Transportation

- Original text mainly from Transportation plan approved in 2000
- Few changes to the content
- Describes the various aspects of transportation facilities
 - Roads
 - Biking/pedestrian
 - Airport
 - Freight
 - Rail

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Chapter 8 - Transportation

Changes

- Mainly grammar, better organization, better explanation of old plan elements
- TRACC Trail section in Recreation moved here – its about facilities and funding
- Added inventory of rail facilities and discussion of freight facilities
- Added discussion of road standards and maintenance problems – Onda Verde

Important Points

- Extensive rail facilities exist in the County that can drive economic development efforts.
- Transportation Plan badly needs updating

Chapter 9 - Public Services and Facilities

- Large chapter
- Covers many of the services and facilities that affect the quality of life in the County
- Describes “hard” services (utilities, etc.) in detail and with many goals and policies.
 - Community water system
 - Community sewer system
 - Telecommunications – CC Com, etc.
 - Aboveground utility corridors

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Chapter 9 - Public Services and Facilities

Describes the many “soft” services more generally with few or no goals and policies

- Solid waste management
- Cemetery
- Law Enforcement & Juvenile Justice Center
- Fire services
- District Attorney’s office
- Court Services & Justice Court & District Court
- Banner Hospital
- Community Health Nurse & Environmental Health
- Social Services & Veteran Services
- William Pennington Life Center (Senior Services)
- County Museum & County Library

Chapter 9 Public Services and Facilities

Changes

- Almost totally rewritten to update text to current conditions.
 - Extensive text and map replacement summarizing 2019 Water and Sewer Plan
 - Telecommunications updated for new technology and expanded services
 - Aboveground Utility Corridors modified to meet State requirements.
 - Most other services had extensive facility changes or planning efforts

Important Points

- Water and sewer goals and policies are some of the most important – they drive much of the land development decisions

Chapter 10 – Open Space

- Text is mainly from the original 2003 Open Space Plan
- Discusses local features that contribute to open space

Changes

- Few changes to the content
 - Better describe the plan’s history in the Master Plan
 - Correcting agency relationships

Important Points

- Plan needs to be updated and goals and policies are added to state this

Chapter 11 – Land Use

- Describes the vision of land development in the County
- Lays the foundation for land use regulation in the Development Code.
- Addresses special land development issues:
 - Protections for Agriculture
 - Protections for NAS Fallon and partnership
 - Gateway areas
 - Hazen-Swingle Bench Special Planning Area
 - Opportunity Zone

Chapter 11 - Land Use

Changes

- Major sections added to fill gaps in the land use system linking the Master Plan to the Development Code:
 - ☐ Description of the land classifications found on the Master Plan Land Use Map
 - ☐ Linking the zoning districts to the land classification system.
 - ☐ Describing how the land classifications and the zoning districts work together.
 - ☐ Adding a description and policy basis to major segment of development code – protecting future viability of agriculture and NAS Fallon
 - ☐ Identify and provide goals and policies for future planning work – Hazen-Swingle Bench implementation, Opportunity Zone planning, Zoning map update, TDR program update, etc.

Important Points

- Much specialized work will be needed for future planning efforts

Chapter 12

Policy Plan for Public Lands

- Federal law requires federal plans to be consistent with local plans. This chapter allows greater say in federal planning efforts.
- Initially adopted in 1985 and periodically updated.
- Very similar to other Nevada rural counties.
- Not being updated at this time. Last updated in 2011 as part of the 2010 Master Plan.
- County has contracted with RCI (Jeremy Drew) to do update when BLM plan is done.
- Addresses many natural resources on federal lands
- Churchill County has completed its documentation of RS-2477 roads.

Appendices

- Previous Appendices (A & B) have been removed
- Replaced with a list of the documents referenced in the Master Plan
- Includes internet links to the documents, which are also on the Department webpage.

Chairman Olsen asked if there was any public comment. Geoff Knell said I went to the Planning Commission meeting and listened to this in more detail. I told the Planning Commission to table this matter because it is designed with United Nations sustainable development or it is using an organization's ideas and our federal government has changed the laws to go with the United Nations sustainable development. What does it say in our Preamble of the Declaration of Independence? It says inhabitants and property but it got taken out. It is unbelievable that you would follow a pattern and you do not realize the civics and the laws are being persuaded to bring in the New World Order. You are bringing in the precursor to the beast system. That is what you are doing. As believers in Christ, we should identify with it and decide against evil. We need to push it back. This plan just brings it down where we are going to lose more of our liberties and freedom and be controlled by the government. It is funny because, with my property, I put up solar panels but I did not tell the county that I put them up. The next thing I knew, I got an exemption. The Planning Commission is nothing but spies, breaking the 4th Amendment. They are policing my property. I want them out of my life. I go to the Planning Commission and you have to pay a fine to build a storage shed on your property. There is so much governmental control and it needs to stop. You need to stop and use your difference. In the trailer park, they came onto the property of Tom's Trailer Park, which is not a business anymore, and they policed it. They threatened the owners, for whatever reason, and that is the liberty and freedom in the choices we can make. This is too much control over our lives. Christ wants to give us liberty and freedom through the Holy Spirit but man is being persuaded by Satan to influence government to bring in the anti-Christ spirit and the anti-Christ. You are setting us up for a fall. It is we the people and while we have our Declaration of Independence, our Constitution, the Bill of Rights, I am making you accountable. How am I going to do it if we have no redresses of government? None, whatsoever. Please use some common sense and logic. Stop being yes men like the Planning Commission did. I told them to stop it and they said no and went right through it anyway. You need to re-evaluate all they are saying here, such as education and water resources. Stop it. Stop taking our freedom away. You are taking away our freedom of speech and our freedom of religion, little by little. That is what you are doing and you are allowing the state to dictate our county and how we should live. Please embrace what I just said. It is important. Jesus Christ is the only way, the truth, and the life, "No one comes to the father but through me". Come on, people. Where is your belief in the power of the Lord Jesus Christ? You would see the deception. It really annoys me when people look at a computer when I am speaking. It is incredible. This nation is going to hell in a handbasket. There were no further public comments.

Chairman Olsen said I wanted to thank Dean, the Planning Commission, and Chris for the work that went into this. This item today is just for us to set a public hearing, as was mentioned earlier. The public will have one more chance to discuss this and to offer up any changes, as well as for us to offer up any changes.

Commissioner Gregory Koenig made a motion to set a public hearing for April 21, 2021. Commissioner Justin Heath seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

8:30 AM - Public Hearing - Consideration and possible action re: Approval of priorities and projects for the State of Nevada, Governor's Office on Economic Development, Community Development Block Grant Program

Churchill County partners with the State of Nevada, Governor's Office on Economic Development, to allocate funding that supports priorities in Churchill County. Normally the rounds begin in November for funding to be allocated in July for the next year. During this timeframe, Churchill County deemed they did not have projects that met the state's priorities and did not apply. Due to the CARES ACT funding, several processes have evolved with CDBG to allocate the additional funding generated by the CARES ACT.

1. A review of proposed priorities will be reviewed for revision or approval.
2. A presentation of projects received for the upcoming CV-2 and 3 will be provided for ranking and designation for submittal for funding.

FISCAL IMPACT: N/A

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: Funding not accepted.

FUNDING SOURCE: CDBG.

ACTION REQUESTED: Accept

Social Services Director Ernst had a PowerPoint presentation as follows:

**Community Development Block
Grant Program
Federal Funding Year 2020 & 2021
Award FY21 & FY22**

CDBG and Churchill County

Nevada Governor's Office of
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT



Proposed Priorities for submittal

- Increased access to emergency sheltering and medical services
- Community based strategies to conduct testing, tracing and reduction of infectious disease
- Access and education to health services that prompt reduction in spread of infectious diseases

* No Public Comment Received

CDBG – CV ROUND 2

- No Public Comment Received
- 1 Project received
 - \$91,898 CDBG \$167,300 \$75,402 State Treasury
 - As part of the power management system for the Churchill County Emergency Civic Center, a backup generator has been included in the design. A 400kW diesel generator with an automatic transfer switch and a 24-hour fuel supply will be installed to supply power in the event of a power loss. The benefits of a backup generator for this facility is as follows:
 - Quick, Efficient and automatic distribution of power - Electrical power can be restored within seconds in the event of a power loss.
 - Inventory loss control – the facility will be the primary storage location for the COVID-19 vaccines. These vaccines are stored in refrigerators and could spoil if the power to the building was interrupted.
 - Power to lighting and security – in the event of a power loss, operations can continue uninterrupted or in the event of a necessary evacuation, all lighting and security systems will be in place for a controlled exit of the occupants.
 - Electronic Data - If computers shut down accidentally, the data stored on hard drives may be lost, especially when storing personal and health related data.
 - Comfort – uninterrupted use of heating and cooling.
 - The facility can be used for an emergency shelter in the event of a local natural disaster.

CDBG – CV FUNDING ROUND 3

- \$985,027 - \$672,335 CDBG \$311,692 State Treasury
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 - The facility can be used for an emergency shelter in the event of a local natural disaster.

NEXT STEPS

- Motion to accept priorities as presented or revised
- Open Public Comment on CDBG CV Round 2 and 3 on projects presented for submittal To GOED
- Approve applications to be submitted to GOED prior to April 23rd, 2021 for funding at the April 21st, 2021 meeting of Board of County Commissioner.
 - OR
- Motion to close CDBG 2021 and not apply for funding

Ms. Ernst said we will have to put these projects out for public comment. At the next meeting, you will consider approval of submitting these projects to the Governor's Office on Economic Development (GOED).

Chairman Olsen asked if there was any public comment. Geoff Knell said the Bible tells us not to be in debt or debt servitude. What you are doing is you are taking a block grant and taking funds from the federal government, which is printing money out of thin air. You are putting us more in debt again and again. When are we going to be able to sustain ourselves? We get money through the state that allows death, sexual promiscuity, and we are killing human babies. They passed Senate Bill 8 to vote in the General Election 2022 by the Equality Act. When are you going to wake up? When are you going to stop spending money recklessly and taking more money from my pockets? Our Nevada State Legislature is passing bills and, most likely, they will pass bills so you can raise more taxes on us. You are allowing this nation, this state, and this county to go bankrupt and then you will have to rely on the government and let communism move in because of debt servitude. You take block grants and you go to the banks and get thousands and millions of dollars. What does it serve? In the end, the anti-Christ where we have to obey because we are so much in debt. That goes for our personal lives when we buy a car and take a loan. When are you going to wake up? Stop this spending. Stop using government money. We should be able to use it for ourselves because I do not like what the state does or what the federal government does. They want to kill human life for population control. If you can't understand that, you need to really wake up. This is irresponsibility. Stop relying on the federal government as we can rely on ourselves. Instead of going with water resources, we can build a water generator. We can take water out of the air instead of taking people's water out of the ground and charging us for it, when we should have the liberty to do what we want with it or give you control, but we decide. We govern you. I fall upon deaf ears every single time and it is sad. Please repent. Think logically. Deny this as I asked you to deny the Master Plan. There were no further public comments.

Commissioner Justin Heath made a motion to approve the priorities and Applications as submitted. Commissioner Gregory Koenig seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

8:35 AM - Consideration and possible action re: Application for community support funding in the amount of \$2,500 for the Lahontan Valley Claybreakers

A copy of the Application for funding submitted by the Lahontan Valley Claybreakers is provided for consideration. The 2021 season runs from March 2021 through July 2021. The Claybreakers strive to continue educating youth in Churchill County about gun safety, trapshooting, and teaching life skills.

This Application has been reviewed by the County Manager for completion of required materials and the criteria appropriate to warrant county funding (such as: non-profit status, funding sources, community benefit, etc.). Prior county support for the Claybreakers includes: FY16: \$1,000; FY17: \$1,000; FY18: \$2,000; FY20: \$2,000.

FISCAL IMPACT: \$2,500 +/-

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: The county has a line item budget for community support items.

FUNDING SOURCE: General Fund, Community Support.

ACTION REQUESTED: Accept

Pat Whitten said I am on the Board of Directors for the Lahontan Valley Claybreakers. I have been involved in the program for 15 years. Wayne and I have been recruiting volunteers to help us with this program. I am going to introduce Barry Stewart, the President of the Lahontan Valley Claybreakers, a coach, and former parent of a shooter, and he will introduce our other volunteer.

Barry Stewart said I first would like to thank you all for the opportunity to introduce our program to those of you that are not yet familiar with it. I have been with the program for 14 years. I got in as a parent volunteer and I have been volunteering ever since. This year has been touchy because of COVID. Last year, obviously, we were not able to have our season. We did finally ink out a little bit of shooting for our participants but we were not able to have our regular season or state competitions or anything else, much like other sports. We were able to at least open up the trap club and have small gatherings when restrictions were loosened. We were able to get our shooters back into shooting. They were exceptionally bored, as this was before baseball, football, or any of the other sports came up, so they were itching to get out into the sunlight and have something to do.

This year, we have approximately 45 shooters. We are also bringing in a California Youth Shooting Sports Association (CYSSA) shoot on April 10th, which will bring in families from mostly the state of California. They do this on a rotating schedule. CYSSA schedules their squads to come in and shoot and the squads have so long to shoot and then they have to leave and then the next set of shooters come in so that we do not have a large number of shooters and their families up there at once. That is a novel way to do it and we really like that. Our NYSSA shoot will be held May 18-20, which is our state shoot for the organization. We will have participation from between 4-5 clubs this year, some of which is still up in the air due to the fact that some of the other counties have not recovered and have not been able to get their programs back on track. Any of you guys who do shoot understand that ammunition is hard to find and

shotgun ammunition is even harder. It is going to be a fun year.

Right now, I would like to introduce our Vice-President, Josh Haggard. He is still active duty Navy, working as a helicopter pilot. Josh came here and I roped him into the program. He really likes it and his daughter, Alexis, is one of our newer and younger shooters. She is really excellent. At the CYSSA event last weekend, she shot her first 50 straight. If any of you guys have ever shot trap, that is an accomplishment. We are really proud of her and Josh and everybody else. Without any further ado, I will turn it over to Josh.

Mr. Josh Haggard thanked the board for allowing him to speak here today. On behalf of the Claybreakers, the local support funding really helps subsidize the costs for local families. Without it and other grants that we receive, it is almost impossible to get the costs down. We promote the educational aspect of this for our local shooters. This funding is monumental for us to continue this program. As Mr. Stewart said, my daughter is very new to the sport but she has thrived. It has increased her self-confidence and it has made her more responsible with her siblings and cousins in the local area, whom she has also gotten involved in shooting. I thank you for your time and would be happy to answer any questions.

Chairman Olsen asked if there was any public comment. Geoff Knell said to his representative, Commissioner Koenig, that he wanted him to go for it. However, I want to comment that people need to realize what their budget is and what their resources are. Coming to the government for a grant should definitely be a last resort and they should not make it a reoccurring request. We should be able to sustain ourselves in our abilities in whatever we do in our homes, in our businesses, in our personal lives. Government should be run as less government, not relying on the government. What it forms is a form of communism where we depend on the government. With liberty and freedom, we do not want government in our lives. This is the most logical thing on this Agenda. I am for it and I wish you would do your research and get the funding of others rather than using the government. There were no further public comments.

County Manager Barbee said, as a means of providing information to the new Commissioners, in the past few meetings, you have reviewed requests for funding as part of the budget and they involved line item budget pieces. This is not a line item budget piece, so you are being asked today to make a decision to approve or deny the request. There are enough resources for this request. This is the same amount, roughly, that the Commission has provided to this group in the past. Chairman Olsen said this is part of that money that we have set aside for groups that come in randomly during the year? Comptroller Wideman said that is correct. Chairman Olsen said what does that fund balance stand at? Comptroller Wideman said I do not know off the top of my head but there are funds available. County Manager Barbee said this is the first request. Julie Guerrero said, from the audience, that this is the first request from that \$20,000 in the fund.

Commissioner Koenig said I saw this on the Agenda and I didn't know what the Lahontan Valley Claybreakers were. I thought it might be a pottery club. I looked it up and then, interestingly, yesterday just in passing, one of my patients mentioned that their kids were in the Claybreakers.

Commissioner Gregory Koenig made a motion to approve funding in the amount of \$2,500.00 in FY21 for the Lahontan Valley Claybreakers. Commissioner Justin Heath seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

Chairman Olsen said I just want to thank Wayne and Pat, as well as the other folks, for doing the phenomenal work that has been done over the years. This has touched a lot of lives. If you find out where to get some shotgun shells, will you let me know? Pat thanked him and said all of you are always invited. We will start our season at the end of April on Mondays and Wednesdays at 5:30 PM. If you want to come up and sit in the bleachers, you can see how we do this. Mr. Stewart said, if you come up within the first two practices, it is always organized mayhem but we get this streamlined after that. Chairman Olsen said he says it is mayhem but it is not so much. You guys have range officers and safety is taken extremely seriously. I have actually been chastised, which was followed by laughter. It is a great thing to teach our youth about gun safety and how to properly handle a weapon.

8:40 AM - Consideration and possible action re: FTA 5311 Grant for Operations and FTA 5339 Grant for two new vehicles for the CART Program, and an Agreement for the purchase of two new vehicles for CART if FTA funds are available

Formula funding will remain the same as it has been for the last 8 years. FTA 5311 Grant funds are 80/20% match for Administration Costs, 95/5% match for Vehicle Maintenance and supplies and 59.38/40.62% for Operational Expenses. Vehicle purchases will be at 90%/10% for the 2022 Grant cycle if Federal Funds become available. Local Match for the County for Operations would be \$63,875.00 for Fiscal Year 2022 and for Fiscal Year 2023 it would be \$69,614.00 if the grant was fully expended, which is consistent with prior years match. Local match for the purchase of two new Vehicles would be \$14,930.00 or \$7,465.00 each. The Operating Costs and Matching Funds are impacted by a 6% wage increase with the implementation of a new wage scale for the CART employees approved by the CART Board of Directors and NDOT last year, which is consistent with other agencies providing the same type of services. This new scale will be implemented over a 3 year period.

In 2022, CART will be celebrating over 22 years of providing transportation services to the residents of the City of Fallon and Churchill County. Due to Covid-19 restrictions in 2020 ridership was down about 60% in the early months of 2020, which CART reacted and made Operational changes for a safe environment on the vehicles for our passengers. CART still operates the Dial-A-Ride service Monday thru Friday, a dedicated daily route to the Senior Center for Seniors to take advantage of the lunch services and other activities provided there when they open back up, and the Reno Route which operates on Tuesday's and Thursday's for medical appointments and Veteran's needing transportation to the Veteran's Hospital in Reno.

CART also provides rides for the Disabled Persons Workshop on a daily basis and routes for employment, medical and essential services needed are seeing increases in ridership. CART also provides rides to the Voting locations, this important to clients who use mobility aids like wheelchairs who would have no other means of transportation to take part in their voting right. CART has many partners i.e. Churchill County Social Services, Lyon County Human Services, Senior Centers in Northern Nevada, Paiute-Shoshone Tribe, Local Business and RTC in Reno in which we share transportation needs and supply training to other agencies needing assistance.

CART also is working with Churchill County on providing transportation to residents needing transportation to the Covid-19 Vaccination site. The clients can request a ride and all the documentation is done right on the bus with the nurses giving the Vaccinations.

This transportation program is funded with Federal Grants, State Grants and local funds in addition to the fare box and ticket sales revenue received from the clients of the system. This service is contingent on having reliable vehicles, that being said, it's a priority to have a mechanism to replace older buses that are deemed more cost effective to replace them. CART is always looking for ways to replace vehicles when Federal Funds are available at low match.

CART is requesting grant funding from Federal FTA 5311 funds available through NDOT, (Nevada Department of Transportation). Included in the grant application are budgets for the two years this submittal is in reference to, beginning October 1, 2021 through September 30, 2023. The County is able to use In-Kind services and office space as part of the matching portion of the grant.

CART has made several Operational changes in the past year due to the Covid-19 restrictions and policies of using our service, i.e. Bus sanitation throughout the day, mandatory mask by staff and passengers, social distancing on the vehicles where possible, masks and gloves available for passengers.

CART has made other Operational changes to reflect ridership changes and to adjust to the financial reality of the local economy, with that said, CART is slowing seeing an increase in client usage by Seniors, persons with disabilities and the clients going to Davita-Dialysis. Lift assist rides are one of the main attractions to our service this allows persons in wheelchairs who have become a prisoner within their own home to ability to venture out in the community and be independent. Some Seniors plan their whole day around their daily bus ride. Included in the grant application are current letters of support and customer satisfaction surveys from the clients of the program. The Nevada Department of Transportation Intermodal Planning Department refers to CART as the model Rural Transportation Program. Ernie and Cathy will be at the meeting to answer any specific program questions related to the CART Operations.

FISCAL IMPACT: The fiscal impact is the net amount that is not covered by the grant, In-Kind services, office space and fare box and ticket sales. This amount has been under \$75,000 annually. Matching funding is available for the purchase of the new vehicles if Federal funds become available at a 90%/ 20%.

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: As noted in the grant documentation, the riders appreciate this transportation service as way for them to continue their independence in their own home while having the ability to make their necessary medical appointments, shopping, essential services and wellness trips to retain their quality of life in their homes.

FUNDING SOURCE: A portion of the funds available to the CART program come from the Social Services budget to pay for the matching funds of the grant. Adequate funds have been available for CART for the last 21 years and will be available for this submittal if approved by the Board of County Commissioners.

ACTION REQUESTED:

Ernie Maguire, Executive Director of the Churchill Area Regional Transportation (CART), outlined the CART grants as outlined in the Agenda Report and listed above.

Chairman Olsen asked if there was any public comment. Geoff Knell encouraged Commissioner Koenig to vote in favor of the item. He said I was on at the tail end of the creation of CART, so I know the background of it. It is a useful service and any funds from the state is kind of hard and they can really complicate things with a lot of paperwork. This is a tremendous service and spending our tax dollars on this will help benefit our county. There were no further public comments.

Chairman Olsen said I want to thank Ernie and his staff for the work they have done over the years. I know this last year was especially tough on everyone. I am glad that you made it through and I look forward to more years of CART providing service to the people who most need it in our community for transportation, health, food, and entertainment, all of those things that people use CART for, not to mention the help it provides to our shut-ins.

Commissioner Justin Heath made a motion to approve the submittal to the Nevada Department of Transportation for FTA 5311 Funds for Fiscal Year 2022 in the amount of \$515,199.89 and Fiscal Year 2023 in the amount of \$520,604.05 for the period of October 1, 2021 to September 30, 2023, which is a grant for a two year cycle at 80/20% match for administration, 95/5% match for vehicle maintenance, and a 59.38% federal share/40.62% match for operational expenses; and a motion to approve the submittal to the Nevada Department of Transportation for FTA 5339 Funds for Fiscal Year 2021-2022 for the acquisition of two 12 ambulatory/2 wheelchair passenger buses if FTA funds are available, noting that funding for two vehicles is \$149,302, which would be 90% federal dollars and a 10% local match as federal funds become available. Commissioner Gregory Koenig seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

8:45 AM - Consideration and possible action re: Approval of an Amended Interlocal Agreement between the State of Nevada, Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Health Care Finance and Policy, and Churchill County Social Services for the Medicaid Federal Match Program

Per NRS 428.285, counties are obligated to provide the non-federal share of the Medicaid Match Program for long-term care and designated waiver programs. Deputy District Attorney Joseph Sanford has reviewed the Amended Agreement for content.

FISCAL IMPACT: Prior approved amount: \$845,376.19; Proposed cap amount: \$1,184,731.61; Additional \$339,355.42, if residents obtain assistance.

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: Prior approved amount: \$845,376.19; Proposed cap amount: \$1,184,731.61; Additional \$339,355.42, if residents obtain assistance.

FUNDING SOURCE: Social Services Indigent Medical.

ACTION REQUESTED: Accept

Social Services Director Ernst said, as required by Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) 428, we entered into an Agreement with the state to provide the Medicaid federal match for the Medicaid

long-term care and waiver programs. NRS 428 states that it is up to an 8 cent cap. We have always received a projected amount, which goes through Legislation, and is approved in the Governor's budget. Over the last two years, there have been concerns because it might go over the amount that was projected, so we are now in a contractual Agreement that that cannot be paid. Through negotiations with the state over the past few months, it was determined that this Agreement that we signed previously needed to be revised to say it is up to the 8 cent assessment that we are able to provide through our county tax purposes. This represents an amendment to our Agreement but it does not involve a change in our projections that were presented previously. It simply states that we could be charged up to that 8 cents outlined in NRS.

One of my biggest concerns with this program is that we do not assess the full 8 cents under the Social Services' budget. Currently, we are at 6 cents. Prior to last year, it was at 5 cents. If we did have a cost increase for the Medicaid Program, we would not have the tax base to support that. This is something that I bring up each year as our Medicaid costs increase. Additional waiver programs are things like our assisted living waiver, so it involves our frail elderly to be in an assisted living facility, which involves a lower level of care so that they are not in long-term care. It is more cost effective and we support those programs but they are costly and, as they add more waivers, it involves more people being added onto the program.

This Amendment #01 to the Agreement has been reviewed by Civil Deputy DA Joseph Sanford for content and he has approved it.

Chairman Olsen asked if there was any public comment. Geoff Knell said I was with the Salvation Army for ten years and we worked with all kinds of departments, motels, clothing stores, and we fed people. We worked with Social Services. I have just one concern. Is there still a budget that when people get arrested in Reno or different parts and serve their time here, when they get out they have the ability to return where they were arrested, like back in Reno or Sparks. It is really annoying when I get the phone calls at 3:00 AM and these people are just released from jail and are helpless. That is a concern of mine. There were no further public comments.

Commissioner Gregory Koenig made a motion to accept the Amended Agreement as presented. Commissioner Justin Heath seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

8:50 AM - Consideration and possible action re: Adoption of a Proclamation designating April 2021 as Child Abuse Prevention and Awareness Month

Annually, April is a time to build awareness of child abuse and community response for prevention. The community requests that April 2021 again be proclaimed Child Abuse Prevention and Awareness month to support increased awareness, to build family unity groups, and further access to services to reduce abuse. Churchill County Social Services shall provide an overview of activities to be held and what the community can do to help support the effort in our area.

FISCAL IMPACT: N/A

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: N/A

FUNDING SOURCE: N/A

ACTION REQUESTED: Adopt

Social Services Director Ernst said I am here today with Brooke Shyne, who is our Project Coordinator in the Social Services Department. She has taken the lead on this project this year. We are very excited. With us being the Family Resource Center, we have a lot of obligations within our community but many of those are exciting. One of those is building awareness about child abuse prevention and ways in which to reduce child abuse in our community. Last year, we had planned so many events for this. We love April, as it is spring and we get to do a lot of exciting things with child abuse prevention and Pinwheels. However, COVID-19 hit and we had the complete shut-down and everything was completed virtually.

This year, we are going to meet back at Millennium Park tomorrow to launch this. We will have Commissioner Olsen, Mayor Tedford, and others in our community provide speeches about child abuse and how we can prevent that in our community, as well as what that means to our community. That event will occur at 10:00 AM tomorrow. Additionally, we will be having the Great Easter Egg Hunt, which will happen from April 3rd until April 11th. That is a scavenger hunt geocaching event that the Fairgrounds is sponsoring and hosting. We hope that, by next year, we can do many more events. We used to have speakers come in to do education around child abuse, we would have family fun days at the park, but this year we are just not quite there yet. This is an attempt to bring everyone back together.

I want to highlight that, during 2020, we had 332 child abuse cases reported in our community. Out of those, 288 were screened out and they were able to provide wrap-around resources for these families and did not have to remove children from the homes. This amount was down from 2019, which was just under 500. It is sad to say that, as we have moved into 2021, we are seeing more child abuse cases. One of the things that Brooke will be working on is to provide good parenting tips and good activities to create strong family communication and connections. These will be launched over Facebook and via other outlets. Tomorrow, as you come into town, you will see that we have painted the town blue again. The fountains will be blue, there will be Pinwheels placed at Walmart and all the way down through Maine Street in support of this and those will stay up all month long. I am happy to answer any questions and then we have the Proclamation to be considered.

Chairman Olsen asked if there was any public comment. Geoff Knell said I would like to challenge the child abuse Proclamation to include the LGBTQ as child abuse. What I am going to say is not politically correct but it is definitely a fact that you are not born that way. Chromosomes and genes have been studied and there is nothing in there that has been changed for sexual perversion. They change into sexual perversion. That is child abuse. The LGBTQ goes around and they have signs that say, "We recruit." They have Drag Queen Story Hours. We had one in Sparks two years ago. Hopefully, I stopped the one from coming here. All it is is psychologically in the mind and that is child abuse. In the Communist Goals by A. S. Herlong, Jr., a Florida Representative, states that one communist goal is to present homosexuality, promiscuity, and depravity as natural and healthy. It is all psychological. I would like to put on the record that child abuse also recognize the LGBTQ as all psychological and is totally

unnatural and it is politically intentional. That is what it is. It is a political function to promote promiscuity and all of this other stuff, but I do not want to be graphic because it is unhealthy, it is dangerous, physically and psychologically. I can do a separate presentation if you would like to hear it in the near future. That is child abuse. LGBTQ is all put into the mind and the government is promoting it, especially with the Equality Act that they are trying to push through in the federal government and our state government. It is all on the political line to destroy the natural family, which is child abuse and creating economic times like removing jobs. It is like these treaties they get out and all of the companies move to different countries and people then do not have work. It is all part of the plan to destroy this nation without firing a shot. I say again, LGBTQ is psychological and medically unhealthy. It is unnatural. The Word of God promotes that and it shows that it is an abomination to God. In reality, in the secular realm, it is a political plan to destroy this nation within. Please consider that. LGBTQ is child abuse. There were no further public comments.

Commissioner Justin Heath made a motion to Proclaim April 2021 Child Abuse Prevention and Awareness Month. Commissioner Gregory Koenig seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

8:55 AM - Consideration and possible action re: Approval of an Advanced Step placement for the Museum Director candidate, Teresa Hedgpeth, and approval of a \$2,000 reimbursement for relocation expenses

In January of 2021, the county posted an opening for a new Museum Director. The position was advertised nationally and 40 applications were received in total. After reviewing the applications, four candidates were selected for interview, with those interviews held on February 23, 2021. The interview panel was comprised of Museum Association President Bob Getto, County Manager Jim Barbee, Library Director (and interim Museum Director) Carol Lloyd, and Human Resources Director Geof Stark. After initial interviews via Zoom, the panel was unanimous that there was one choice who stood above the rest, Teresa (Teri) Hedgpeth. Ms. Hedgpeth was invited to visit our community and to get a tour of our Museum and the panel was given further opportunity to speak with her regarding the position.

After this second interview, the panel was even more convinced Ms. Hedgpeth was the best candidate for the position. Ms. Hedgpeth's most recent employment was eight years as the Director of Archives and Curator of Collections for the U.S. Olympic and Paralympic Committee. Previous to that, she was the Director and Archivist for the Western History Center in Casper, Wyoming. Because of her extensive archival and supervisory experience, because of her energy and enthusiasm for preserving and explaining history, and because there were no other candidates who were similarly qualified (in the panel's estimation), staff is requesting permission to hire Teri Hedgpeth at an advanced step placement. Pursuant to Section 3.32.040, an advanced step initial appointment must be approved by the Board of County Commissioners. Staff is requesting Ms. Hedgpeth be appointed at Step 4 of Grade 68 (\$79,706 annually). (The first step of the Grade is \$74,027 annually.)

Additionally, Ms. Hedgpeth will be relocating to Fallon from Florida. To help assist with her relocation, staff requests approval of a \$2,000 reimbursement to Ms. Hedgpeth for costs incurred

to make the move.

FISCAL IMPACT: \$0

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: From December 2020 through mid-April 2021, the county has saved \$29,300 in salary and benefits for the Museum Director position (which factors in the stipend currently being paid for the Interim Director). The proposed advanced step is \$7400 (salary and PERS) above the bottom step of the range. There is ample savings to cover the advanced step, resulting in no impact on the budget.

FUNDING SOURCE: General Fund.

ACTION REQUESTED: Accept

Human Resources Director Stark presented this item as outlined in the Agenda Report as stated above.

Chairman Olsen asked if there was any public comment but there was none.

County Manager Barbee said I had the opportunity to meet Teri Hedgpeth and to do a walk-through at the Museum with her. She was very responsive all through the walk-through on ideas, thoughts, her background or experience, and how she would foresee implementing that in the Museum. She is a tremendous candidate and we are very lucky that we have somebody that strong to potentially put into the position. I definitely support this action.

Commissioner Gregory Koenig made a motion to approve the advanced step placement of Teresa Hedgpeth as Museum Director at Step 4 of Pay Grade 68 (equivalent to \$79,706 annually) and to approve a reimbursement in relocation expenses of up to \$2,000.

Commissioner Justin Heath seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

9:00 AM - Consideration and possible action re: Renewal of health, dental, and vision insurance for Churchill County employees and retirees for Fiscal Year 2021-2022

Each Fiscal Year, the Insurance Advisory Committee (IAC) is charged with making a recommendation to the Board of County Commissioners regarding the insurance program for employees in the upcoming Fiscal Year (FY).

Medical - Through the last twelve months (insurance claims through February of 2021), the county's paid loss ratio (PLR) was approximately 90%. This means the insurance company paid out \$0.90 in claims for every \$1.00 the county paid for premiums. This is considered to be a relatively high PLR and the IAC expected a rate increase as a result. The initial renewal numbers with Cigna for medical coverage came in with a proposed increase of a relatively modest 7.0%. While pleased with a lower renewal number than expected, the IAC, with the aid of the county's consultants, LP Insurance, asked Cigna to re-evaluate the renewal to see if a lower renewal was possible. Cigna's next renewal proposal was presented to the IAC at a meeting held on March 16, 2021 with no plan changes, at a proposed increase of 5.5%. The IAC is very pleased with this renewal and it appears to be more than fair. The IAC felt it would be reassuring to provide our employees and retirees stability in our insurance coverage by renewing with our current provider (Cigna), with no change in benefits. Increases in the amount the county pays for insurance also affect our employees who have dependent coverage. It is estimated employees

with coverage for children will see an increase of approximately \$67 per month in premiums and those with family coverage will see an increase of approximately \$124 per month. *The IAC unanimously approved a recommendation to the board for a renewal with Cigna for one year, with a 5.5% increase. The IAC is also considering a recommendation to increase the county's HSA contribution to \$166 per month (up from the current \$150 per month.)*

Dental - For dental coverage, even in the midst of COVID-19, we surprisingly had a high usage during the previous 12 months, with a PLR of 101%. Cigna originally quoted a renewal at 9%, which they reduced to 6% for one year. The IAC went back and requested a multi-year deal and Cigna came back with a 6% increase for the next year and a guaranteed flat renewal for the following year. Our consultants advised the IAC this was a fair renewal and the IAC agreed, based on our high PLR. *The IAC unanimously approved a recommendation to the board for a renewal with Cigna for a two-year deal, with a 6.0% increase in the first year and 0% increase in the second year.*

Vision - The county's vision coverage is with Superior Vision and there is currently a multi-year agreement with a 0% increase for the upcoming plan year. *The IAC unanimously approved a recommendation to the board for a renewal with Superior for vision coverage, with a 0.0% increase.*

All in all, the IAC is pleased with the renewal and is pleased to provide county employees with a stable plan (no benefit reductions and no change in providers) during this period of instability. To summarize, the IAC's recommendations are as follows:

Medical - Renew at a **5.5% increase with Cigna**. Increase the county's HSA contribution to \$166 per month (up from \$150/month) into a Health Savings Account (HSA) for those employees who have the high-deductible plan.

Dental - Renew at a **6.0% increase with Cigna**. Continue to allow employees to select a buy-up option with orthodontia coverage for children and 100% coverage for preventative care.

Vision - Renew at a **0% increase with Superior**. No change in benefits.

FISCAL IMPACT: Approximately \$117,400.

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: Impact is based on 5.5% increase for each of the health insurance plans, 6.0% on the dental, and 0.0% on the vision. Reflects increases in employee-only coverage for 193 employees. The impact is in comparison to FY 20-21 premiums. Sufficient funding is included in the proposed budget for FY 21-22.

FUNDING SOURCE: General Fund.

ACTION REQUESTED: Accept

Human Resources Director Stark presented this item as outlined in the Agenda Report as stated above.

Chairman Olsen asked if there was any public comment but there was none. He said I want to thank you and the committee for your hard work. As I read through the report, there was definitely some back and forth and pushing back on some of the larger increases. I appreciate the fact that you were able to hold down as much as you were able to, given our loss ratios. Mr.

Stark said our Insurance Advisory Committee does a great job of trying to get the best deal that we can. We have built up a good relationship with Cigna over the years, so they come back with some realistic numbers, which has been very good. Last year, we were looking at 13% as the first renewal option and they brought it down considerably from that. I think we have benefitted from that long-term relationship. I think, if we had gone out to market, with our loss ratio and what it has looked like over the past several years, we could not have received as good as a renewal as what we got with Cigna. It has been a beneficial relationship.

Commissioner Justin Heath made a motion to accept the recommendation from the Insurance Advisory Committee for employee and retiree health, dental, and vision insurance for FY 2021-22, as follows:

- **Renew *medical* coverage with Cigna at a 5.5% increase, and increase the county's contribution to an employee's HSA to \$166 per month,**
- **Renew *dental* coverage with Cigna at a 6.0% increase under a two-year agreement, with no increase the following year,**
- **Renew *vision* coverage with Superior at a 0.0% increase.**

Commissioner Gregory Koenig seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

9:05 AM - Consideration and possible action re: Reclassification of Accounting Clerk position in Comptroller's Office to an Accounting Specialist and approval of changes to the Accounting Specialist job description

Currently the staffing in the Comptroller's Office includes two positions classified as Accounting Specialist and one position classified as an Accounting Clerk. Typically, the Accounting Clerk has been an entry-level position, with the employee focused primarily on accounts payable. The Accounting Specialists have been focused primarily on payroll and special projects. Over the last few years the Comptroller has been asking the Accounting Clerk to assist with payroll and has been encouraging cross training so each of the employees can help fill in if someone is overloaded or absent.

There is a current opening for the Accounting Clerk position. The Comptroller had already requested the Accounting Clerk position be reclassified to an Accounting Specialist for the upcoming budget year, starting on 7/1/21. With the position opening up now, the Comptroller is requesting approval to reclassify the position now, rather than hire at the Accounting Clerk level now and then reclassify the employee in July (assuming the reclassification is approved by the Board). The Accounting Clerk is currently paid at Pay Grade 40 and the Accounting Specialist is paid at Pay Grade 48, a difference of roughly 20%.

With the reclassification of the position, the Accounting Specialist class specification (job description) should accurately reflect that all employees who are classified as Accounting Specialists would be responsible for all functions, accounts payable AND payroll. Changes are proposed that reflect this.

FISCAL IMPACT: Approximately \$11,200 per year

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: The financial impact is calculated based on wages and benefits for an employee at the first step of the range. This compares Step 1 of Grade 40 with Step 1 of Grade 48. The total fiscal impact reflects 12 months at the higher pay grade.

FUNDING SOURCE: General Fund

ACTION REQUESTED: Accept

Human Resources Director Stark made the presentation as outlined in the Agenda Report as stated above.

Chairman Olsen asked if there was any public comment but there was none. He said I want to understand what happened internally. Comptroller Wideman promoted somebody internally to that accounting position? Mr. Stark replied that that is correct. A couple of months ago we used to have an Accountant position and we changed it into an Accountant I and Accountant II position. The Accountant I position was posted and Jamie Davis was promoted up to that position from the Accounting Clerk position. Right now, the Accounting Clerk position is empty and has not been filled. Jamie is currently working as the Accountant but I am sure she is still doing some of the Accounting Clerk functions until they get somebody into that position. We are asking that the open position be brought up to an Accounting Specialist position.

Commissioner Gregory Koenig made a motion to reclassify the Accounting Clerk position in the Comptroller's Office to an Accounting Specialist and to approve the requested changes to the class specification to Accounting Specialist. Commissioner Justin Heath seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

Consideration and possible action re: Discussion of Churchill County's response to COVID-19:

County Manager Jim Barbee said I will give the update as Shannon headed out to the vaccination site. We have 700 doses that are available out there today. We have a bit of breaking news. We sent in a request last night to the state, because of the poor turnout that we saw yesterday, to go ahead and allow us to move to 18 and older from 55 and older based on the Governor's statement that by April 1st that group will be eligible and we received approval for that earlier during this meeting. Anne McMillin, our Public Information Officer, is currently posting that on social media. Of course, there is a big drive for the folks that want the Johnson & Johnson vaccine but the state is not allocating that to the county through the POD system, so that is not an option that we currently have. We continue to have the Moderna vaccine. Hopefully, we will see a jump in folks getting shots today, specifically because we have opened it up to a much larger population group within the county. Yesterday, it was very, very slow and I believe we only administered 100 first doses.

With regard to the POD itself, we got the construction office building put in place. They have power and water and have set up the offices, the conference room, the PPE storage, the vaccine storage area, and all of that is up and operational. We are hoping to do a press event next Thursday when we will invite press to come out and tour the facilities how we have things set up and how they are working. Currently, we have 7 lanes of capacity out there so we can do quite a

bit in a hurry. With the construction that started on the Rafter 3C building, they have been pulling the weighted load dirt off of there and they are finishing up the parking area over on Miners Road or in the POD, so we are seeing the gravel get extended out there, so that is coming to a completion. They should be done tomorrow because they are talking about starting to dig foundations on Monday for the Rafter 3C facility. That is moving well and is good news, no April Fool's joke. That is my update but I would take any questions you might have.

Chairman Olsen asked if there was any public comment. Geoff Knell said where does it say the government should take care of your health? Boost your immune systems, take some supplements to resist it. My son supposedly caught it and it resembled the flu and my wife and I had no symptoms although he lives with us. What you are doing is what I quoted from the article from Great Britain that miscarriages have increased 366%. Where do you get this stuff? Where is your independent thinking? This is an experiment and is all political to destroy this nation. I know you think this guy is nuts but listen to actual people who study this stuff and how they design and make this stuff. They are taking it, it makes a crack, and it is a spike protein that alters your DNA. It is irreparable. People are getting blood clots and all kinds of stuff throughout the world. You are following a political party agenda. We should open up this county. I am evidence of that. We do not need this, we only need to boost up our immune systems. If our Governor would help us, he would tell us to stop smoking and stop vaping because that destroys your hairs and gets into your respiratory system. No, the government doesn't do that. This is a precursor to the mark to destroy God's creation. You fell for it, you fell for it. Open up this county. Let's have free capitalism again. This is bogus. This vaccine is a treatment and we are being experimented on. Wake up. Stop going with the flow of the Governor, who does not care. It is all for the political agenda. This is unbelievable. There were no further public comments.

Commissioner Heath said the study that came out in Great Britain did not say that the vaccine caused the miscarriages. They suspect it is due to the lack of healthcare. The vaccine does not alter your DNA. The mRNA does not go inside the nucleus to do that. This item was presented for informational purposes only and no action was taken.

Letters Received:

A- Consideration and possible action re: The Nevada Department of Environmental Protection provides notice of its Draft Five-Year Review Report Addendum, Landfill Operable Unit (LFOU), Southern Operable Unit (SOU), Northern Operable Unit (NOU), and Installation Restoration Program (IRP) Sites 5 and 18, Naval Air Station Fallon, Fallon Nevada.

The Nevada Department of Environmental Protection has reviewed the Draft Five-Year Review Report Addendum, Landfill Operable Unit (LFOU), Southern Operable Unit (SOU), Northern Operable Unit (NOU), and Installation Restoration Program (IRP) Sites 5 and 18, Naval Air Station Fallon, Fallon Nevada.

The Protectiveness determinations for the SOU and Site 18 were deferred in the 2019 Five-Year Review. The protectiveness determination for Site 14 within the SOU was deferred because additional information as to the vapor risk was needed. The protectiveness determination for Site 18 was deferred because Land Use Controls (LUCs) had not been fully implemented at the time

for the Five-year

Review. This addendum presents additional data to support updated determinations.

No buildings currently exist at Site 14, so vapor intrusion into hypothetical buildings occupied by industrial worker and future residents was estimated using groundwater data collected in 2019. The

Johnson and Ettinger vapor intrusion method was applied to estimate groundwater to indoor air vapor transport. Results of the assessment determined that potential risks from vapor intrusion were within

the risk management range of 10⁻⁴ and 10⁻⁶ for both the industrial worker and future resident.

At Site 18 LUCs have been fully implemented. These include monitoring the integrity of the landfill cap

using visual observation, inspection and repairs to perimeter fencing, and institutional controls.

Long term groundwater monitoring will be conducted every two years until the Navy and the NDEP agree

that the frequency may be reduced.

The NDEP has the following comment to the Draft 5-Year Addendum that should be addressed in the final version of the Report but does not affect the NDEP concurrence with the findings:

- Appendix A, Analytical Data table: Please provide a summary table showing detections above detection/reporting limits only. Bold the detections above a maximum contaminant level (MCL) or other action level. Include only relevant information such as well number, sample date, chemical name, result, unit of measure, and MCL/action level. The MCL/action level may be immediately below or next to the chemical name, at the bottom of the table, or in a footnote. The table as it currently stands is very difficult to use. In my copy, page A-6 is on the back side of A-3 and pages A-6 and A-4 have no headers.

The NDEP concurs with the revised protectiveness determinations for the SOU and Site 18 and they are requested to complete the edits requested by the NDEP.

FISCAL IMPACT: N/A

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: N/A

FUNDING SOURCE: N/A

ACTION REQUESTED: None; Informational Only

Commissioner Gregory Koenig made a None; informational only. Commissioner Justin Heath seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

B- Consideration and possible action re: The Nevada Department of Environmental Protection provides notice it has assigned a new case officer, Kevin Duggan, to oversee environmental activities at the Stillwater 1 Geothermal Power Plant, 4785 Lawrence Lane, Fallon, Nevada, Spill Report # 200203-06 and Spill Report # 191126-06.

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FISCAL IMPACT: N/A

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: N/A

FUNDING SOURCE: N/A

ACTION REQUESTED: None; Informational Only

C- Consideration and possible action re: The Nevada Department of Environmental Protection provides notice of its review of the UST-R-Site 4, Naval Air Station, Fallon, in Fallon, Nevada.

The Nevada Department of Environmental Protection has completed a review of the NAS Fallon UST-R-Site 4. The site was a historic 750-gallon underground storage tank at Building 201 that was abandoned and removed in 1959. The associated piping, which was not removed, was revisited in 2008 following a review of utility drawings of Building 201. No contamination above state action levels was identified on soil or groundwater. The NDEP has determined that NAS Fallon is not required to conduct further assessment at the site but encourages the facility owner to take routine housekeeping actions to prevent continued release and address surface stains through disposal or treatment.

FISCAL IMPACT: N/A

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: N/A

FUNDING SOURCE: N/A

ACTION REQUESTED: None; Informational Only

D- Consideration and possible action re: The Nevada Department of Environmental Protection provides notice it has reviewed the Groundwater Monitoring Report for the 4th Quarter 2020 for the former Smedley's Chevron, Spill # 131024-02, and the Golden Gate Petroleum Facility, Spill # 160222-03, 1755 West Williams Avenue, Fallon, Nevada.

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Thirteen monitoring wells, MW-1 through MW-13, were gauged and monitored on October 26 and 30, 2020. Groundwater levels ranged from 3961.01 feet above mean sea level to 3961.91 feet above mean sea level, an increase of 0.24 to 0.31 feet since the previous sampling event. Groundwater levels have fluctuated approximately 1.5 overall feet since the start of site groundwater monitoring. Groundwater flow direction is to the south southeast with a hydraulic gradient between 0.0024 and 0.0033 feet per foot. This is generally consistent with previous monitoring events.

Groundwater samples were collected from all 13 monitoring wells. Chemicals of concern (COCs) include benzene, toluene, ethylbenzene, and xylene. The state and federal maximum contaminant level (MCL) for these COC are 5 micrograms per liter (ug/L), 1,000 ug/L, 700 ug/L, and 10,000 ug/L respectively. Toluene and xylene were not detected above their respective MCLs • Benzene exceeded the MCL in five of the thirteen samples and ranged from 8.2 ug/L (MW-11) to 38 ug/L (MW-9). The reporting limit at MW-3 was increased due to high

concentrations of target analytes. • Ethylbenzene exceeded the MCL in one of the thirteen samples at 2,800 ug/ L (MW-3).

A Mann-Kendall trend analysis shows that benzene concentrations are decreasing in MW-1, MW-3, MW-4, MW-5 , MW-6, MW-7, and MW-11 with confidence factors at 99% or greater. No trend is observed at MW-9 at 82.5% confidence. MW-10, downgradient of MW-9 continues to have no detectable benzene concentrations.

Site upgrades, including removal of existing dispensers, under dispenser containment, dispenser islands, product piping and electrical located on the north side of the convenience store, were scheduled for late 2020 and are not discussed in this report. MW-1 will likely be removed during demolition activities.

The recommendation in this Report includes continuing quarterly groundwater monitoring at least through the Second Quarter of 2021. Please submit the First Quarter 2021 Report no later than Friday, April 30, 2021. If you have any questions, please feel free to call 775-687-9396 or email aoaklev@ndep.nv.gov.

FISCAL IMPACT: N/A

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: N/A

FUNDING SOURCE: N/A

ACTION REQUESTED: None; Informational Only

Commissioner Heath asked if the underground storage tanks are being removed, as it sounds like they are. Chairman Olsen said I thought I saw them out there removing them. Commissioner Heath said I saw them too and thought that was what they were doing but sometimes they just fill them up. Chairman Olsen said it is done, they had a big hole excavated in front of the old building where the pumps were and I think they took care of that. Commissioner Heath said that is good to hear.

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: Building Permit Activity Report for February 2021.

Provided for the board's review is the report showing the amount and type of building permits

issued for the month of February 2021.

FISCAL IMPACT: N/A

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: N/A

FUNDING SOURCE: N/A

ACTION REQUESTED: Accept

Chairman Olsen asked if there was any public comment but there was none.

Commissioner Gregory Koenig made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as submitted. Commissioner Justin Heath seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

Consider Future Agenda Items:

There were no future Agenda items suggested.

Commissioner and Management Staff Reports:

Chairman Olsen reported on the following topics:

- IEC organizational meeting led by the Skipper at the base, which was conducted via Zoom. There were 9 tribes represented. This concerns the Navy's range and training expansion. We were the only county represented there. The BLM and State and Natural Resources were there. There was a lot of bantering about as to who is going to take the Chair and Vice-Chair positions but the Navy took great pains to let everybody know it was advisory in nature only. We will see where this committee goes.
- NACO Legislative Committee meeting. There are a couple of bills, including our geothermal bill, that will be coming up in committee next week. We are going to give some testimony on our bill.
- Board of Health meeting.
- CEDA Board meeting. They are doing some inward focus to look at their organization. There was talk of a name change but we slowed Sara down on that. They are doing some work and collaboration with the Fallon Chamber.
- Budget Workshop.

Commissioner Koenig reported on the following topics:

- Library Board of Trustees meeting where I encouraged them to reopen as soon as possible and to get a plan in place.
- On Tuesday, I went to lunch with John Thurman from NevadaWorks. That board will take some time to get a grasp on. There are 19 members on the board and then I am also on the Local Elected Officials (LEO) Committee. They have a 3 hour meeting and then follow that with a couple hour long LEO meeting. I think that meeting will be held in-person in Carson City in a couple of months. I spent a good hour with him trying to

explain and educate me on that. There is a bit of a learning curve on that one.

Commissioner Heath reported on the following topics:

- No other meetings since our last meeting, so I have nothing to report.

County Manager Barbee reported on the following topics:

- We will have a Board of Health meeting on April 21st in the morning, followed by the County Commission meeting in the afternoon where our Reopening Plan will be addressed.
- We are requesting that the William N. Pennington Life Center bring forward their Reopening Plan as we move forward past May 1st.
- Another request we had was to bring forward a Resolution outlining our position on the Innovation Zones but we have been waiting for language to come out on those Innovation Zones. What we have discovered is that, with the COVID issues, the Legislature has suspended the rules in Carson City and, basically, we may not see language for that bill until May, so we will have to make some assumptions related to that bill and put together a stance. I will try to put that together, working with some other counties and NACO, and have that brought forward to you at the meeting on April 21st.

Sheriff Hickox reported on the following topics:

- Met with staff at the High School to discuss their graduation plans, which they plan to conduct in-person, which depends on how much the state or the county gets opened up. They are looking at limiting it to about 1,000 people. There was some discussion as to whether or not that number includes all of the attendees or whether that just includes spectators. If they include everybody, then it is a bit smaller of an event but if it does not, we are looking at a bigger traffic plan. We are working with the High School to count the number of available slots they have, which would be 4 passes per graduating senior, which would probably reduce down to two cars. We are looking at how many parking spots are available at the school and how much would we need to go over into the Fairgrounds parking lot, which is our traditional overflow parking area. If we do need to go over to that parking lot, I would approach the county and ask if we could speak to the contractors to ask that all equipment for the construction project be moved away from parking lot so that the front part can be used for overflow parking for graduation without risking any problems with their equipment. Right now, we think that, by limiting it, we can get them all within the city without much overflow, unless they bring in a big motorhome, which does happen. County Manager Barbee said things will vary as we get closer to that date in terms of the construction zone but they will be pushing the fence out so that everything that would be affected, such as equipment and supplies, will be behind a fence. It depends on how much they push the fence out in the front of that parking area

because, ultimately, the land planning portion of that is being graded and things to the halfway point or to the Multipurpose Building in that parking lot, so that means the fence will be further than that because that will be area where they are laying drainage piping and then grading and all of those kinds of things. They are moving pretty quickly but we are not sure where they will be by that date. Sheriff Hickox said I will keep in touch with you and keep an eye on it there and we will figure out what we can do and make it work as best we can.

- We have had a couple of webinars to try to plan for the future as it relates radio over internet protocols with regard to other things within the jail. During the last tour of the jail, I told you about a cell that we were having problems with and that we were bringing out the company for. They figured out that there was an electronic valve that went bad, so they are looking for a replacement part but are having a hard time with that. We found out that they do not like to be called electronic plumbers. We have had a few other small issues but, other than that, there have been a lot of meetings and we are happy with that.

Comptroller Wideman reported on the following topics:

- I provided two handouts, one for sales tax for January where we are 13.19% higher for the same period from last year and we are 63% above the budget that we projected because we lowered the budget due to COVID. Things are looking good. I also handed out an extraordinary revenues and expenditures spreadsheet to give you an idea where our budget is and why it is looking higher than normal for FY22. We have the extra CARES money and the money coming in from the American Relief Act, which is giving us extra revenues to cover our extraordinary expenditures for the Civic Center and various COVID activities. The items listed in red have not happened yet. The items depicted in black, except for the American Relief Act funds, are all estimates.
- My office has been busy working on the budget.
- County Manager Barbee asked where the Building Reserve Fund is, which she answered is at about \$4M.

Chief Civil Deputy DA Shawcroft had nothing to report.

Clerk/Treasurer Rothery reported on the following topics:

- My office has been busy with delinquent property taxes. We mailed 1, 2, and 3 year delinquency letters, so we hope to get some of that resolved.
- Deputy Clerk to the Board Moore reported that we are getting ready to start working on our switch to a different provider for our Agenda Management Program. The same company also provides codification services, which is Municode, because we discovered that the company we ended up with when our long-time provider, Sterling Codifiers, when out of business and we ended up with American Legal Publishing and they have not done a single codification for us, even though each bill was provided to them as soon as those ordinances were passed. The bills were not even referenced on our website as

pending. Upon advice from Municode, I instructed American Legal Publishing not to do anything further because we would have had to pay for the same thing twice if they had done the updates. Municode modified our quote to include them codifying these bills that had not been done when they take over. I am proposing to go with Municode for both the Agenda Management Program and Codification Services. It will take us 3 months or so to switch over but I am working on it, so you will be seeing that come forward sometime in the future. Chairman Olsen asked if we have been paying these people, which Deputy Clerk Moore replied we have only paid the yearly code hosting fee of \$500. The codification is billed separately but, because they have not done anything, we have not been billed for codification fees.

Claims and Payroll Transmittals:

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

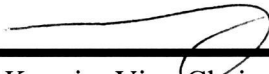
Public Comment:

Chairman Olsen asked if there was any public comment. Geoff Knell said I am ticked off. The Bible says 6 things that God hates, 7 things that are detestable to Him: arrogant eyes, a lying tongue, hands that shed innocent blood, and people that plot to run to evil. One is to cause dissention in the brotherhood. I can't talk about my military life because I signed a disclaimer that I cannot do so. I do not like to be challenged when Banner hospital, at this time 10 years ago, I almost died by a doctor at the hospital. They didn't have an infectious disease doctor but I was taken to the Northern Nevada Medical Center and they saved my life. I spent two and a half weeks in the hospital facing a leg amputation, blood transfusions, misery, allergic reactions to the antibiotics. You ticked me off. Do you know the psychological times of the government where they deliberately play with our minds. People with the pharmaceutical companies lie to sell a product. I had so many drugs in my system, not all at the same time, but it was miserable and horrible. You say that the vaccine doesn't do this and do that but I am living proof. Going through it saved my life but it was bad. It jacked my life up. Thankfully, I had a strong heart. I haven't seen so many doctors and everything in my system. I do not want to see that happen to people because of what is going on with COVID-19. Oh, the pharmaceutical companies sure make a profit getting all of that money from the government and not getting it approved, all the way up the line with more testing. No, we are being tested. I had high clearance in the government. We do some stupid stuff. It just makes me angry. You take pharmaceutical information but you do not do real examinations, you just listen to the garbage that they put in your head. It is all psychological. I am going through PTSD right now. It was horrible. I almost died but I am still here, thank God. You better rethink your statement, Commissioner Heath. Know the facts. Do not believe that garbage they put in your head that the government does. Look where we are today. Stay strong in God and discern the difference between good and evil. Man, I am pissed. There were no further public comments.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 10:06 AM.

Approved: 
H. Peter Olsen, Jr., Chairman

Approved: 
Greg Koenig, Vice-Chairman

Approved: 
Justin Heath, Commissioner

ATTEST:
Linda Rothery, Clerk/Treasurer


Pamela D. Moore, Deputy Clerk to the Board