

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF CHURCHILL COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

155 N. Taylor St., Fallon, NV 89406

January 4, 2024

Call to Order:

The regular meeting of the Board of County Commissioners was called to order at 8:16 AM on January 4, 2024.

PRESENT:

Commissioner Harry 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
N/A

ABSENT:

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 28th day of December, 2023, between the hours of 1:00 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:

It was decided to amend the Agenda by moving up the Litigation meeting, Item 9A, to before the appointment items, and Appointment Item C would be heard after 8:45.

Commissioner Justin Heath made a motion to approve the Agenda as revised.

Commissioner Harry Scharmann seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

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

A- December 7, 2023.

The Minutes of the meeting held on December 7, 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 Harry Scharmann made a motion to approve the Minutes of the meeting held on December 7, 2023. Commissioner Justin Heath seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

Appointments:

A- Public Hearing - Consideration and possible action re: 2023-B, Ordinance No. 7, an ordinance adding sections 3.12.024 (Pregnancy, Childbirth, and Related Medical Conditions) and 3.12.026 (Reasonable Accommodation for Victims of Domestic Violence or Sexual Assault), and modifying sections 3.32.140 (Standby) and 3.36.050 (Holidays), of Title 3 of the Churchill County Code for those employees under the direct and indirect jurisdiction of the Board of County Commissioners to the extent of the laws permitted by the State of Nevada.

Staff proposes several small changes to Title 3 of the Churchill County Code. The proposed changes are as follows:

- **Pregnancy, Childbirth, and Related Medical Conditions** - In 2017, the Nevada Pregnant Workers' Fairness Act went into effect, to ensure employees have the right to be free from discriminatory or unlawful employment practices based on pregnancy, childbirth, or a related medical condition. While the county has made sure the Act has been implemented and our employees have been protected since the Act went into effect, a policy related to the Act was not added to Title 3 at the time. The policy stipulates that the county will not discriminate against an individual who is pregnant and that the county will make reasonable accommodation as necessary.
- **Reasonable Accommodation for Victims of Domestic Violence or Sexual Assault** - The Nevada Legislature previously passed legislation requiring employers to make accommodation for victims of domestic violence. This past session, the Legislature expanded the accommodation requirements for victims of sexual assault. The county has already implemented these rules, and passing this bill will place the policies in Title 3.
- **Standby** - Central Nevada Health District (CNHD) is requesting permission to be able to have one hourly employee placed in standby status to respond to emergency calls during non-standard work hours. The proposed bill will give them the ability to designate one employee at a time. CNHD will have to ensure they have funding budgeted for this in order to implement it. CNHD has also indicated that salaried employees will also take turns being the on-call person.
- **Holidays** - The Nevada Legislature officially designated June 19 (Juneteenth) of each year as an officially recognized paid holiday. The proposed change will update Title 3 to reflect this change.

The First Reading of the ordinance was conducted at the board meeting held on December 20, 2023. A legal notice was published in *The Fallon Post* for the public hearing on December 22, 2023.

FISCAL IMPACT: \$0

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: The proposed changes will have little fiscal impact. Juneteenth is already budgeted within the budget.

FUNDING SOURCE: General Fund

ACTION REQUESTED: Accept

TITLE: AMENDMENTS TO PROVISIONS OF TITLE

SUMMARY: BILL NO. 2023, ORDINANCE NO. 7, AN ORDINANCE ADDING SECTIONS 3.12.024 (PREGNANCE, CHILDBIRTH, AND RELATED MEDICAL CONDITIONS) AND 3.12.026 (REASONABLE ACCOMMODATION FOR VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OR SEXUAL ASSAULT), AND MODIFYING SECTIONS 3.32.140 (STANDBY) AND 3.36.050 (HOLIDAYS), OF TITLE 3 OF THE CHURCHILL COUNTY CODE FOR THOSE EMPLOYEES UNDER THE DIRECT AND INDIRECT JURISDICTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TO THE EXTENT OF THE LAW.

Geof Stark, Human Resources Director, made this presentation as outlined above.

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

Commissioner Harry Scharmann made a motion to approve Bill 2023-B, Ordinance 7, as presented. Commissioner Justin Heath seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

B- Public Hearing - Consideration and possible action re: Bill 2023-C, Ordinances 12 and 13, an ordinance amending Title 5 of the Churchill County Code to clarify the persons required to receive business licenses for special events, update persons required to receive employment certificates, remove the transmittal of fingerprint records by the Sheriff to unauthorized parties pursuant to Nevada Revised Statute, amend liquor license fees to be due on an annual basis, and other related matters thereto.

The Churchill County Sheriff requested a review of the current Title 5 in Churchill County Code to bring the Churchill County procedures for liquor licensees in line with surrounding counties and address frustration from his department and the public regarding the quarterly payment of liquor license fees. In addition, the Churchill County District Attorney's Office is performing a code review of each title and solicited input from the Sheriff and Planning Department regarding any other concerns associated with Title 5.

The public identified that the requirement that liquor licenses are granted on a quarterly basis is cumbersome and leads to significant wasted hours on both the business and Sheriff's department. This ordinance amends Chapter 5.24 to establish annual liquor licensing. The Sheriff further identified that Churchill County is the only jurisdiction requiring employment certificates, with full background check, for employees of alcoholic beverage and gambling operators. Other counties and the City of Fallon put this burden on the employer, which matches the capacity of the Sheriff for enforcement. This issue is most prevalent when an operator within the city wishes to operate for an event in the county. Each employee must be fingerprinted and licensed before the event, which incurs significant cost and reduces event

options. This ordinance would remove the need for an employment certificate but continue to prohibit employment of certain individuals. Operators who willfully employ prohibited individuals could have their license revoked.

This ordinance further makes minor clarifying changes to the code as part of the code review process. Specifically: (1) non-profit organizers of special events are not limited to the fairgrounds but are allowed at any county-owned or leased facility (2) various changes to the fingerprint procedure to prevent the unlawful dissemination of criminal records, (3) removal of concealed carry weapon permit owners from fingerprinting as a business and leaving that to the procedure set forth in NRS.

The First Reading of the ordinance was conducted at the board meeting held on December 20, 2023. A legal notice was published in The Fallon Post for the public hearing on December 22, 2023.

FISCAL IMPACT: Negligible reduction in employment certificate fees.

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: Negligible reduction in employment certificate fees.

FUNDING SOURCE: General Fund.

ACTION REQUESTED: Set Public Hearing

TITLE: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 5 OF THE CURCHILL COUNTY CODE BY: AMENDING CHAPTER 5.04 TO CLARIFY THE PERSONS REQUIRED TO RECEIVE BUSINESS LICENSES FOR SPECIAL EVENTS; AMENDING CHAPTER 5.06 TO REMOVE THE TRANSMITTAL OF FINGERPRINT RECORDS IN VIOLATION OF NEVADA AND FEDERAL LAW; AMENDING CHAPTER 5.08 TO REPEAL PROVISIONS REQUIRING CERTAIN PERSONS TO ACQUIRE EMPLOYMENT CERTIFICATES AND REQUIRING LICENSEES TO MANAGE THEIR EMPLOYEES; AMENDING CHAPTER 5.24 TO REQUIRE LIQUOR LICENSE FEES BE PAID ON AN ANNUAL BASIS; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO.

SUMMARY: THIS BILL REVISES PORTIONS OF TITLE 5 OF THE CHURCHILL COUNTY CODE RELATED TO THE ISSUANCE, RENEWAL, AND REQUIREMENTS OF BUSINESS AND LIQUOR LICENSES AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO.

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

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

Commissioner Heath asked if they still needed an employment certificate or is it waived and up to employer to certify the employees? Mr. Sanford said, as it is written, it will be up to the employer to ensure that they are not a prohibited person. Sheriff Hickox said, if you are a business owner and you are hosting an event in the county, as the liquor provider, all the people working for you must get a liquor license. This creates a lot of confusion between the city and the county. Sheriff Hickox said since we now have the Rafter 3C in the county, we are trying to

clear up the confusion.

Commissioner Justin Heath made a motion to approve Bill 2023-C, Ordinances 12 and 13 as presented. Commissioner Harry Scharmann seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

C- Consideration and possible action re: Presentation by Placer.ai and approval of a Services Agreement with Placer.ai in the amount of \$24,000.

Placer.ai is a provider of geo-location data and analytics that provides businesses and local governments with the tools and information needed to make better decisions. Geo-location data is collected from numerous smartphone applications and vehicle GPS sets to identify the number and origin of persons entering a specific location. This data can be analyzed across different time-periods to identify trends, make future projections, and improve planning. Data is cleaned to remove personally identifying information and ensure that individuals do not have their privacy invaded.

Churchill County has a number of potential use cases for this data, including road maintenance planning, traffic studies and development planning, economic outlook and tax projection planning, law enforcement assistance, and tourism and economic development planning. Placer.ai will provide a presentation on available services for Churchill County use. The Agreement calls for \$24,000 in annual cost with automatic renewals and yearly escalations for CPI changes.

FISCAL IMPACT: \$24,000 per year.

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: Cost for services provided.

FUNDING SOURCE:

ACTION REQUESTED: Accept

Will Chambers, Account Executive with Placer.ai, made this presentation as outlined above.

Mr. Chambers said Placer is the market leader in location analytics space. Data comes from millions of mobile devices and they aggregate the data so Placer can learn about different places, like retailers, shopping centers, events centers, neighborhoods, roads, streets and highways, as well.

Placer can tell you where people come from, as well as where they work, live, and where they like to go. The range is from cities and counties to economic development, corporations, downtown associations, tourism boards, and chambers of commerce. Civic space is the largest sector and the fastest growing. Some customers within Nevada include the Elko County Convention and Visitors Authority, Town of Tonopah, City of Reno. We also have commercial real estate customers and big retailers such as Target, Best Buy, Dollar General, Albertsons, and Walmart.

We have only been selling the data we collected for the last four years. We are the only company that has been optimizing for accuracy. We have built a Privacy First Panel. The panel does not collect any personal identifying information. The panel consists of dozens of

mobile applications and critical mobile app partners that work exclusively with Placer. The panel where data comes from is made up of twenty-five million mobile devices. It accounts for roughly 90% of the U.S. population. This allows us to have the most accurate data on the market.

The nine most popular purposes for which customers find value in the data were shown and Mr. Chambers started a demonstration depicting the explorer view of the map of the United States. You can search anything by name or address, like Google Maps. Eighty-five percent of retail locations and attraction sites are on the platform and are reflected by their logo on the map. There is a Geo Fence tool to make a shape around an area to examine a park, shopping center, or anything.

Customers can request new points of interest through the support team. The support team can return those within 24-48 hours. You can do an immediate point of interest search as well. There was an example done on the Rafter 3C to demonstrate by drawing a Geo Fence around the location, naming the area, and saving it, then data will come through on that area instantly. Historical data can be pulled in all areas, as well as from today back to January 2017.

The demonstration shown for the meeting was a Geo Fence drawn around the Rafter 3C. There will be data on this area for the last twelve months. The data is in real time. The day of January 31st was chosen as an example. There was a New Year's event that showed 4.2 thousand visitors. The collection of this data is through the panel, which receives location data from mobile phone devices. The data will also show and compare the same day the prior year and what went on.

Other data can show where people came from to visit the Rafter 3C on January 31st. It will show specific neighborhoods within the town, as well as far away across the U.S. This can be useful for tourism and what is bringing people to our county. There is a GIS feature that shows a dot indicating where people come from. There is an examination process using zip codes.

Jim Barbee asked to be shown what businesses were frequented that day, as well. This showed the visitor journey section top five locations that people came from or went to after the event. We also looked at the most common locations or brands that visitors prefer. This was a 60-mile radius. The data showed the most popular chains, such as Walmart.

The program will also allow you to pick specifics to show data at restaurants, gas stations, etc. and what the impact is on our economy.

Mr. Chambers mentioned again that they do not collect any personal identifying information. They will never know where someone's phone has been. He also mentioned there are so many unlimited search aspects he could never show them all.

Placer can also collect data from cars on a highway or road. It can show an average daily volume and the peak hours of a day when people are driving. It will give a snapshot of developments in the area as well. Crime development is also shown.

County Manager Jim Barbee intervened in the presentation and stated to Mr. Chambers that he had them at hello, so we should move to the action.

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

Commissioner Justin Heath made a motion to enter into a Services Agreement with Placer.ai as presented. Commissioner Harry Scharmann seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

D- Consideration and possible action re: Approval of a Subrecipient Agreement between Churchill County Social Services and the Central Nevada Health District, in the amount of \$281,080, to provide lab courier services to rural Nevada and purchase of a courier vehicle, not to exceed \$37,500.

The Central Nevada Health District was awarded funding to support infectious disease testing and treatment in the district. Within the award, Churchill County Social Services was awarded contracted funds to implement a courier service for all of rural Nevada to increase sample processing for infectious diseases at the Churchill County Laboratory. The project fills a gap that has been identified to support increased testing of infectious diseases.

FISCAL IMPACT: \$281,080 contract

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: The funds pay for courier driving staff, purchase of a vehicle, and maintenance of the vehicle.

Contracted Services:

Personnel \$49,800 / yr. @ 2 yrs.: \$99,600

Purchase of an all-wheel vehicle for lab courier services: \$37,500

Tires and vehicle maintenance: \$7,740

Mileage: \$136,240

TOTAL: \$281,080

FUNDING SOURCE: Pass-thru from CNHD to CCSS from:

SG26865 – State of Nevada Grants Fiscal Office allocation#23RHSSCC01

CFDA Number: 21.027

Funding Awarded: \$994,184

Funding Agency: American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, U.S. Treasury Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Funds (CSFRF) by the State of Nevada Health and Human Services Division of Public and Behavioral Health

Grant Period: July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2025

ACTION REQUESTED: Accept

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

Social Services Director Ernst said they launched a lab here in Churchill, which is a satellite of the U.N.R. state lab. There is a barrier to courier services. There is no pickup for specimens in Mineral County and Pershing County. Working with the state, she found there was funding available through the STI, which is Sexually Transmitted Infectious Disease and there are

courier services available. The Central Nevada Health District (CNHD) was able to apply for the funds, receive those funds, and provide a Subrecipient Agreement for this service. It is not limited to the CNHD providers but it will be available to the hospitals and everyone. A route will be created for pickup all throughout rural Nevada, five days a week. We need to purchase a vehicle to be able to do this. The funds support one Full-Time Equivalent (FTE) and purchase of a vehicle, and all the maintenance will be covered through this grant for a two-year period.

Commissioner Heath asked if it was going to be delivered to the Churchill County Laboratory or to other labs. Shannon said it would be just for the lab here and, if there is a specimen that cannot be processed, it will go to Reno by our courier or one provided from that lab. There are details to work on with U.N.R. but this is the biggest of all.

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

Commissioner Harry Scharmann made a motion to approve the Subrecipient Agreement, to authorize the Chair to sign the same, and to authorize the Social Services Director to purchase the vehicle as presented. Commissioner Justin Heath seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

Letters Received:

A- Governor's Office of Energy provides notification of Soda Lake Geothermal Plant's Annual Compliance Report 2023.

Pursuant to regulation NAC 701A.620, the Governor's Office of Energy acknowledges receipt of Soda Lake Geothermal Plant's Annual Compliance Report. The compliance report has been reviewed and has been found to be in compliance with the terms of the Abatement Agreement. The written notification will be forwarded to the Nevada Department of Taxation, County Assessor, Treasurer, and Board of County Commissioners. If the project experiences a significant change in scope, Soda Lake Geothermal will need to provide notice to the Governor's Office of Energy.

FISCAL IMPACT: N/A

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: N/A

FUNDING SOURCE: N/A

ACTION REQUESTED: None; Informational Only

B- Churchill County School District's Annual Comprehensive Financial Statements for Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2023.

The Churchill County School District (CCSD) submitted its Annual Comprehensive Financial Report for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023. The Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) 354.624 requires CCSD to issue an annual report on its financial position and activities and that this report be audited by an independent certified public accounting firm. The financial statements included in this report have been prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles as promulgated or adopted by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB). The financial statements present fairly the financial position of CCSD and the disclosures enable the reader to gain an understanding of our financial activity.

FISCAL IMPACT: N/A

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: N/A

FUNDING SOURCE: N/A

ACTION REQUESTED: None; Informational Only

C- Nevada Department of Transportation's notification that Contract 3996 for U.S. 50 Virginia Street to Leeteville Junction, Project #NHP-STBG-0032 (248), in Churchill and Lyon Counties has been completely executed and a satisfactory bond furnished and approved.

Nevada Department of Transportation's notification that Contract #3996, Project #NHP-STBG-0032(248), on US 50, Virginia Street to Leeteville Junction, in Churchill and Lyon Counties has been completely executed effective December 15, 2023, and a satisfactory bond furnished and approved. Therefore, they have released the bid bond which accompanied the proposal.

FISCAL IMPACT: N/A

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: N/A

FUNDING SOURCE: N/A

ACTION REQUESTED: None; Informational Only

D- Nevada Department of Health and Human Services provides its Final Monitoring Report related to the site visit held on November 14, 2023 with Churchill County Social Services.

Churchill County Social Services received a letter from the Department of Health and Human Services about the final monitor visit report related to the site visit held on November 14, 2023. There are no recommendations for any Performance Improvement Plans.

FISCAL IMPACT: None.

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: None

FUNDING SOURCE: None.

ACTION REQUESTED: None; Informational Only

E- Bureau of Land Management's issuance of a Record of Decision and Plan of Operations approval for the Goldrush Mine Project.

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) provides notification that it has issued a Record of Decision and Plan of Operations approval for the Goldrush Mine Project in Lander and Eureka Counties, Nevada. Nevada Gold Mines LLC has been authorized to open, operate, close, and reclaim a new underground gold mine known as the Goldrush Mine. The project includes approximately 1,626 acres of new disturbance and approximately 1,027 acres of existing and previously authorized disturbance for a total disturbance of approximately 2,653 acres. The mine will operate 24 hours-per-day, 365 days-per-year for approximately 24 years and employ approximately 570 people.

FISCAL IMPACT: N/A

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: N/A

FUNDING SOURCE: N/A

ACTION REQUESTED: None; Informational Only

F- Nevada Division of Environmental Protection's notification that it has received the Post-Remediation Groundwater Monitoring Report from Wellsco Drilling related to a spill at the intersection of U.S. 50 and Downs Lane, in Fallon, Nevada.

The Nevada Division of Environmental Protection (NDEP) provides notification that it has received the Post-Remediation Groundwater Monitoring Report from Wellsco Drilling related to a spill at the intersection of U.S. 50 and Downs Lane, in Fallon, Nevada. The report summarizes the monitoring and sampling of one site monitoring well on November 9, 2023. Groundwater levels were reported at 3.71 feet below the top of the well casing. No free product was observed and no detectable concentrations of volatile organic compounds were reported in the groundwater sample. Converse recommends continuing the quarterly groundwater monitoring program. If chemical concentrations at the site remain below maximum contaminant levels following one year of monitoring, Converse recommends the case be closed. The next groundwater monitoring report is due on January 28, 2024.

FISCAL IMPACT: N/A

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: N/A

FUNDING SOURCE: N/A

ACTION REQUESTED: None; Informational Only

G- Nevada Department of Taxation's notification that the Town of Tonopah has submitted a Letter of Appeal regarding the draft 2023 Population Estimates as estimated by the State Demographer.

The Nevada Department of Taxation's notification that the Town of Tonopah has submitted a Letter of Appeal regarding the draft 2023 Population Estimates as estimated by the State Demographer.

FISCAL IMPACT: N/A

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: N/A

FUNDING SOURCE: N/A

ACTION REQUESTED: None; Informational Only

H- Bureau of Land Management's notification that it has issued a Proposed Grazing Decision for the Mountain Well La Plata (MWLP) and Salt Wells (SW) Allotments for the proposed action to maintain and/or reconstruct range improvements on the MWLP and SW allotments.

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) provides notification that it has issued a Proposed Grazing Decision for the Mountain Well La Plata and Salt Wells (MWLP & SW) Allotments. The proposed action is to maintain and/or reconstruct range improvements on the MWLP & SW allotments. Many of the improvements were removed in an unauthorized action. Materials removed include troughs, solar panels, fence panels, well pumps, pipe fittings, and other related stock water equipment parts. This action was also reported to the Churchill County Sheriff's Office. This event was the result of a dispute between Bench Creek Ranch Co. LLC and a party contracted for livestock operations. The contracted party was notified by the BLM to stop the removal of range improvements as the unauthorized removal of range improvements is a prohibited act under 43 CFR 4140.1(B)(2). These improvements provide stock water and are intended to aid livestock distribution throughout the MWLP and SW allotments and pastures within. These water sources are necessary for livestock management. Returning these water

sources to functioning condition would require reconstruction in places where hardware was removed and maintenance in areas with existing hardware to ensure compatibility between reconstructed and maintained areas. The decision based on the analysis in the Dixie Valley MWLP and SW Range Improvements Environmental Assessment is to implement the projects described with the required features and mitigation measures identified. Further background, public involvement, findings, features, and Right of Protest and/or Appeal are outlined in the letter.

FISCAL IMPACT: N/A

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: N/A

FUNDING SOURCE: N/A

ACTION REQUESTED: None; Informational Only

I- Consideration and possible action re: Notification from Nevada Association of Counties to Churchill County Social Services of FY24 reimbursement, in the amount of \$229,760.94, Indigent Accident Fund paid July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023.

Social Services has been notified of the FY24 reimbursement amount for funds paid in FY23, in the amount of \$229,760.94, for the Indigent Accident Fund. The funds reimbursed are restricted to being used to offset costs for the Medicaid Match Program liability, which then provides an overall savings to the county for the indigent budget and allows those funds to support essential incident services in the department.

FISCAL IMPACT: \$229,760.94.

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: Funds will be used for the Medicaid Long Term Care Program.

FUNDING SOURCE: State of Nevada Indigent Accident Fund.

ACTION REQUESTED: None; Informational Only

Recess Regular Meeting:

A- Consideration and possible action re: Recess the regular meeting to conduct a litigation meeting.

Counsel has requested that the regular meeting be recessed for the purpose of conducting a litigation meeting with the board.

FISCAL IMPACT: N/A

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: N/A

FUNDING SOURCE: N/A

ACTION REQUESTED: Accept

The meeting was recessed at 8:18 AM.

Commissioner Justin Heath made a motion to recess the regular meeting to conduct a litigation meeting. Commissioner Harry Scharmann seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

The meeting was reconvened at 8:58 AM.

New Business:

A- Consideration and possible action re: Adoption of Resolution 01-2024, a resolution establishing the travel expenses and subsistence allowance for Churchill County effective January 1, 2024, noting the new mileage rate of 67 cents per mile and per diem rate of \$59.00 per day.

In May 2002, the Board of County Commissioners approved Bill 2002-G, Ordinance 33, amending Title 2 regarding travel expenses and subsistence allowance. That change allows the board to change the allowances to match the standard rates in the Internal Revenue Service Publication 463, Travel, Entertainment, Gift and Car Expenses as published annually by Resolution. Provided to the board is the Resolution, which seeks to update the mileage rate to match the IRS notification for the period beginning January 1, 2024.

The mileage rate will be 67 cents per mile, up 1.5 cents from the current rate. It should be noted that the per diem total rate remains at \$59 per day.

FISCAL IMPACT: The fiscal impact is undetermined because we do not know how many employees will be traveling but they will be paid in accordance with IRS Publication 453 and this Resolution.

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: As employees travel, the rate must be paid in accordance with IRS Publication 463 and this Resolution.

FUNDING SOURCE: General Fund.

ACTION REQUESTED: Accept

A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE TRAVEL EXPENSES AND SUBSISTENCE ALLOWANCE FOR CHURCHILL COUNTY AND OTHER MATTERS PROPERLY RELATING THERETO.

Comptroller Wideman made this presentation as outlined above.

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

Commissioner Justin Heath made a motion to approve Resolution 01-2024 establishing the travel expenses and subsistence allowance for Churchill County effective January 1, 2024, noting the new mileage rate of 67 cents per mile and per diem rate of \$59.00 per day. Commissioner Harry Scharmann 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 \$250,000 from Regional Transportation Fund 280 for Fiscal Year 2024 road improvements.

The City of Fallon is requesting a transfer of funds in the amount of \$250,000 from Regional Transportation Fund 280 for Fiscal Year 2024 road improvements. The funding was approved by the Regional Transportation Commission at their December 20, 2023 meeting.

FISCAL IMPACT: \$250,000 from Regional Transportation Fund 280-631-70800.

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: N/A

FUNDING SOURCE: \$250,000 from Regional Transportation Fund 280-631-70800.

ACTION REQUESTED: Accept

C- Consideration and possible action re: Transfer of funds to the City of Fallon, in the amount of \$250,000, from Public Transit Fund 395 for Fiscal Year 2024 road improvements.

The City of Fallon is requesting a transfer of funds, in the amount of \$250,00, from Public Transit Fund 395 for Fiscal Year 2024 road improvements. The funding was approved by the Regional Transportation Commission at their December 20, 2023 meeting.

FISCAL IMPACT: \$250,000 from Public Transit Fund 395-881-70700.

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: N/A

FUNDING SOURCE: \$250,000 from Public Transit Fund 395-881-70700.

ACTION REQUESTED: Accept

D- Consideration and possible action re: Notification of Burial Application 1275B7C93, which was approved December 18, 2023.

Notification of Burial Application 1275B7C93 received and approved per NRS 428.

FISCAL IMPACT: N/A

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: N/A

FUNDING SOURCE: Social Services Indigent Fund.

ACTION REQUESTED: Accept

E- Consideration and possible action re: Notification of Burial Application 7745AB617, which was approved December 18, 2023.

Notification of Burial Application 7745AB617 received and approved per NRS 428.

FISCAL IMPACT: N/A

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: N/A

FUNDING SOURCE: Social Services Indigent Fund.

ACTION REQUESTED: Accept

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

Commissioner Scharmann made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as listed. Commissioner Heath seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

Consider Future Agenda Items:

There were no future Agenda items suggested.

Commissioner and Management Staff Reports:

Chairman Getto had nothing to report.

Commissioner Scharmann reported on the following topics:

- CWSD meeting.

Commissioner Heath had nothing to report.

County Manager Barbee had nothing to report.

Comptroller Wideman had nothing to report.

Civil Deputy DA Sanford had nothing to report.

Clerk/Treasurer Rothery reported on the following topics:

- The 3rd installment of taxes was due January 2nd.
- We are Mailing out Presidential Preference mail ballots in a couple of weeks. We've had a lot of calls about the Caucus, which we will not answer and we direct them to the party who is running the Caucus. We have information on our website.
- Deputy Clerk Ikonen said things are going well for me and I think about things in the middle of the night. She thanked Pam and Linda for this opportunity.

Sheriff Hickox had nothing to say.

Claims and Payroll Transmittals:

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

Public Comment:

Chairman Getto 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
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9:30 AM	Human Resources	155 N. Taylor St. #177, Fallon
9:55 AM	County Manager	155 N. Taylor St. #153, Fallon
10:20 AM	Building Department	155 N. Taylor St. #170, Fallon
10:40 AM	Public Works, Planning & Zoning	155 N. Taylor St. #194, Fallon
11:30 AM	Road Department	330 N. Broadway 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

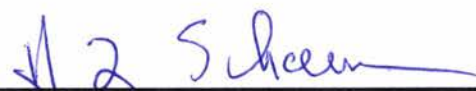
ACTION REQUESTED: None; Informational Only

The Departmental Tours were conducted as scheduled following the close of the regular meeting.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 9:41 AM.

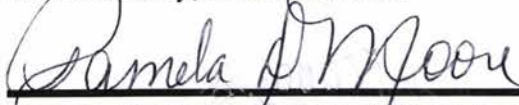
Approved: 
Myles Getto, Chairman

Approved: 
Harry "Bus" Scharmann, Vice-Chairman

Approved: 
Justin Heath, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Linda Rothery, Clerk/Treasurer


Pamela D. Moore, Deputy Clerk to the Board