

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF CHURCHILL COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

155 N. Taylor St., Fallon, NV 89406

February 16, 2022

Call to Order:

The regular meeting of the Board of County Commissioners was called to order at 1:15 PM on February 16, 2022.

PRESENT:

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

ABSENT:

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. Tanya Freeman said this is actually directed at one Commissioner in person. I got a phone call this morning from a lady who owns that property and she is aware that you were there. She wants to send a heartfelt thank you for having the crew there to help. Commissioner Koenig said thank you. When you said that, at first you said she was aware that you were on her property, and it did not sound like a good thing. Tanya Freeman said, well, Greg, every once in a while, one of you guys does a good thing and you need to be thanked for it. Chairman Olsen said every once in a while. Tanya Freeman said that is the only reason I came here is to pick on you directly.

Chairman Olsen said if you BLM folks want to come up. My apologies to you guys, you got dropped off the Agenda because of a problem with software again but we are not picking on you. Ken Collum District Manager, Carson City District, said we don't mind hiding back in the closet, that is fine. Shevawn Sapp said I am the Acting Field Manager of the Stillwater Field Office and I am filling in for Jake Vialpando. Shevawn Sapp had a PowerPoint presentation as follows:

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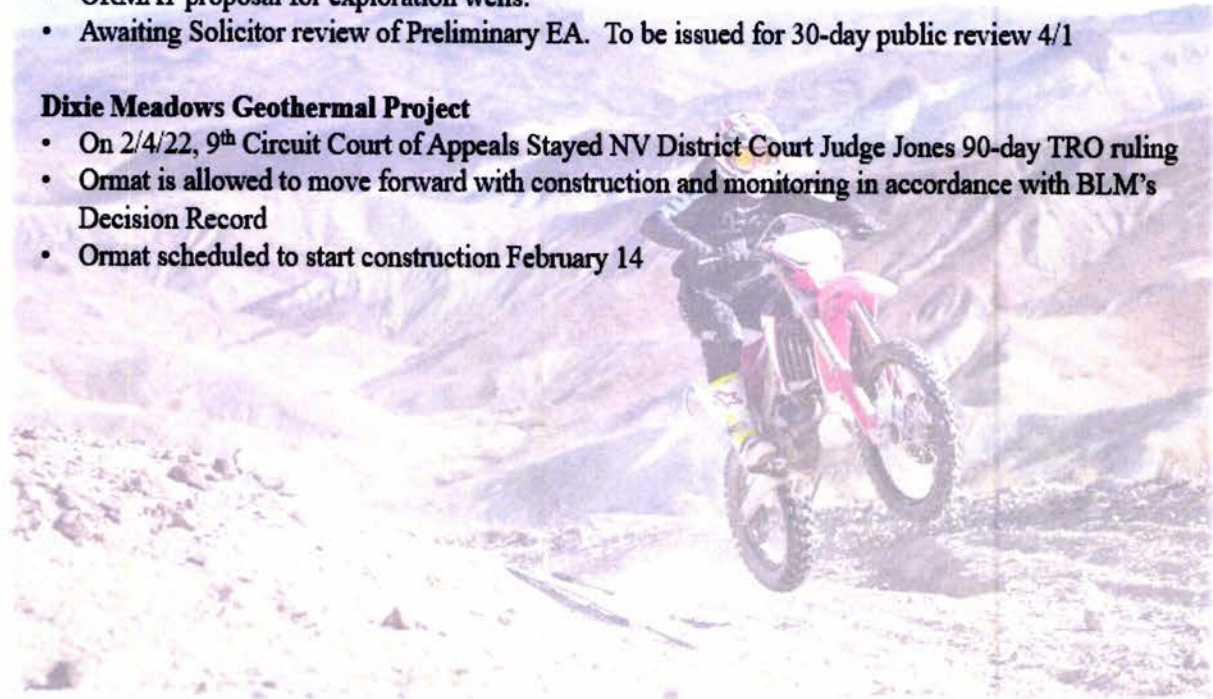
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Comstock GT Project

- ORMAT proposal for exploration wells.
- Awaiting Solicitor review of Preliminary EA. To be issued for 30-day public review 4/1

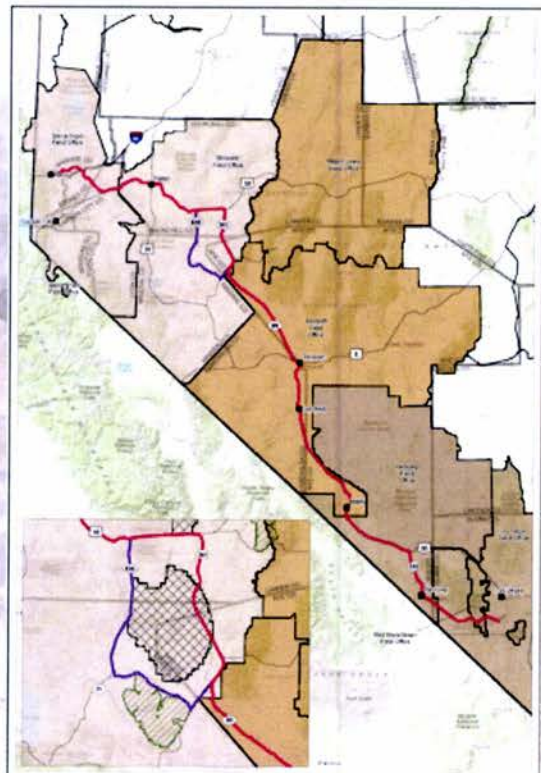
Dixie Meadows Geothermal Project

- On 2/4/22, 9th Circuit Court of Appeals Stayed NV District Court Judge Jones 90-day TRO ruling
- Ormat is allowed to move forward with construction and monitoring in accordance with BLM's Decision Record
- Ormat scheduled to start construction February 14



Vero Fiber Optic Project

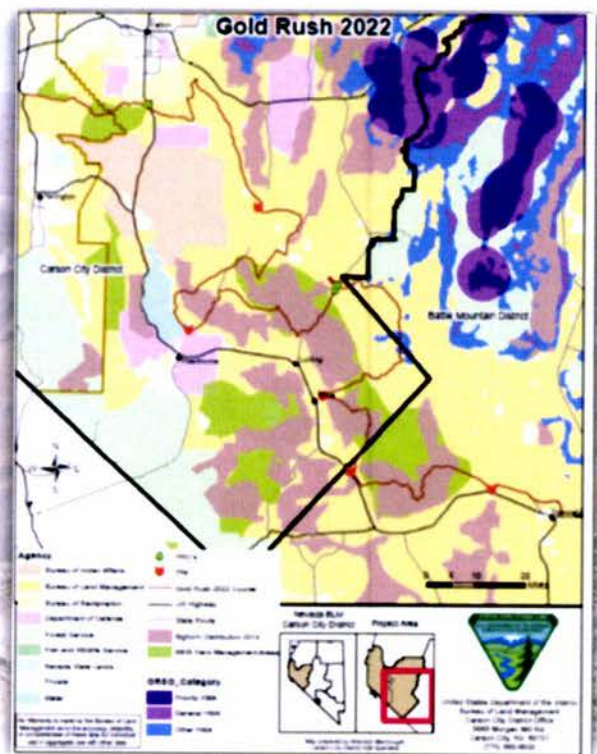
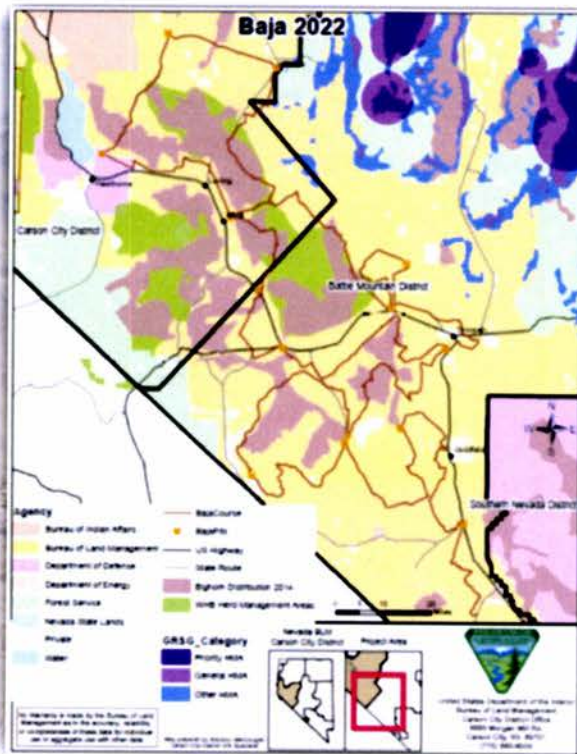
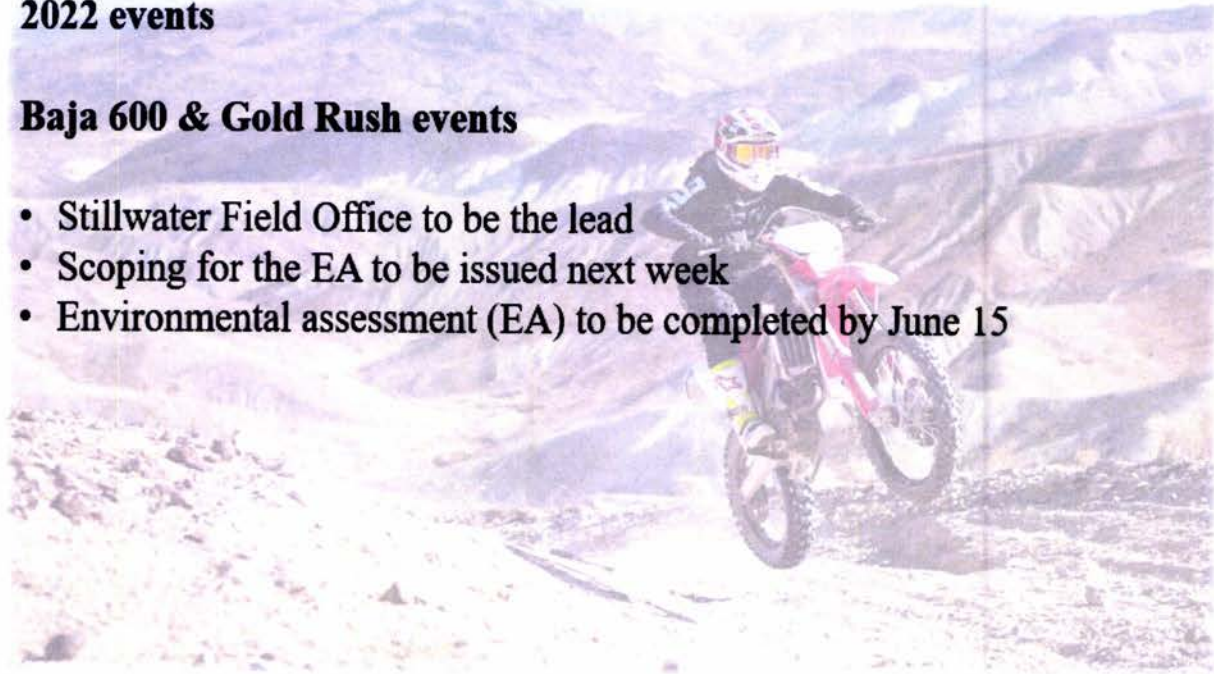
- NVSO project lead, each district to provide IDTs for NEPA
- Starting baseline surveys
- Creating cost recovery accounts
- No timeline yet



Legacy Racing Association: applications for a June and September 2022 events

Baja 600 & Gold Rush events

- Stillwater Field Office to be the lead
- Scoping for the EA to be issued next week
- Environmental assessment (EA) to be completed by June 15

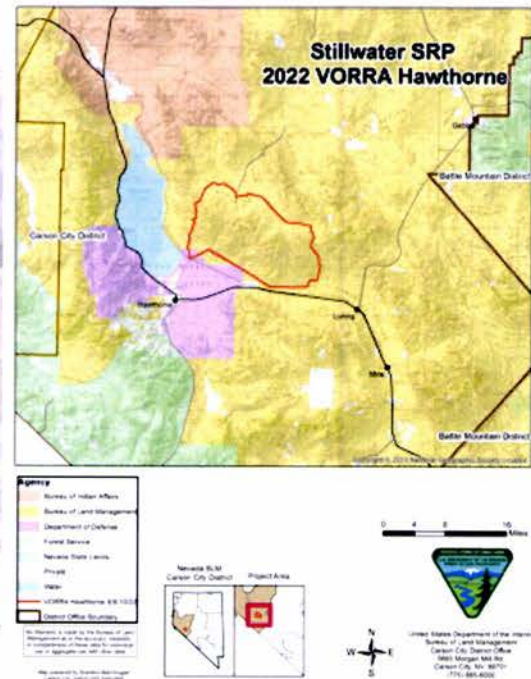


2022 Vegas to Reno SRP

- BLM Tonopah Field Office to take the lead.
- Course map, includes the Pahrump, Tonopah, Stillwater, and Sierra Front field offices.
- The proposed start is located just south of Amargosa Valley (Nye County) and the junction of U.S.
- Route 95 and SR 373 with the proposed finish in Dayton. Event planned for August 2022.

2022 VORRA Hawthorne event

- BLM to complete a DNA for the event to be held April 8-10
- Same race route as authorized in 2021



Ken Collum said I have appreciated working with you through the years. I am going to retire at the end of next week. You are in good hands with Jake and Shevawn and the management of the Carson City District is in place. The only vacancy will be mine and that should continue for quite a while. It has been quite enjoyable. Thank you. Chairman Olsen said thank you for being here. Thank you for your service and enjoy your retirement.

Verification of the Posting of the Agenda:

It was verified by Renae Paholke, Deputy Clerk, that the Agenda for this meeting was posted on the 11th day of February, 2022, between the hours of 8:00 and 11:00 AM at all of the locations listed on the Agenda, in accordance with NRS 241.

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

Commissioner Gregory 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- January 19, 2022.

The Minutes of the meeting held on January 19, 2022 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 January 19, 2022 as presented. Commissioner Gregory Koenig seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

Appointments:

A. - 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 2022 season runs from March 2022 through July 2022. 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 & 17 at \$1,000 each year; FY18 & FY20 at \$2,000 each year, and FY21 \$2,500.

FISCAL IMPACT: \$2,500

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

FUNDING SOURCE: Community Support / Miscellaneous Grants (100-401-70300)

ACTION REQUESTED: Accept

Pat Whitten, Lahontan Valley Claybreakers, said Barry Stewart is taking Wayne's place because you all know Wayne doesn't like to talk. We are here to thank you for supporting us. Last year we had a very good year. We had close to 40 shooters and had the Nevada State Shoot here with kids coming from around the state. Except for the heat, we had a blast. With the awards we give out, I have always wanted them to be the top quality, nice awards from Fallon, so this is one of the awards that we hand out to our kids (displayed for board). If they are going to come to Fallon, they are going to get nice awards.

Barry Stewart said, at our coaches' clinic, which we held last May, we had our NRA instructor come from Las Vegas and this was a Class 1 coaches clinic for a 3-year certification with the NRA. We had 4 people from Carson City and the rest were local, except for one gentleman that came from Seattle. His sister shot Olympic trap and he was not sure how Americans ran stuff so he came all the way from Seattle to attend this class and he really enjoyed it. We had 13 participants in total with almost half from out of the area. A gentleman from Minden, we are hoping, will help grow the Carson City team. We told them to let us know if they have any problems and we will help out.

We have been trying to expand the youth shooting. We have talked to the people in Winnemucca and told them, if they ever get enough volunteers to show up and have a meeting, to call us and

we will come up and show them what they need to do to get a new sport up and going. Reno is too scattered and would have to go to Carson City to shoot but we do have 2 from Reno in our program and 2 more that come from Fernley to participate in our program. We want to do it one more time and we need your help.

Pat Whitten said I apply for many grants; anything that is out there. I am learning the new word to use is education. Gun safety education is key, so we continue to apply for as many grants as we can. Our problem this year is getting ammunition, as everyone knows. Every week, I email the companies that we get our ammunition from and the last email said no components. They are in a boat coming from China. The first boat, while they were waiting to get unloaded, expired. We are going to try to go again. We have a waiting list for kids. It has gotten very popular and we are excited about that. We have some kids that started when they were in the 3rd grade and are now seniors in high school. That is exciting.

Commissioner Koenig said my concern is, and this is not a dealbreaker, your letter says you have 6 kids coming from out of the county, so we are dedicating county funds and you have 6 kids coming that are benefitting and you have a waiting list of county kids who are not able to participate because there are these 6 kids from out of the county that are taking their spots. Because we are doing county funds, I would prefer to have county kids benefitting from this. Pat Whitten said I understand that. How we do our program is we divide it up. We have returning and new shooters. Because we belong to an organization called Nevada Youth Shooting Sports Association, it basically opens us to offering it to all youth in the state. With my waiting list, I have never turned anybody away. I call it my waiting list, but the only time I have ever turned anyone away is because they did not have the ability to hold a shot gun and be safe.

Chairman Olsen asked if there was any public comment. I just want to say that you guys do a lot of work and your facility up there is something else and most of that was all volunteer work with materials and work donated. It is just a really cool thing. If the county had to go find all the money and pay the wages to build all that and everything, it probably would never have happened, so it is really cool that people got together and did that. It is a community asset. I know we are helping the youth here but there is an overarching benefit to the community. It is not just the youth that benefit. There is also some economic benefit from that. I think it is a good thing for the county to support.

Commissioner Gregory Koenig made a motion to approve funding in the amount of \$2,500 in FY22 for the Lahontan Valley Claybreakers. Commissioner Justin Heath seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

B. - Consideration and possible action re: Public Administrator's Annual Report for 2021

Robert "Bob" Getto, Public Administrator, will provide his Annual Report for 2021.

FISCAL IMPACT: N/A

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: N/A

FUNDING SOURCE: N/A

ACTION REQUESTED: Accept

Social Services Director Shannon Ernst said County Manager Barbee and I had a meeting with Bob Getto a few weeks ago and got a report from him then. He has done an exceptional job. Last year, he had a total of 40 cases and 6 of those had no income at all, so they were non-billable and now you jump to 2021 and he has 136 cases. It is an extreme increase in the non-billable cases. With the Agreement we have with him, we provide a stipend that is paid from Indigent Services to help him to recoup some the cost he loses from those. Under the guardianship program, when we have somebody that is one of the protected people and they pass and they have less than \$2,000 worth of assets, I go ahead and go to the state and get approval from the courts to do that, so there is less impact to our Administrator. Anything over that \$2,000, he does have to administer, per the statutes. We have been meeting to discuss the stipend. He has had a lot of losses over the years. I have put into the Social Services' budget where he has requested a little more than \$10,000 a year and I will be providing that through the budget hearings.

Chairman Olsen asked if there was any public comment but there was none. He said that is the way that the Public Administrator was expected to be funded out in the rurals versus reality on the ground.

Director Ernst said when the Public Administrator is assigned to a case, it is their assets that they collect fees from. There are legal services and he has an additional attorney besides our Civil District Attorney's Office. That is how those costs are supposed to be recouped. At times, when somebody passes away and there are no family or assets, Bob has to step in and he secures those things and does the research and maybe he is able to find family and they come in but he is not able to recoup those costs or there are not enough assets to recoup costs. If you have somebody with no assets, he still has to go through the same process. He has to do their taxes and report to all the beneficiaries what has transpired and it is very time consuming. Chairman Olsen said it was set up to where he, basically, had to make his own wages and practice shows that there is not enough money there generated from when people don't have money in their estates to be able to pay him enough to make it worthwhile to do the job. I know that Bob has done a stupendous job and he is a very detailed guy. I just want to make sure that it got out there that he does a good job but there is not enough money there, so we gave him a stipend to help offset his costs. Director Ernst said he has brought a level of professionalism to that office. He has accounting software and an answering service where calls are answered 24-7 to make sure there is that response. He has a deputy so, when he is not available, there is still somebody there to handle those calls.

Commissioner Heath said is there a cap on the number of cases for the stipend? Director Ernst said no, there is no cap. We just pay a quarterly stipend and we have not increased his stipend since 2019.

**Commissioner Gregory Koenig made a motion to approve the report as presented.
Commissioner Justin Heath seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.**

C. - Consideration and possible action re: Increase in salary for Seasonal Maintenance Aide, modifying the position from Pay Grade 27 to Pay Grade 33, with an estimated fiscal impact of approximately \$15,000 a year

With the current work force issues, the Parks and Recreation Department is encountering issues

with filling and retaining seasonal help. These positions are in place to assist the department during the busy seasons. The Maintenance Aide position is an intricate position for the success of the Fairground, Public Parks, and Cemetery divisions. The main issue with recruitment is salary. This position is listed at Pay Grade 27 (\$13.22) and does not include a benefits package. These positions are also only allowed to work 1039 hours in a fiscal year, making them part-time positions. These limitations are creating an unfavorable recruitment and retention atmosphere. The County has recently conducted a salary study but this position was not evaluated. The responsibilities of the Maintenance Aide mirrors those of the Custodial position. The request is to align salaries for these two positions to sit at the same Pay Grade as the Custodian position at Pay Grade 33. This will allow for improved recruitment and create a more competitive atmosphere.

FISCAL IMPACT: Making these changes would not affect the current fiscal year, as the shortage of the ability to fill and retain these positions can be handled within our budget for the extra pay and increase to Social Security, Medicare, etc. The increase in salaries will be \$4,070.40 for 5 positions. In the next fiscal year, the increase will be \$13,216.08, plus the additional Social Security, Medicare, etc. for 5 positions working 1039 hours during the season.

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: The impact of authorizing this action will increase the department's ability to fill seasonal positions that are needed to operate during the busiest time of the year, which includes assisting with special events and day-to-day operations of the Fairgrounds and Rafter 3C Arena, preparing and maintaining public parks and sports fields, and maintaining the Churchill County Cemetery.

FUNDING SOURCE: Parks and Recreation's Budget.

ACTION REQUESTED: Accept

Jorge Guerrero made this presentation as outlined in the Agenda Report.

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

Commissioner Justin Heath made a motion to increase the salary range for the Maintenance Aide position from Grade 27 to Grade 33. Commissioner Gregory Koenig seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

D. - Consideration and possible action re: Ratification of a scoping comment letter to the Notice of Intent to amend Land Use Plans regarding Greater Sage-grouse conservation and preparation of associated Environmental Impact Statements

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has issued a Notice of Intent to develop a Land Use Plan Amendment (LUPA) for conservation and management of Greater Sage-grouse for what will be the third time in the last decade. Following the 2015 LUPA, the county collaborated with the Nevada Association of Counties (NACO) and other counties (Humboldt, Eureka, Elko, White Pine, Lincoln, Washoe, Pershing, and Lander) in filing a lawsuit in the United States District Court for the District of Nevada. In that case, the court concluded that BLM violated the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) by failing to prepare a Supplemental EIS for the Nevada and Northeastern California Greater Sage-grouse Resource Management Plan. The court remanded the 2015 LUPA and required completion of a Supplemental EIS. This led to the BLM's subsequent LUPA planning process, which resulted in a signed Record of Decision in

2019 (2019 ROD). Within months after the 2019 ROD, the United States District Court for the District of Idaho issued a preliminary injunction to halt implementation of the 2019 ROD and LUPA. To address the court's concerns raised in its preliminary injunction, BLM completed a supplemental EIS, which was followed by a subsequent Record of Decision in 2020 (2020 ROD). The county contributed significantly as a Cooperating Agency to the 2019 and 2020 LUPA processes and concluded that these subsequent plans were significant improvements over the 2015 LUPA.

Attached are the county's scoping comments to the BLM as well as supporting attachments. Due to time sensitivity, comments were submitted on February 9, 2022 and ratification of the county's comments is being sought.

FISCAL IMPACT: N/A

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: N/A

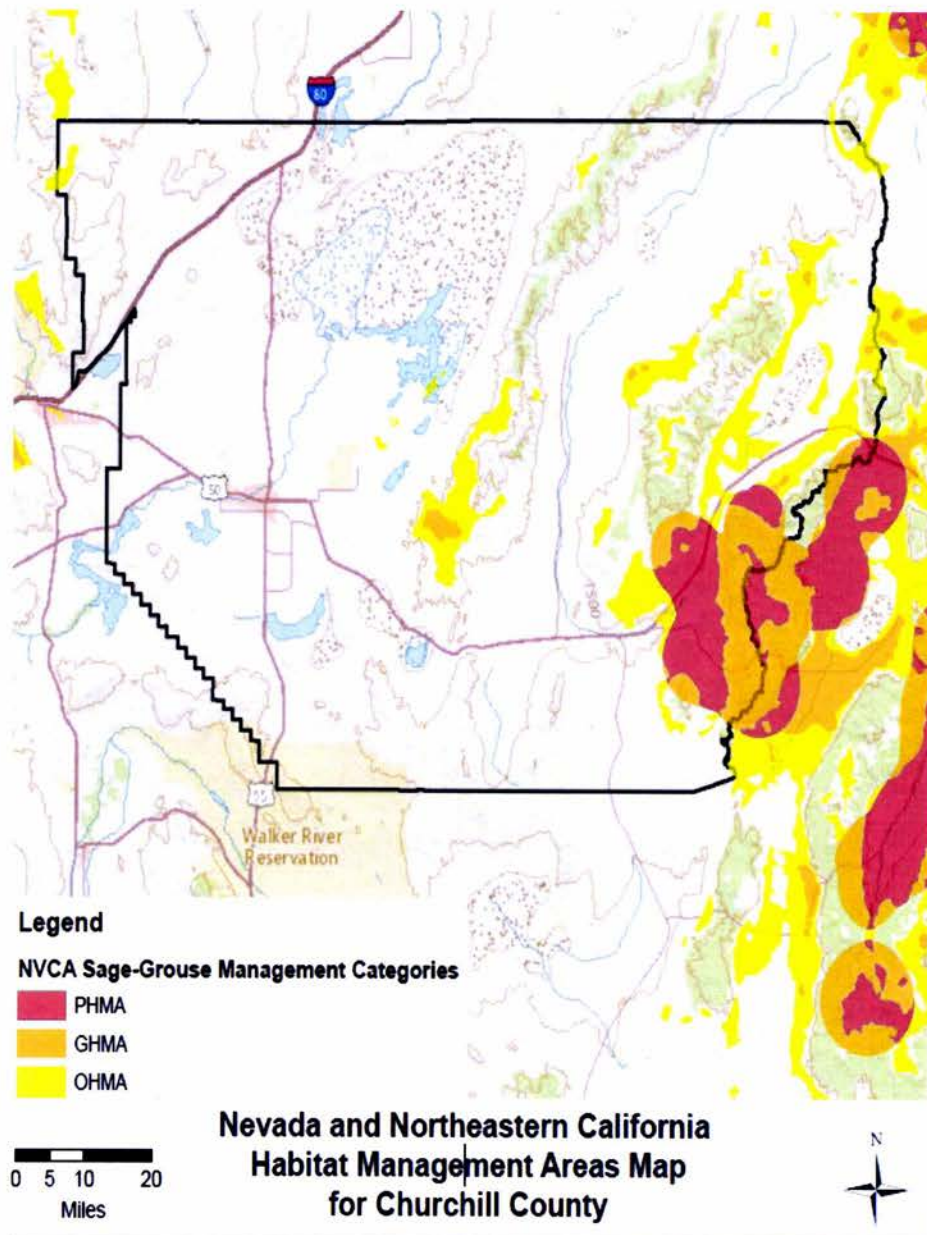
FUNDING SOURCE: N/A

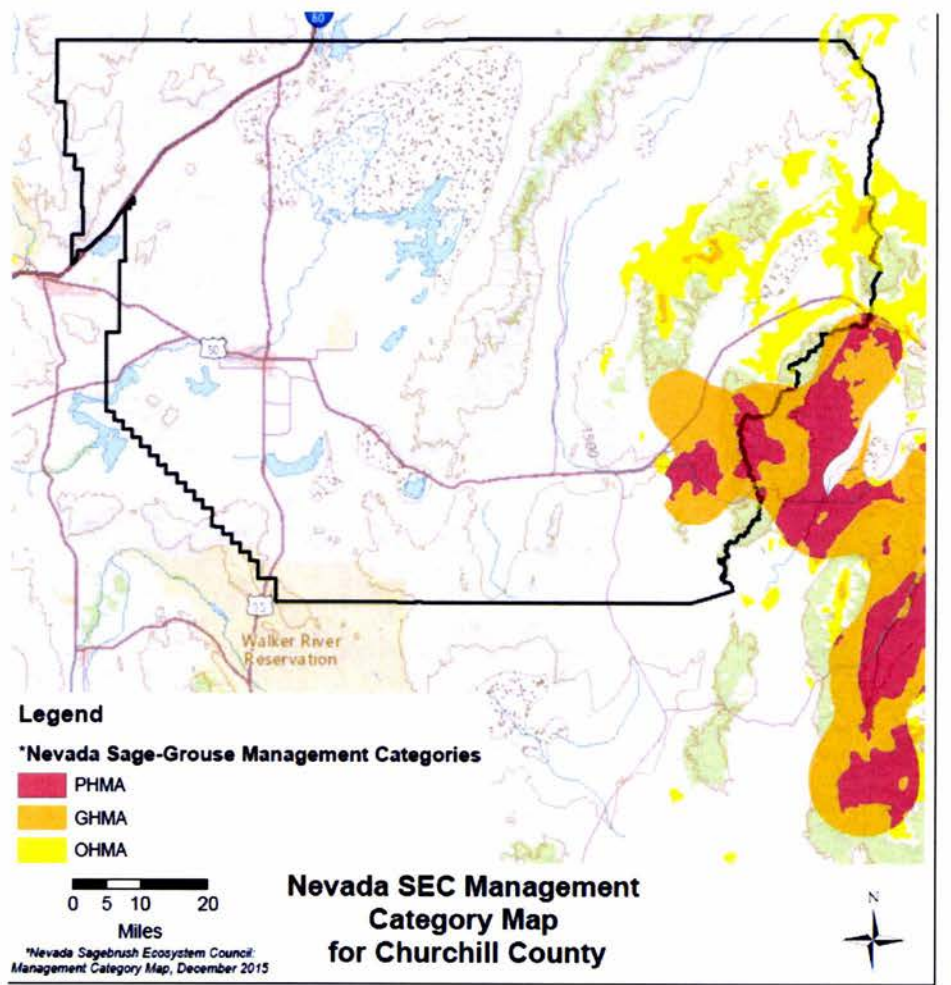
ACTION REQUESTED: Accept

Jeremy Drew, Principal Resource Specialist with Resource Concepts, said I just wanted to thank Ken Collum for his service. He is just a class act with BLM coming from someone who deals with the BLM throughout the state and I really appreciate everything he has done and the time he has spent interfacing with Churchill County. I have enjoyed working with him.

This is Round 3 on the Sage Grouse Land Use Planning efforts that the BLM is embarking on. Some of the history is captured on the efforts on the cover page. The efforts wrapped up the Land Use Plan Amendments in 2015, as well as 2020. I had the opportunity to be involved in both efforts, in terms of supporting the Nevada Association of Counties. This is something that the county has also been involved in. I am not going to get into the nuts and bolts of things. It was developed on a template we worked on with the Nevada Association of Counties. We incorporated previous Churchill County comments and components of Chapter 12 from the Master Plan and then the BLM's Notice of Intent for this round of planning had a slew of items they were looking for feedback on, so we provided that to them from page 3 and on. Pages 2 and 3 were some of the key priorities and then the rest was just more documentation and background of the county's involvement, up to this point. There was some concern when the 2015 Land Use Plan Amendment got wrapped up and court cases basically froze the 2019 Land Use Plan Amendment, due in part to some of the mapping. You will see with the 2 maps that are provided, the BLM habitat category map shows habitat that extends to the Stillwater Mountains and even some into the Carson Sink and over into some of the far northwest corner in the checkerboard area and then the Nevada Map actually changes that pretty substantially where your habitat starts from Middlegate east and into the Clan Alpine Mountains. The reason that happened, back in 2015, is both the BLM and the state were working on their conservation plans and the Land Use Plan Amendments and the timelines didn't match. The BLM had used the previous state map, which was generated, in part, by the USGS and the Nevada Department of Wildlife and we thought there would be a clean way that, once the BLM Record of Decision was signed, to update that map to reflect the states mapping and that never really came to fruition. There is a cascading effect that takes place on the mapping and it is not quite right. I will say that the BLM,

in most cases, has been very good about areas that are mapped as habitat and being able to work around that, especially if we have feedback from the Nevada Department of Wildlife that indicates maybe you are in a place that might show as habitat but really on the ground, is not. So far, we have been able to work through that but I am hoping, with the current Land Use Plan Amendment, that we can get away from that and get on a consistent page in terms of the mapping and then also make sure the counties are able to carry out some of their key administrative and emergency functions.





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

Commissioner Justin Heath made a motion to ratify the scoping comment letter dated February 9, 2022. Commissioner Gregory Koenig seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

E. - Informational update on the Churchill County Lands Bill and Fallon Range Training Complex Modernization

Churchill County was able to meet with the Secretary of the Navy, Carlos Del Toro, on November 5, 2021, following a meeting with Acting Undersecretary of the Navy, Meredith Berger, in October. The county was able to articulate its concerns with the Navy's proposed FRTC Modernization in both meetings and requested a meeting with the appropriate federal and state stakeholders to work through the remaining differences, in hopes of finding a collaborative solution in the coming year. The National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) for Fiscal Year 2022 was passed by Congress at the end of 2021. The final version did not include expansion of the Fallon Range Training Complex (FRTC). Congressional activity is anticipated to begin shortly on the NDAA for Fiscal Year 2023.

The county's proposed FRTC Modernization and Lands Bill is still represented in Division A of Congressman Amodei's Northern Nevada Economic Development, Conservation, and Military Modernization Act of 2021 (H.R. 5243). This bill has yet to receive a hearing.

The Congressional Delegation (Senator Cortez Masto, Senator Rosen, and Congressman Amodei) remains active and engaged in seeking a solution for all involved parties and we greatly appreciate their collective efforts.

FISCAL IMPACT: N/A

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: N/A

FUNDING SOURCE: N/A

ACTION REQUESTED: None; Informational Only

Jeremy Drew, Principal Resource Specialist with Resource Concepts, said, in December of fiscal year 2022, the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) was passed with no action on the Fallon Range Training Complex (FRTC) Modernization. We do anticipate that the FY 2023 NDAA will likely be introduced in early March. We anticipate that the Navy will include a Legislative proposal as part of that NDAA. How much of the county's mitigation package and Lands Bill will be included in that will remain to be seen. We continue to have an open dialog with the Navy. The county's position is still represented with Congressman Amodei's HR 5243, which has still yet to receive a hearing in Congress.

I want to thank County Manager Barbee and the Commissioners who were able to participate in some of the meetings in Fallon last fall. The county was able to convey its positions directly to the Secretary of the Navy, Carlos Del Toro and Acting Undersecretary of the Navy, Meredith Berger, in a series of meetings. We were not only able to relay the county's position and why we felt there was a direct linkage between what the Navy was doing and the Lands Bill components, but we were also able to propose what we thought was a really good path forward, in terms of trying to get the various policy makers at the Department of Defense (DoD), DOI, and local stakeholders in the same room to hammer out some of the details in areas where maybe there has not been a resolution and there is still a difference of opinion. This request was reinforced recently by Senator Rosen. She had the opportunity to question the Office of Management and Budget Director, Jolanda Young. During the confirmation hearing, Senator Rosen asked directly about the process for getting the FRTC Modernization ironed out and incorporated into the next version of the NDAA and secured a commitment from OMD to make that happen. We anticipate and hope for those meetings in the next couple of months, so that when the Legislative process starts all over again, we will be closer to a resolution than we have been on the last 2 rounds.

The Navy is putting together a study for rerouting Pole Line Road and Sand Canyon Road. In talking to Commander Beyer at NAS Fallon, he anticipates that the study will be available in early March. I just want to thank Congressman Amodei, Senator Rosen, Senator Cortez Masto, and the folks at the state level. They have put a lot of time and effort into this. They have had an open door for Churchill County to provide feedback in terms of getting the policy and the details right and we would not be in a good position today without their efforts.

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

Letters Received:

A- Notification from the Division of Water Resources of public workshops to provide information on the Humboldt River Basin water modeling studies by the U.S. Geological Survey and the Desert Research Institute.

The Division of Water Resources is holding public workshops to provide information on the Humboldt River Basin water modeling studies by the U.S. Geological Survey and the Desert Research Institute. The dates and times are listed in the notice.

FISCAL IMPACT: N/A

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: N/A

FUNDING SOURCE: N/A

ACTION REQUESTED: None; Informational Only

B- Bureau of Land Management's public consultation letter for riparian exclosures in the Grass Valley Allotment.

The Bureau of Land Management provides its public consultation letter describing the proposed action to authorize several riparian exclosures in the Grass Valley allotment. These riparian exclosures are being proposed to improve riparian habitat for Greater Sage-grouse and other native wildlife species. The Mount Lewis Field Office (MLFO) proposes to implement actions that are categorically excluded by the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). These projects were identified by the McGinness Hills Geothermal Project Wildlife Working Group as potential mitigation for impacts to the Greater Sage-grouse from the Ormat McGinness Hills Geothermal Plant. This offsite mitigation will be authorized as a range improvement under 43 CFR 4120. There are two proposed project areas in Cowboy Rest and Skull Creek (see maps provided with letter).

The Grass Valley Allotment is situated between the Toiyabe and Simpson Park Mountain Ranges and is located within the Greater Sage-grouse Priority Habitat Management Area (PHMA), General Habitat Management Area (GHMA), and Other Habitat Management Area (OHMA). The proposed riparian exclosures for this project occur within the Callaghan Herd Management Area (HMA).

The proposed exclosures will protect sensitive riparian habitats impacted by grazing by livestock and wild horses. Staff from the MLFO and NDOW have visited these project areas several times over the last few years and have consistently observed heavily impacted riparian systems. Both Skull Creek and Cowboys Rest were impacted by heavy hoof alterations and stabilizing riparian vegetation had been grazed to approximately 1-2". At both locations, there is evidence of the water table dropping due to severe headcutting and erosion. An interdisciplinary team of BLM staff has confirmed that these locations are appropriate candidates for grazing exclosures and the project areas demonstrated a high potential for recovery if grazing was removed from the riparian meadows. To protect these riparian areas from livestock and wild horse impacts and to allow these areas to recover, permanent exclosures have been proposed which can withstand grazing pressure and require minimal maintenance. The proposed fence could be constructed

using a pipe rail system from steel pipe, barbed wire, or a combination of both. The fence will be constructed to wildlife friendly standards to allow for access, reduce impacts and prevent trapping.

This letter serves as an opportunity for the interested public, partners, and state, local, and tribal governments to provide comments on the proposed actions within the Grass Valley Allotment. Comments can be provided in writing within (30) days.

FISCAL IMPACT: N/A

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: N/A

FUNDING SOURCE: N/A

ACTION REQUESTED: None; Informational Only

C- Nevada Division of Minerals notification regarding abandoned mine openings and safety hazards associated with these mine openings.

The Nevada Division of Minerals is responsible for identifying the physical safety hazards associated with abandoned mine openings in the state. Pursuant to NRS 513.094 Section 2: The administrator shall annually, during the month of January, inform each Board of County Commissioners concerning the dangerous conditions found in the respective counties, including their degree of danger relative to one another and to those conditions found in the state as a whole. The division continues to work with claimants, land owners, and federal land managers to address those sites that are not currently secured. Counties will be copied on notification letters when requests to claimants and land owners to secure these features have gone unanswered after 6 months.

Provided is a summary of all the hazardous abandoned mine openings in Churchill County and the hazard rank for each individual site, ranging from 2-10, with 2 being the lowest and 10 being the highest. The rank accounts for both accessibility and degree of danger for the hazard. If the county wishes to acquire any additional information on the unsecured hazards, the Division of Minerals should be contacted.

FISCAL IMPACT: N/A

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: N/A

FUNDING SOURCE: N/A

ACTION REQUESTED: None; Informational Only

New Business:

A- Consideration and possible action re: Notification of the filing of a Nuisance Complaint by Conrad Lowrey against Ken Garcia and establishment of a hearing on March 16, 2022 at 2:00 PM.

Conrad Lowrey filed a Complaint for Nuisance on February 7, 2022 against Ken Garcia. Churchill County Code 8.12.030 provides that a hearing must be scheduled not less than 30 days and not more than 40 days from the filing of the Nuisance Complaint, which would be between March 9 and 19, 2022. The board is asked to establish the hearing between those dates. The board can either hear the matter during a regularly scheduled meeting, which would be March 16, 2022 or set a special date for the hearing.

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. He said we could make it an appointment at some time during the meeting at 1:30 PM or something like that or at 2:00 PM when we are done with our meeting. Commissioner Heath said we should probably do it at 2:00 PM. Commissioner Koenig said we should do it at the conclusion of our regular meeting in which case would be 2:10 PM. Pam Moore said I have to give the parties a specific time but I can let them know it will not be before that time. Chairman Olsen said we will set it for 2:00 PM.

Commissioner Justin Heath made a motion to establish the Nuisance Complaint hearing on March 16th at 2:00PM. Commissioner Gregory Koenig seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

Consent Items:

A- Consideration and possible action re: Report of the condition of each fund in the treasury and the statements of receipts and expenditures pursuant to NRS 251.030 and NRS 354.290.

A Fund Balance Report is attached indicating the beginning balance, receipts, disbursements, and the ending balance of each fund for Churchill County as required by NRS 251.030 and NRS 354.290.

FISCAL IMPACT: N/A

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: N/A

FUNDING SOURCE: N/A

ACTION REQUESTED: Accept

B- Consideration and possible action re: Public Works, Planning & Zoning Department's Revenue Report for January 2022 showing a total of \$151,041.65 in revenue for the month.

The Public Works, Planning & Zoning Department submits its Revenue Report for the month of January 2022 showing a total of \$151,041.65 in revenue. This report is provided for the Commissioners' review and acceptance.

FISCAL IMPACT: \$151,041.65 in revenue for the month.

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: Fees to off-set services provided by the department.

FUNDING SOURCE: General Fund.

ACTION REQUESTED: Accept

C- Consideration and possible action re: Sheriff's Civil Report for January 2022 showing a total of \$22,492 in revenue for the month.

Sheriff Richard Hickox provides his Civil Report for the month of January 2022 showing a total of \$22,492.00 collected as revenue for the month. This report is provided for the board's consideration and acceptance.

FISCAL IMPACT: \$22,492.00.

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: Fees collected help to off-set the costs for providing the services.

FUNDING SOURCE: General Fund.

ACTION REQUESTED: Accept

D- Consideration and possible action re: Building Department's Revenue Report for January 2022 totaling \$46,069.45.

The Building Department provides its Revenue Report for January 2022 for the board's consideration and acceptance. A total of \$46,069.45 was received for the month.

FISCAL IMPACT: \$46,069.45.

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: Fees collected to help offset services provided.

FUNDING SOURCE: General Fund.

ACTION REQUESTED: Accept

E- Consideration and possible action re: Recorder's Monthly Apportionment Report for January 2022 totaling \$17,332.00 in revenue for the month.

Churchill County Recorder, Tasha Hessey, provides her Recorder's Monthly Apportionment Report for January 2022 totaling \$17,332.00 in revenue for the month. Further details can be found in the report. This report is provided for the board's consideration and approval.

FISCAL IMPACT: \$17,332.00.

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

FUNDING SOURCE: General Fund.

ACTION REQUESTED: Accept

F- Consideration and possible action re: Building Permit Activity Report for January 2022.

Provided for the board's review is the report showing 33 permits issued in the month of January 2021. Included in the 33 permits are 3 single-family-dwellings, 1 commercial permit, 0 industrial permits, 9 manufactured home permits and 9 septic permits.

FISCAL IMPACT: N/A

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: N/A

FUNDING SOURCE: N/A

ACTION REQUESTED: Accept

G- Consideration and possible action re: Winnemucca District Office of the Bureau of Land Management's (BLM) request for the county's desire to remain on the mailing list for grazing related issues.

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) requests notification of Churchill County's desire to remain on the mailing list for grazing related issues. BLM frequently seeks public participation in their decision-making process. Consultation, cooperation and coordination are the core of the participation process and provide the BLM decision-maker the opportunity to consider the most complete information before making decisions. In the past, BLM has generated more specific allotment mailing lists as they have completed allotment evaluations. The BLM suspects that not everyone on these mailing lists may be interested in participating in the decision-making process for all the specific types of grazing management actions listed in the notice. Therefore, in an

effort to create a more accurate mailing list and reduce unnecessary mailings, they are asking that the board notify them in writing of its desire to be considered as an interested public for livestock grazing management on lands administered by the BLM. The regulations require the board to identify a specific allotment or allotments in which the board is interested, rather than a blanket assertion that it is interested in "all" allotments. BLM is asking that the board identify the type of action(s) that it is interested in from the list included in the notice and should include:

1. The specific allotment(s) it is interested in by name; and
 2. The specific type(s) of grazing management actions it is interested in for each allotment.
- This board has provided such a letter to the Stillwater Field Office in previous years. This is an annual requirement.

There are a few grazing allotments in Churchill County that are administered by the Winnemucca District. Churchill County would like to remain on the mailing list for the following allotments:

1. Desert Queen.
2. Humboldt Sink.
3. South Rochester.
4. Hole in the Wall.
5. Blue Wing Seven Troughs.

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 Justin Heath made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as submitted. Commissioner Gregory Koenig 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:

- We have an issue coming up that we, as Commissioners, from a budget perspective, will need to deal with involving the 48-hour court mandated requirement for a hearing for defendants. There was a meeting where Jim had all of the participants there and I want to thank the Sheriff, the DA, the Judges, and Brenda. They were all there and it was real good working out the nuts and bolts. We will have another one of those to get that smoothed out as soon as we can. It provides challenges to the different offices and we

will see some budget challenges with that.

- We had a Carson Truckee Conservancy meeting. We sure need a few more snowstorms.
- We had our city/county meeting where Jim and I met with the Mayor and Bob Erickson at the Rafter 3C.
- I attended Valerie Serpa's Celebration of Life at the Arts Center. Val has done so much for this community. She will be missed very much.
- We had a Board of Health meeting.
- We had an RTC meeting this morning. Funds were up.
- I went to a fundraiser for the Churchill Community Coalition. We had a nice turnout.

Commissioner Koenig reported on the following topics:

- I had a Youth Club meeting.

Commissioner Heath reported on the following topics:

- I attended the Chamber of Commerce dinner and the county won the Best Place to Work award.

County Manager Barbee reported on the following topics:

- I spent a lot of time working on things with the Civic Center.
- I had the opportunity to go on the Nevada Newsmakers and talk about the new center.
- We met related to the Health District formation. That continues to move forward.
- I participated in the State Land Use meetings.
- The new multipurpose building will now be called Frenchman's. We got new floors installed and paint and corrugated steel halfway up the walls. It looks like a new place.
- The Park and Recreation folks have done a great job remodeling at the Cottage Schools.

Sheriff Hickox was not present.

Comptroller Wideman reported on the following topics:

- We are just working on the budget.

Civil Deputy DA Shawcroft had nothing to report:

Clerk/Treasurer Rothery was absent but Pam Moore reported on the following topics:

- We have our new online code with Municode up and running. I am happy to have that project done and I want to thank the DA's Office and the Planning Department for helping to review that.
- I can put the new budgets on your thumb drive that has all of the bookmarks on them. You can also download it from the Dropbox.

- We have a Board of Equalization meeting with only one case involved. One case was withdrawn.

Claims and Payroll Transmittals:

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

Public Comment:

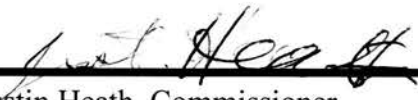
Chairman Olsen asked if there was any public comment but there was none.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 2:06 PM.

Approved: 
H. Peter Olsen, Jr., Chairman

Approved: 
Greg Koenig, Vice Chairman

Approved: 
Justin Heath, Commissioner

ATTEST:
Linda Rothery, Clerk/Treasurer


Renae Paholke, Deputy Clerk