Call to Order:
The regular meeting of the Board of County Commissioners was called to order at 8:15 AM on June 7, 2018.

PRESENT: Commissioner H. Peter Olsen, Jr.  
Commissioner Harry Scharmann  
Chief Deputy DA Benjamin Shawcroft  
Comptroller Sherry Wideman  
County Manager Jim R. Barbee  
Deputy Clerk Renae Paholke

ABSENT: Commissioner Carl Erquiaga  
Clerk/Treasurer Kelly Helton  
Deputy Clerk to the Board Pamela Moore

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

Public Comment:
Chairman Olsen asked if there was any public comment.

Brent Groover said I want to inform the Commission of some prohibited dumping on parcel 008-911-15 located at 1140 South Taylor Street. This week there has been no less than 25 dump truck loads of asphalt and concrete on property adjacent to a residential area in the city. This is in direct violation of Title 8. Churchill County has a dump. The owner has decided to deposit this off-site material. It is bad business and the Commission has the responsibility to take the appropriate action in this matter. If there is a Notice of Intent to fill form on file previously dated, I would like to know when it was signed for that material to be dumped on county parcels. I have pictures but it is right down the street and I see that Mr. Ryle is here. Chairman Olsen said, in matters of public comment, we are not allowed to respond, so don't take a lack of response one way or the other. We are just not allowed to respond. Mr. Groover said he just wanted to make it a matter of public record.

Mike Ryle, owner of the property, said in 2015 we started there and we actually hold a permit. We brought about 4,000 cubic yards of concrete and processed it and it is engineered fill and that is what the building is set on. This product is brought in there as an organic asphalt and concrete fill material. Once that concrete is in that hole, we should have anywhere between a 3 and 6 foot cap of dirt above it. It actually came off of a federal job. It is not my material and did not come off of one of my jobs; we are recycling it and is an approved material. I wish someone
would have called me so I could explain what we were doing. There is still a very large hole there and when I bring in the dozer, I will process that material and that is a no build zone that it is going in anyway. I am not even putting in a building there at this time. On the very northeast corner of the building that is now in there that is still under construction. There is 5' 9" of engineered fill to bring that property up level with the flood zone so we do not have to deal with that issue. The permit on this property is still valid. We have inspections regularly on it.

**Verification of the Posting of the Agenda:**
It was verified by Renae Paholke, Deputy Clerk, that the Agenda for this meeting was posted on the 1st day of June, 2018, 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: Review and adoption of Agenda as submitted or revised:**
Commissioner Harry Scharmann made a motion to adopt the Agenda as submitted. Commissioner Carl Erquiaga seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

**Consideration and possible action re: Review and adoption of Minutes of the meetings held on:**

A- January 17, 2012 - Tour of Wild Goose and Water and Wastewater Facilities;
In reviewing records, it was discovered that Minutes had not been prepared for the special tour of facilities held on January 17, 2012. The Minutes were prepared and are submitted for the board’s consideration and approval, thus making the record complete.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** N/A
**EXPLANATION OF IMPACT:** N/A
**FUNDING SOURCE:** N/A
**ACTION REQUESTED:** Accept

Commissioner H. Peter Olsen, Jr. made a motion to approve the Minutes of the special meeting held on January 17, 2012 as submitted. Commissioner Carl Erquiaga seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

B- December 15, 2014 - Anthony Enos, Wild Goose Ranch;
The Minutes of the special meeting held on December 15, 2014 are submitted for the board’s consideration and approval.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** N/A
**EXPLANATION OF IMPACT:** N/A
**FUNDING SOURCE:** N/A
**ACTION REQUESTED:** Accept

Commissioner Harry Scharmann made a motion to approve the Minutes of the special
meeting held on December 15, 2014 as submitted. Commissioner Carl Erquiaga seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

C- April 18, 2018;
The Minutes of the meeting held on April 18, 2018 are submitted for the board's consideration and approval.
FISCAL IMPACT: N/A
EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: N/A
FUNDING SOURCE: N/A
ACTION REQUESTED: Accept
Commissioner Harry Scharmann made a motion to approve the Minutes of the meeting held on April 18, 2018 as submitted. Commissioner Carl Erquiaga seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

D- May 3, 2018;
The Minutes of the meeting held on May 3, 2018 are submitted for the board's consideration and approval.
FISCAL IMPACT: N/A
EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: N/A
FUNDING SOURCE: N/A
ACTION REQUESTED: Accept
Commissioner Harry Scharmann made a motion to approve the Minutes of the meeting held on May 3, 2018 as submitted. Commissioner Carl Erquiaga seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

E- May 3, 2018 - Sky Ranch PUD;
The Minutes of the special meeting related to the Sky Ranch PUD held on May 3, 2018 are submitted for the board's consideration and approval.
FISCAL IMPACT: N/A
EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: N/A
FUNDING SOURCE: N/A
ACTION REQUESTED: Accept
Commissioner Harry Scharmann made a motion to approve the Minutes of the special meeting held on May 3, 2018 as submitted. Commissioner Carl Erquiaga seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

F- May 16, 2018; and
The Minutes of the regular meeting held on May 16, 2018 are submitted for the board's consideration and approval.
FISCAL IMPACT: N/A
EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: N/A
FUNDING SOURCE: N/A
ACTION REQUESTED: Accept
Commissioner Harry Scharmann made a motion to approve the Minutes of the meeting held on May 16, 2018 as submitted. Commissioner Carl Erquiaga seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

G- May 21, 2018 - Budget and Tax Rate Hearing.
The Minutes of the budget and tax rate hearing are submitted for the board’s consideration and approval.
FISCAL IMPACT: N/A
EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: N/A
FUNDING SOURCE: N/A
ACTION REQUESTED: Accept
Commissioner Harry Scharmann made a motion to approve the Minutes of the special budget and tax rate hearing held on May 21, 2018 as submitted. Commissioner Carl Erquiaga seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

Appointments:
8:15 AM - Consideration and possible action re: Adoption of Resolution 181-2018 urging the Board of Regents of the Nevada System of Higher Education to continue following policies outlined in their Resolution 81-8 concerning use of the proceeds from the sale of certain agricultural properties which are to be placed in trust and utilized for purchasing land for an agricultural experiment station; for improvements to an agricultural experiment station; or for improvements to the 4-H camp

In 1981, the Board of Regents of the Nevada System of Higher Education, recognizing the importance of meeting the intent of the Nevada State Legislature and that of the Max C. Fleischman Foundation, adopted Resolution 81-8 concerning the Valley Road Farm, the Main Station Farm, and the Jones Ranch, whereby they resolved that:

"It shall be the policy of the Board of Regents that in the event that any portion or all of the above described properties are sold, the proceeds from such sale shall be placed in a trust fund, and the principal and income from the trust fund utilized for the following purposes and in the following order of priority:
(a) To purchase land for an agricultural experiment station;
(b) For improvements to an agricultural experiment station; or
(c) For improvements to the 4-H Camp
AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that it shall be the policy of the Board of Regents that any income from the trust fund which is not expended pursuant to the above may be used in order of priority, to supplement the operating budgets of
(a) An agricultural experiment station;
(b) The 4-H Camp;
(c) The University of Nevada, Reno

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that expenditures from the trust fund for such purposes as are described above shall be subject to approval by the Board of Regents"  

Counties are being encouraged to urge the Board of Regents to continue following these policies, and not succumb to the pressure to sell these properties and use the funds for the University.

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

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE BOARD OF REGENTS OF THE NEVADA SYSTEM OF HIGHER EDUCATION'S RESOLUTION 81-8 AND URGING THEM TO FOLLOW THE POLICIES SET FORTH THEREIN.

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

Commissioner Harry Scharmann made a motion to adopt Resolution 181-2018 to urge the Board of Regents of the Nevada System of Higher Education to continue following policies as outlined in their Resolution 81-8 related to the proceeds from the sale of certain agricultural properties. Commissioner Carl Erquiaga seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

8:20 AM - Consideration and possible action re: An application filed by E. & C. Schank Properties, LLC for Sending Sites on properties located at 1600 Austin Highway, Austin Highway, and Wood Drive, Assessor's Parcel Numbers 007-651-27, 007-651-29, and 007-811-12, consisting of +/-501.46 acres with +/-404.3 acres of water righted property in the A-5 land use district. The applicant proposes to place a Conservation Easement on the properties.

The Application is for a Sending Site and Transfer of Development Rights calculation for properties north and south of Highway 50 (east of the City of Fallon) from the cemetery to Wildes Road. The subject properties meet the 20-acre minimum parcel size for a Sending Site. The properties are located within the military operations buffer zone. Both the Sending Site Review Committee and the Planning Commission voted unanimously in favor of recommending approval of the Sending Site and recommended a total of 655 TDRs be assigned to the property.

FISCAL IMPACT: N/A
EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: N/A
Commissioner Harry Scharmann made a motion to approve the Sending Site Application for E. & C. Schank Properties, LLC for properties located at 1600 Austin Highway, Austin Highway, and Wood Drive, Assessor’s Parcel Numbers 007-651-27, 007-651-29, and 007-811-12, consisting of +/-501.46 acres with +/-404.3 water-righted acres, based upon meeting the criteria for a Sending Site, including zoning designation, minimum acreage, water rights, location in and near the military operations influence area, and to assign a total of 655 Transferable Development Rights (TDR) to the properties upon recordation of a Conservation Easement Deed. This item places no obligation on Churchill County or NAS Fallon to move forward, only to place this property on the list for consideration. Commissioner Carl Erquiaga seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

8:25 AM - Consideration and possible action re: Approval of the distribution of the $88,235.29 revenue resulting from Nevada Revised Statutes 453A - Medical Use of Marijuana. Staff is recommending the funds be used to support Board of Health Strategies and body cameras for law enforcement; however, the board may discuss and take action directing the distribution of those funds in any manner

Medical marijuana is governed by Nevada Revised Statutes 453A. Fees associated with medical marijuana are collected by the State of Nevada and a percentage is given to local entities. The board is asked to direct the allocation of the revenue collected for medical marijuana. These funds could be placed into the Social Services Fund to be used by the Behavioral Health Task Force and also into the General Fund to help pay for the unfunded state mandated body cameras for law enforcement.

FISCAL IMPACT: $88,235.29.

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: Of the $88,235.29 received, $50,260 would be allocated to the Social Services Fund and $37,975.29 would be placed into the General Fund to help cover the cost of the body cameras.

FUNDING SOURCE: General Fund and Social Services Fund.

ACTION REQUESTED: Adopt

Sherry Wideman, Churchill County Comptroller, said she suggested we give $50,260 to the Board of Health to fund some projects and the remaining balance could help fund our state unfunded mandate to put body cameras on our city and county police officers, which will cost $104,000. We have about $60,000 left in the E-911 account, which will help fund the body cameras also. That is a cost that we have to incur and rather than looking for other ways to spend it, it could help keep us whole from having to pay for the body cams.

Jim Barbee said just one clarification; the .5 is not actually addressed in this subject matter. It is
upcoming in what Geof will address.

Chairman Olsen said we also have an increase in the E-911 revenues. That potentially was given to us by the Legislature to help pay for the body cameras. Comptroller Wideman said it will eventually cover the cost but not the upfront cost. We only received $30,000 to $40,000 for the .25 cents right now. Chairman Olsen said he had not seen the $104,000 cost yet. Sheriff Trotter said the body cameras and replacing the in-car video cameras to a compatible system will be around $104,000.

Deputy DA Ben Shawcroft said that there is also another Agenda item addressing that E-911 charge. It is an amendment to the ordinance that is going to be presented today but there is no fee increase to that surcharge. Sheriff Trotter said something to keep in mind on the E-911 charge is the amount that was going to CC Communications over the last 7 years has been substantially reduced now, so that fund should actually build up faster.

Shannon Ernst said, as requested, we went back to the Behavioral Health Task Force and really reviewed the priorities and the funding and we came up with an additional item that, after further discussion, it was thought to put the money towards more technology in the jail so they can do more research in the future. We had asked New Frontier if there were other items they wanted included. They are requesting an additional $5,000 to support youth education and training.

Commissioner Scharmann said I read over the proposal and I am wondering if they have talked to the school district about that. Kasey Chu, from New Frontier, said they have not talked to the school district because it would have to take place in the school district and because it was done after school was out. It is a program that can either be done inside the school or within the community after school hours. We would like to do it within the schools once a week for a 6 week period. Commissioner Scharmann asked if the $5,000 would be taxing on the New Frontier staff. Kasey Chu said it will just be one staff member that does it. Commissioner Scharmann said I just hope that you are able to design this program in a way that the kids will listen. Kasey Chu said Britney has designed it with a lot of different learning techniques because not every kid learns the same as the next. There are a lot of different interactive activities so it does get their attention and they are not forced to do it. We hope that they will spread the word and that may build it up a lot.

Shannon Ernst said the Too Good for Drugs program has been going on in the schools for a few years. It involves a Resource Liaison who speaks with the kids not only about drugs but there are pieces related to effects of drugs, the mindset, development, and then they have they have things that come up regarding sexual activity, so we wanted to increase this by having a nurse with them. Raylene Stiehl has resigned as the Community Health Nurse but we had looked at partnering with her to provide that education in the schools and that was agreed upon by the school district.
Commissioner Scharmann said one thing that we really need is counseling in the jail for the transition when these people are released. When I saw this $88,000, my thought was that we can finally do something here. It sounds like we are not doing it. Kasey Chu said we just got clarification that the state funding will pay us for that portion of it. We just need to figure out logistically how to get someone in there to set up some groups and set up some additional counseling for it. Shannon Ernst said, at the end of our last Board of Health meeting, it was announced by New Frontier that they have the funding and they will be able to do it.

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

**Commissioner Harry Scharmann made a motion to approve the allocation of the** $88,235.29 **to fund the Board of Health Strategies Program in the amount of $50,260 for programs designed by the county, $5,000 for New Frontier Treatment Center for the Adolescent Substance Abuse program, with the remaining $32,975.29 to stay in the General Fund to help cover the cost for body cameras for law enforcement. Commissioner Carl Erquiaga seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.**

**8:30 AM - Consideration and possible action re: Approval of personnel changes approved in the Budget for Fiscal Year (FY) 2018-19**

During the process for creating the Budget for FY 18-19, departments submitted various personnel requests. The board considered those requests and many of them were approved. To ensure clarity and to create a record of those approved personnel changes, staff is requesting specific board action approving those changes. Below is a summary of the changes approved by the board during the process:

- **Museum** – Convert one 0.7 FTE Curator position to a 1.0 FTE position. This makes the position eligible for health insurance. Selection for the regular position will be based on a recruitment open to the public. Change would be effective 7/2/18.
- **Planning** – Approval of a regular, 24-hour per week Office Assistant in the Planning Department. The position would be eligible for PERS but not for health insurance. The current casual Office Assistant position is eliminated. Selection for the regular position will be based on a recruitment open to the public. Change would be effective 7/2/18.
- **Recorder** – Reclassify a Recordation Clerk to Senior Recordation Clerk, effective January 1, 2019. Employee will be placed on the first step in the new range that is a 5.0% increase and her anniversary date for step increases will change to January 1 of each year.
- **Court Services** – Eliminate the casual 10-hour per week Court Services Specialist and replace it with a regular 1.0 FTE Court Services Specialist. The new position will be eligible for PERS and health insurance. Selection for the regular position will be based on a recruitment open to the public. Change would be effective 7/2/18.
- **District Attorney** – Reclassify a Deputy District Attorney I (Criminal) to Deputy
District Attorney II (Criminal), effective the employee’s anniversary date of 7/11/18. Employee will be placed on the first step in the new range that is a 5.0% increase (after including the employee’s step increase) and his anniversary date for step increases will remain July 11 of each year.

- **Road** – Reclassify an Office Assistant to Office Specialist, effective 7/2/18. Employee will be placed on the first step in the new range that is a 5.0% increase and her anniversary date for step increases will be changed to July 2 of each year.

- **Emergency Management** – Convert the Emergency Manager position to a salaried (FLSA exempt) department-head position, still at Grade 54. Salary is to be based on 19 hours per week - the position is still not eligible for PERS. The current Emergency Manager will be placed at step two of the pay grade effective 7/2/18 and his anniversary date for step increases will change to July 2 of each year. The Commissioners are also making a change to the county’s health insurance program, stipulating that department heads who work 19 or more hours per week are eligible for health insurance. (Once this is approved by the board, the Human Resources Director will coordinate with the county’s insurance brokers to make the necessary changes to the plans.) The county will offer employee-only health insurance to the Emergency Manager starting 7/1/18. The Emergency Manager may also choose dependent coverage for which he would pay 100%.

- **Parks and Recreation/Swimming Pool** – Eliminate the casual Senior Lifeguard positions and create a regular 1.0 FTE position (a potential job title for the new position could be Aquatics Coordinator). The full-time position will be eligible for PERS and health insurance. The full-time position is to be placed on Grade 26 of the county’s pay plan (this is the grade that is closest to the old pay grade for the casual position). Selection for the regular position will be based on a recruitment open to the public. Change would be effective 7/2/18.

- **Facilities and Grounds** – Create a new entry-level position called Facilities and Grounds Maintenance Assistant. This full-time, regular position would be placed at Grade 40 on the pay plan and it is eligible for PERS and health insurance. Selection for the position will be based on a recruitment open to the public. Change would be effective 7/2/18.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** None, beyond what was approved in the budget for FY 18-19.

**EXPLANATION OF IMPACT:** N/A

**FUNDING SOURCE:** General Fund

**ACTION REQUESTED:** Accept

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

**Commissioner Harry Scharmann made a motion to approve the personnel changes for FY 2018-2019 as indicated in the Agenda Report. Commissioner Carl Erquiaga seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.**
8:35 AM - Consideration and possible action re: Update on the Drug Task Force

During the May 16, 2018 Commission Meeting, public comment was made concerning the dissolution of the state's Drug Task Force (North Central Narcotics Task Force). Sheriff Ben Trotter will provide an update and more detailed information regarding what is being done now to combat drug related crimes in addition to a partnership between the Churchill County Sheriff's Office and the Fallon Police Department for a Drug Task Force.

FISCAL IMPACT: N/A
EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: N/A
FUNDING SOURCE: N/A
ACTION REQUESTED: None; Informational Only.

Sheriff Trotter said the task force existed for about 30 years. It consisted of 2 state officers, 1 Sheriff’s officer and 1 City officer and, at one point, we even had someone from Mineral County. About 2 months ago, the state advised us that they were giving their 30 days’ notice that they were pulling out of the task force. They usually provided the supervisor. They said they were going to focus on opioid enforcement which, technically, disbanded our task force. We attempted to keep that quiet in the community because we immediately started talking about ways to create our own task force and we are very close to actually being able to have on our own consisting of the Police Department, District Attorney’s Office and the Sheriff’s Department. I actually think this will be better because we can stay local instead of bouncing around the state helping everybody else. I cannot give a date of when we will be official but, hopefully, the community will suddenly take notice.

Chairman Olsen asked what the state was providing. Sheriff Trotter said the state was providing the sergeant and an investigator. Captain Chris Alexander from the Fallon Police Department has taken on that role as the supervisor and we have one officer from the Sheriff’s Office that used to be on the task force and another person from the Fallon Police Department that will be making up the team. Lane Mills is also involved and has been for many years. Chairman Olsen said, while opioids are a problem in our community, the bigger problem is probably still methamphetamine. Sheriff Trotter said meth is king and has been king for probably 20 years. In my personal opinion, opiates are a huge problem but they do not bring in as many side problems. Meth brings in burglaries, violence, theft, and a whole list of other crimes that come with the use of meth. Opioids do not necessarily bring that. You get the occasional thefts and such but there is not an aggressive crime wave that you associate with meth. I think the state has been misdirected. They should have been all-around like we are here. Chairman Olsen said effective boots on the ground compared to where we were to where we are now and what has been agreed to, what is the change? Sheriff Trotter said the number of bodies. Chairman Olsen said that is what I am asking, what is that? Sheriff Trotter said, typically, for the Police Department, they were having staffing issues for a couple of years and did not have a member. Typically, it was 4 people on the task force and that would be 2, so we will have to supplement from our patrol force. Lane Mills said at, one point, we had, under our old agreement, the state provided the supervisor and a secretarial position and, in the middle, they provided another
investigator and, for many years, they provided the 2nd investigator so we will no longer have that support staff. They also provided the facility. Many of that was grant funded like the Burns Grants that have been kind of wholesale. When I inquired into the status of the money for the last Burns Grant, they said they were disbanding what is happening with that money. They said they had awarded the Burns Grant money but that it had never been distributed by the Trump Administration, so the source of funding has dried up. There may be many reasons but they said they are re-tasking legal because of the grant issues. We have an agreement that is being drafted, which will be much like the last agreement where we had an executive board; the Sheriff, a designee from the city, someone from the DA’s office, maybe the District Attorney himself, which meets quarterly and makes adjustments.

Chairman Olsen said, it occurs to me that we are not alone here; other counties are being hit by this too. Sheriff Trotter said he does not know of any other counties that are being hit by this. The state did not pull out of Winnemucca and Ely. We are just going to adapt and overcome. I am not going to speculate why. Chairman Olsen said, once you get your plans firmed up I would like to have you come back and let us know exactly what your plan is. Lane Mills said this has been a work in progress. There are a whole host of things that you have to come up with when you create this that, traditionally, the state did and we now have to do. There are a whole list of issues that I do not want to get into during a public forum. We have created those things and I believe we are ready to roll on this. We will have more flexibility because we only have 2 agencies to coordinate personnel issues with so we are very excited about this. We have the potential to be more effective with less money. Chairman Olsen said that is what I wanted to hear. One of my employees told me his mother’s house was broken into in a string of homes along Sheckler Road and they were selling products. That is why they were in there in broad daylight stealing from people. We had Barbara Lewis here last month speaking to us and I know it has been in the paper with people concerned about it. I want to make sure we properly address it and push this issue in a way that the community is going to be satisfied. Sheriff Trotter said we have been pushing this issue. Chairman Olsen said he appreciates that.

Commissioner Scharmann said this bothers me that they pulled the funding from Churchill County and no one else. Is there something that we can do at our level to talk to the Attorney General or whatever to restore this funding? What I am hearing from you, Lane Mills, is you would rather we did not take that route because we are better off by ourselves. Lane Mills said he is not saying that. One of the things that we heard from the head of NDI was that they had asked for these positions, for 4 bodies from the Legislature in the past few sessions but they had not gotten them. They said if they get these positions filled, they would like to come back here into our community. They had to repurpose these positions but if they get these positions refilled then they will come back here. From our perspective, we looked at that and the best case scenario was, if something happens in April, nothing will take place until funding in July and we all know the speed at which they operate, so we are talking 2020 or 2021 and we just cannot wait any longer so we collectively came to this conclusion and we got right on the policies and procedures, the structure, personnel ideas but none of this is set in stone. Commissioner
Scharmann said if they had pulled Burns Grant monies from Churchill County and no one else, I do not really care what the reason is, that is not appropriate. I do not need to know personal names; I don’t need to get into this thing deeply except should we pursue this? Lane Mills said the partnership that we had with them has been a beneficial one over the course of the years. Anytime we are able to bring in outside agencies that have the level of talent that specializes in long term investigations, which is mostly what NDI does, so having that has been beneficial to us and to law enforcement agencies and the people assigned to the task force. They learn a different way of doing things and they bring back to our agencies new ideas and new ways of doing things. It is better for everybody, so we would encourage them to come back and lobby the Legislature for these extra positions for NDI. Commissioner Scharmann said his thought would be a well-constructed letter signed by our chair to the Governor and express our concern that the money has been withdrawn from Churchill County and we would like to see it back. Commissioner Scharmann said I really appreciate the work that you have done and I do not mean for us to get in your way. What I would like is, if there is something we can do to help the process, then we would. You need to be candid with us if you think that we are stepping on toes with something like I suggested. Sheriff Trotter said he thinks we need to keep the pressure on them for potentially when those positions become available. Chairman Olsen said if you guys can get together and figure out what the right response is and put us in a position to provide the correct response and we need to push that, then you guys can continue with your efforts.

Chairman Olsen asked if there was any public comment but there was none. This item was presented for informational purposes only and no action was taken.

8:40 AM - First Reading - Consideration and possible action re: Bill 2018-B, Ordinance 111, an ordinance amending Chapter 4.35 of the Churchill County Code to provide for the imposition of a surcharge for the enhancement or improvement of the telephone system for reporting an emergency and for the purchase and maintenance of portable event recording devices and vehicular event recording devices

The 2017 Nevada Legislature enacted SB 176, which provides that the Board of County Commissioners may, by ordinance, impose a surcharge for the improvement of the telephone system for reporting an emergency and for the purchasing and maintenance of portable event recording devices and vehicular event recording devices. Previously, this surcharge could only be used for improvements of the emergency telephone system. SB 176 further increased the maximum amount of this surcharge from $0.25 per access line and $2.50 per trunk line to $1.00 per access line and $10.00 per trunk line. Finally, SB 176 added additional requirements regarding the composition of the E-911 Advisory Committee to include chief law enforcement officers from all law enforcement agencies within the county.

In 2012, the Board of County Commissioners enacted Chapter 4.35 of the Churchill County Code imposing the $0.25 per access line and $2.50 per trunk line surcharge to improve the emergency telephone system. Chapter 4.35 further established an E-911 Advisory Committee to create and recommend a 5 year Master Plan related to E-911 system improvements and established a special revenue fund to receive collected surcharges.
The proposed ordinance maintains the current amount of the surcharge but allows for the funds to be used for the purpose of purchasing and maintaining portable and vehicular event recording devices. The proposed ordinance further amends the required composition of the E-911 Advisory Committee to include a designee from the Churchill County Sheriff's Office and the Fallon Police Department.

FISCAL IMPACT: No fiscal impact.

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: The proposed ordinance does not modify the amount of the surcharge being imposed, so there should be a net neutral fiscal impact. This ordinance instead expands the purpose to which the funds collected by the surcharge can be used.

FUNDING SOURCE: E-911 System Fund 311-000-33911.

ACTION REQUESTED: Set Public Hearing

TITLE: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 4.35 OF THE CHURCHILL COUNTY CODE BY PROVIDING FOR THE IMPOSITION OF A SURCHARGE FOR THE ENHANCEMENT OR IMPROVEMENT OF THE TELEPHONE SYSTEM FOR REPORTING AN EMERGENCY AND FOR THE PURCHASE AND MAINTENANCE OF PORTABLE EVENT RECORDING DEVICES AND VEHICULAR EVENT RECORDING DEVICES

SUMMARY: THE 2017 NEVADA LEGISLATURE ENACTED SB 176 WHICH PROVIDES THAT THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MAY, BY ORDINANCE, FOR THE ENHANCEMENT OR IMPROVEMENT OF THE TELEPHONE SYSTEM FOR REPORTING AN EMERGENCY IN THIS COUNTY AND FOR THE PURPOSE OF PURCHASING AND MAINTAINING PORTABLE EVENT RECORDING DEVICES AND VEHICULAR EVENT RECORDING DEVICES, IMPOSE A SURCHARGE ON EACH ACCESS LINE OR TRUNK LINE OF EACH CUSTOMER TO THE LOCAL EXCHANGE OF ANY TELECOMMUNICATIONS PROVIDING THOSE LINES IN THE COUNTY AND THE MOBILE TELEPHONE SERVICE PROVIDED TO EACH CUSTOMER OF THAT SERVICE WHOSE PLACE OF PRIMARY USE IS IN THE COUNTY. THIS ORDINANCE EXPANDS THE PERMISSIBLE USE OF THE SURCHARGE TO PURCHASE AND MAINTAIN PORTABLE EVENT RECORDING DEVICES AND VEHICULAR EVENT RECORDING DEVICES, AMENDS THE COMPOSITION OF THE E-911 ADVISORY COMMITTEE, AND ALSO PROVIDES FOR OTHER MATTERS PROPERLY RELATED THERETO.

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

Commissioner Harry Scharmann made a motion to set the public hearing for Bill 2018-B, Ordinance 111, for the 20th day of June, 2018 and directing the Clerk of the Board to publish a legal notice for the same. Commissioner Carl Erquiaga seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.
Letters Received:

A- Consideration and possible action re: Open Letter from Gary J. Duarte, Director of the U.S. Nuclear Energy Foundation, to Congressman Amodei regarding his vote on H.R. 3053.

Congressman Amodei voted against the Nuclear Waste Policy Amendments Act, a bill to accelerate the licensing application at Yucca Mountain as the nation's permanent repository for nuclear waste. Congressman Amodei does not believe Yucca Mountain should be a simple dumping site for our nation's nuclear waste. Nevada's Congressional Delegation should use this opportunity to dictate the terms of the repository under the best conditions for our state. That is why he offered an amendment to H.R. 3053 that would have given Nevada a seat at the table to expand upon the mission of the repository. Unfortunately, his amendment, which included responsible proposals in the best interest of all Nevadans, was ruled out of order.

Gary J. Duarte said in his letter that, by design and engineering, Yucca Mountain has never been a simple dumping site. It has always been a repository, a place for safekeeping and a retrievable site but the media continues to misrepresent this as a dump. The siting and selection of Yucca Mountain was passed into law in 1982 and amended and passed again in 1987. The political opposition of Nevada's elected delegation do not represent the voice of the Nevada people without a public referendum. Why should Congress consider Nevada's Congressional Delegation an opportunity to dictate terms of the repository under the best conditions for our state? Why would Congress negotiate with a state having postponed the Yucca program for over 30 years? The Nevada Delegation is asking for a seat at the table but has not attended any meetings. Many want to expand upon the mission of the repository but Yucca is step one. Some want to tie reprocessing to the current program but they are speaking from opinion not research. The American people no longer have representation by trained scientists in Washington. Congressman Bill Foster of Illinois is the only formerly practicing scientist with a Ph. D. in physics, yet our representatives are voting on Congressional bills which far exceed the technical discernment of most legislators. Mr. Duarte says we are asking is that, as voters, we should have the right to challenge our representatives when they are voting on programs based on science and engineering versus political opinion.

FISCAL IMPACT: N/A
EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: N/A
FUNDING SOURCE: N/A
ACTION REQUESTED: None; Informational Only.

B- Consideration and possible action re: Churchill County School District's approved Tentative Budget for Fiscal Year 2018-19.

The Churchill County School District (CCSD) provides its approved Tentative Budget for Fiscal Year 2018-19 for the information of the board and public but also in accordance with NRS. CCSD will hold their budget hearing on May 23rd and they will provide the final Budget after that meeting.
C- Consideration and possible action re: Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Winnemucca District provides notice of two Rangeland Management Specialist (RMS) vacancies.

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Winnemucca District, provides notice of two Rangeland Management Specialist (RMS) vacancies due to the most recent departure of Patrick Champa, RMS for the Humboldt River Field Office (HRFO). This position will be filled as soon as possible, however; in the meantime we have reassigned his allotments to other RMS's within the HRFO. Please see the attached allotment list to determine the RMS that is now assigned to the allotments. The RMS that is temporarily assigned to your allotment will be able to answer day to day questions but due to workload will not be able to take on additional projects that require NEPA or a great deal of time. Once the HRFO range program becomes fully staffed, those projects can be entertained. If you have any questions please call the District Office at 775-623-1500.

FISCAL IMPACT: N/A
EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: N/A
FUNDING SOURCE: N/A
ACTION REQUESTED: None; Informational Only.

Old Business:

A- Consideration and possible action re: Memorandum of Agreement with the State of Nevada, Department of Veterans Services, for use of office space in the Churchill County Annex Building.

The Nevada Department of Veterans Services (NDVS) has been utilizing office space within Churchill County's Annex Building for several years, providing valuable services and accessibility to our veterans. In 2016, we formalized an agreement with NDVS by executing a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA). The current MOA expires June 30, 2018. The new MOA being proposed would be effective July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2020, and has an option for an additional two year renewal to June 30, 2022. The only other change to the MOA was a revision made to section VI. 'Rent' to remove the $1.00 per year lease payment. A floor plan of the Annex Building is attached to the MOA, as Exhibit 'A', and depicts the location of the NDVS offices.

FISCAL IMPACT: N/A
EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: The county covers the cost of utilities for the entire Annex Building; the cost of utilities for operation of the NDVS office is minimal. NDVS and other tenants pay for their own telephone and internet needs.
Chairman Olsen asked if there was any public comment but there was none.

Commissioner Harry Scharmann made a motion to approve the Memorandum of Agreement with the State of Nevada, Department of Veterans Services, for use of office space in the Churchill County Annex Building and to authorize the County Manager to execute the agreement. Commissioner Carl Erquiaga seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

B- Consideration and possible action re: Approval of the Lease Agreement with Western Nevada College for classroom space in the Churchill County Annex Building.

Western Nevada College (WNC) has been leasing space in the county annex building for its nursing program and related classes since 2007. The current lease agreement was executed in 2014 for a two year period, with an option for a two year renewal until June 30, 2018. The space, which is depicted on Exhibit 'A' attached to the agreement, is used for educational purposes. WNC has indicated a need to continue leasing the space for the nursing program. The new lease is for a two year period, July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2020, with an option for a two year renewal. Section 3B. 'Rent' was revised to remove the $1.00 per year lease payment. In the event the county finds it necessary to utilize the space prior to the expiration date, there is a clause that permits early termination, as long as it does not interrupt a current educational program.

FISCAL IMPACT: N/A

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: The county covers the cost of utilities for the entire annex building; the cost of utilities for operation of the WNC classroom space is minimal. WNC and other tenants pay for their own telephone and internet needs.

FUNDING SOURCE: N/A

ACTION REQUESTED: Accept

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

Commissioner Harry Scharmann made a motion to approve the Lease Agreement with the Board of Regents of the Nevada System of Higher Education on behalf of Western Nevada College for use of classroom space in the Churchill County Annex Building and authorize the County Manager to execute the same. Commissioner Carl Erquiaga seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

New Business:

A- Consideration and possible action re: Approval of Resolution 180-2018 authorizing the disposal of personal property by the District Attorney’s Office.

Per NRS 332.185, a local government may dispose of personal property if the disposal is authorized by its governing body. The District Attorney’s Office has submitted a list of
equipment that is broken or otherwise unusable and requests a resolution be approved authorizing the destruction of the property.

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

A RESOLUTION DECLARING CERTAIN EQUIPMENT OF THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY’S OFFICE AS SURPLUS PROPERTY AND AUTHORIZING THE DISPOSAL OF SAID PROPERTY IN ANY MANNER.

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

Commissioner Harry Scharmann made a motion to approve Resolution 180-2018 authorizing disposal of property of the District Attorney’s Office. Commissioner Carl Erquiaga seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

B- Consideration and possible action re: Approval of Pay Tables for Fiscal Year 2018-19, which include the 2% general adjustment approved within the Final Budget for FY 2018-19 and approval of an additional 0.5% general adjustment to help offset the 12.6% increase in employee paid healthcare costs.

Pay Tables are approved each fiscal year to provide direction on the correct rates of pay for Churchill County employees. The Pay Tables for FY 2018-19 represent a 2.0% increase over the previous FY, as approved in the budget for FY 18-19. The 2.0% increase was applied to Grade 1, Step 1, and then extrapolated out to all the other grades and steps. Below are notes regarding some of the other pay tables.

- Deputies and Sergeants – Pay Tables for the deputies and sergeants association have not been included because their contract is currently under negotiation.
- Dispatchers – The Pay Tables for the dispatchers’ union for FY 18-19 were approved by the board in the most recent bargaining agreement, so they are not included.
- Captains – The Pay Tables for the Captains reflect the increase in the elected official’s salaries in FY 18-19 as approved by the Legislature in 2015.
- Lifeguards – The 2.0% increase has been applied to the lifeguard Pay Tables.
- Office/Museum Intern – No change in the Pay Tables. The base rate for these positions is based on the Nevada minimum wage. There is no increase in the Nevada minimum wage for FY 18-19.

Staff seeks approval of the Pay Tables.

FISCAL IMPACT: None beyond what was approved in the budget for FY 18-19. If the additional 0.5% is approved, the fiscal impact would be approximately $53,000, which includes the PERS adjustment.
EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: The Pay Tables represent the general increase that was approved by the Board of County Commissioners when they approved the Budget for Fiscal Year 18-19, so there is no additional impact to the Budget. Due to the 26.5 weeks of payroll budgeted within the budget; the $53,000 would be absorbed within the approved Final Budget.
FUNDING SOURCE: General Fund.
ACTION REQUESTED: Accept
Chairman Olsen asked if there was any public comment but there was none.

Commissioner Harry Scharmann made a motion to approve the Pay Tables for FY 2018-19 reflecting a 2.0% increase with an effective date of 7/2/2018.

Commissioner Harry Scharmann made a motion to approve an additional 0.5% general adjustment, which would bring the total general adjustment to 2.5% effective date 7/2/2018. Commissioner Carl Erquiaga seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

C- Consideration and possible action re: Sponsorship of the 4th Annual Nevada Economic Development Conference in the amount of $1,500.

The 4th annual Nevada Economic Development Conference presented by the Western Nevada Development District (WNDD) and the Nevada Economic Development Association will be held August 20 - 22, 2018 in Reno, NV. The three day conference features important programs and educational sessions on topics such as: Agribusiness; Economic Vitality; Infrastructure / Transportation; Manufacturing; Workforce Development and more. As a member of WNDD, Churchill County is encouraged to attend and get involved in this important conference.

There are a number of sponsorship opportunities available (see attached). At the "Friends" level ($1,500), the county would receive a premier listing in the conference program, recognition on the conference website, 1 complimentary conference registration, 1 ticket to the President's Reception, and one 5'X5' booth in the exhibit hall. The next step up would be as a "Media Sponsor" ($3,000), in which the county would receive a thank you on the conference monitors, a half page ad in the conference program, recognition on the conference website, 2 full conference registrations, 2 tickets to the President's Reception, and one 8'X8' booth in the exhibit hall. Sponsorship opportunities go up to a $5,000 and $10,000 level (see materials for additional details).

The Economic Development Conference provides an excellent opportunity for Churchill County to not only provide support, but to showcase our county to key industry leaders and decision makers who have a vested interest. Sponsors have the opportunity to reach a uniquely targeted audience, network with community leaders, business owners, and many others involved with Nevada's economic development.
FISCAL IMPACT: $1,500
EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: There are sufficient funds available in the General Government
- Other / Memberships should the board determine they would like to be a sponsor.

FUNDING SOURCE: General Government-Other / Memberships (100-190-55400)

ACTION REQUESTED: Accept

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

Commissioner Harry Scharmann made a motion to sponsor the Nevada Economic Development Conference in the amount of $1,500, and direct the County Manager to work with CEDA to develop materials and a plan to promote Churchill County's exhibit booth. Commissioner Carl Erquiaga seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

D- Consideration and possible action re: Reappointment of Peggy Hughes and appointment of Gary Cordes to the Churchill County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife.

County Advisory Boards to Manage Wildlife (CABs) are appointed by County Commissioners from all 17 Nevada counties to serve three (3) year terms. The County Advisory Boards to Manage Wildlife are responsible for advising the Nevada Wildlife Commission, particularly with the setting of seasons and limits for their respective counties. CABs advise the Wildlife Commission by gathering information from area sportspersons and local input through meetings in their respective counties. Members on the CABs should be selected with the intent to provide representation from a cross-section of the county to ensure that all major viewpoints are examined, and that any faction or special interest group does not dominate the CAB. Nevada Revised Statute (NRS) 501.297 – NRS 501.303 governs the County Advisory Boards to Manage Wildlife.

The Churchill County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife consists of five (5) members serving three (3) year terms. Two positions have terms expiring June 30, 2018. One of those positions is held by Peggy Hughes and she has expressed a desire to continue serving. The County Manager has reviewed this request and recommends she be re-appointed. The second position is being vacated by Eric Clifford. A Notice of Open Appointive Positions was released and the county received two applications. James Dent and Gary Cordes submitted applications for the position; both are qualified to serve. The applications were reviewed, and feedback was sought from the outgoing Board Chair. Gary Cordes has attended many Wildlife Board meetings and appears to be well prepared to serve a three (3) year term. Both Peggy Hughes and Gary Cordes have a clear understanding of the duties and responsibilities related to this position.

FISCAL IMPACT: N/A

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: N/A

FUNDING SOURCE: N/A

ACTION REQUESTED: Accept

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

Commissioner Harry Scharmann made a motion to re-appoint Peggy Hughes and to
appoint Gary Cordes to serve 3-year terms on the Churchill County Advisory Board to
Manage Wildlife, effective July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2021. Commissioner Carl Erquiaga
seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

E- Consideration and possible action re: Authorization for the County Manager to
approve expenditures for a new well at the county-owned property known as Wild Goose
Ranch on Pioneer Way in an amount to be determined.
Churchill County was informed recently that well No. 1 at the Wild Goose Ranch has failed.
Carson Pump was able to pull the pump after significant effort. The pump column is completely
filled with sand and the bowls are covered in clay. Given the age (27 years) of the well, it
appears there was a catastrophic well failure of the casing and/or perforated intervals. Chris
Mahannah has reviewed this matter and recommends the county drill a new well similar to what
was done approximately 2 years ago with a different well.
FISCAL IMPACT: Approximately $150,000 - $190,000.
EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: Costs will include test hole, production well, test pump, pump,
and well abandonment.
ACTION REQUESTED: Accept

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

Commissioner Harry Scharmann made a motion to authorize the County Manager to
approve expenditures for the new well at the Wild Goose Ranch. Commissioner Carl
Erquiaga seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

Consent Items:

A- Consideration and possible action re: Churchill County Public Administrator's First
Quarter 2018 Report.
Bob Getto, the Churchill County Public Administrator, provides his First Quarter 2018 report of
activities related to the office for the board's consideration and acceptance. Please see the report
for details.
FISCAL IMPACT: N/A
EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: N/A
FUNDING SOURCE: N/A
ACTION REQUESTED: Accept

B- Consideration and possible action re: Building Department's Revenue Report for April
2018.
The Building Department submits its Revenue Report for April 2018 for the board's
consideration and acceptance.
FISCAL IMPACT: N/A
C- Consideration and possible action re: Planning Department’s Revenue Report for April 2018.
The Planning Department submits its Revenue Report for April 2018. Details can be found on the report.
FISCAL IMPACT: N/A
EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: N/A
FUNDING SOURCE: N/A
ACTION REQUESTED: Accept

D- Consideration and possible action re: Treasurer’s Report for April 2018.
Clerk/Treasurer Kelly G. Helton submits her Treasurer’s Report for the month of April 2018 for the board’s consideration and approval.
FISCAL IMPACT: N/A
EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: N/A
FUNDING SOURCE: N/A
ACTION REQUESTED: Accept

E- Consideration and possible action re: Carson Water Subconservancy District’s Final Budget for Fiscal Year 2018-19.
The Carson Water Subconservancy District (CWSD) provides its Final Budget for Fiscal Year 2018-19 for informational purposes.
FISCAL IMPACT: N/A
EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: N/A
FUNDING SOURCE: N/A
ACTION REQUESTED: Accept
Chairman Olsen asked if there was any public comment but there was none.

Commissioner Harry Scharmann made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as submitted. Commissioner Carl Erquiaga seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

Consider Future Agenda Items:
There were no future Agenda items suggested.

Commissioner and Management Staff Reports:
Chairman Olsen reported on the following topics:

- Diesel Tax talks in the Legislature.
- Affordable housing discussion.
- NACO Board meeting.
- US Communities bulk purchase program.
- WNC Commencement for nursing graduates.
- Lake Tahoe is .2 inches from the rim.
- CEDA regarding Nate Strong's evaluation. It was a good evaluation.

Commissioner Erquiaga had nothing to report and left the meeting at that time.

Commissioner Scharmann reported on the following topics:

- Banner Advisory Board meeting.
- Senior Center Coalition meeting.
- Interviews for WNC Director.
- WNC Commencement for nursing graduates.
- Took a ride with Gary Fowkes out to the Big Dig.
- Met with new County Manager Jim Barbee.
- Went to a gathering at Pizza Barn for Adam Laxalt.

County Manager Barbee reported on the following topics:

- Met with all the Department Heads.
- WNDD Board meeting.

Comptroller Wideman reported on the following topics:

- Lightning last evening took out internet and Mary Byrd spent 4 hours working on it.
- Sales Tax Revenue.
- Fund Balance Report.

Civil Deputy District Attorney Shawcroft had nothing to report.

The Clerk/Treasurer's staff had nothing to report.

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

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

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

Public Comment:

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

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 9:55 AM.

Approved:

H. Peter Olsen, Jr., Chairman

Approved:

Carl Erquiaga, Vice-Chairman

Approved:

Harry Scharmann, Commissioner

ATTEST:
Kelly G. Helton, Clerk/Treasurer

Renae Paholke, Deputy Clerk