MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF CHURCHILL COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

155 N. Taylor St., Fallon, NV 89406
June 3, 2021

Call to Order:

The regular meeting of the Board of County Commissioners was called to order at 8:15 AM on June 3, 2021.

PRESENT:	Commissioner H. Peter Olsen, Chair, via Zoom Commissioner Gregory Koenig, Vice-Chair Commissioner Justin Heath County Manager Jim R. Barbee Comptroller Sherry Wideman Chief Deputy DA Benjamin Shawcroft Clerk/Treasurer Linda Rothery Deputy Clerk to the Board Pamela D. Moore Sheriff Richard Hickox
ABSENT:	N/A

Pledge of Allegiance:

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

Public Comment:

Vice-Chairman Koenig asked if there was any public comment but there was none.

Verification of the Posting of the Agenda:

It was verified by Pamela D. Moore, Deputy Clerk to the Board, that the Agenda for this meeting was posted on the 28th day of May, 2021, between the hours of 8:00 and 9:00 AM at all of the locations listed on the Agenda, in accordance with NRS 241 and the Governor's Directive related to posting during the Pandemic.

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

Commissioner Justin Heath made a motion to approve the Agenda as submitted. Commissioner H. Peter Olsen, Jr. seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

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

A- May 6, 2021.
The Minutes of the meeting held on May 6, 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 H. Peter Olsen, Jr. made a motion to approve the Minutes of the meeting held on May 6, 2021 as presented. Commissioner Justin Heath seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

Appointments:

8:15 AM - Consideration and possible action re: A Zone Change Application filed by Steven Richards for property located at 9365 Marshall Drive, Assessor's Parcel Number 007-171-41, consisting of 1.0 acre in the C-2 zoning district, whereby the Applicant requests that the property zoning to be changed from C-2 (commercial) to A-10 (residential) due to issues with refinancing wherein the primary use of the property has always been residential

The Applicant is requesting to change the zoning on their residential parcel. The parcels and the surrounding homes on Marshall Drive (including the nearby Ara Lane) are zoned C-2. It is unclear why this happened (approximately 1995), though the 1990 Master Plan shows the Marshall Drive and Ara Lane areas to be identified for Arterial Commercial. By 2005, it had changed to Urbanizing (the current designation). Some staff think it may have already been zoned commercial and a residential development put in afterward. This request is instigated by the refusal of banks to refinance the home under a residential loan since this is commercially zoned land. Note that a nearly identical request was approved a few months ago, with the property being rezoned with the adjacent A-10 zoning. This request proposes the same thing.

Nearby residential zones are A-10 and RR-20. An A-10 zone abuts the south side of the parcel. RR-20 zoning lies more distantly, lying a bit north and west of the U.S. 50 and U.S. 50 Alternate intersection. E-1 zoning might be most applicable for the smaller residential subdivision along Marshall Drive and Ara Lane but there is no nearby E-1 zoning, with the nearest being approximately 3-miles away. Using the E-1 zone would be spot zoning one lot in the middle of totally different nearby zoning.

It would be more appropriate to choose a different residential zone that exists nearby, specifically the A-10 zoning that abuts the property. The A-10 zoning district is often used for residential development where water rights do not exist to support agriculture. Within a 3000' distance to the south, there are 19 parcels that are zoned A-10, two of which are large, and one of the two is used for mining and agriculture. Of the 17 other lots, 4 are smaller but also farmed or associated with farms. Of the 17, 15 are used primarily for residential purposes and 11 are less than the 10-acre minimum lot size. Thus, of the 19 parcels within 3000' to the south, 11 are non-conforming for the minimum lot size standard and used for primarily residential purposes. While not a great match, changing the zoning district on the subject property to A-10 would accomplish the objective of the Applicant, prevent the spot zoning of an E-1 parcel 3 miles from the nearest other E-1 zoning district and, yet, still be consistent with other nearby residential uses in the A-10 zoning district.

To the east, west, and north, on either side of Marshall Drive and fronting U.S. 50, are properties zoned C-2 and the zone extends along U.S. 50. Across the highway is Industrial zoned land. Nearby are pockets of C-1 and other C-2 zoning. Residential uses lie immediately nearby and

those fronting the highway may have defunct commercial uses.
FISCAL IMPACT: N/A
EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: N/A
FUNDING SOURCE: N/A
ACTION REQUESTED: Accept

Dean Patterson, Associate Planner, made the presentation as outlined in the Agenda Report and stated above.

Vice-Chairman Koenig asked if there was any public comment but there was none.

Commissioner Justin Heath made a motion to approve the request for a Zoning Map Amendment by Steven Richards to change the zoning from C-2 to A-10 on the property 9365 Marshall Drive, APN 007-171-41. Commissioner H. Peter Olsen, Jr. seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

8:20 AM - Presentation in recognition of accomplishments in high school spring sports for both Oasis Academy and the Churchill County High School

The Churchill County Commissioners would like to recognize the accomplishments of individuals and teams taking top recognition for spring sports at both Oasis Academy and the Churchill County High School, as follows:

- The Lady Bighorns softball team from Oasis Academy for an undefeated season. The Lady Bighorns finished the season with a record of 15-0, including 7 shutouts. In its second year of eligibility, the Lady Bighorns are the only undefeated team in the 1A North. The team consists of: Eneyde Rios, Emma Robinson, Nadya Sanchez, Kate Rios, Rachel Bake, Callie Perez, Erin Wachsmuth, Kaitlyn Hert, Elisabeth Bird, Emily Payne. Coaching staff consisted of: Rachel Payne, Head Coach; Brandon Bird, Assistant Coach; John Short, Assistant Coach; and Darlene Short, Statistician.
- The Churchill County High School's boys baseball team for winning the 3A East Division, with a record of 11-8 overall, and 11-7 in league play. the team members are: Lucas Prinz, Matthew Davis, Tyler Austin, Francisco Tapia, Cade Barton, Steven Moon, Kodus Wehe, Avery Strasdin, Hunter Cooper, Isaiah Diaz, Cooper Lee, Zane Bogdanowicz, Evan Crandall, Same Lee, Bryce Adams, Baylor Sandberg, Brady Alves, Shaw Lee, Toby Anderson, and Damien Towne. Coaching staff consisted of Lester de Braga, Head Coach; Eric Clifford, Assistant Coach; David Munoz, Assistant Coach; Trevor de Braga, Assistant Coach, Riley Horn, Assistant Coach; and John Frandsen, Statistician.

Churchill County is extremely proud of the performance of these student athletes and recognize them for their accomplishments.
FISCAL IMPACT: N/A
EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: N/A
FUNDING SOURCE: N/A
ACTION REQUESTED: Other

Vice-Chairman Koenig asked if there was any public comment but there was none. This item was done to recognize the teams and no formal board action was taken.

8:23 AM - Presentation and recognition of Lattin Farms and the Weishaupt Homestead for receiving the Centennial Award as Centennial Farms and Homesteads in 2020

Lattin Farms and the Weishaupt Homestead were recognized as a Centennial Farm and Homestead in 2020. Lattin Farms and the Weishaupt Homestead were founded in 1918, totaling more than 100 years combined of family heritage and farming in Fallon, Nevada. The Centennial Awards began in 2004 and, with the addition of the Lattin and Weishaupt families, 58 family-run operations have been inducted.

Lattin Farms was purchased by George William Lattin in 1918. Lattin purchased an 80-acre parcel of farmland that was later sold to his son Ralph, who grew alfalfa, corn, and cattle. Upon returning from World War II in 1946, Ralph's two sons, Bill and Dick, purchased a neighboring farm as the Lattin brothers. Five generations after the original purchase, Bill's son, Rick, continues to farm the now 400-acre farm and agritourism business. Many members of the Lattin family continue to live on the farm, where they carry on the Lattin family legacy through the Lattin Grower's Market, Lattin Kitchen, and agritourism business.

Albert and Addie Weishaupt bought 80 acres in 1918 in Fallon, Nevada. They built the Weishaupt Homestead where they farmed the land for alfalfa and raised dairy cows, sheep, hogs, and turkeys. In 1946, Albert and Addie's youngest son, Karl, returned from serving in World War II, marrying Bettie Atwater and raising three children. In 1977, Karl and Bettie bought the home from his parents. Karl still lives on the family ranch where his son, Dana, continues to farm.

Visit agri.nv.gov/CentennialAwards to learn more about the Nevada Centennial Awards Program and to read the full history of Lattin Farms the Weishaupt Homestead, as well as the rest of Nevada's Centennial families.

FISCAL IMPACT: N/A

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: N/A

FUNDING SOURCE: N/A

ACTION REQUESTED: Other

County Manager Jim Barbee made the presentation as outlined in the Agenda Report and stated above.

Vice-Chairman Koenig said I was telling Rick that I remember, as a 7 or 8 year-old, hot capping cantaloupe on his farm as a little kid. He said you probably never want to see one of those again, especially at the age of 7, I really didn't. My dad was in cahoots with Rick there in more things than just farming, I think.

Vice-Chairman Koenig asked if there was any public comment but there was none. This item was done to recognize the farms and no formal board action was taken.

8:25 AM - Consideration and possible action re: Approval of special assessments on the 2021-2022 Secured Tax Roll to each taxable parcel in the Carson Desert Groundwater Basin

The Nevada Department of Taxation Guidance Letter 19-004, dated November 25, 2019, provides direction on the treatment and billing for certain underground water basin assessments. NRS 534.040 requires the Nevada Division of Water Resources to submit the budgeted costs associated with administering a particular ground water basin to the Board of County Commissioners who, in turn, levy a special assessment on each taxable water user in the basin equal to the costs submitted by the division. The Board of County Commissioners then directs the County Treasurer to place the Special Assessment on each taxable water user in the basin. Since the groundwater use in the Carson Desert Groundwater Basin is not predominantly agricultural, Guidance Letter 19-004 directs us to simply allocate the charge equally to each property as a "flat rate".

Since 2015, the costs for the Carson Desert Groundwater Basin, as submitted by the Nevada Division of Water Resources, have been between \$2,000 and \$3,000. According to Daniel Randles, Water Resource Specialist, the increase to Carson Desert basin 101 is similar to other basins. The need for increased field work, field investigations and staff presence in the basin are the basis for the increase in the assessment amount. In addition to water level measurements, we have seen an increase in work related to the supplemental groundwater and the overall need to have data to support the responsible management within this basin. Additionally, our office is planning to begin conducting an inventory in this basin, and the additional funding is necessary to support those efforts.

FISCAL IMPACT: N/A

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: As outlined.

FUNDING SOURCE: As outlined.

ACTION REQUESTED: Accept

Assessor Denise Felton made the presentation as outlined in the Agenda Report and stated above.

Commissioner Koenig said can you go into a little more detail on why the increase, it is 20 times more than it was.

Daniel Randles said it is a significant increase and, while it is significant in the overall rate, we do take into account that it is going from \$0.17 to over \$2. We took that into account trying to make sure that we are not having a huge rate per parcel. One of the things happening in the Carson Desert Groundwater Basin is we are spending quite a bit of time out there and we are starting to manage the water rights quite a bit more and having more of a presence but, in doing so, we have to start doing a pumpage inventory. A pumpage inventory in this basin would need staff from our office to go out and visit all water rights. Currently, there are 314 active rights in that basin. Currently, there is not an inventory being conducted, so a lot of this funding would be for that purpose.

Chairman Olsen said what are the limits in the NRS for a charge like this and then what is the impetus for doing this, at this time, where it has been what it has been? Who is driving the agenda here? Daniel Randles said, per NRS, there is not a limit on basins that are nonagricultural. In basins that are for agriculture, there is a minimum charge and, for surface water that spans multiple counties, such as the Humboldt River System, there is a limit on how much it can be per acre. The Division of Water Resources tries to operate within these budgets and tries to make sure that we are not going over what we expect to spend in these areas and we are not looking to create a slush fund or to collect fees in this basin to fund other areas. These fees will be collected here and we have to run a separate account to manage this basin for work that is related to this basin. It is not like the money is pooled in all together. As far as what is driving the work, it is that a lot of our basins throughout the state have been adding inventories and a lot of that is brought on by recent legislation within the last few years of state inventory and so, to acquire that inventory, basins such as this are requiring individual inventories to be conducted and we are starting to add those in basins such as this. It is complying with legislation that I believe was done in 2017 or 2018.

Commissioner Heath said, so there would be nothing next year for us to expect an increase like $50,000? Daniel Randles said I would not expect so, no. This is in anticipation of us conducting a pumpage inventory and our expectations in basins similar to this is that we would be able to conduct that inventory at that rate. Basins that are already at this level are increased simply for the cost of doing business for possibly a vehicle or the individuals time to conduct this work and in doing so, as those costs go up, we would have no increase of cost there, but it would not be to this level. I would not expect it to be to this level, unless we had a situation here where this basin was designated in 1978 and, for a number of years, we did not conduct an assessment and then when it was started, it was fairly low because we weren't doing a lot of work out there. As the work increased, we did not raise the assessment, so now we are a little behind.

Chairman Olsen said would it be appropriate for us to see an accounting of how that was being spent? Daniel Randles said I can talk to my Deputy Administrators and our financial people to see. Our previous assessment was in 2000 but I can check to see how they were spending that. Most of that time would have been field staff time. The work we are doing out there currently, is water level measurements. That information is available on our website and what has been available in not all sites but a number of sites throughout the basin that we have tracked. I would estimate probably 30-40 years on some sites and it gives us an idea of what the groundwater level rate of drop is and if there has been an increase of people in the area.

County Manager Barbee said if it is not going to increase significantly, moving forward, then does it have the potential to decrease? Will these funds roll over? I know the Department of Agriculture does ongoing groundwater level measurements. Is there any coordination with them on this or, if any of their wells fall in the same area, where we are not doing duplicated work? Daniel Randles said in areas where there are groundwater level measurements being taken, we ask that those agencies offer that. If it was the Department of Agriculture, we work really closely with USGS and some of those other agencies, but if they are already doing the work, we don't go and measure those sites again unless they are measuring in the spring and maybe we are measuring in the fall to get an idea if there is a difference between those time frames.

As far as the money in these accounts, it does roll over and it is funds that are available to use in those basins as it rolls over. Our goal is that we are trying to make sure you are not paying too much and not shorting ourselves. We are trying to get that sweet spot and that is the number we came up with. We try not to have too large of a reserve. We do work on having a little bit of a reserve, but anything that is over about 5 years of operating is something that we try to avoid very, very much. If this account were to reach, based on the $24,000, something around the $100k range, I would expect that we would be dropping that rate significantly because, if we are not using those funds for that work, as I mentioned before, we are not looking to use these funds in a different basin like in Las Vegas or something like that. County Manager Barbee said are there any rollover funds sitting in that account? Daniel Randles said, in the Carson Desert account, I don't have a number offhand, but I can look into that. My administrator is trying to look it up. I do know that, in the Dixie Valley Basin account, that account has been depleted for a couple of months now. We have not had the funds out of that account to do our field work in that basin. That does not mean that we have not been doing the work. We have been using General Fund time and employees to do that work.

Chairman Olsen said I would really appreciate an accounting on this and maybe Chief Deputy DA Shawcroft can cite the NRS that does this. I am sure Mr. Randles is correct but I would like to see that if you could send it out in a letter to all of us. Chief Deputy DA Shawcroft said I am looking at this right now and he is correct; there is no cap on what the assessment can be. However, as far as the accounting is concerned, I think the county is justified in asking for more detail. These costs are supposed to be paid for using the well driller license fees, so it would be nice to know what kind of revenue is happening there with those fees and if the agency has ever looked at increasing those fees to cover these costs instead of just going straight to the assessment. Then, if those fees are not sufficient to cover those costs of their project, then that is when they can ask for the assessment. I think we are justified in asking for more details on that budget. Chairman Olsen said I just feel an obligation to the taxpayer to ask all these questions and, with a dozen-fold increase on something, just to ask where this is going and all the other questions that everybody asks about this. I know $2 is not going to kill anybody but you have to ask where this is going with that kind of increase. We have to pursue asking questions.

Daniel Randles said I think that we have $11,000 in that account. The way that this is collected with the county, that money needs to get us until next July, at this point.

Vice-Chairman Koenig said I am new at this and maybe this is how it works but I kind of think it stinks. You can call it a Special Assessment but really it is a tax increase, so we have people in Carson City saying we want to raise taxes $24,000 but we are going to turn it over the County Commissioners to have to actually make that happen. The money does not go to the county, it comes from the county and it all goes to Carson City. Why do we have to be the ones to make this happen and collect the money if it is the state demanding that we do this. I mean your letter says respectfully request that we levy a special assessment. Can you deny a respectful request? I guess you can I think, if we even have the option to dig deeper into NRS, because are being told what to do and how to do it without any choice and that doesn't always sit well with me to raise taxes or being told we have to. Then the NRS does not give us a choice. Chief Deputy DA Shawcroft said no, the language in the NRS is, shall levy the assessment but, as discussed earlier, we are justified in asking for details. Vice-Chairman Koenig I would like to get some guarantees so we can see exactly where the money is spent. I mean, we have $11,000 in there.

That is almost half as much and now they want to assess $24,000 when we already have $11,000 left over. I would like some assurances that we can hold you accountable and we can see exactly where this money is going and where it is being spent before we actually agree to do this or follow directions and do what we are told, that we have to do, 'we shall'. Daniel Randles said I can get that information and I will work with my staff to get that to you.

I would like to explain some history on past assessments. The state started to do these assessments for surface water back in the early 1900s and for groundwater as early as the 1940s, but definitely by the 1950s but, up until the 1950s, that was coordinated with a lot of the counties for the people that would be out doing the work and it was determined that having them report to the county and the State Engineer was too much on their part so that was handed over to the State Engineer's Office. We are continuing to do that work. As far as the collection of the fees done by the county, that is one of the reasons I always offer the Assessor and the Treasurer our presence at the County Commission meetings to explain ourselves about why there are increases and what we are doing with the money. If they ever need any help, as far as these assessments, I try to be as helpful as I can. Anytime they send me an email or a phone call and have questions, comments, or concerns, I try to get back to them and hope that they would say that this has been the case.

Vice-Chairman Koenig said my angst is not with you, specifically, it is more with the Legislature that passes the law that says you shall raise taxes. Just being commanded and told exactly what we have to do does not sit well with me. It has nothing to do with you, but I would feel better if we could have a better accountability on how that money is being spent.

Vice-Chairman Koenig asked if there was any public comment but there was none.

Commissioner H. Peter Olsen, Jr. made a motion to levy a special assessment of approximately $2.07 on each taxable water user in the Carson Desert Groundwater Basin totaling $24,000.00 and to certify the amounts for the special assessments to be entered on the 2021-2022 Secured Tax Roll by the County Treasurer. Commissioner Justin Heath seconded the motion, which carried by majority vote, with Commissioner Koenig opposed.

8:28 AM - Consideration and possible action re: Approval of special assessments on the 2021-2022 Secured Tax Roll to each permitted water right holder in the Lovelock Valley Groundwater Basin and special assessments on the 2021-2022 Unsecured Tax Roll to each permitted water right holder in the Dixie Valley Groundwater Basin

As with the previous Agenda item, NRS 534.040 requires a special assessment be levied on each taxable water user in the basin equal to the costs submitted by the Nevada Division of Water Resources. The Lovelock Valley and Dixie Valley Groundwater Basins are used predominantly for agricultural purposes and the Nevada Department of Taxation Guidance Letter 19-004, dated November 25, 2019, directs us to levy the special assessment on each water user.

The costs for the Lovelock Valley Groundwater Basin are consistent with years past. The Nevada Division of Water Resources has submitted costs to Churchill County for the Dixie Valley Groundwater Basin since 2019, which typically total less than $3,000. According to Daniel Randles, Water Resource Specialist, "the increase in Dixie Valley Basin 128 from $0.05 per acre-foot to $0.20 per acre-foot was to cover the expected costs for operation and field investigations and other field work in the basin. We actively conduct water level measurements in the basin multiple times a year and a pumpage inventory may start in this basin. Additionally, this assessment was recently started a couple of years ago with concerns of the increased activity from geothermal permits and other uses in an over appropriated basin. When we initiated this assessment and other assessments, we start with a minimal assessment rate until we have a better idea of time being spent, the resources in the basin, and anticipated future needs and demands with the intent of keeping initial assessments at a rate that allows us room to increase the assessments to meet future needs. While the increase is significant by percentage, the increase of $0.15 per acre-foot of water, being 325,851 gallons, by comparison is still low compared to other basins throughout Nevada. At the current requested rate, it is still lower than the average in Nevada which is at a rate of $0.65 per acre-foot."

FISCAL IMPACT: As outlined.

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: As outlined.

FUNDING SOURCE: As outlined.

ACTION REQUESTED: Accept

Assessor Denise Felton made the presentation as outlined in the Agenda Report and stated above.

County Manager Barbee said do you communicate with Chris Mahannah who is under contract with Churchill County for collecting the data related to groundwater measurements? Daniel Randles said I believe we do receive that information. I don't personally receive it. I believe it goes to our hydrologist for our water tracking purposes, but this is a basin that we also do groundwater level measurements and the amount of increased work and outreach that we have been doing in the Dixie Valley area, especially with anticipated geothermal, which has increased our work out there. This is the one that I previously mentioned that the account is at zero or in the hole as far as the funds for that but there is work to be done in that basin. This basin is new to being assessed. Dixie Valley, I believe, was established in 2016 or 2017. The State Engineer's Office is adding a number of these basins to be assessed for the work being done on them. Our inventory is being implemented and, when we implement these, we try to not just come right out of the gate with $0.50 per acre-foot or something like that. We try to start off at. $0.05 or 0.10 per acre-foot until we can get a better idea of how much work we are conducting out there. At $0.20 per acre-foot, it is a significant increase, but it is still well below the average within the state. Lovelock is closer to the average of $0.65 per acre-foot, which is normal for most basins in the state. Dixie Valley will be determined based on the work being done there, not just throughout the state. I believe it is justified and we are hoping that the request of $10,000 for the 2022 year will be enough for us to operate and to address the issues that we are seeing in that basin.

County Manager Barbee said the county is one of the major claim holders of water within Dixie Valley and we spend thousands of dollars in monitoring costs that are sponsored through the Carson Water Conservation District. I am just confused as to the linkages between those two. Does that mean that you guys would be spending thousands of dollars if we were not doing that monitoring, because you are taking advantage, which I am hopeful of, or is that data just going to a file somewhere and then you are duplicating the work that we are already doing there? I am having a hard time connecting those two projects. Daniel Randles said, to my knowledge, we are using that data. I mentioned before that we are now being asked to do a state inventory, so we are relying on data such as that to help us accomplish that. As this assessment is against groundwater, I don't have Churchill County as a direct owner of any water rights I am looking at. Most of the rights I am looking at are for industrial use, either through the Dixie Valley Power Partnership or the Terra-Gen Dixie Valley LLC for their geothermal operations. There are a few stock water operators out there, but the majority of this is those two operators and, as was mentioned earlier, the Naval Air Station receives a large amount of acquired water rights from land acquisitions that they have done over the years. As to your question of if are we duplicating the information or using information from Mr. Mahannah, we do use his information. That is something that we are not trying to go out and redo that work but there still is some time in the office for processing that we need to do to combine it with other reports that we are asked to provide.

Vice-Chairman Koenig asked if there was any public comment but there was none. He said I would feel better if we could have a better accountability on how that money is being spent. Daniel Randles asked who to send the information to. County Manager Barbee said you can reach out to the County Manager's Office.

Commissioner Justin Heath made a motion to levy a special assessment to each permitted water right holder in the Lovelock Valley Groundwater Basin totaling $135.85, to certify the amount for the special assessment to be entered on the 2021-2022 Secured Tax Roll by the County Treasurer, to levy a special assessment to each permitted water right holder in the Dixie Valley Groundwater Basin totaling $10,119.34, and to certify the amounts for the special assessments to be entered on the 2021-2022 Unsecured Tax Roll by the County Assessor. Commissioner H. Peter Olsen, Jr. seconded the motion, which carried by majority vote, with Commissioner Koenig opposed.

Linda Rothery said I wanted to clarify that this is actually a Special Assessment and that is how it goes on the tax bills; it is not a tax. Vice-Chairman Koenig said they are making me pay 400% more than I paid last year and the government says you have to pay that. Call it what you want. Technically and legally, it is a Special Assessment but it is a tax. Assessor Felton said we just wanted to clarify because taxes are based on the value; these are added on in a different manner, so that is why we clarified it. They really are not taxes; they are added on as a fee but they are just paid on the tax bill. Vice-Chairman Koenig said the motion did not call it a tax.

8:30 AM - Consideration and possible action re: Approval of an Interlocal Contract between Churchill County and the Nevada Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, Nevada Division of Forestry, for wildfire protection in the amount of $28,582

Presented for the board's approval is an Interlocal Contract with the Nevada Division of Forestry whereby the division will work to maintain effective wildfire management in cooperation with local and federal counterparts. This is a contract renewal for a term of 2 years, with the existing agreement expiring June 30, 2021. The provisions in the Interlocal Contract are the same as in previous years. The Fire Department will present additional information concerning this Contract.

FISCAL IMPACT: $28,582 divided equally between two fiscal years.

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: The cost of the Contract is $28,582 divided equally between two fiscal years. Funds are already budgeted in the Fire Department's budget.
FUNDING SOURCE: General Fund.
ACTION REQUESTED: Accept

Alex Haffner made the presentation as outlined in the Agenda Report and stated above. He added that this is an all-risk Contract, so if a fire starts on private ground and it goes to the Nevada Division of Forestry (NDF) or the BLM, NDF will come out. They will not charge the Fire Department or the county. They will try to recoup some of the costs from the landowner. They will also help us with Search and Rescue. They will provide helicopters with water drops and help with floods. It is a 24-hour mutual aid reimburse so, if they do call us, we work the first 24 hours for free and after that we can start charging them for qualified firemen and for apparatus. We have had the Contract for 6-8 years now and we have not been using them that much. We have been able to handle our own fires.

They have actually dropped the rate. It used to be $30,000. We did use them in Hazen to cut down trees; they are really good at that. They have tree fallers, which we are not specialized in but they are. They have come out a couple of other times. When we had a fire on the river it was the same thing. They came and cut down trees. I do think it is a really good Contract. It is basically an insurance policy for the county. What brought this Contract along was we had a fire out at I-80 and they did one helo drop and it was $9,000 so if it is a big fire, it can really be a lot of money.

Commissioner Heath said does this cover the BLM side or just NDF? Alex Haffner said it covers both. I actually talked to the Emergency Manager yesterday and he said it does cover both. They also provide training and he informed me that we can use BLM through this Contract for training also.

Vice-Chairman Koenig asked if there was any public comment but there was none.

Commissioner Justin Heath made a motion to approve the Interlocal Contract with the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, Nevada Division of Forestry, as presented. Commissioner H. Peter Olsen, Jr. seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

8:33 AM - Consideration and possible action re: Approval of a Contract with Lumos & Associates for $24,500.00 to assist with and revise components of the 2021 RAISE Grant Application submittal for funding of a new roadway between Moody Lane and Coleman Road

Churchill County is proposing to construct a connecter roadway, including water and wastewater utilities and a bridge over the Carson River between Coleman Road and Moody Lane.

In 2020, Churchill County submitted an unsuccessful application for funding of the Coleman Road project to the Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development or BUILD Transportation Discretionary Grant Program. In 2021, the BUILD grant has been renamed the Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity or RAISE Grant.

Churchill County will be submitting an Application to the 2021 RAISE grant for funding of the Coleman Road-Moody Lane Connector Project. In order to complete and submit the new Application, Preliminary Engineering Reports (PER) and Benefit Cost Analysis (BCA) Reports need to be updated and configured to comply with the requirements of the funding agency.

Lumos & Associates contracted with Churchill County to do the PER and BCA for the 2020 BUILD Grant Application, so they are familiar with both the proposed project and the funding agency requirements. A proposal for a scope of work from Lumos & Associates for the new grant Application is provided for the board's consideration.

Approval is sought for the Lumos & Associates Contract in the amount of $24,500.00 to assist Churchill County in applying for the RAISE Grant and revising the PER and BCA Reports.
FISCAL IMPACT: The Contract fee will be shared between the Water and Wastewater Enterprise Funds. Both funds have sufficient balances in their Professional Services accounts to pay for this Contract.
EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: The Contract fee will be shared between the Water and Wastewater Enterprise Funds.
FUNDING SOURCE: Water and Wastewater Enterprise Funds.
ACTION REQUESTED: Accept

Building Official Marie Henson made the presentation as outlined in the Agenda Report and stated above.

Vice-Chairman Koenig asked if there was any public comment but there was none.

Commissioner H. Peter Olsen, Jr. made a motion to approve a Contract with Lumos & Associates for $24,500.00 to revise components of the 2021 RAISE Grant Application submittal for funding of a new roadway between Moody Lane and Coleman Road. Commissioner Justin Heath seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

<u>Letters Received</u>:

A- Consideration and possible action re: Nevada Division of Environmental Protection's notification of its review of the NAS Fallon Draft 2020 Groundwater Monitoring and Landfill Inspection Report.

The Nevada Division of Environmental Protection (NDEP), Bureau of Corrective Actions Department of Defense Branch, has reviewed the *Draft 2020 Groundwater Monitoring and Landfill Inspection Report, Naval Air Station Fallon, Fallon, Nevada* (Draft LFOU Report). The Draft LFOU Report, received by the NDEP on April 12, 2021, was prepared by Battelle and summarizes the findings of the 2020 annual groundwater monitoring and landfill inspection conducted for the Landfill Operable Unit (LFOU). The 2020 annual landfill inspection and groundwater monitoring included landfill inspections and groundwater level gauging at 27 monitoring wells located in and around the four landfill sites (Sites 18, 20, 21, and 22), and groundwater sampling at Site 18.

The annual inspections at Sites 18, 20, 21, and 22, and biennial groundwater sampling at Site 18 were conducted in October 2020. The annual inspections, observations, and measurements were generally consistent with those previously reported. The detected concentrations in groundwater sampling at Site18 were generally below their respective maximum contaminant levels, regional screening levels, or the background metals levels. The groundwater flow direction and gradient are consistent with the previous monitoring events and flows toward the east southeast. Groundwater is present at shallow depths, generally, less than 12 feet below ground surface at a relatively shallow gradient of less than 0.001 to 0.004 foot per foot.

The findings of the 2020 monitoring activities indicate that the four landfills at Sites 18, 20, 21 and 22, are observed to be intact and in stable condition, and the remedies continue to be protective of human health and the environment. No areas of significant settlement or extensive erosion of the landfill cover was observed during the 2020 inspection and, accordingly, no additional erosion control measures were needed for 2020. The 2020 groundwater sampling event at Site 18 provided a baseline for the long-term groundwater monitoring at the site and concentrations are consistent with naturally occurring background levels at NAS Fallon. The Navy intends to continue annual monitoring for Sites 18, 20, 21, and 22, as outlined in the 2004 decision documents and approved Land Use Control Remedial Designs for the sites, and Long-Term Monitoring Work Plans.

The NDEP has the following comments to the Draft LFOU Report:

1. Page 2-3 and 2-4, Sections 2.5.2, 2.5.3, and 2.5.4: Please replace the TPH discussion "concentration above the former state action level of 100 mg/kg." with "concentration above the state reporting limit of 100 mg/kg." This change is for the soil discussion only.

2. Page 4-1. Section 4 (editorial): Please edit "The first groundwater sampling event for IRP Site18 took place in October 2020."

3. Page 4-1, Section 4: Note the bottom of page 2-5 states that the next sampling for Sites 20, 21, and 22 will occur in April of 2021. Please reconcile with the statement at the bottom of Section 4 that states the sampling will be in March 2021.

4. Page 4-7, Section 4.2.5.5 (editorial): Please correct spelling of the first word in the section from Sallow to Shallow.

5. Appendices, Landfill Inspection Reports: Is there a discussion of the mounds shown in some of the photos that explain where these are from?

6. Appendices, Landfill Inspection Reports: Some of the landfill photos notes state there are signs of exposed landfill debris. Will the exposed debris be addressed in any way?

Please respond to the NDEP's comments. Following the NDEP's review of and concurrence with the Navy's response to comments, the NDEP will send out a formal concurrence letter.
FISCAL IMPACT: N/A
EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: N/A

FUNDING SOURCE: N/A

ACTION REQUESTED: None; Informational Only

B- Consideration and possible action re: Nevada Division of Environmental Protection's notification of its review of the Soil Excavation Report for the Former Smedley's.

The Nevada Division of Environmental Protection has reviewed the Soil Excavation Report for the Former Smedley's.

Contaminated soil excavation was conducted at the former Smedley's location following removal of the gasoline underground storage tank fueling systems, fueling canopy, and drive slab. Approximately 1,266 tons of impacted soil was removed from the location of the former dispensers and fueling area. The excavation was terminated at approximately 10 feet below ground surface and measured approximately 62 by 69 feet. Ten confirmation soil samples were collected from the bottom and sidewalls of the excavation. Soil samples were analyzed for gasoline range total petroleum hydrocarbons (TPH) using IPA Method SW8015C. Confirmation soil samples collected from the excavation indicated TPH concentrations below the laboratory reporting limit. Based on TPH concentrations reported below the action level, McGinley concludes that no further soil remediation activities are needed and notes that the groundwater monitoring activities will continue.

The NDEP concurs that no additional soil excavation at this location is necessary and that the current groundwater monitoring program should continue.

FISCAL IMPACT: N/A

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: N/A

FUNDING SOURCE: N/A

ACTION REQUESTED: None; Informational Only

C- Consideration and possible action re: Nevada Division of Environmental Protection's notification of its review of the Draft Work Plan for asbestos removal action at Installation Restoration Program Site 29, Naval Air Station Fallon, Nevada.

The Nevada Division of Environmental Protection (NDEP) provides notification of its review of the Draft Work Plan for asbestos removal action at Installation Restoration Program Site 29, Naval Air Station Fallon, Nevada.

The removal action objective for Site 29 is to mitigate risks from asbestos containing material (ACM) to human and ecological receptors. The cleanup goal for this ACM removal action is to remove all visible ACM on the ground surface within a 0.66-acre surface clearance area and to remove ACM-impacted soil to a depth of 2 feet from within a 0.87-acre excavation area. The ACM and ACM-impacted soil will be disposed of at a licensed offsite disposal facility.

NDEP had some minor comments to the Draft Work Plan and requested that the Navy respond to those comments. Following NDEP's review of and concurrence with the Navy's response to comments, NDEP will send out a formal concurrence letter.

FISCAL IMPACT: N/A

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: N/A

FUNDING SOURCE: N/A

ACTION REQUESTED: None; Informational Only

Old Business:

A- Consideration and possible action re: Approval of an Agreement for purchase of a Conservation/Restrictive Use Easement with Gary Snow and Billie Jo Frazier Snow on Assessor's Parcel Number 006-851-09, totaling 215.08 acres with 173.70 irrigated acres.

The subject property is under the ownership of Gary Snow and Billie Jo Frazier Snow and is an approved Sending Site. The Sending Site Application includes 215.08 acres of land, with 173.70 acres of water rights. Easement on this property and development rights transferred to designated receiving sites will preserve agriculture and facilitate Naval Air Station Fallon's plan to minimize urban growth on lands surrounding the base. This purchase meets Churchill County TDR Program goals.

FISCAL IMPACT: Estimated Total Cost: $400,000, plus closing costs, to be divided 90% Navy and 10% Churchill County. The county's portion to be paid from the Water Resource Fund.

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: Approving these expenditures will support the Transfer of Development Rights (TDR) Program for Churchill County, protect productive agricultural lands, and reduce the ability for urban growth to encroach upon NAS Fallon. The reduction if encroachment upon NAS Fallon will protect one of our community's most important economic assets, while also keeping water in our valley. The TDR Program offers community benefit and potentially facilitates the ability of developers to bear some of the fiscal responsibility of urban growth.

FUNDING SOURCE: U.S. Navy and Water Resources Fund (380-380-76631).

ACTION REQUESTED: Accept

County Manager Barbee made the presentation as outlined in the Agenda Report and stated above.

Vice-Chairman Koenig asked if there was any public comment but there was none.

Commissioner Justin Heath made a motion to approve the purchase of a Conservation Easement and 281 Transferable Development Rights from the approved Sending Site, Assessor's Parcel Number 006-851-09. Commissioner H. Peter Olsen, Jr. seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

B- Consideration and possible action re: Ratification of an Appraisal Proposal from Johnson Perkins Griffin to provide professional appraisal services for the purpose of evaluating a Conservation Easement on the Nygren property (APN: 009-051-05) and property held by The Paulsen Family Trust (007-911-53) in the amount of $1,500 per property, for a total of $3,000.

As part of Churchill County and the U.S. Navy's Conservation Easement Program, the U.S. Navy has engaged Johnson Perkins Griffin to prepare an appraisal of the unencumbered fee simple interest and an appraisal of the Restricted Use Easement for property under the ownership of Denver Scott Nygren (APN: 009-051-05). The U.S. Navy has also engaged Johnson Perkins Griffin to prepare an appraisal report for property under the ownership of Kristen A. Evans, Successor Trustee of the Paulsen Family Trust (APN: 007-911-53). As part of the contract, Johnson Perkins Griffin agrees to prepare appraisals of Conservation Easements on

these properties for the county's review and consideration. The appraisal reports will be used by the county in order to evaluate the potential purchase of Conservation Easements, which is a requirement of this process. Ultimately, once an appraisal is obtained, if a Purchase Agreement is executed, following Churchill County Commission approval, the cost to purchase the easement will be divided with the Navy contributing 90% and the county contributing 10%, per the Encroachment Protection Agreement.
FISCAL IMPACT: $3,000 in FY21
EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: Approving this expenditure will help support the Transfer of Development Rights (TDR) Program for Churchill County, protect productive agricultural land, and reduce the ability for urban growth to encroach upon NAS Fallon. The reduction of encroachment upon NAS Fallon will protect one of our community's most important economic assets.

The county's cost is $1,500 per appraisal, for a total of $3,000 for the two appraisal reports. There are funds available in the budget to pay for Conservation Easement appraisal reports.
FUNDING SOURCE: Water Resources / Contracted Services: 380-380-52400.
ACTION REQUESTED: Accept

County Manager Jim Barbee made the presentation as outlined in the Agenda Report and stated above.

Vice-Chairman Koenig asked if there was any public comment but there was none.

Commissioner Justin Heath made a motion to ratify the proposal from Johnson Perkins Griffin to perform summary appraisal reports on property under the ownership of Nygren and The Paulsen Family Trust. Commissioner H. Peter Olsen, Jr. seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

C- Consideration and possible action re: Approval of an Appraisal Proposal from John S. Wright & Associates to provide professional appraisal services for the purpose of evaluating a Conservation Easement on the Washburn property (APN: 006-751-11, 006-791-19, 006-831-39, 006-851-15 & 006-851-25) in the amount of $1,500.
As part of Churchill County and the U.S. Navy's Conservation Easement Program, the U.S. Navy has engaged John S. Wright & Associates to prepare an appraisal of the unencumbered fee simple interest and an appraisal of the Restricted Use Easement for property under the ownership of William D. Washburn Co-Trustee under The Washburn Family Trust Agreement dated February 18, 2010 (APN: 006-751-11, 006-791-19, 006-831-39, 006-851-15 & 006-851-25). As part of the contract, John S. Wright & Associates agrees to prepare an appraisal of a Conservation Easement on these properties for the county's review and consideration. The appraisal report will be used by the county in order to evaluate the potential purchase of a Conservation Easement, which is a requirement of this process. Ultimately, once an appraisal is obtained, if a Purchase Agreement is executed, following Churchill County Commission approval, the cost to purchase the easement will be divided with the Navy contributing 90% and the county contributing 10%, per the Encroachment Protection Agreement.
FISCAL IMPACT: $1,500 in FY21.
EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: Approving this expenditure will help support the Transfer of

Development Rights (TDR) Program for Churchill County, protect productive agricultural land, and reduce the ability for urban growth to encroach upon NAS Fallon. The reduction of encroachment upon NAS Fallon will protect one of our community's most important economic assets.
FUNDING SOURCE: Water Resources / Contracted Services: 380-380-52400.
ACTION REQUESTED: Accept

County Manager Jim Barbee made the presentation as outlined in the Agenda Report and stated above.

Vice-Chairman Koenig asked if there was any public comment but there was none.

Commissioner H. Peter Olsen, Jr. made a motion to approve the appraisal proposal from John S. Wright & Associates to perform a summary appraisal report on property under the ownership of William D. Washburn as Co-Trustee of The Washburn Family Trust and to authorize the County Manager to sign. Commissioner Justin Heath seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

New Business:

A- Consideration and possible action re: Adoption of Resolution 11-2021 Declaring Churchill County's Opposition to Efforts Seeking to Establish Alternative Forms of Local Government Political Subdivision or any Attempt to Create Separate Government within Churchill County. Potential upcoming legislation known as Opportunity Zones may seek to allow this.
A proposed Bill Draft proposed by Governor Sisolak for consideration in the 2021 Legislative Session to authorize the establishment of "Innovation Zones", a unique form of local government on private land, for the purpose of creating favorable conditions for the advancement of innovative technologies and accelerating the State's growing economic diversification and ability to attract advanced technology industries prepared to invest in the State, has drawn much criticism, especially from rural counties. The Governor has now proposed the formation of a special joint committee through a Concurrent Resolution by the Nevada Legislature with the purpose of studying the Innovation Zones concept and submitting a report of its findings and recommendations to the Legislative Commission and the Governor by December 31, 2021.

Although the findings and recommendations of the special joint committee are unknown, Churchill County does not support any effort that seeks to establish alternative forms of local government to govern private enterprise within the county and which circumvents local government processes, dilutes local taxable resources, and allows for industries to self-regulate. Therefore, Resolution 11-2021 is brought forth to make known the county's position on such proposals.

A copy of the original Bill Draft Authorizing the Creation of Innovation Zones as well as a memo from the Office of the Governor are attached for reference.
FISCAL IMPACT: N/A

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: N/A
FUNDING SOURCE: N/A
ACTION REQUESTED: Adopt

A RESOLUTION DECLARING CHURCHILL COUNTY'S OPPOSITION TO EFFORTS SEEKING TO ESTABLISH ALTERNATIVE FORMS OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, POLITICAL SUBDIVISION OR ANY ATTEMPT TO CREATE SEPARATE GOVERNMENT WITHIN CHURCHILL COUNTY.

County Manager Jim Barbee made the presentation as outlined in the Agenda Report and stated above.

Vice-Chairman Koenig asked if there was any public comment but there was none.

Commissioner Justin Heath made a motion to adopt Resolution 11-2021 Declaring Churchill County's Opposition to Efforts Seeking to Establish Alternative Forms of Local Government Political Subdivision or any Attempt to Create Separate Government within Churchill County Commissioner H. Peter Olsen, Jr. seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

B- Consideration and possible action re: Transfer of funds to the Churchill County Road Department in the amount of $250,000 as approved by the Regional Transportation Commission

The Churchill County Road Department is requesting a transfer of funds in the amount of $250,000 for first and final payment of FY 2021 Road and Bridge Projects for the 3rd quarter. The transfer is to be split 50/50 from Regional Transportation Fund 280 and Public Transit Fund 395.

The reimbursement is for Testolin Road double chip seal project, in the amount of $97,310.42; Rio Vista double chip seal project, in the amount of $75,417.31; Reservoir Road chip seal project, in the amount of $22,770.74; crack sealing on various county roads from February 1 through April 30, 2021, in the amount of $22,021.08, and patching on various county roads from February 1 through April 30, 2021, in the amount of $34,189.52.

Although the projects total $251,709.07, the department is only requesting to transfer the encumbered amount of $250,000, which was approved by the Regional transportation Commission at the February 17, 2021 meeting.
FISCAL IMPACT: $125,000 from Regional Transportation Fund 280-630-85300 and $125,000 from Public Transit Fund 395-881-85300
EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: N/A
FUNDING SOURCE: $125,000 from Regional Transportation Fund 280-630-85300 and $125,000 from Public Transit Fund 395-881-85300
ACTION REQUESTED: Accept

Comptroller Wideman made the presentation as outlined in the Agenda Report and as stated above.

Vice-Chairman Koenig asked if there was any public comment but there was none.

Commissioner Justin Heath made a motion to approve the transfer of funds to the Churchill County Road Department in the amount of $250,000 as approved by the Regional Transportation Commission. None seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

<u>Consent Items</u>:

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

Vice-Chairman Koenig asked if there was any public comment but there was none.

Commissioner Justin Heath made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as submitted Commissioner H. Peter Olsen, Jr. seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

<u>Consider Future Agenda Items</u>:

There were not future Agenda items suggested.

<u>Commissioner and Management Staff Reports</u>:

Chairman Olsen reported on the following topics:

- NACO Board meeting with discussion about Legislative matters.
- Rural Caucus.
- CNRWA meeting.
- Met with Ed James from CWSD to discuss growth potential in basin, flood mapping. Ernie Schank was part of that, as well.
- Meeting regarding American Recovery Plan and how those funds will be spent.
- Meeting to discuss what to do with future of CART and facilities for CART.
- FRTC meetings with House and Senate staff from Natural Resources Committee and Armed Services Committee. We are still in the dark as to what the Navy will propose but expect the request for expansion to come soon.
- I sprung a surprise party for my wife's 60th birthday and retirement.

Vice-Chairman Koenig reported on the following topics:

- Library Board meeting.
- Next week have 4 board meetings.

Commissioner Heath reported on the following topics:

- No meetings to report but have Park & Recreation Commission and CART Board next week.
- Daughter's graduation from Oasis Academy.
- Trip to Stockton for go-cart racing.

County Manager Barbee reported on the following topics:

- Took a road trip to Las Vegas to meet with one of our developers from Churchill County to discuss future growth where we learned we need to update the housing study, so that will be coming forward at some point. Met with South Point Arena for a tour of their facilities in relation to our Civic Center. We picked up a tremendous amount of information, although ours will not be as sophisticated or large. They have 3 arenas. It includes an outdoor arena that is covered, as well. That tremendous information will result in some tweaks in our facility.
- Civic Center has external renderings of the project that are completed and the individual we contracted with is finishing up the interiors. That should be completed by the middle of this month. Later today, we have a meeting to discuss a media tour with Commissioners with hard hats to tour the facility while under construction to bring press as to what is being done and what it will be. I will keep you posted on that.
- I have had conversations with Ed James on flood mapping, so that is moving along. Some of that is 60% complete.
- We are working on how to put out greater promotion or encouragement for vaccinations, so we will have some promotions coming forward.

Sheriff Hickox reported on the following topics:

- South Point's Arena is very impressive.
- Thank you to taking the stance against the Innovation Zones, which I think it is a terrible idea.
- I was scheduled to attend a Patriot's Rally in Battle Mountain. They were the first county to become a Constitutional Police Officers and Sheriffs Association. Elko County took that stance this week. We were in attendance as Mutual Aid. They surprised all Sheriffs in attendance where we had to step up to the platform and give an impromptu speech. The rally went off without a hitch. There was a flag parade from Reno to Battle Mountain. There was nothing violent and there were no protesters.
- I went to the Western States Sheriffs' Association. They had a special day where border sheriffs came up and talked. Resources are over-run as far as hospitals and pop-up clinics where they are finding victims dumped in the desert. Typically, they have 10 homicides a year and already have 5 bodies dumped in the desert but do not have the resources to

identify them. They had some good information for jail administration, which was worthwhile. I met with the anti-domestic violence crusade.

- POST Graduation where one of our deputies took overall honors.
- I attended the Republican Women's Committee and was able to talk and make some good recommendations on that.
- We hosted a fingerprint class put on by Washoe County. They asked us to continue hosting every couple of years and we agreed.
- We hosted a gang intelligence meeting. There is great concern with some prisoners coming out of prison. They worked with the prison system and Lyon County to spread that knowledge.
- Had staff from our agency participate in promoting an officer to Lieutenant. Lyon County asked us to help in the process for an outside perspective.
- Active assailant class to be done at Numa Elementary. We are working with the Fire Dept, EMS, and outside agencies. We are working with Anne McMillin to promote that. Invite any of you to attend that training on Thursday afternoon to see what is going on. Help us prepare us for these situations.
- Met with security officer from NAS Fallon to allow him to see our inter-active communication between our agencies.
- CIT Training last week which was a success but not as smooth as past years. We had to use Zoom and some were not used to doing that. Someone counted 1,000 ums used in a one-hour presentation.
- We had a dispatcher retire with 31 years, which is remarkable. We are thankful for her dedication.
- Deputy turned in resignation as joining Navy. Have 3 current openings.
- Our K-9 got sick but the vet was unable to determine the cause, so they are monitoring. He is a valuable asset to the county. We may have to retire him. We are working to get a new K-9 for office. We are switching breeds but it is the same general thing.

Comptroller Wideman reported on the following topics:

- Received sales tax for March showing we are 16% higher than last year and 58% higher than the 11 year average.
- We received the American Recovery funds of $2M and will receive other half in May 2022.
- We are wrapping up the end of the fiscal year.

Clerk/Treasurer Rothery reported on the following topics:

- Busy as usual with boards.
- We are wrapping up the end of the fiscal year.
- Monday we will record the 1 year liens for delinquent taxes and take deeds to 3 year delinquencies.
- We are getting ready for auditors.
- We are gearing up for the new tax year.

Claims and Payroll Transmittals:

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

Public Comment:

Vice-Chairman Koenig asked if there was any public comment but there was none.

Pursuant to N.R.S. 211.020, the Commissioners will conduct the Quarterly Jail Inspection at the Churchill County Jail upon the close of meeting to inquire into the security of the jail and treatment and condition of the prisoners:

The jail inspection was conducted following the meeting and a separate report of such inspection was recorded.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 AM.

Approved: ______________________
H. Peter Olsen, Jr., Chairman

Approved: ______________________
Greg Koenig, Vice-Chairman

Approved: ______________________
Justin Heath, Commissioner

ATTEST:
Linda Rothery, Clerk/Treasurer

Renae Paholke

Renae Paholke, Deputy Clerk