

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF CHURCHILL COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

**155 N. Taylor St., Fallon, NV 89406
December 7, 2023**

Call to Order:

The regular meeting of the Board of County Commissioners was called to order at 8:15 AM on December 7, 2023.

PRESENT:

Commissioner Harry “Bus” Scharmann
Commissioner Justin Heath
Commissioner Myles Getto
County Manager Jim R. Barbee
Comptroller Sherry Wideman
Deputy District Attorney Joseph Sanford
Clerk/Treasurer Linda Rothery
Deputy Clerk to the Board Pamela D. Moore
Deputy Clerk Julianne Ikonen

ABSENT:

N/A

Pledge of Allegiance:

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

Public Comment:

Chairman Scharmann 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 1st day of December, 2023, between the hours of 3:00 and 5:00 PM at all of the locations listed on the Agenda, in accordance with NRS 241.

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

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

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

A- November 2, 2023.

The Minutes of the meeting held on November 2, 2023 are presented for the board's consideration and approval.

FISCAL IMPACT: N/A

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: N/A

FUNDING SOURCE: N/A

ACTION REQUESTED: Accept

Commissioner Myles Getto made a motion to approve the Minutes of the meeting held on November 2, 2023 as presented. Commissioner Justin Heath seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

B- November 8, 2023 Special Meeting.

The Minutes of the special meeting held on November 8, 2023 are presented for the board's consideration and approval.

FISCAL IMPACT: N/A

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: N/A

FUNDING SOURCE: N/A

ACTION REQUESTED: Accept

Commissioner Myles Getto made a motion to approve the Minutes of the special meeting held on November 8, 2023 as presented. Commissioner Justin Heath seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

Appointments:

A- Consideration and possible action re: Adoption of Administrative Order 02-2023 appointing Anthony Tisdale as Justice of the Peace Pro Tempore.

NRS 4.032 imposes a duty upon the Board of County Commissioners, for Churchill County, Nevada, to select a number of persons it determines appropriate to comprise a Panel of Substitute Justices of the Peace; that any member of the panel may be selected by the Justice of the Peace to replace him whenever he is disqualified from acting in a case pending in the New River Township Justice Court, or he is unable to perform his official duties because of his temporary sickness or absence, or other cause. Currently, Stu Richardson is the only appointed Judge Pro Tempore.

Anthony Tisdale is a Fallon resident who is interested in the legal field. He graduated from UNR with a Bachelor's Degree and Graduated Law School from BYU. He is a fighter pilot for the Nevada Air National Guard and flies for Fed Ex – where he happens to be today. I have known Anthony for approximately 20 years when he came through the Fallon Police Department's Explorer Program. As Sheriff, I gladly hired him into our reinvigorated Reserve Deputy Program. Anthony is one of the most, honest, impartial, upstanding, and well-rounded individuals I know. He has expressed interest in a Pro Tempore position with the Justice Court and I emphatically accept him to the position. His qualification for the position is unquestionable. This appointment requires approval from the Board of County Commissioners and I ask that the board approve this appointment.

FISCAL IMPACT: Per Diem Salary.

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: Approximately \$44.00/hour. Any fiscal outlay would be relative to the Justice of the Peace either having to conflict off a case or being unavailable. For these situations, the Justice Court already either uses a Pro Tempore (if available) or is required to contract with a Senior Judge.

FUNDING SOURCE: Justice Court Budget.

ACTION REQUESTED: Accept

Judge Ben Trotter made this presentation as outlined above.

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

Commissioner Justin Heath made a motion to appoint Anthony Tisdale as Justice of the Peace Pro Tempore. Commissioner Myles Getto seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

B- Consideration and possible action re: A Zone Change Application filed by Philip & Tonya Case for property located at 5720 & 5730 Reno Highway, Assessor's Parcel Number 008-531-76, consisting of 3.57 acres in the C-2 & E-1 zoning districts, whereby the Applicants propose to change the parcel to E-1 zoning (except for driveway) in order to replace the existing home with a larger residence, which would not be permitted in the C-2 zoning where the home is located.

The subject property is a flag shaped parcel that is currently split zoned, with approximately half of the parcel designated E-1 and half designated C-2. The Applicants are proposing E-1 zoning on the majority of the parcel, with the exception of the long slender “flagpole” portion at the southwest corner which will remain C-2 for continuity between the abutting C-2 zoning districts. The new split line will run parallel with the south property line, excluding the flagpole segment at a bearing of N66°34’58”W extending to the west property line for a distance of approximately 20’. The Applicants wish to replace the existing dilapidated home with a newer, safer, and more appropriately sized single-family home to meet the needs of their family, which would not be allowed in the current C-2 zoning district. There are no plans for further development. The proposed zone change would match the existing land use and be consistent with the surrounding residential and agricultural land uses. It would not make sense for a commercial development to be allowed in the middle of an existing residential area, so the change to E-1 would maintain the character of surrounding land uses. Because the existing home falls within the area zoned C-2, if this rezone request is denied, replacing the dilapidated single-family home would not be allowed.

The Planning Commission recommended approval of this Application and a copy of the excerpt from the Minutes is provided.

FISCAL IMPACT: N/A

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: N/A

FUNDING SOURCE: N/A

ACTION REQUESTED: Accept

Chris Spross made this presentation as outlined above.

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

Commissioner Myles Getto made a motion to approve the Zoning Map Amendment for Philip and Tonya Case on Assessor's Parcel Number 008-531-76. Commissioner Justin Heath seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

C- Consideration and possible action re: A Sending Site Application filed by Ramiro Jose Coutinho for properties located at 1579, 1750, and vacant property on Cushman Road, Assessor's Parcel Numbers 006-851-18, 006-851-85, & 006-851-83, consisting of a total of 168.14 acres, with a total of 138.41 irrigated water rights in the A-10 zoning district.

This Application is for approval of a Sending Site and Transfer of Development Rights calculation. Almost the entire property is water righted, with the remainder being canals, drains, county roads, farm road, farm work area, and home site area (see the maps). The Applicant requested that the appraisal consider the option of an additional residence on APN 006-851-85.

Sending Sites have minimum requirements:

- 20-acre minimum parcel size or identified as a special site (Churchill County Code 16.14.050).
- Areas removed from irrigation or stripped of vegetation do not pose a dust liability (Churchill county Code 16.14.030.D).

Sending Sites must provide a community benefit listed below, by means identified in Churchill County Code 16.14.030.B:

- Agricultural preservation and retention of water rights.
- Protection of military operations.
- Protection of water recharge areas.
- Protection of open space.
- Protection of wildlife habitat.
- Providing public access.
- Other special benefits.

This property qualifies for the minimum standards by meeting the acreage requirement and dust control requirement. This property provides community benefit by (a) Protection of military operations on both parcels, and (b) Agricultural preservation with water rights retention on nearly the full acreage of all parcels that increases its easement value.

The Sending Site Review Committee reviewed the application on October 30, 2023 and recommended approval of the Sending Site. The committee further recommended a total of 222 Transferable Development Rights (TDRs). The Planning Commission reviewed the application on November 8, 2023 and recommended approval of the Sending Site and issuance of a total of 222 TDRs.

FISCAL IMPACT: N/A

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: N/A

FUNDING SOURCE: N/A

ACTION REQUESTED: Accept

Chris Spross made this presentation as outlined above.

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

Commissioner Justin Heath made a motion to (A) approve the Sending Site Application

for the Ray J. Coutinho Family Trust on property at 1579 & 1750 Cushman Rd. & other property (APN: 006-851-18, 006-851-83, and 006-851-85), consisting of 168.14 acres, based on providing the community benefits of protecting nearby military operations and preserving 138.41 acres of farmland with surface water-rights; and (B) approve 222 Transfer of Development Rights (TDRs) for the same property. Commissioner Myles Getto seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

D- Consideration and possible action re: NACO update and presentation on supporting Historical Rights of Way through adoption of Resolution 30-2023.

The Nevada Association of Counties (NACO) Executive Director will provide an update and is joined by NACO Board President Varlin Higbee for a presentation on supporting Historical Rights of Way through adoption of a resolution. Attached is a copy of a Resolution adopted by NACO on the 28th of April 2023 which supports the proposed Historic Routes Preservation Act (attached) that seeks to create and mandate an efficient administrative process for the adjudication of county R.S. 2477 rights-of-way claims.

For additional background, Churchill County staff attached a copy of Resolution 26-2016 that the Board of County Commissioners adopted to establish a minor county public road pursuant to NRS 403.170 and 405.191. Furthermore, the county has taken a proactive approach to protecting itself, and previously completed a multi-year process working with CNGIS to identify all RS2477 roads in the county, create comprehensive proof files on each one, and adopted resolutions for each road. These roads were all made part of the Churchill County Minor Roads Inventory to ensure we have standing to request adjudication on these roads if/when the time comes. The proposed Historic Routes Preservation Act seeks to create and mandate an efficient administrative process for the adjudication of county RS2477 rights-of-way claims.

FISCAL IMPACT: N/A

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: N/A

FUNDING SOURCE: N/A

ACTION REQUESTED: Accept

Varlin Higbee, Lincoln County Commissioner and President of the Nevada Association of Counties (NACO), said I appreciate the opportunity to be here today. It is a privilege and an honor to serve as your President this year. It has been an enjoyable educational process as I have crisscrossed the state. I made a promise, when I became President, that I would attend a Commission meeting for every county in the state and I have two left – Elko and Clark Counties. I represent Nevada on the National Association of Counties (NACo), which has been an honor and a privilege to serve there and I hope to continue to do so. There are a lot of things going on at the national level that we don't see, which Vince can explain a bit later.

Today, I wanted to address the historical rights-of-way for the RS 2477 roads. I know we have worked on this several times. This started 20 years ago with Colorado, who tried to get this passed but were unsuccessful. Wyoming tried it twice but failed. Utah has tried it twice and now we are making a run at it in Nevada. We have an interesting situation here because what has happened is that Congress passed these funding bills to literally bring rural America up to the standard of living of our urban counterparts. I noticed, when we started applying for the

grants and the things to do that, when I go back on the national level, I try to explain to them that there are places in Nevada that are still running off of diesel generators. They don't even have electricity, so how are we going to get 5G in communications into some of these sites in Nevada, places where people live, when we do not have the infrastructure and we can't get to it? The only way we are going to get to it is by using our county roads, which do not belong to us. I learned, about a month ago, that we are working with the state highway department to get some roads redone up Highway 93 and 317 and another one in Lincoln County, where the state doesn't even own their rights-of-way. The individual I was talking to, Mr. Gomez, the Director out of Las Vegas, said it will cost as much to do the environmental work as it would to rebuild and pave about 12 miles of road. I asked why and was told because they do not own it, although it says right-of-way but it is not. We think we have rights-of-ways but we do not.

This bill makes it possible for governmental entities, instead of having to go file with the District Court or Federal Court to sue the government to get a title to your road, if this conceptual bill passes Congress, it will allow counties, states, or governmental municipalities to go to the local district office of BLM and Forest Service and get a quiet title. You still have to prove that it existed before 1976 but you can take your information, which I think most of the counties here in Nevada have already done. There are still problems across the state. Elko County is still fighting over Jarbidge and they have spent over \$300,000 doing so. There is no way that counties can afford to sue the federal government to get these roads but, if we can get this bill passed, it will allow local governments to go file a quiet title and prove that they existed before 1976 with the documentation that we have put together. I am sure there will be a process of protest. If they get a whole bunch of protests, it might tie it up in litigation but it wouldn't tie it up with the county's litigation. Whoever is litigating will be suing the federal government because of the decision they made, not the county. That is a plus. I would be happy to answer any questions.

Vinson Guthreau, Executive Director, Nevada Association of Counties (NACO), introduced himself and said I do not have anything to add on the Resolution but will make a couple of plugs on the NACO end. The Resolution is in front of you so, if you have questions, we are happy to answer them. From the NACO perspective, I wanted to thank Churchill County and this board's decision to participate in the National Public Lands Center. The National Public Lands Center for Public Lands Counties was a national initiative. The state associations are sort of tasked with collecting those voluntary contributions as a result of the LACTF funds that came to counties across the nation. This is a once in a lifetime opportunity to create the center and really give that local community on the ground voice to our public land decisions and research and all of the lobbying efforts that supplement our lobbying efforts that our National Association of Counties (NACo) does. I want to thank you all for that.

I also want to thank you for your membership in NACO. We turn 100 years old next year and I am excited for the future of NACO and am glad that you are all a part of that. We are happy to answer questions on the Resolution. Since Commissioner Higbee referenced his role in the National Association of Counties, I will make one plug for the National Association of Counties Legislative Conference, which takes place February 9-12, 2024. Congress will be in session and we plan to host some Nevada-specific events with our Delegation and others. If you have

questions about registering, please reach out to us. We are happy to help in any way we can. Again, I appreciate the relationship we have with Churchill County.

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

Commissioner Heath said is this for county roads or would it also include city roads? Commissioner Higbee said it actually applies to anything that you can prove was built before 1976 when they passed the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA), which put it on hold. There was a mining law that came out of the 1800s and they pulled it up to and included it in FLPMA, only they do not recognize that you already have the right to the road, which RS 2477, the mining bill, did. It recognized that, if you had a mining claim, private property, or whatever it is where you needed to cross public lands, you had that right to build that and it belonged to the county or the individual. FLPMA basically said no you couldn't do that and you had to go through the federal courts.

Chairman Scharmann said I support this bill. I really believe it is needed and it gives a little bit more strength to the counties. I appreciate that.

Commissioner Myles Getto made a motion to adopt Churchill County Resolution 30-2023 in Support of the Historic Routes Preservation Act. Commissioner Justin Heath seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

Commissioner Higbee said I left out that our Senators have said that, if we could get 100% of the counties to support this, they will introduce it. That is why I have pushed so hard to go from county to county to make sure this gets done. Chairman Scharmann said do you have 100% yet? Commissioner Higbee said all but one – Clark County. I have to get them. I am having a hard time getting on their Agenda but that is another discussion.

E- Consideration and possible action re: Presentation by Crescendo on Churchill County Social Services' 2023 Community Needs Assessment.

Churchill County Social Services is required to complete a Community Needs Assessment per the Federal Community Action Act as the designated community action agency in Churchill County. Crescendo was contracted to complete such an assessment. A presentation of results shall be provided for the board's review and acceptance. The assessment will be utilized to develop the new strategic plan for the department.

FISCAL IMPACT: N/A

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: N/A

FUNDING SOURCE: N/A

ACTION REQUESTED: Accept

Social Services Director Ernst said, as you know, it is required federally by the Community Services Act that we complete a community assessment every 5 years. This goes into our Strategic Plan. This supports our designation as a Community Action Agency for Churchill County. This year, we partnered with NCA and I want to recognize Vivian Ruiz, the Director of the Nevada Association of Community Action (NCAA), who is present today. They provided the payment for this so that we could get this completed. This is a little different than the

community assessments we have done in the past. We wanted to encompass everything within Churchill County because the next step will go to a strategic planning process. As we know, Social Services and the county have changed a lot over the last five years. With that, I would like to introduce Kevin Koegel, who is a Research Manager with Crescendo and he is the lead on this project.

Kevin Koegel, with Crescendo Consulting Group, thanked the board for inviting him back to Churchill County. Last time, we were here in September, which wasn't quite as cold coming to visit you from Tucson. This cold weather is not what I am used to, but I welcome that Christmasy holiday feeling. The goals of this assessment are to assess county needs at a broad county level but then to bring focus on the work of Social Services. What you will see here is a combination of broader needs and then focus on priorities that really have to do with meeting the needs of the most vulnerable, the underserved families and individuals across the county, as well as to meet the needs of a Community Action Agency and to ensure that Churchill County can continue to access federal funding to support the work of Social Services.

We employ a three-stage process. Our first stage really has to do with leveraging existing information, making use of data that is already out there to help understand who lives in Churchill County. The second stage of the process is the true value-add of engaging in these assessments by going out and talking to people to gather information directly from folks across the community. The ways that we do that include an access audit, which is sort of like mystery shopper calls where we identify community resources that folks might seek to access information or schedule appointments or things like that. We really try to simulate that experience of knowing what it looks like to call and try to access resources that exist in the community. We conduct one-on-one interviews, focus group discussions, and also employ a community survey to try to get depth of information, as well as to hear from as many folks who are willing to offer their thoughts and opinions as possible. Finally, the third stage of our process is a needs prioritization. While we identify a list of needs as we have analyzed the information that we have gathered, we do not then sit down and say here is what you need to do. We work with folks in the community, in this case, a leadership group identified for us by Social Services, with representation from across various sectors in the community, and we facilitate a needs prioritization process asking those folks to think about not just the importance of different identified needs but also what is within Social Services' control and what kind of timeframes would it take to really move the needle to make an impact. That is sort of the landing point for this assessment process.

For this particular assessment, we did the secondary research that I described and also completed 30 interviews, 7 focus group discussions, had almost 130 survey responses, and we completed the mystery shopper calls. We then brought all of that information together in the form of 24 identified needs and then worked through that facilitated prioritization process, landing with 17 higher priority needs across 7 categories, which is what I will present to you today. Each of these categories include several specific needs that are the needs that the leadership group considered and selected for prioritization.

The first need category has to do with augmenting transportation options, including both county-wide transportation, as well as linking folks to the resources that they need to access

outside of Churchill County. I was going to preface several of these need categories with the idea that many of these challenges working at the national level are challenges that we hear about a lot. Really, what we have tried to do here is not just present these as sort of these are issues that are universal that are affecting everybody across the country but really identify what are the specific ways that Churchill County can work to address the specific challenges that folks here are facing. In terms of improving transportation within the county, certainly, CART is a great resource but one thing we hear very frequently is that there is more that folks could use, not just getting to and from places but actually getting to and from public transit. We heard that if people wanted to go to the Genoa Candy Dance, it is not just getting dropped off at the bottom of the hill but they need to be able to get up to the event that we are trying to get to and access that resource for that event. Similarly, the idea of getting to Reno or to Carson for shopping or for medical appointments and those kinds of things, it is important that the folks aren't entirely reliant on their friends or on whomever is willing to make several trips a week to take them to and from appointments. Certainly, there is opportunity to improve those types of resources.

Housing is another thing we hear about a lot. I know that you all hear about it and think about it a lot, as well. In this instance, the specific needs that were prioritize have to do with assisting community members who are currently struggling, including increasing the availability of low income housing for folks who are really facing housing instability or homelessness, as well as providing some community education on some of the programming that does exist, increasing accommodation of some of the specific needs that folks have that often serve as barriers to housing and housing programs – things like pets or other needs that may seem sort of trivial but that ultimately do impact whether folks can access those kinds of resources. Finally, services that address acute homelessness, specifically, those that provide services for males and females separately.

I will provide a high-level summary of some of these data points that you will see here. I encourage you all to revisit these in the full report, as there is a plethora of data in there that informs in each of these areas. Looking at cost burden, in this instance, Churchill County actually measures up relatively positively when we look at cost burden when it comes to housing, meaning folks who spend more than 30% or more of their income on housing expenses. It involves looking at homeowners who are cost burdened. While Churchill County measures up favorably, we are still talking about 1 in 5 homeowners who are experiencing that challenge. Similarly, 2 in 5 renters are experiencing that kind of challenge. You can see the responses to our community survey, which are the highest priority issues that folks said need much more or more as far as services in the community. As you can see, affordable housing comes at the top of that list but also help finding resources related to housing is third from the top. Help paying rent or mortgage is also in the top ten, with 3 of 5 respondents indicating that is in need of more.

I am not going to read through all of the quotes included in my presentation, but I encourage you to look through this later. Often, what we find is when folks speak to their challenges, they really weave together some of these different areas that I am presenting to you as sort of distinct challenges today in talking about housing, transportation, or livable wage jobs. Really, those are

interconnected and that is something that does shine through in some of the quotes that we have captured and featured in this report.

Another need category is childcare. Again, this is one that we hear about across the country about the lack of availability and also the cost associated with childcare. The specific needs we have presented include the need for affordable childcare, including families who might not be in the lowest threshold income wise but might fall just beyond those eligibility criteria for certain types of childcare assistance or programming. Another thing we hear a lot about is the availability of childcare for folks who do not work a 9:00-5:00, Monday-Friday work schedule, so expanding those types of offerings are two needs identified here. I have highlighted on one of the tables you will find in this report that presents an estimated living wage, annual expenses for Churchill County by different types of household composition, and what you will see there is that childcare does often comprise a very significant portion of the required income in each of these cases. This isn't taking into account what people actually make in their jobs. If folks are making less than that last row of this table, that means that their childcare costs would potentially be either a much more outsized percentage of their overall cost of living or they might be forced to make sacrifices when it comes to some of these other categories of expenses.

In talking about local health care options, certainly, the need for additional primary care providers, as well as specialty care. We talked about folks going to Reno or Carson for medical appointments, which is something we heard a lot about. Realizing that, especially with the aging population nationally as well as locally, these are going to be continual challenges, so there is a need to continue to explore different ways to attract these types of resources to the community.

I mentioned the aging population and what you will see here is a very simple graphic displaying the age composition of the U.S., Nevada, and Churchill County at the bottom of this graphic. The blue bar to the right side shows that the 65+ population in Churchill County is a bit greater than it is in those other places. We know that the populations across the country are continuing to age and that there are continued needs associated with meeting the needs of an aging population. Those include housing. Again, there is some overlap here with some of the other needs we have identified. Specifically, with seniors, ensuring that there are those specific types of housing and care that are needed, including independent living but also assisted living or memory care, as well as in-home health care for older adults that will ensure that, as the population continues to age, those types of resources exist in ways that meet the needs of that group.

On the flip side, talking about youth services and needs affecting youth in the community. One need that we identified has to do with the pervasiveness of behavioral health issues as you will see on both the mental health side and looking at different substance use issues. Those are continued challenges both at the national, state, and local levels. This graphic here displays Churchill County School District with a variety of mental health and behavioral health conditions depicted in pink and then the Nevada level of values depicted in the blue bar. You can see here that, in some cases, regardless of which group you are looking at, the pervasiveness of many of these issues is higher than I would have expected. Certainly, this is something that we see at the national level but also that there are areas where Churchill County

has higher values for more children and youth who are being affected by anxiety, depression, and more severe and acute conditions in the behavioral health space, so a need to ensure that there are resources available to address those needs.

The other thing that we included here is improving the accessibility and availability of activities for children and youth, not just adding new things but ensuring that the resources and programs that do exist are available to all, again bringing this back to a focus on vulnerable groups, people who are living in lower income households, ensuring that these types of resources are available across the community.

Chairman Scharmann said are our numbers going up as far as suicide rates? Shannon Ernst said we are seeing an uptrend with attempts at suicide. One of the things we have done is to partner with the Office of Public Health Informatics and Epidemiology (OPHIE) to receive those reports every month. We are looking at, which we will talk about this afternoon during the departmental tour, doing a behavioral health suicide prevention plan with the different interventions that we have and that we need in our community.

Mr. Koegel said, finally, the last category of need we have identified has to do with behavioral health and ensuring that there are in-person behavioral health providers and services available across different types of insurance that folks might have. Certainly, this is an issue that affects folks across the community. We talked about children and youth. While engaging with the Naval Air Station, this is another issue that they brought to our attention, as well as being able to refer folks to resources locally, having the same types of challenges in accessing these types of services locally versus sending folks out to Reno or Carson. This is an area of need that affects folks across different age groups and demographics but one that we heard about specifically in this assessment.

The next steps for this, in presenting these assessments and the findings, often it is a little bit unsatisfying because we talked about a lot of challenges and some specific priorities, so the next step really is planning for action as Shannon mentioned. Engaging in strategic planning is the next step for this type of product. We hope that you use this report as a resource and that it provides some insight into the different challenges that folks spoke to in our conversations with them. The next step would be to seek to address these challenges in your community in the coming years. With that, I am happy to take any questions.

Ms. Ernst noted that we had amazing partners come to the table for these groups, even NAS Fallon hosted Kevin and his team to do a focus group. With the leadership teams, we had Banner at the table, Churchill Community Coalition, the Central Nevada Health District, the Fallon Paiute Shoshone Tribe, New Frontier Behavioral Health Center, NACO, Churchill County School District, and Oasis Academy. When you look at bringing all of those great minds around a table to address not only what has come from the community but also to provide further input on what they are seeing with their organizations, this makes for a very nice report. We have a lot of challenges, but we also have a lot of opportunities. As we go through our strategic planning process, I think this will be very useful but also it has helped us to identify where we are missing data and where there are some gaps in some information. This afternoon, I will be talking about a behavioral health plan that we are looking to partner with

the school district on. We are working on the opioid assessment, which is required by the state to complete to enable us to access more funding and as part of our settlement agreements, but it also can help us look into the future at what other resources we need.

Chairman Scharmann asked if there was any public comment but there was none. He said you had on your list “civic” and “food” but you didn’t really address those. Could you go back and talk about it. The reason I am asking about food is because, for a long time, the Senior Center has had a food distribution where they send out lunches every day, so I was wondering do we need to expand that or what? Mr. Koegel said that is a good point. One of the challenges in doing these kinds of assessments is there are some cases where there are basic needs that we identify and ask folks about. What we hear is that the need exists, but it is being met, if that makes sense. In terms of whether it needs to be expanded, that is not something that really came through as consistently in this assessment as some of the other topics that we presented. One of the needs that we included in the broader list, that didn’t make it onto the higher priority list that I presented here, was the need for more affordable grocery and retail options. The reason it didn’t make it onto this high priority list was the group decided it wasn’t within the scope of what Social Services does. It doesn’t mean it is not a need for the community, but that expanding retail is not necessarily a need that Social Services is poised to act on. To come back to that food issue, I would say that what we heard most consistently was that food and emergency food resources are needed but that expanding them is not as high of a priority as expanding in some of the other topic areas that we presented today.

Chairman Scharmann said I was fairly close to the school district for a while and we had a lot of young people who were homeless. Do we need to find some sources for food for those young people? Ms. Ernst said that involves the Youth In Transition Program through the Churchill County School District, which works with our homeless youth. We have several food pantries within our community and they can also access food at the Life Center where we make food available to those in need. As we move forward with our strategic planning, we will be diving into these different areas. This today was just to identify those needs as a community. We will take each piece of this for the Strategic Plan to come up with outcomes and identify who will be responsible for that outcome. It may not be Social Services directly but, as we have done previously with Out of Egypt and other programs, we will help to support those agencies to meet the needs or we may need to provide it directly to fill the gap. This is stage one of the big picture and, this afternoon during the tour, we will have more discussion because we have identified things within Social Services that we know we need to look at expanding, but how do we build the capacity to do that? We will be diving into those things this afternoon.

County Manager Barbee added, relative to the school district question, that because of the poverty level, the school district has completely free lunches throughout the district. I think our poverty level has to be over 60% or something like that and we meet that. All of the child nutrition programs at the school are automatic for all children enrolled in school and they are free. That is two meals per day.

Commissioner Heath asked Ms. Ernst how many homeless youth we have currently in Churchill County. I heard it was around 150 or something like that previously. Ms. Ernst said that is overall population of homeless. When we look at homeless youth, that is a very different

definition. When you look at adults, they must be literally homeless and cannot be couch surfing. You have to be literally on the streets to be considered homeless. For the youth, homelessness includes children who are couch surfing and if you are doubled-up with other households. I do not have the number at this time but I can share the numbers from our Point in Time homeless count that we conduct every January.

Chairman Scharmann said some of the areas that you talked about were transportation, housing, medical and dental care, and childcare. The Fallon Youth Club is opening a childcare facility, although I am not sure when it is going to open. We passed a Resolution for housing. I do not know when those apartments will start to be built, probably in the spring. We are moving on some of these things anyway. Ms. Ernst said absolutely. These needs have been identified but, when we went through the prioritization of them, we had a discussion about things that have happened, although you do not see the effects from that today but this could have a 1, 2, 3, 4, or 5 year impact. As we build the Strategic Plan, it may not involve Social Services building housing but it can reflect that the county did a Resolution and is working with partners to bring housing to the community, which then, ultimately, increases that movement of individuals out of our low income apartments into other housing that would meet their needs and they could afford, which then opens up that low income housing to others. We had a very in depth conversation about this during one of the leadership group discussions. We have talked about childcare. We find the affordability of childcare is a concern. We also have the Care Program and SUMFUN, which are amazing but some people cannot afford those programs, so where do they go? One of the thoughts involved County Manager Barbee and I meeting with Director Whitley at the state to discuss having Medicaid eligible participants accessing childcare benefits through Medicaid. Currently, I am waiting for a quote to help all of Churchill County become Medicaid eligible. Any of these pockets, such as JPO, Social Services, we have billable things so that we can be reimbursed, which opens up more access for individuals. We have a lot in the works. It will not be reflected today and it may not be in the next year but we are putting those in the timelines for those outcomes. We are working on a lot but you just do not see a lot of quick results with these, as they take a lot of time.

Chairman Scharmann said, in speaking with Captain Tanner about 3 months ago, which was right after we had overrode the decision of the Planning Commission for housing, where there were a lot of very angry people, but he expressed his appreciation to us for doing that because we have about 20% of people who are employed at the base but live some place else. I asked him if he really thought they would come back to Fallon and he said he did, for two reasons: 1) because of the commute; and 2) we have a community here. I mentioned this to the Mayor yesterday because of the tree lighting and everything – we have a community here and it is not something that other communities have. I really do believe that, once the housing is prepared, that a lot of these people will come back here. The Captain said they will build another segment of housing at the base but it will not be enough to cover their needs. He is very appreciative of what this board has done to try to provide for housing.

Commissioner Justin Heath made a motion to approve the Community Needs Assessment as presented. Commissioner Myles Getto seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

F- Consideration and possible action re: Ratification of a Sub-Agreement between the State of Nevada, Office of State Epidemiology, and Churchill County Social Services, for the amount of \$202,566, to provide laboratory services and maintain testing.

The funding supports UNR State Public Health Laboratory, Churchill County Satellite. Funding pays 100% of the salary for the Lab Staffing, 5% for Shannon Ernst for lab oversight, and 3% of the Grant and Fiscal Specialist's salary for A/R, A/P, and reporting. In addition, \$14,750 was awarded to support the overall operations of the lab, to support outreach materials, copier, data logger recalibration, phones, new desks for new location, and office supplies, and \$15,005 indirect. Funding is for the period of November 1, 2023 - July 31, 2024.

FISCAL IMPACT: Total \$202,566.

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: \$172,810- Personnel; \$14,301- Operating; \$450- Other; \$15,005- Indirect Costs.

FUNDING SOURCE: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity for Infectious Diseases pass through the State of Nevada HHS, DPBH.

ACTION REQUESTED: Accept

Shannon Ernst, Social Services Director, made this presentation as outlined above.

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

Commissioner Myles Getto made a motion to approve and ratify the Agreement as presented. Commissioner Justin Heath seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

G- Consideration and possible action re: Approval of an Interlocal Contract between Churchill County and the State of Nevada, Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Child and Family Services, for reimbursement of costs associated with strangulation forensic medical examinations for victims of domestic violence pursuant to Assembly Bill 257.

Assembly Bill 257 (2023) requires Nevada counties to cover the costs associated with strangulation forensic medical examinations for victims of domestic violence. The bill also provides an appropriation to the Division of Child and Family Services (DCFS) to reimburse counties for those expenses. The Nevada Legislature approved \$1,080,000 per fiscal year for SFY 2024 (July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2024) and 2025 (July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025) to be utilized for county reimbursement for strangulation forensic medical examinations. The Division of Child and Family Services (DCFS) is entering into Interlocal Agreements with each Nevada county to set up this reimbursement structure.

Currently, Churchill County Social Services administers the Victim of Crime account and program, which requires payment up to \$1000 per case for exams and other expenses associated with the crime. The case is then referred to the State of Nevada for additional assistance.

The strangulation victim program will be administered the same, except the cap will not be \$1,000 and the county will be reimbursed for associated expenses. CCSS will be responsible for filing monthly reports, even if no cost has been incurred, to ensure proper data collection and reporting per agreement.

FISCAL IMPACT: Unknown.

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: Unknown number of cases that will be referred to the department for payment and reimbursed.

FUNDING SOURCE: State of Nevada.

ACTION REQUESTED: Accept

Shannon Ernst, Social Services Director, made this presentation as outlined above. She said approximately 120 cases, per month, statewide, are reported for strangulation in the State of Nevada. That is why this bill went forward. Within that bill, it also gave an appropriation of just over \$1M to help off-set the cost to the counties for this for the next two years. This Agreement will allow us to bill the state for any costs we incur. This also includes the aspect of developing data. When I asked the state how many are here in Churchill County, they could not provide an answer because it is not being broken down per county and it is just total statewide. We will be reporting every month for every case we receive and, if we do not receive a case, we will have to put in a no case received report. I ask that we enter into this Agreement so that we can be reimbursed for these costs, to build the data collection, and also provide this service.

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

Commissioner Heath asked if it will be broken down between Churchill County and Lyon County when they are brought here to the hospital. Ms. Ernst said it will be. We have to break everything down based on the county. It can be a struggle, at times, with Lyon County because of the Hazen area but we have a map that tells us where the addresses are located. Anything that comes in, even the opioid overdoses, are broken down by residential address. This will be done the same way.

Chairman Scharmann asked if she sees strangulation as an issue with domestic violence. Ms. Ernst said because of the Victims of Crime in the cases that we receive, it does not tell us the exact data of the case. I cannot answer that. This will help us understand more of the cases that we are receiving. Civil Deputy District Attorney Sanford said we get these cases on a relatively routine basis, although I don't want to say too often, but they do happen. It will be very beneficial, at least to the prosecution of the cases, to have an examination done and to have a doctor actually look at them. Commissioner Heath asked if the team comes down here or if we have to take them to Reno. Ms. Ernst said they currently have to go to Reno. That has not changed in the last 15 years that they have had to travel to Reno for these. Through the Victims of Crime Program, we can help pay for transportation costs. What happens, just to give you an idea of why I don't have a lot of this data, is a case goes to law enforcement and they provide a referral directly to Social Services, which might be an anonymous name with just an address, especially when we get into youth. We do not ask at this time for any information about the case. We just want to have it verified that it is a case. I have spoken with Jeff Weed at the District Attorney's Office and I think our referral form is going to change and just have a checkmark that it involves strangulation. As soon as it goes to that category, we will monitor these differently, so it will be Victims of Crime and then strangulation. Our office deals with a lot of different items, but we do not want to know the details of some of these cases. We may be working with some of these individuals on something else. It can cause more harm to staff in how you deal with it within the workplace. It is not necessary for any of our cases for us to

know those details. We used to receive pictures with the full case report but that is not necessary for us to provide the service. We just need to know that it has been approved by law enforcement as a true Victims of Crime case or a strangulation case.

Commissioner Heath asked if Social Services is a mandatory reporter for children. Ms. Ernst said they are. There are times when it is very confusing. The State of Nevada is one of the only ones where DCFS, Child Protective Services, is not within the county. Within the State of Nevada, that is handled through interlocal agreement with the state and it is only Washoe and Clark Counties who handle those directly. We will receive anonymous letters, photos, and those types of things, which we take to the proper authority to handle those cases but then we also provide it to DCFS.

Sheriff Richard Hickox added, for clarification to what Shannon was talking about, when this bill was being pushed through, we were concerned not because of the extra care that would be given but because there are very limited resources for doing these forensic examinations for people who suffer strangulation. We reached out to our local hospital and asked if they would be pursuing any kind of program to get their people certified but they said that it was not on their agenda, at this time. They did not have anybody who was certified. The only place that law enforcement has to utilize is in Reno, so we either transport the victims up ourselves or we provide them with fuel and meet them up there or else they will drive up and we will meet them there. We have taken them down to get fuel in their vehicles if they do not feel comfortable riding with law enforcement and want to ride with a family member. If they do not have gas money, we will fuel up their vehicle to get them to and from Reno or we will take them in our vehicle.

Commissioner Justin Heath made a motion to approve the Interlocal Contract as presented. Commissioner Myles Getto seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

H- Consideration and possible action re: Ratification of an Agreement between Churchill County Social Services and the Nevada State Housing Division for Welfare Set-Aside funding in the amount of \$12,733.56 for FY24.

Churchill County Social Services applies for Welfare Set-Aside Funding annually to support emergency rent and utility services for those at or below 60% of median income. The fund was created through real-estate transfer tax is to be disbursed to counties on an annual basis. Previously, this was a non-competitive process. As of FY24, it has become a competitive process with priority given to county human service agencies.

Churchill has been awarded \$12,733.56 for a retroactive date between July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024. This is an increase from \$8,551.22 for FY23.

FISCAL IMPACT: \$12,733.56 - rent and utilities to assist families with children at or below 60% of median income to avoid eviction and ultimately homelessness.

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: Direct Assistance to those that qualify.

FUNDING SOURCE: Nevada State Housing Division Welfare Set-Aside per NAC 319.948.

ACTION REQUESTED: Accept

Shannon Ernst, Social Services Director, made this presentation as outlined above.

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

Commissioner Myles Getto made a motion to approve and ratify the Agreement as presented. Commissioner Justin Heath seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

I- Consideration and possible action re: Approval of an Interlocal Contract between the State of Nevada, Health and Human Services, Division of Health Care Finance and Policy, for the Medicaid Match Program, not to exceed \$1,556,809.15 or .08 cents per 100 assessed per NRS 428.285, July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2027.

Per NRS 428.285, counties collect up to .08 per 100 assessed for the Medicaid Program. The funds collected are utilized to provide the federal match for the Medicaid program for the elderly, frail, or disabled to be placed in long-term care facilities and obtain waivers to obtain less restricted care options, such as assisted living.

All 17 counties must agree to the same Contract each Legislative Session to proceed to contracting. The proposed Contract has had two revisions since FY 2021.

1. There are no pre-payments for services under the Contract.
2. Moving from a two-year Contract to a four-year Contract.

All counties have agreed to these revisions and Contract, with assistance from NACO.

FISCAL IMPACT: Not to exceed .08 of each 100 dollars assessed or \$1,556,809.15 July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2027.

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: Tax review collected for use.

FUNDING SOURCE: Indigent Tax Assessment.

ACTION REQUESTED: Accept

Shannon Ernst, Social Services Director, made this presentation as outlined above.

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

Commissioner Justin Heath made a motion to approve the Contract as presented and to authorize the Chair to sign the same. Commissioner Myles Getto seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

Letters Received:

A- Nevada Division of Environmental Protection's notification of the Final Summary Report, Soil Characterization, Free Product Removal/Characterization, and Quarterly Groundwater Monitoring, Corrective Action Plan Implementation at Underground Storage Tank R-Site 1 and UST-R-Site 6 at Naval Air Station Fallon.

The Nevada Division of Environmental Protection provides notification of the Final Summary Report, Soil Characterization, Free Product Removal/Characterization, and Quarterly

Groundwater Monitoring, Corrective Action Plan Implementation at Underground Storage Tank (UST) R-Site 1 and UST-R-Site 6 at Naval Air Station Fallon.

The Final Summary report documents the results of soil characterization, free product removal and characterization, and one year of quarterly groundwater monitoring completed at Underground Storage Tank UUST)-R-Site 1 and UST-R-Site 6. The scope of work performed represents implementation of the NDEP-approved Corrective Action Plan (CAP), UST-R-Site 1 and CAP UST-R-Site 6 dated April and June 2021, respectively. CAP implementation activities were conducted.

The Final Summary Report presents the results of CAP implementation activities at UST-R-Site 6 which is outlined in the letter.

The Final Summary Report concludes that no soil excavation is warranted at UST-R-Site 6 in the vicinity of SB-9. The Final Summary Report recommends completing a site-specific demonstration of protectiveness in accordance with the July 2022 NDEP Petroleum in Soils Closure Checklist Option 3 (A through K Closure) or Option 4 (ASTM RBCA Closure) pathway for soil closure as part of an overall closure request for the site once groundwater has also met closure requirements.

The Final Summary Report recommends installation of a replacement well for MW-14 and installation of a passive skimmer for more efficient free product recovery.

The Final Summary Report recommends continued free product measurement and recovery at UST-R-Site 1 and UST-R-Site 6 and continuation of the quarterly groundwater monitoring program in accordance with the CAP's. Additionally, the NDEP previously reviewed and approved the Response to NDEP Comments on Draft Summary Report Soil Characterization.

The NDEP concurs with the recommendations made in the Final Summary Report, and acknowledges NAVFAC SW's intention to sample well RW-16-1 during the next monitoring event.

FISCAL IMPACT: N/A

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: N/A

FUNDING SOURCE: N/A

ACTION REQUESTED: None; Informational Only

B- Bureau of Land Management's notification of the posting of a Draft Environmental Assessment for the proposed Nevada Department of Transportation's Collingwood Maintenance Station and an associated 30-day public review and comment period.

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) provides notification of the posting of a Draft Environmental Assessment for the proposed Nevada Department of Transportation's Collingwood Maintenance Station and an associated 30-day public review and comment period.

The BLM is considering issuing a patent under the Recreation & Public Purposes Act of 1954 to NDOT for a proposed maintenance station along Highway 50 approximately four miles northwest of Eureka, Nevada to support the construction, reconstruction, improvements,

operation, management, and maintenance of the state's highways in the surrounding area. NDOT submitted an application requesting that 33 acres of the existing material site be concurrently relinquished back to the BLM and acquired by NDOT to be developed and operated as a highway maintenance station.

FISCAL IMPACT: N/A

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: N/A

FUNDING SOURCE: N/A

ACTION REQUESTED: None; Informational Only

C- Bureau of Land Management's notification of a 30-day public review for the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) for the proposed Nevada Gold Mines LLC (NGM) Goldrush Mine Project in Lander County, Nevada.

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) provides notification of a 30-day public review for the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) for the proposed Nevada Gold Mines LLC (NGM) Goldrush Mine Project in Lander County, Nevada.

The Goldrush Mine would be located approximately 30 miles south of Beowawe in Lander and Eureka Counties, Nevada. The proposed Plan boundary under the BLM's Preferred Alternative would consist of 19,871 acres, of which 772 acres would be on private land controlled by NGM and 19099 of public lands administered by the BLM's Battle Mountain and Elko Districts. The Goldrush Mine would be an underground gold mine and would result in 1,626 acres of new surface disturbance on public lands administered by the BLM, including approximately five acres of existing authorized disturbance that would be reclassified.

FISCAL IMPACT: N/A

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: N/A

FUNDING SOURCE: N/A

ACTION REQUESTED: None; Informational Only

D- Nevada Division of Environmental Protection's notification of the Final long Term Monitoring and Post-Rain Event Work Plan Tech Memo, Naval Air Station Fallon, Nevada Work plan presents a scope of work for continuation of the long-term monitoring and post-rain event inspection programs at installation restoration program.

The Nevada Division of Environmental Protection's (NDEP) Final long Term Monitoring and Post-Rain Event Work Plan Tech Memo, Naval Air Station Fallon, Nevada. The Work Plan presents a scope of work for continuation of the Long-Term Monitoring (LTM) and post-rain event inspection programs at Installation Restoration Program (IPR) Site 5 and the Landfill Operable Unit (LFOU), which consists of IPR Sites 18, 20, 21, and 22.

The tech-memo format of the document serves as an abbreviated work plan only for the first year of the task order comprising a two-year monitoring cycle. Notably, groundwater sampling at IPR Site 18 is conducted biannually in the second year of the cycle and is, therefore, not included in this scope of work. The Work Plan states that a Sampling and Analysis Plan will be submitted under separate cover to encompass the second year of the task order.

The proposed scope of work includes an annual landfill cap inspection at the four LFOU Sites, an annual land use control (LUC) inspection at IPR Site 5, and annual groundwater gauging of

monitoring wells at IRP Site 18. Additionally, post-rainfall visual inspections will be conducted at the four LFOU Sites following significant rainfall events (greater than 0.5 inches of precipitation in 24 hours). An annual LTM report will be submitted to document implementation of this scope of work after the annual inspection.

The NDEP concurs with the recommendations presented in the Work Plan.

FISCAL IMPACT: N/A

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: N/A

FUNDING SOURCE: N/A

ACTION REQUESTED: None; Informational Only

E- Bureau of Land Management's solicitation of public input as it initiates an Environmental Assessment for the Operations Plan submitted by Ormat Nevada, Inc.

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is soliciting public input as it initiates an Environmental Assessment (EA) for the Operations Plan submitted by Ormat Nevada, Inc. The proposed project is approximately 15 miles southeast of Battle Mountain, 11 miles southwest of Beowawe, and 8 miles northwest of Crescent Valley in Lander County, Nevada. The proposed project would include up to 28.8 acres of surface disturbances, which would include drilling and testing up to 10 resource confirmation wells within the federal geothermal lease, new road construction, and existing road improvements.

Substantive comments can be submitted in writing before the end of the comment period, which runs from November 22, 2023 through December 22, 2023. Comments can be submitted as outlined in the letter, which also provides further information.

FISCAL IMPACT: N/A

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: N/A

FUNDING SOURCE: N/A

ACTION REQUESTED: None; Informational Only

F- Nevada Division of Environmental Protection (NDEP) US Silica Facility. No Further Action Determination to the Request for Release/Spill Information.

The Nevada Division of Environmental Protection (NDEP) has reviewed the 2023 Response to Request for Release/Spill Information prepared by Certified Environmental Manager (CEM) of US Silica. The letter provides a no further action determination for the release of recycled oil to the earthen containment area of the tank farm. The NDEP has reviewed information contained in the Corrective Action file that has been provided by US Silica and Connor Welsh.

NDEP may re-evaluate this decision if conditions at the site change or if new or previously unidentified information becomes available that: 1) alters the results of the site evaluation; and 2) demonstrates a potential detrimental impact on human health or the environment.

FISCAL IMPACT: N/A

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: N/A

FUNDING SOURCE: N/A

ACTION REQUESTED: None; Informational Only

Recess to Conduct the Liquor Board Meeting and then Reconvene Following the Liquor Board Meeting:

A- Consideration and possible action re: Approval of a Special Events Liquor License for Chad Denton for the Top Gun Invitational Bull Riding event scheduled at the Rafter 3C Events Center on December 31, 2023.

Chad Denton has filed an Application for a Special Events Liquor License for the Top Gun Invitational Bull Riding event scheduled at the Rafter 3C Events Center on December 31, 2023.

Sheriff Richard Hickox has conducted an investigation to determine if Mr. Denton is eligible to receive a liquor license and has found no reason that he cannot be issued the liquor license. This is for a Special Event Liquor License.

FISCAL IMPACT: N/A

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: N/A

FUNDING SOURCE: N/A

ACTION REQUESTED: Accept

The regular meeting of the Board of County Commissioners recessed at 9:21 AM.

Commissioner Myles Getto made a motion to recess the regular meeting to conduct the Liquor Board meeting. Commissioner Justin Heath seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

The regular meeting of the Board of County Commissioners reconvened at 9:24 AM.

New Business:

A- Consideration and possible action re: Approval of proposals from Logically for new host servers for the Administration Building (CHNAS1 Storage) in the amount of \$18,509.89 and the Sheriff's Office (EXS Host Server) in the amount of \$11,109.29.

During preparation and presentation of the Data Processing budget for FY24, funds were requested and approved for a number of critical infrastructure projects. Of these were many virtual machines (VMs) and several servers that needed operating system upgrades and a few physical servers that needed to be replaced. These proposals represent two of the actual physical servers (hardware/hosts) that need to be replaced. The work has been prioritized, and the first server replacements are for servers located in the Administration Building (CHNAS1) and the Sheriff's Office (EXS). Both proposals are based upon a detailed scope of work for time, hardware, and licensing. However, the bulk of the licensing is for the Windows Server 2022 User CALs which allow individual employees to access the data on the servers and these quotes appear on the Churchill Infrastructure Refresh Proposal #1044219. To keep things as organized and straight forward as possible, these proposals are focused on the physical hardware replacement of these servers, while the refresh quote captures a number of other items, including the User CALs.

Proposal #044241 CHNAS Migration/Storage Project includes a new Dell Server - PowerEdge R650 (\$9,362.35), required licensing for VMware, Microsoft Windows Server 2022, (user CAL licenses (120) required along with Microsoft Software Assurance appears on the Infrastructure

Refresh Proposal). Estimate approximately 37 hours of labor to complete the planning, staging, migration, and post cut-over support. (Hardware: \$9,362.35, Software: \$1,702.54, Project Labor: \$7,395.00).

Proposal #044286 Sheriff's Office Server Project includes a new Dell Server - PowerEdge R450 (\$6,939.29), required licensing for VMware, and 16 hours of labor to complete the planning, staging, migration and post cut-over support. (Hardware: \$6,939.29, Software: \$510.00, Project Labor: \$3,510.00).

FISCAL IMPACT: FY24:\$18,509.89 for Administration Building (CHNAS1 Host); FY24: \$11,109.29 for Sheriff's Office (EXS Host).

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: During development of the FY24 budget, several of our servers were noted for replacement, as well as operating system upgrades for the server virtual machines (VMs). These vital infrastructure replacements and operating system upgrades were taken into account and funds were requested and provided within the Data Processing budget to cover these expenses.

FUNDING SOURCE: Data Processing: 100-185.

ACTION REQUESTED: Accept

Julie Guerrero made this presentation as outlined above.

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

Commissioner Myles Getto made a motion to approve the proposals from Logically for the server replacements of the CHNAS at the County Administration Building and the ESX Host at the Sheriff's Office and authorize the County Manager to execute the proposal. Commissioner Justin Heath seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

B- Consideration and possible action re: Approval of proposal from Logically for Churchill County IT Infrastructure Refresh, including several host servers, storage device, and Microsoft licensing in the amount of \$246,192.64.

During preparation and presentation of the Data Processing budget for FY24, funds were requested and approved for a number of critical infrastructure projects. Of these were several physical servers (hosts) with many virtual machines (VMs) running on them that all need operating system upgrades. This proposal is the primary infrastructure refresh proposal and represents the majority of the needed hardware and licensing. The other hardware related quote was the one just presented for replacement of the CHNAS Storage and the Sheriff's Office EXS Host. However, as mentioned in the agenda report, the licensing of those servers is consolidated with the rest of the necessary licensing and included in this Infrastructure Refresh Quote.

This is a detailed comprehensive proposal based upon the outlined scope of work for hardware, labor, and licensing. Hardware includes a replacement host for the CHDC02 server (Admin); the Alletra 5010 SAN / 30 TB storage device to replace the Nimble storage device (Admin, county's primary storage device); two HPE ProLiant DL360 GEN10 servers to consolidate and replace the ESX 01, ESX 02, and ESX 03 servers (Admin); an HPE ProLiant DL360 Gen10 to replace the host server at Juvenile Probation; an HPE ProLiant ML350 Gen10 to replace the

host at the Road Department; and some cabling needed. The total hardware costs are \$102,232.64.

The licensing costs include the proper Microsoft Server licensing for the physical servers as well as the VMs running on the servers. As mentioned, consolidation of licensing is outlined on the primary infrastructure quote, so a credit was issued from the Votec and ORN virtual machine quotes that were previously approved, because we determined that the Datacenter licensing with Software Assurance was an efficient and a prudent decision for servers running multiple VMs and needing a large number of User CALs for the many employees who need to access the VMs. The servers and VMs being recommended Software Assurance will be eligible to receive future operating system updates without having to purchase new licensing, and therefore, only the labor involved in the server updates would be needed. The total software costs (licensing) is \$94,660.00.

The labor is estimated at approximately 246 hours and is quoted along with the project coordination fee at \$49,110.

This is a tremendous amount of work that will take months to complete, and it is of vital importance as our servers and VMs are running on older Microsoft operating systems that are no longer supported by Microsoft. Additionally, since the operating systems must be updated AND our physical hardware has exceeded industry standards for replacement time, it is prudent to schedule this work (hardware/software updates) concurrently. The county has truly maximized useful life on this hardware, and it is imperative that we move forward with an infrastructure refresh. This work was discussed and budgeted for in the FY24 budget.

FISCAL IMPACT: FY24: \$246,192.64

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: During development of the FY24 budget, several of our servers were noted for replacement, as well as operating system upgrades for the server and many virtual machines (VMs) running on these servers. These vital infrastructure replacements and operating system upgrades were taken into account and funds were requested and provided within the Data Processing budget to cover these expenses.

FUNDING SOURCE: Data Processing: 100-185.

ACTION REQUESTED: Accept

Julie Guerrero made this presentation as outlined above.

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

Commissioner Justin Heath made a motion to approve the proposal from Logically for the Churchill County IT Infrastructure Refresh, and to authorize the County Manager to execute the proposal. Commissioner Myles Getto seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

C- Consideration and possible action re: Review of opioid litigation settlements, projected payment timelines, and restrictions on use of settlement funds.

As the opioid litigation winds down into the final stages with no further expectation of additional settlements, the board requested an update and overview of the full settlement details.

Included with this item is a breakdown of expected payments by party and a general list of appropriate uses by settlement. Guidance by the Attorney General's Office is expected for ensuring all funds are appropriately accounted for and utilized.

FISCAL IMPACT: None.

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: N/A

FUNDING SOURCE: N/A

ACTION REQUESTED: None; Informational Only

Civil Deputy District Attorney Sanford had a handout outlining the use of funds by settlement, which shows who is going to be paying, how much they will be paying, and the estimated timeline for when they will be paying. It has been roughly within a 6-month period of that date is a more accurate date, as some payers are better than others. Sometimes there is a delay where the settlement payers will have paid the state through the One Nevada Agreement and then it will take time for them to actually give us the money. At this time, we have received the initial distribution. Everything up to the September 2023 payment schedules have actually been paid. We just received the second distribution from McKesson a couple of days ago. We are receiving these as expected. If you scroll down to the bottom, you will see our total expected collection is slightly over \$3M. The majority of that will be done by 2035, with Teva as the settler who pushed it to 2042 for their final settlements. The majority of the money will be coming in within the next 10-12 years.

The screen makes it very difficult to understand my next slide but there are some restrictions on how the money is going to be used. This is something that we are working with the state and with the settlement people relative to what exactly is acceptable. The vast majority of the settlement money is going to allow pretty much any use that is listed, which could be treatment, prevention, some of our core programs, like services in the jails and things like that, which will help prevent reoffending. Some of the settlers did have some restrictions that overlap and may not include some of those things, so that is part of what is being done through our work through the state and through the consulting agreement to identify, in particular, what services can be done and getting buy-off from all of the parties that money spent to those services will not have any adverse effects. There is some discussion, at least from the state, that we should consider separating all of these received funds into separate accounts. I will talk with Sherry about that but, until we actually receive orders that we have to do that, I think that is not our preference, but we may end up having to do something as it relates to the American Drug Stores and Teva folks who have substantially different language. If you have any questions, I would be happy to answer them.

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

Commissioner Heath said, with regard to the Purdue bankruptcy going on right now, with that July 2024 payment of over \$200,000, will that have an effect on that? Mr. Sanford said it may have an effect on that. We have had the Mallinckrodt bankruptcy delay funds received. For the most part, the expectation is that we will continue to receive the actual amount but it may cause a delay in getting those funds.

This item was presented for information gathering purposes only and no action was taken.

D- Consideration and possible action re: Approval of a Deed of Correction for property located at 7339 Pasture Road, APN #006-081-03 and owned by Silver Creek Farms, LLC.

On August 30, 2013, Churchill County entered into a Conservation Easement with Dawn Star, LLC for property located at 7339 Pasture Road, APN #006-081-03. The Conservation Easement references the property as having 123.2 acres of real property, with 117.2 water-righted acres, with 111.2 irrigated acres on the property. The easement identifies the property will have 12 acres of open space, with 111.2 acres to be irrigated and farmed. The Deed does not clearly indicate the intention for the extra 6.0 acres of water-right appurtenant to the property that would not be utilized under this Conservation Easement.

Staff reviewed the circumstances of the transaction in 2013 and determined that the 6.0 acres of water-rights were not intended to be included in the transaction. This determination was based on the fact that: (1) the TDR sheet was calculated based on the 111.2 acres of irrigated water right, (2) there is an inherent conflict in the Deed between requiring all water be beneficially utilized and restricting more water than can be beneficially utilized on the property, and (3) standard practice in similar situations is to conserve and pay only for irrigated water-right acres and allow water not beneficially used to be transferred to other property.

Silver Creek Farms, LLC is the successor in interest to Dawn Star, LLC and has used the property for agricultural purposes since acquisition. This Deed of Correction clarifies that the Conservation Easement is limited to the 111.2 irrigated water right acres as originally contemplated.

FISCAL IMPACT: None.

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: N/A

FUNDING SOURCE: N/A

ACTION REQUESTED: Accept

Civil Deputy District Attorney Sanford made this presentation as outlined above.

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

Commissioner Justin Heath made a motion to approve and direct the Chair to sign the Corrective Deed for property located at 7339 Pasture Road. Commissioner Myles Getto seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

E- Consideration and possible action re: Representation Agreement from Joel W. Locke, Esq., of Allison MacKenzie, LTD., to represent Churchill County in connection with Indigent Defense Services Review, billed at an hourly rate of \$325/hour for attorney time, \$125/hour for law clerk time, and \$100/hour for paralegal time.

The Rural Nevada Indigent Defense Services Weighted Caseload Study Final Report was issued in October 2023. The Nevada State Board on Indigent Defense Services adopted the findings on November 1, 2023 and the Department of Indigent Defense Services sent notice to the county stating that under the *Davis* settlement, Nevada counties have 12 months (or until October 31, 2024) to comply with the numbers in the report. The report outlines on page 22 that Churchill's target number is 7.4 full-time attorneys.

The County Manager's Office has serious concerns regarding some of the data used in the report, as well as the timelines for compliance, the fiscal impacts of hiring 5.4 FTE, and finding qualified attorneys. Churchill County has made tremendous changes and advancements in the past few years to ensure quality and accessibility of indigent defense services. Staff has reached a point in which we feel that it is in the county's best interest to seek counsel to engage on this matter.

FISCAL IMPACT: Time is billed at an hourly rate for Mr. Locke and associates at a rate of \$325/hour, Law Clerks at \$125/hour, and Paralegals at \$100/hour. The county would be billed for services monthly and the cost will depend on the number of hours needed.

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: There is currently \$10,000 within the General Government budget Outside Legal Services line item to cover these expenses.

FUNDING SOURCE: General Government: 100-190-56100 (Outside Legal Services)

ACTION REQUESTED: Accept

County Manager Jim Barbee made this presentation as outlined above.

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

Commissioner Myles Getto made a motion to approve the representation Agreement from Joel Locke and to authorize the County Manager to execute the same. Commissioner Justin Heath 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: Transfer of funds to the City of Fallon in the amount of \$175,000 from Public Transit Fund 395 for the North Broadway Street rehabilitation project.

At its meeting on November 2, 2023, the Churchill County Highway Commission approved the Interlocal Agreement between Churchill County and the City of Fallon for the North Broadway Street Rehabilitation Project. The county will provide the City of Fallon with \$175,000 for the project's portion that is related to its use and the benefits that the reconstruction would provide. The Regional Transportation Commission authorized the transfer of funds from Public Transit Fund 395 at their November 15, 2023 meeting. Staff is asking for the money to be transferred to the City of Fallon in order to abide by the terms of the agreement.

FISCAL IMPACT: \$175,000.

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: As outlined.

FUNDING SOURCE: Public Transit Fund 395-881-85300.

ACTION REQUESTED: Accept

C- Consideration and possible action re: Sheriff's Jail Report for August 2023.

the Sheriff provides his Jail Report for August 2023. Further details can be found from reviewing the report.

FISCAL IMPACT: N/A

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: N/A

FUNDING SOURCE: N/A

ACTION REQUESTED:

D- Consideration and possible action re: Sheriff's Civil Report for October 2023 showing a total of \$6,636.00 in revenue for the month.

Sheriff Richard Hickox provides his Civil Report for the month of October 2023 showing a total of \$6,636.00 collected as revenue for the month. This report is provided for the board's consideration and acceptance.

FISCAL IMPACT: \$6,636.00.

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

FUNDING SOURCE: General Fund.

ACTION REQUESTED: Accept

E- Consideration and possible action re: Notification of Protected Person E6AA9742 passing away on November 9, 2023 and the case being closed.

Notification of a protected person passing away and the case being closed per NRS 159.

FISCAL IMPACT: N/A

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: N/A

FUNDING SOURCE: N/A

ACTION REQUESTED: Accept

F- Consideration and possible action re: Notification of Protected Person 21F6AE540 passing away on November 13,2023 and the case being closed.

Notification of a protected person passing away and the case being closed per NRS 159.

FISCAL IMPACT: N/A

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: N/A

FUNDING SOURCE: N/A

ACTION REQUESTED: Accept

G- Consideration and possible action re: Notification of Protected Person A4F22AF135 passing away on September 15,2013 and the case being closed.

Notification of a protected person passing away and the case being closed per NRS 159.

FISCAL IMPACT: N/A

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: N/A

FUNDING SOURCE: N/A

ACTION REQUESTED: Accept

H- Consideration and possible action re: Treasurer's Report for October 2023 showing a balance of \$69,481,646.59 in the account.

Clerk/Treasurer Linda Rothery provides the Treasurer's Monthly Report for October 2023 showing a balance of \$69,481,646.59 in the account. This report is provided for the board's consideration and acceptance.

FISCAL IMPACT: N/A

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: N/A

FUNDING SOURCE: N/A

ACTION REQUESTED: Accept

I- Consideration and possible action re: Notification of Application for Guardianship F64DD31FC, which was approved November 17, 2023.

Notification of a Guardianship Application F64DD31FC received and approved for emergency temporary guardianship per NRS 159.

FISCAL IMPACT: N/A

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: N/A

FUNDING SOURCE: N/A

ACTION REQUESTED: Accept

J- Consideration and possible action re: Report of Services provided for children with disabilities and related conditions pursuant to NRS 435.010.

Each county has an obligation to provide services for the care, support, and education of children with intellectual disabilities within their county. This report must be provided to the Legislative Counsel Bureau. Churchill County has provided its biannual report indicating that Churchill County is in full compliance with NRS 435.010 and has entered into an Interlocal Agreement with the State of Nevada to provide these services:

1. Respite care - approved on a case-by-case basis.
2. Targeted case management - for all participants.
3. In-home habilitation - as requested.
4. Purchase of services - approved on a case-by-case basis.
5. Supportive living arrangement - as requested.
6. Clinical services - for all participants.

FISCAL IMPACT: As outlined in the Interlocal Agreement.

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: As outlined in the Interlocal Agreement.

FUNDING SOURCE: As designated.

ACTION REQUESTED: Accept

Chairman Scharmann 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 Myles Getto 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 Scharmann reported on the following topics:

- After our last meeting, I attended the Carson Water Subconservancy District's Board meeting in Carson City. It was an interesting meeting but it includes mainly Douglas, Carson City, and Lyon County. I throw a few things in there but I am not appreciated much.
- I attended the NACO meeting on Friday a couple of weeks ago.
- I had breakfast with Jim, the Mayor, and Bob Erickson yesterday.
- I missed the Library Board meeting and the CEDA meeting.

Commissioner Heath reported on the following topics:

- I attended a CART Board meeting yesterday.
- Last week, I had a Museum Association Board meeting.
- With regard to the water group, is that because we have TCID as to why they don't respect you as much?

Commissioner Getto had nothing to report.

County Manager Barbee reported on the following topics:

- I have nothing to report but that will help us get back on schedule. I look forward to seeing everybody for the Employee Appreciation Dinner.

Comptroller Wideman reported on the following topics:

- The audit was completed on time. We are wrapping things up and it will be presented at the next board meeting if it is approved by the Audit Committee.

Civil Deputy DA Sanford reported on the following topics:

- I am looking forward to prime rib at the dinner on Friday.

Clerk/Treasurer Rothery reported on the following topics:

- I would like to introduce you to our newest team member, Julianne Ikonen. You will see her at meetings with Pam. She is cross-training and will be an asset to the county.
- We mailed out over 16,000 voter notifications to all active voters, which is an information sheet. We are gearing up to make sure people are registered with the party they want to be registered with.
- We will be mailing a courtesy delinquent letter for property taxes by the end of the week, which is about 1,300 taxpayers.
- Tomorrow is the deadline to opt out of receiving a mail-in ballot.

Deputy Clerk Moore said I do not have anything related to work but I wanted to let you know that Fallon is being represented by the Fallon Pop Warner Varsity Cheerleaders at the National Cheer Competition today in Orlando, Florida. I watched my granddaughter, Khloee Rodriguez, and the other cheerleaders perform at about 6:30 AM today. It was pretty cool. We will see how they do, as I do not yet know. They won in Reno for the state competition, then moved on to the regional competition in San Jose, California, won there and have now competed at the national level.

Sheriff Hickox reported on the following topics:

- The Ford truck that we had purchased earlier finally arrived but the doors do not lock, so we are going to work with Ford to figure out how to make the doors lock. We are getting parts delivered to fully outfit that truck and then we will have a couple of more vehicles to go before Jim and Nick for approval or redistribution within the county, which will be 2013 Tahoe vehicles. The lights are on the truck and they reconfigured how they put the lights on the running bars, so it is a much more secure set up this time. Everything is there, minus the radio and our boosters for the radios. We have the antennas and have to schedule to get them installed and programmed.
- Earlier this year, we had Motorola come in and do an end-of-life assessment with some of the equipment that we have. They recommended that a couple of pieces be replaced, so we are working with Logically and Motorola to get some of those done. I think we have it narrowed down to a couple of switches to be replaced for this year.
- We met with the phone company because our phones were purchased in 2016 and installed in 2017. There are things with our phone system that are not compatible with our voice recorder, so we are not able to utilize all of the functions of it. There are a few other things that we are purchasing to upgrade to NexGen 911, so we are working with them to see exactly what that looks like. Due to some turnover within Motorola, we haven't been able to make the progress that I want, so we started hammering down on that and told them we have to make progress on that. We met twice this week with Motorola and the phone company to narrow some of that down. I think we made some

progress on that. They are supposed to come by and do an end-of-life assessment with the stuff that we have so we know what we need to look at replacing.

- We want to take a step back in time but make an improvement, if that makes any sense. Years ago, there was a program called Defender Watch that was paid for under a grant for the entire state. We utilized it briefly but not fully and then it just kind of languished because some people didn't like it. I liked it but I didn't have the authority to make it happen. Now, that has changed. The program is revitalized and it has been paid for partially by a grant and by the Nevada Sheriffs and Chiefs. The program is a database for sex offenders that we can track. It is highly searchable so, if we have a known sex offender that registers with us, we can take photos of their tattoos and cars and upload them to the system. The system is searchable only by law enforcement, so the public cannot see all of those features. However, if we have a person who is lurking in a neighborhood that gets called in by a parent as being suspicious, we can identify who it is and we can take any of that information that they provide us as far as the vehicle description or their description and put that into that system and search that database, as well as our other database. This is in all of the counties, except ours, and in 30+ states around the nation. The database is very large. If we have a sex offender that goes non-compliant here in our county, we can search that information within the database and find out if they have moved to another county or state. I am very excited about getting this program back in place. I will be working with Colin and Preston to get some of the GIS information and technology worked out. There is no cost to the county for this program. I think this will make our community a bit safer.
- A question that has been asked several times is where are our drones? They are currently in Las Vegas getting an update to their software. The guy who designed them made a breakthrough on something that he has been working on and asked to get them back so he could make the update. We are hoping to get them back next week. We have hosted several training sessions for the pilot's license and we have had a couple of people take the pre-test and scored high enough to pass, so we feel confident sending them forward because that is not a cheap test to pay for. We think we are making progress on that and are pleased with that.
- At the end of last month, we received a blind email from a lady that I do not know asking us for a letter of support for a new CAC center to go into Carson City. As I was unfamiliar with her and with what they did, I had questions. I started a series of questions to her and then shortly into that, I received a call from the Carson City Sheriff's Office advising that this person was a competing interest but had no experience with CAC centers for child sexual investigations. They were a resource center, which is an entirely different thing than a CAC center and that the Carson City Sheriff's Office, along with several private funders in the Carson City area, had been working to create a CAC center since January of this year. For those unfamiliar with a CAC center, it is a Child Advocacy Center where they have people that are trained in forensic interviewing, such as what they have in Reno. They also do examinations of children if they are victims of sexual abuse. They have been working on it because they have a child that presented to them and they couldn't get into their Reno center for over a week. With the

Reno center, Debbie is very experienced in what she does, but because of the volume, the rural areas are allocated one week a month to be able to bring children up there for an interview. What you have is a child who presents with this life-changing incident and, if they are willing to talk, they are forced to wait almost a month sometimes to get them in, which is very detrimental to that case and the mental health of that child. The one in Carson would become an alternate service. It would not be one or the other, it would just be an alternative that would open up days so we can get those families and children in to get the treatment that they need. I spoke to Craig Lowe, the representative from the Carson City Sheriff's Office, who I believe is a Captain. He has helped us out tremendously with our CIT Program here and I have a lot of trust and faith in him. He has developed a group of people to create a foundation over there and they have a donor who is very interested in helping children, so they have funded \$1.3M for a building. Her husband has stated that he will fund all of the technology that goes into that building out of his own pocket as his donation to that foundation. They have several friends who have also started fundraising to keep the center going and to sustain it with funding for the future. The Carson City Sheriff's Office is who is pushing this so that they have a law enforcement knowledgeable CAC center and they will be stepping back and will have a steering committee that does include Sheriff Furlong, a member from the District Attorney's Office, and then some members from the community. It will not be strictly run by law enforcement. They are asking for us to provide letters of support or interest. I told them I wanted to hear more from them, so Craig came over to our office and we hosted a meeting between him, our agency, the Fallon Police Department, Pershing County, and extended an invitation to several other counties and our local District Attorney's Office. Some agencies couldn't make it but he made a presentation on this to us. To me, it is very interesting and it is something that I can definitely support because it does give us options if we have a child that has experienced the worst thing that could ever happen to them and they need to talk to somebody. This gives us an option and we don't have to make that child wait for a month. I am excited to see this come to northern Nevada as an alternative. Debbie with the Reno center has been doing this for a very long time and has talked about the idea of nearing retirement, so I think this will be a good thing. I talked to them about making a satellite office here in Fallon in the future and they said they were interested in that. Chairman Scharmann said are you providing the letter of support to that the lady or not? Sheriff Hickox said no, they just took my verbal that I am not supporting the Ron Woods Group. After reading through their proposal, they do not mention sexual abuse but say that they are there to prevent child abuse. By the time the kid is already there to get an examination, it has already happened and they do not have the expertise to deal with that. As a resource center, that is a whole different ball game from a CAC center. I am more in favor of the other one.

Claims and Payroll Transmittals:

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

Public Comment:

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

Departmental Tours:

A- **Times are estimated based upon when the regular meeting of the board will conclude.**

The Churchill County Board of Commissioners will conduct Departmental Tours as follows:

Estimated Time	Department	Address
9:30 AM	Assessor	155 N. Taylor St. #200, Fallon
9:50 AM	Clerk/Treasurer	155 N. Taylor St. #110, Fallon
10:10 AM	Recorder	155 N. Taylor St. #131, Fallon
10:25 AM	Comptroller	155 N. Taylor St. #182, Fallon
10:45 AM	Sheriff's Office and Jail	180 W. A St., Fallon
11:30 AM	Social Services/Life Center (with lunch)	952 S. Maine St., Fallon

These Departmental Tours are for information-gathering purposes only and no action will be taken. Times are approximate and the board will move from place to place when individual tours are completed.

Tours will be conducted as scheduled but no action will be taken.

FISCAL IMPACT: N/A

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: N/A

FUNDING SOURCE: N/A

ACTION REQUESTED: None; Informational Only

The Departmental Tours were conducted for information gathering puposes only and no action was taken.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 12:12 PM.

Approved: _____

Myles Getto, Chairman

Approved:



Harry "Bus" Scharmann, Vice-Chairman

Approved:



Justin Heath, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Linda Rothery, Clerk/Treasurer



Pamela D. Moore, Deputy Clerk to the Board